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Rendezvous

March 17-19, 2023

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THE
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Come join the fun!!!!

- ◆ VENDOR BOOTHS
- ◆ AUCTIONS
- ◆ CROSSCUT SAW CONTEST
- ◆ FRIDAY DINNER POTLUCK
- ◆ COWBOY CHURCH
- ◆ BCHW GENERAL MEETING and AWARDS
- ◆ CHAPTER DISPLAY CONTEST

Pre-Registration Required for:

- FA/CPR
- Tom Reed Clinic
- Sawyer Class

Visit www.BCHW.org for registration forms.

Back Country Horsemen's Statewide Celebration

Free Classes & Demonstrations

- ◆ HELPING YOU BECOME A BETTER PARTNER WITH YOUR HORSE
- ◆ TRAILMEISTER – UNTAMED AND UNTRAVELED – WHY YOU SHOULD VISIT A WILDERNESS?
- ◆ LEARN HOW THEY SIMPLIFY A RESCUE?
- ◆ SADDLE FITTING DYNAMICS, CONCEPTS, SADDLE INTEGRITY, FITTING AND QUALITY.
- ◆ BATTERIES, SOLAR POWER AND REFRIGERATORS
- ◆ 1ST AID WHEN DISASTER STRIKES
- ◆ 2 AND 4-LEGGED MASSAGE
- ◆ RECOGNIZING THE HEALTHY HOOF
- ◆ LONDON ALBER, LVT, LAMP, CALM EQUINE LLC --
- ◆ NEXT GENERATION PACKERS, JAY ADAMS
- ◆ DEFENSIVE HORSEMANSHIP/ STAYING SAFE ON THE TRAILS
- ◆ SADDLE FITTING DEMO
- ◆ PACK SUPPORT FOR TRAIL WORK ONLY
- ◆ FIRST AID/CPR CLASS – PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- ◆ EQUINE 1ST AID
- ◆ SAWYER MEETING
- ◆ NEW SAWYER CERTIFICATION CLASSROOM ONLY
- ◆ CROSSCUT SAW COMPETITION
- ◆ TREAD, TRAILS PHONE APP

Kittitas County's

Largest

USED TACK SALE!!!

Camping and/or Saturday night catered dinner?

Registration is required.
Spaces are limited.

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For more information, visit
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Sunday: 9 to Noon

Kittitas Valley Event Center
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Doc Wesselius

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A Gift To Honor or In Remembrance
 Donate in memory of a friend, family, or loved one. To make a donation in their name to BCHW, please contact Teri Starke, BCHW Treasurer, at: 253.709.5052 or tstrk21@msn.com.

President's Corner



Wow, Where Did January Go?

By Dana Chambers, BCHW President

It was a busy month gearing up for our yearly Member and Leadership Training. Usually held in person in Ellensburg, we elected to hold it virtually. This option, brought to us by the pandemic, was a great tool, but we still feel in-person learning is better. Going forward, I expect to see changes to how we do education; more will come later. On January 28th, we had three zoom accounts going simultaneously, run by several members. What a feat that was!!! It went well, and all the training was recorded and will be posted on the BCHW website on the Secure page. Feel free to go check the training out! Then we got ready for a smaller virtual training on February 4th with just a few classes. If you could not attend any of the training sessions, no worries. Even though we highly recommend that all members try to attend, we realize that will never happen.

On February 6th, we descended onto the Capitol grounds for our first in-person Legislative Day in a few years. I will share more in the April edition of the Turnpike Newsletter.

This edition of The Trailhead News will be ALL THINGS RENDEZVOUS!! Please bring it with you to the weekend event as your program schedule. The schedule of events is in the center. Disclaimer, however, the schedule is subject to last-minute changes. Final copies will be posted on the walls throughout the venue, so be sure to verify that the things you want to attend are still when you thought they were. This year's event will be bigger than in years past, so we look forward to a busy weekend!

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BCHW Mission Statement

BCHW is affiliated with Back Country Horsemen of America (hereinafter "BCHA") and therefore adopts the BCHA mission statement as follows: The mission of this organization shall be:

- To perpetuate the common-sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.
- To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
- To assist the various governmental and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
- To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
- To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters in the state organization.

Your Leadership Quote of the Month

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“You don't inspire your team by showing how amazing you are. You inspire them by showing how amazing they are!”

Rendezvous 2023 BCHW Committee Orientation

Are you interested in getting more information about our BCHW Committees? Are you thinking about getting involved but want more information first? Come see us and ask questions

Come into the Teanaway Room between 2-3 pm on Saturday March 18th to have an informal visit with the following Committee Chairs:

- BCHW Governance and Bylaws Committee
- BCHW Membership Development Committee.
- BCHW Ways and Means
- BCHW Rendezvous
- BCHW Independent director
- BCHW State Treasurer
- BCHW Vice President
- BCHW Secretary
- BCHW Awards
- BCHW Safety
- BCHW Education
- BCHW President
- BCHW Membership
- BCHW Grant Manager
- BCHW Director BCHA
- BCHW Public Lands
- BCHW Legislative
- BCHW Volunteer Hours

Take this opportunity to:

- Ask questions about the committees
- Learn how the committees serve BCHW, chapters and membership
- Provide your input
- Learn how the BCHW committees' function
- Volunteer to help
- Sit and socialize
- Find out what State volunteer positions are available 🐾

Wow, Where Did January Go?

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One big change is that the Used Tack Sale has moved into the Armory Building. This move will give us much more room for tack, and you will be able to see better. Please look at the flyer and information regarding when and how to get your tack setup for the sale.

Now on to a different topic. This year we have many regional work parties happening. The Buckhorn Range Chapter has one up at the LeBar Horse Camp in May. Lewis Co. Chapter is hosting three in June, July and August. The Black Piner's, as they are called because of the focus on the Black Pine Horse camp area, have one in May, two in June, and two in July. The Wenas Chapter has one at Haney Meadow in July as well.

All our regional work parties are posted on our website, BCHW.org. Now I know that we push volunteering, but our Mission Statement is about keeping trails open to stock. We can't do that unless we get out there and open those trails. If you have never worked on a major trail project before, I invite you to pick one and join it! It can be a lot of fun!

Another BIG project this year is our Pasayten Wilderness Project. This project will focus on the Boundary Trail, part of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail. The kickoff of this event will be in June, when we intend to invite state leaders from our government to come and see what we are all about. Want to learn more? Join us at 8:30 Saturday morning at Rendezvous for more information.

I will end now as I can't include everything in my message that is happening at Rendezvous as it would take too much typing and space. I encourage everyone to get to Ellensburg and help us make this year's Rendezvous a fantastic weekend! 🐾

Add Back Country Horsemen of Washington to your awards account. See the Donate page at BCHW.org for more information.



Rendezvous Schedule – Friday, March 17th

Time	TEANAWAY	CONCESSIONS	UMTANUM	MANASHTASH	HERITAGE	NANEUM		
9:00-9:30AM		CONCESSIONS in the Kitchen between the Teanaway and Umtaneum 8am - 3pm	VENDORS, BUCKET & SILENT AUCTIONS, ALL AUCTION DONATIONS & SET UP	BCHW STORE AND VENDORS 9am - 5pm				
9:30-10:00AM								
10:00-10:30AM	Untamed and Untraveled Trailmeister							Next Generation Packers Jay Adams
10:30-11:00AM								
11:00-11:30AM							SADDLE FITTING DEMO - Dave Morrison	
11:30-12:00PM								
12:00-12:30PM	LIVE AUCTION ITEMS							
12:30-1:00PM								
1:00-1:30PM								
1:30-2:00PM	CHAPTER DISPLAYS- may go back in Manashtash							
2:00-2:30PM								
2:30-3:00PM								RECOGNIZING THE HEALTHY HOOF - Christina Cline
3:00-3:30PM								
3:30-4:00PM								
4:00-4:30PM								
4:30-5:00PM	POTLUCK DINNER							
5:00-5:30PM								
5:30-6:00PM								
6:00-6:30PM								
6:30-7:00PM	BCHW BOARD MEETING 5:30-9PM							
7:00-7:30PM								
7:30-8:00PM								
8:30-9:00PM								

Rendezvous Schedule – Friday, March 17th

Continued

Time	20'X40' TENT OUTSIDE MANASHTASH	GRASSY AREA BY GAZEBO	GRASSY AREA BETWEEN TICKET OFFICE AND X-CUT COMPETITION with a 20' by 40' tent	Draft Horse Barn Aisle	BLOOM PAVILION	AMORY	AMORY B	
9:00-9:30AM					OBSTACLES AND DESPOOKING CLINIC, DAY 2 - Tom Reed Horsemanship	BCHW TACK SALE 9am - 4pm	FA/CPR TRAINING W/LT. VARNEY 9am - 2pm Pre-registration required	
9:30-10:00AM								
10:00-10:30AM	KINESIOLOGY - TAPING - PHOTOBIO MODULATION London Alber	CROSSCUT SAW COMPETITION - Wenas Chapter 10am to 4pm						
10:30-11:00AM								
11:00-11:30AM			2 & 4-LEGGED MASSAGE - Karen Briskey 11am - 1:00pm	Defensive Horsemanship - staying safe on the trails Mickey Centeno				
11:30-12:00PM								
12:00-12:30PM								
12:30-1:00PM								
1:00-1:30PM								
1:30-2:00PM								
2:00-2:30PM	KINESIOLOGY/TAPING/PHOTOBIO MODULATION London Alber	PACK SUPPORT CLINIC FOR TRAIL WORK ONLY - Scott & Michelle Montgomery Darrell Wallace						
2:30-3:00PM								
3:00-3:30PM								
3:30-4:00PM								
4:00-4:30PM								
4:30-5:00PM								
5:00-5:30PM								
5:30-6:00PM								
6:00-6:30PM								
6:30-7:00PM								
7:00-7:30PM								
7:30-8:00PM								
8:30-9:00PM								

Rendezvous Schedule – Saturday, March 18th

Time	TEANAWAY	CONCESSIONS	UMPTANUM	MANASHTASH	HERITAGE	NANEUM	TANEUM		
8:30-9:00AM	Pasayten Project Orientation- Darrell Wallace	CONCESSIONS in the Kitchen between the Teanaway and Umtaneum 8am - 3pm	VENDORS BUCKET & SILENT AUCTIONS ALL AUCTION DONATIONS & SET UP	BCHW STORE AND VENDORS 9am - 5pm					
9:00-9:30AM					SOLAR, BATTERIES & REFRIGERATOR S - Chuck Regimbal	Equine 1st Aid- Amber Palmer	SAW MEETING - Tony Karniss		
9:30-10:00AM									
10:00-10:30AM	What really happens when you hit SOS? Trailmeister								
10:30-11:00AM									
11:00-11:30AM	Chapter displays						1st AID WHEN DISASTER HITS Dr Jack Gillette	Presidents Meeting Bob Iddins	
11:30-12:00PM									Saw Certification Classroom Only
12:00-12:30PM	LIVE AUCTION ITEMS								
12:30-1:00PM									
1:00-1:30PM							TREAD TRAILS PHONE APP w/Mat Lyons	Next Generation Packers Jay Adams	
1:30-2:00PM									
2:00-2:30PM	BCHW Committee Chairs Open Forum			SADDLE FITTING DEMO - Dave Morrison					
2:30-3:00PM									
3:00-3:30PM									
3:30-4:00PM					How to pack on your saddle horse for a couple days trip				
4:00-4:30PM	HAPPY HOUR								
4:30-5:00PM									
5:00-5:30PM									
5:30-6:00PM	CATERED DINNER								
6:00-6:30PM									
6:30-7:00PM									
7:00-7:30PM	LIVE AUCTION								
7:30-8:00PM									
8:00-8:30PM									
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9:30-10:00PM									

Rendezvous Schedule – Saturday, March 18th

Continued

Time	20'X40' TENT OUTSIDE MANASHTASH	GRASSY AREA BY GAZEBO	Draft Horse Barn Aisle	GRASSY AREA BETWEEN TICKET OFFICE AND X-CUT COMPETITION with a 20' by 40' tent	BLOOM PAVILION	AMORY	AMORY B				
8:30-9:00AM											
9:00-9:30AM											
9:30-10:00AM											
10:00-10:30AM	KINESIOLOGY TAPING PHOTOBIOMODULATION London Alber	CROSSCUT SAW COMPETITION Wenas Chapter 10am - 4pm		SADDLE FITTING DYNAMICS AND CONCEPTS Ron Downing	OBSTACLES AND DESPOOKING CLINIC, DAY 2 Tom Reed Horsemanship	BCHW TACK SALE 9am - 4pm	FA/CPR TRAINING W/LT. VARNEY 9am - 2pm Pre-registration required				
10:30-11:00AM											
11:00-11:30AM											
11:30-12:00PM			Defensive Horsemanship - staying safe on the trails Mickey Centeno								
12:00-12:30PM											
12:30-1:00PM											
1:00-1:30PM											
1:30-2:00PM											
2:00-2:30PM	KINESIOLOGY - TAPING - PHOTOBIOMODULATION London Alber										
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Rendezvous Schedule – Sunday, March 19th

Time	TEANAWAY	CONCESSIONS	HERITAGE
9:00-9:30AM		CONCESSIONS in the Kitchen between the Teanaway and Umtaneum 9am - 12:00pm	COWBOY CHURCH
9:30-10:00AM			
10:00-10:30AM	AWARDS & GENERAL MEETING		
10:30-11:00AM			
11:00-11:30AM			
11:30-12:00PM			
12:00-12:30PM			

2023 Rendezvous Vendors

A Touch of the West

Western furniture, cowhides, table settings, pillows and artwork

Alpacas at Dream Catcher Farm

Socks, gloves, headbands and scarves

Back Country Cutouts

Metal Art

Beth's Baubles

Handmade Unique Western Jewelry

Cavallo Horse and Rider

Manufacture and Retail Horse Hoof Boots and Saddle Pads

Crafts by Gayle

Pine Needle Baskets, Elliston Creations with Simply Anna Mazy. New and Upcycled Jewelry.

FeedDAC

Equine, Livestock and Pet Supplements

Gear Up Hats

Hats and Accessories

Hoofprints

Custom Clothing, Boots, Jewelry, Handbags, Belts, Hats, etc

James Custom Art

Horse Shoe, Harness, Single Tree, Rebar and Wine barrel Custom Art

LNT

Leave No Trace

Midnitesun Productions

laser cut wood designs

Morrison Saddles

Morrison Custom Fit Saddles is based on providing saddles that are lightweight and built on trees that are custom fit to the back of horses and mules that are experiencing saddle fit problems. Demos will use the Dennis Lane Back Profiling System to measure the animal to get a tree built that conforms to its back, no matter its size or conformation. Discussion will identify some common behavioral and performance problems associated with poor fitting saddles.

Panattoni Leather & Equine Laundry

Saddles, tack, chinks, all leather goods, custom shop

Purity Soapworks

Organic goat milk soap & Skin Care Products

Rill Foods

Rustic Shoe Creations/Equine 1st aid

Handmade leather products, home décor, wall art and handbags

SJ Unique Designs –

One of a kind jewelry, sterling, turquoise, real stone, unique

Spirit TRC

Therapeutic Riding Center

TrailMeister

Trail maps, equine riding and packing information

Tucker Books

Children's book about a cat when there are dogs in the home

Vip's Magnetic Jewelry

Creates and sells magnetic Jewelry

WDFW

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

WTA

Washington Trails Association

Guy Miller Saddlery

AND HOPEFULLY MORE!!!!



BCHW Rendezvous 2023

By Robert Eversole, Trailmeister

Many of us are eager to reconnect face-to-face after years of quarantining, isolating, mask-wearing, disinfecting, social distancing, and Zoom calls. If we have learned anything through the pandemic, it's the importance of family and friends. While we can't predict the future,

all signs point to a return to a somewhat "normal life" on the horizon. I, for one, am looking forward to Rendezvous 2023!

If you haven't yet made up your mind, here are 5 Reasons to Attend the 2023 BCHW Rendezvous:



You can't Beat the Location: Ellensburg is centrally located and is easy to get to regardless of which side of the state you're coming from. Wet side – dry side, north or south you'll find that Ellensburg is an easy drive. The Kittitas County Event Center will be filled with fellow BCHW members. As well as soon-to-be BCHW members!



The Wow-Factor: Back Country Horsemen Rendezvous have always offered entertaining and educational clinics, fine food, and excellent camaraderie. This year will continue those traditions with multiple TrailMeister clinics. Below you'll find what we've been preparing for you.

Class 1 on Friday Mar. 17th 10am – 11am in the Teanaway Room: Untamed and Untraveled – Why you should visit a wilderness?

Class 2 on Saturday Mar. 18th 10am – 11am in the Teanaway Room: What really happens when you hit SOS-Emergency notification devices can save lives in the backcountry. Learn how they simplify a rescue?



Ad Hoc Clinics: Throughout the weekend you'll find flexible learning opportunities at the TrailMeister booth for everyone that stops by. From how to use that map and compass in your saddles bags to putting together a cinch. We'll have lots going on and are looking forward to sharing with you. I'll also have copies of Amazon's best-selling book "The ABCs of Trail Riding and Horse Camping" available for sale. I'd be honored to sign your copies!



Well, my friends, those are my 5 top reasons to attend our 2023 Rendezvous. I'm sure that there are many more that I don't have room to include here. I look forward to seeing all of you!

If you cannot attend the 2023 BCHW Rendezvous you'll be missed; but you'll still be able to find my musings on trail riding and horse camping at www.TrailMeister.com. 🐾

Back Country Horsemen of Washington Annual Rendezvous

USED TACK SALE

Used Tack ~ Vendor Booths ~ Free Classes & Demonstrations



Mark your calendars for Kittitas County's largest used tack sale!

March 17th-19th, 2023

Friday & Saturday 9 am-5 pm

& Sunday 9 am-11 am for sales and tack pick up.

Kittitas Valley Event Center at the Ellensburg Fairgrounds

512 N Poplar, Ellensburg, WA

In addition to the sale, browse vendor booths offering special show prices:

- metal art
- alpaca products
- jewelry, clothing & hats
- arts & crafts
- leather work
- Cavallo's horse boots

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! While you're there, come learn more about the Back Country Horsemen of Washington and attend free demos and classes. **ALL TACK MUST BE CLEAN AND TAGGED WITH FIRST AND LAST NAME, PRICE AND PHONE NUMBER. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT TACK THAT IS NOT TAGGED!** This is a consignment sale, so we will take care of selling it for you and keep 15% of the sale price as part of our fundraising effort.

Tack sale info, contact Linda Riley

Text me 360-421-0992 (preferred)

rosie1400@yahoo.com

More info about Rendezvous activities at BCHW.org



Rendezvous Tack Sale Important Information



PHOTO BY JIM THODE

The big BCHW Annual Used Tack Sale will be held again at the fairgrounds in Ellensburg during Rendezvous. This year, because of how the sale has grown over the years, it will be in the big Armory building. Tack sale volunteers will check in your tack starting at 9:00 am on Thursday the 16th until 11:00 am on Saturday the 18th.

Before checking in, please mark each item you are selling with your name, contact info while you are at the event (in case someone makes an offer on higher-end items) and price. Small items can include name and price only. You will receive a check within a couple of weeks after the event for items sold minus 15%.

We list all your sold items on a sales receipt and will email it to you. All unsold items must be picked up before noon on Sunday. Any items left will be considered a donation to BCHW and given to a local non-profit horse rescue. If selling saddles, it helps if you bring a saddle rack for display. Please mark your saddle racks with your name and "Not for Sale ." Saddle racks can be picked up with unsold items.

Note: No pricing of items will be allowed in the Armory building. Worn, unusable or dirty tack will not be accepted or will be donated to the non-profit group.

Questions? Contact Linda at 360-421-0992 (text is best) or email rosie1400@yahoo.com 🐾

Content Deadline for the May/June 2023 Digital Newsletter is April 1, 2023

Cover Photos can be sent anytime, 8x10 Vertical orientation is best (300 dpi).

You can send articles, photos and calendar of events early!

Please email your articles (700 word maximum) and 3 or 4 photos with caption and photo byline to thn@bchw.org as soon as possible.

ATTENTION!

2023 Rendezvous

Table Decorating Contest

2022 Winning Chapter was Wenas Valley!
Below is one of three tables they decorated in a progressive theme.



First, Second and Third place awards will be given for the 2023 Rendezvous Theme of, “Not All Who Wander Are Lost”!

Tables must be decorated one hour prior to dinner on Saturday.

Individual tables to be judged!

The Table Decorating Contest will be judged by the 2022 Contest Winners, The Wenas Chapter!

Next Generation Packers

PHOTO BY JIM THODE



This course is designed to prepare the newest of our members to get out and enjoy the backcountry on horseback. It is designed for the many folks that have acquired the packing equipment but need more confidence to leave the trailhead. The course will eventually have 3 or 4 courses to take us from new packers to packing cargo for trail work or supporting the trail crews.

Course 1 – Introduction to Packing – has 3 sections:

1st is the classroom portion to discuss the various aspects of preparation for your first trip. The rest of the course is outside with your equipment and your stock. The second half of day

one is saddle fitting to ensure the breast collar, britchen, etc. all fit properly. Day 2 is working on hobbling, highlines and picket lines. Then into the hands-on of the Box Hitch and the Walker Hitch. Attendees should have enough time to practice hands on all aspects of the course content to increase their comfort and to feel confident.

The 2-hour course offered at Rendezvous is only the classroom portion of the course. Each student will receive a student manual with all the information, including step-by-step instructions on tying the two hitches. 🐾

BCHW Membership Announcement

BCHW memberships expired on December 31, 2022. Please go to BCHW.org and click on the Membership tab to join or renew. If you have any questions, issues or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me, Dana Chambers, at membership.bchw@gmail.com or call 206-498-6952. I'm here for you!

PRICING FOR OUR MEMBERSHIPS

In Addition To Chapter Dues

Single	\$41.00
Family	\$54.00
Contributing	\$75.00
Sustaining	\$125.00
Patron	\$250.00
Benefactor	\$500.00
Lifetime (Single)	\$1,200.00
Lifetime (Family of 2)	\$2,000.00

FREE Listing on BCHW Chapter Events Calendar

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2023 Rendezvous

Friday-Sunday, March 17-19, 2023
Kittitas Valley Event Center
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA
Go to BCHW.org

1st QTR BCHW Board of Directors' meeting

Saturday, March 17, 2023
Kittitas Valley Event Center
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA
BCHW President. Dana Chambers
president@bchw.org • 206-498-6952

Buckhorn Range Chapter Olympic National Forest, LeBar Horse Camp and lower S. Fork Skokamish River Trail

Friday-Sunday, May 19-21, 2023
Pre-Register On-Line @ Bchw.org Required
By April 30th
Campsites Reserved Friday-Sunday &
Assigned at Check-In
Creek Campground Nearby Has 12 Sites +
8 Tent-Only Sites.
Sat. Evening Meal & Sun. Breakfast Provided
Bring Water – Lebar Is A Dry Camp
Bob Hoyle: 360-531-2337 • bobhoyle@usa.net

Ponderosa Chapter Poker Ride

Sunday, May 21, 2023
First rider out 9:00 • Raffle
Pre-registration by May 9, 2023 \$25
Registration available online
Registration at ride \$30
Riverside State Park, Spokane
Camping available
Ken Carmichael 509-466-2225
Kcarmichael2225@gmail.com
www.pbchw.com

Black Pine Horse Camp and Vicinity Work Party

Saturday-Tuesday, May 27-30, 2023
Black Pine Horse Camp – Drive to Jack Creek
TH & chain saw to Wilderness Boundary then
Chainsaw Jack Pine and 1597 connector trail
back toward camp
Barb Talbot 253-312-3626

Black Pine Horse Camp and Vicinity Work Party

Cross Cut Extravaganza Hike In
Saturday-Tuesday, June 3-6, 2023
Black Pine Horse Camp, drive to Jack Creek
TH – one team crosscut up Trout Trail, one
team crosscut up Jack Creek trail
Barb Talbot 253-312-3626

2nd QTR BCHW Board of Directors' meeting

Saturday, June 17, 2023
Kittitas Valley Event Center
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA
BCHW President. Dana Chambers
president@bchw.org • 206-498-6952

Black Pine Horse Camp And Vicinity Work Party Juneteenth Pack Stock And Hiker Teams Logging Together-Back At Camp Every Night

Saturday-Wednesday, June 17-21, 2023
Black Pine Horse Camp
Barb Talbot 253-312-3626

Lewis County Chapter

Gifford Pinchot National Forest- Green River Horse Camp
Wednesday-Sunday, June 21-25, 2023
Registration Is Required.
Tony Karniss: 360-520-5697
Tkarniss@Gmail.com
Leonard Wright: 360-506-1598
Wrightleonard00@Gmail.com

Fund Ride 2022 Grays Harbor Chapter

Saturday, June 24, 2022
Riders out 9-11 am
Green Diamond lands, west of Matlock,
north of Montesano
Register day of event only. Members \$25
registration. Fee includes ride, lunch &
1-prize ticket.
\$10 for additional lunches
V.I.P. camping. Email for details.
Porta-potty but no water onsite, bring
your own
Beth Branshaw 360-581-6535
bbranshaw@hotmail.com
www.graysharborbchw.com

BCHW Haney Meadow Regional Work and Ride

Friday-Wednesday, June 30-July 5, 2023
Ken Wilcox Horse Camp
Pre-registration is required by June 1
bchw.org for registration form
Ed Letcher 206-478-9331
edtrailblazer@gmail.com
Ken Evans 360-903-1592 • pkevans@tds.net

Black Pine Horse Camp and Vicinity Work Party

4th Of July Pack In To Hunter Camp
Saturday-Thursday, July 1-6, 2023
Barb Talbot 253-312-3626

Big Pack in Work Party

Saturday-Friday, July 15-21, 2023
Barb Talbot 253-312-3626

Example

Your Chapter Ride or Event Must Be Open To All
BCHW Members To Have A FREE Listing

**Lines in the listing have a
maximum character count of 32, includ-
ing spaces. Please keep this in mind.**

Please submit the following information with your
event listing to bchw@wamedia.com.

Chapter Name _____

Name of Ride _____

Date _____

First Rider Out _____

Location _____

Register _____

Lunch _____

Name of Pass Required (if needed) _____

Weed-Seed-Free Feed Required _____

Camping (if available) _____

Cost to Member _____

Cost to Non-member _____

Contact Name _____

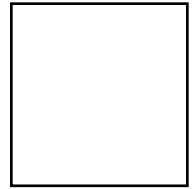
Phone _____

Email _____

Website _____



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Lewis County Chapter William O. Douglas Wilderness – Carlton Creek/Soda Springs Cowlitz Horse Camp and Surrounding Trails
Monday-Sunday, July 17-23, 2023
Registration is required.
Tony Karniss: 360-520-5697
tkarniss@gmail.com

3rd QTR BCHW Board of Directors' meeting
Saturday, September 16, 2023
Kittitas Valley Event Center
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA
BCHW President Dana Chambers
president@bchw.org • 206-498-6952

22nd Annual Winery Ride
Saturday, October 28, 2023
Zillah, WA
BCHWwineryride@gmail.com
Lewis County Chapter:

Gifford Pinchot National Forest - Nannie Ridge Re-Route
Wednesday-Sunday, August 9-13, 2023
Registration is required.
Tom Conner 360-269-3804
Tkranch@Toledotel.com
Tony Karniss 360-520-5697
Tkarness@Gmail.com

Free Entrance Days in the National Parks



March 19 – State Parks' 108th Birthday
April 22 – Earth Day
June 11 – National Get Outdoors Day
June 12 – Free Fishing Day
June 19 – Juneteenth
Sept. 25 – National Public Lands Day
Oct. 10 – World Mental Health Day
Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
Nov. 25 – Native American Heritage Day