

# Beartooth Back Country Horsemen

## Trail Tales

### *President's Pen*

July 2023

Hello Friends!

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over already. It feels like it just started! Our team has finished most of our work projects, but there's a possibility that we might be able to assist Fish and Wildlife. We'll keep you posted on that. Our trail clearings have received an overwhelming response, with so many people showing up. To improve communication, the board has decided to purchase a set of 2-way radios so that the trail boss and the person riding drag can have clear communication without any confusion.

We're fortunate to have a few skilled packers in our group. The club sent two members to the Royal Tine Packing Clinic in Phillipsburg, and they gained a wealth of knowledge from their experience. I'm excited to hit the trail with them, and we may even organize spontaneous Sunday rides if there's interest. Keep an eye out on Facebook and email for those opportunities! Additionally, we've been invited to demonstrate our club at Nye Goes Nuts, which will be a fantastic chance to share more about what we do. The following weekend, weather permitting, we'll have riders showcasing the club in the Absarokee days parade. More details on these events can be found later in the newsletter.

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## **Next Meeting:**

**July 17, 2023**

**Potluck @ 6:30 pm**  
**Meeting @ 7:00 pm**

**Itchkepe Park**  
**4 Hillside Rd, Columbus, MT 59019**

**Education Program: Brand Inspector**

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## ***2023 Membership dues:***

- Business Membership \$40
- Family Membership \$35
- Individual Membership \$25

Not a member yet? Application available for download [here](#).

## PARADES!



Aren't horses the best part about any parade?! Well, we happen to have horses and would love to get back into showcasing the club and our work with the community by being in the parades!

If you would like to participate in the Absarokee parade, please reach out to Sarah Lewis at [slewis\\_35@yahoo.com](mailto:slewis_35@yahoo.com) so she can get a headcount and communicate about any other details.

Absarokee Days- Saturday July 29th

Nye Goes Nuts- Saturday July 15th Showcasing our pack stock

## 2023 – WORK PROJECT/ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

**July 22-23 Sat-Sun** Crazy Mountain clearing. Half Moon Campground to Twin Lakes **Aug 5**

**(Sat)** Line Lake packout -needs recon

**August 18-20 (Fri-Sun)**, Meyer's Creek. Summer Rendezvous and Campout. Details forthcoming. General meeting Saturday, Aug 19

**Sept 9 or 16 (Sat)** Stillwater ride? Put up trailhead sign, if open.

OTHER

July 29-30 (Sat-Sun). Absarokee Days

**\*\*Please note any unauthorized trail clearings are not covered under Forest Service insurance\*\***

## 2023 – MEYERS CREEK SUMMER RENDEZVOUS AND CAMPOUT

Show up anytime on Friday. Plan to camp out or stay in the cabin. The club will provide the Saturday evening meal. There will be a packing competition and cross cut saw competition.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Location, Meyers creek campground.



2023 – YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

# 2023 YOUTH SUMMER PACKING CAMP

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## RESOURCES

### *Life Flight Network*

Let's talk about the not so fun part of the backcountry. There are definite risks involved about being away from civilization and being self reliant if anything goes awry. If something bad happens and you are unable to exit on foot or horseback, the only option is via helicopter. It is incredibly expensive but there is some insurance for the just in case instance. Following is the link for informative purposes only.



PLEASE NOTE: This is NOT a sales pitch. This is a non-commissioned link.

<https://member.lifeflight.org/#lp-pom-block-370>

Membership is under \$100 and, according to the website, will cover the flight. There is also additional ground insurance.

### *Online Defensive Horsemen Information*

Website - <https://bchmt.org/wp/education/>

Scroll down towards the middle and you will see Horse Safety

This is good information and a great resource for new members that still need some defensive horsemen prior to doing any work activities this year.



**2023 SPRING/SUMMER RIDE PICTURES**

Royal Tine Pack Clinic – 4 members went











Memorial Day Weekend – Clearing to breakneck meadows,  
didn't quite make it









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