Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH)
PO Box 1083
Hamilton, MT 59840

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM

Our Purpose: (Numbered for ease of reading. No one purpose is more important than the other.)

(1) To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness; (2) To work to ensure that public lands remain open to common sense recreational use; (3) To assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resources; (4) To educate, encourage and solicit active participation by various members of the general public in the wise and sustaining use of horses commensurate with our heritage and the back country resources, and (5) To cooperate with other Back County Horsemen of America organizations.

Membership Options:

Membership shall be either as an individual or a family, and primary or secondary. Memberships are issued on an annual basis, expiring December 31. Memberships are not finalized until approved by the Board. See constitution and by-laws for full detail.

- Individual members must be 18 years of age and interested in promoting the purpose of the organization as stated in above section.
- Family membership includes family members living in one household and children under 21 years of age, and interested in promoting the purpose of the organization as stated above. Family members under the age of 18 may participate in all chapter activities with adult supervision, but will not be eligible to vote. Family memberships count as 2 members.
- Members have the option to be members of more than one BCH chapter at the same time. One chapter must be chosen as their primary chapter, any others are considered secondary chapters. Primary membership dues include annual membership to the BRBCH chapter, the State of Montana BCH and the BCH of America organizations. Secondary membership dues are for the BRBCH chapter portion only, as state and national dues were paid through the primary chapter. Your membership as a BCH member is counted through the primary chapter.

Registration for Membership: (please print legibly)

It is recognized that there is an inherent danger when in the vicinity of stock. By requesting membership, member(s) understands and agrees that: *"I am a participant in an equine activity as set forth in Montana Equine Law MCA 27-1-725 - 728 and I agree to accept responsibility and assume the risk for my actions while participating in the club's events. I recognize that there is a potential for accidents wherever horse use is involved which can cause injury or death to horses, riders, and spectators. I also recognize that the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen officers, directors, or members cannot always know the conditions of trails or experience of the riders or horses taking part in trail rides or other Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen functions. Therefore, I do hereby release the above named from any claims or rights for damage which might occur to me, my minor children, stock/horses, pets, other tack, or equipment.*

Signature: Date:

Type of membership: See MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS, above, for more detail, or call Barb Walker (928-606-0855) with questions

☐ Primary - Individual : $35 dues (Breakdown: $10 chapter, $ 5 state, $20 national)

☐ Primary - Family : $45 dues (Breakdown: $10 chapter, $12 state, $23 national)

☐ Secondary - Individual or Family : $10 (chapter). If secondary, who is your primary MT chapter? _____

Name: _____

If Family Membership, list other family members (living in same household, under 21 years of age):

First Name	Last Name	Relationship	Check if under 18
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			☐

Mailing Address: _____

If Family Membership, may show up to 2 phones and 2 email addresses

Phone(s): _____

Email address(es): _____

★ I would like the following to be listed in our BRBCH membership listing, which is circulated only to our chapter's members:

☐ my phone number(s) ☐ my email address ☐ neither

All members receive our monthly newsletter, the quarterly state newsletter, and monthly national (BCHA) eBlasts, via email.

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