



FEED BAG



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Myra Mumma, Editor

Back Country Horsemen of Missoula

President's Message:



Greetings to all. It's hard to believe it's September already. The summer has just flown by! The club has been really busy. I am always amazed at how these major events just come together by all you hard-working volunteers. You truly are the "cream of the crop" and I'm proud to be a part of this organization.

The Father's Day Steak Ride was a hit. There were about 175 at the ride. Arlyn Lemer and Dick Renfro both brought teams and wagons to give short rides. Also, Dean Hoistad and his mule, Judy, gave rides on Dean's two-wheeled wagon. Did you check out his fancy set of reins?!

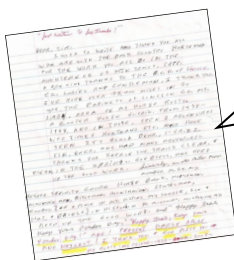
The Burnt Cabin Work Project took up a good share of our summer. On June 6th a group went in to measure and plan the work. On June 24-27, volunteers stained the exterior of the cabin, put in a stock water line to the corrals, replaced the hay storage inside the cabin with two sleeping bunks, repaired the roof, replaced shutters and cleared the trail from the cabin to Limestone Pass. A third project trip on August 5-8 was to finish the shutters, set porch posts, replace the stove with a cylinder stove, construct a hitch rail closer to the cabin and one by the corrals, construct a saddle rack by the hay shelter, paint the interior and repair and paint the out-house. Thank you to all who participated in these project trips. The Burnt Cabin Project is one we can all be proud of!

The Club Educational Pack Trip on August 5-8 left from the North Fork of the Blackfoot River and camped at Copenhaver's old hunting camp. The group took day rides from camp. Thank you to Leave No Trace instructors, Mack & Connie Long and to the trip leader, Ken Brown. The Annual Summer Potluck was lots of fun by all reports. There were about 57 in attendance. Thank you to all the volunteers who made the potluck happen, like Diane Tidwell and Alan Meyers. A huge thank you to the Bill and Ramona Holt for having us. Diane Tidwell is also to be credited for a job well done organizing volunteers for the Western Montana Fair Booth!

Please come on September 15th, 6:00 p.m., FW&P, 3201 Spurgin, for an Ice Cream Social and a short General Membership Meeting. This social is in honor of our new members. Ice cream and toppings will be provided by the Club. Desserts welcomed. Come to share pictures of back country trips and rides and to get acquainted with new and old members!

Fall is a wonderful time of year for those trail rides. Above all, be safe!

Paul Evenson, President



"I wish to write and thank you all who are with the Back Country Horsemen for all the work you do in the maintenance of mountain trails. Thanks for keeping the trails clear and clean in the spring. God bless and keep up the good work".....Jim Bunton, Jr.

BCH of Missoula Website

Have you visited our website lately? We have our own link:

<http://www.bchmt.org/missoula>

Sandy Evenson, our website manager, has put lots of pictures on it, all our recent newsletters, our calendar and more. Thank her for taking care of our website!

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Annual Summer Potluck, Holt Museum, August 20, 2010



Pictured left: Randy Velin, Don Dodge (who is cutting up watermelon), Myra Mumma and Suzette Moore. Lower left: Max Salisbury and Ramona Holt. Gary Salisbury is standing on the steps of the Holt Museum restored sheep wagon.



Diane Tidwell did a great job of locating fresh corn on the cob and Alan Meyers brought the corn pot and propane burner to cook the corn, then left to go pick up chicken for the group. Seriously, what would we do without either of them?! Also helping that night: Mike & Suzette Moore, Gary Salisbury, Jane Kelly, and Randy Velin, to name a few. Thank you, everyone!

The best part of the summer potluck is touring the Holt Museum. It's almost too much to take in. Did you notice Deloit Wolfe's black leather vest and shirt that he wore when riding his beloved molly mule named "Horse?"



Above: Our very gracious host and hostess, Bill and Ramona Holt, who have allowed us to have our Annual Summer Potluck at their museum for the second year.

THE FIRE STARTER

.....by Terry L. Youtsey

It's been awhile since I've even thought of this hunting camp story, and the date escapes my memory. I think it was around '92 or '93, and the place was one of those many canyons in the Bitterroots of western Montana. Jim Hill, Kathy and Mike Speake and I had been in our annual hunting camp a couple of days with nothing on the meat pole, but we were hoping the changing weather would push the elk out of the upper end of the canyon and down to us.

The day had been cold and snowy with several inches on the ground. It wasn't fit for anything except elk hunting! Before dark, Jim, Mike and I went to the meadow to grain and water the stock, and as Jim and Mike finished, they headed back to the tent. I stayed to finish adjusting my highline and brush my horses. Through the trees I could see the yellowish glow of the lanterns in the tent and I could smell smoke from the stove drifting back through the trees. I knew that supper was on the stove. The snow was still drifting down as I headed back to the tent. As I came out of the trees, I could see a solitary figure on the trail across the creek. He was carrying a large backpack and I thought to myself, "Who the hell would be all the way up here in weather like this—and on foot!"

Seeing the light from our tent, he made his way across the creek and through the waist-high brush. Everyone in the tent heard my "What the hell?!" and came out to see what was going on. It was Bill, the wilderness ranger, a friend of Jim's, out on one of his winter excursions to see how the hunters were doing and also to check our camp to see

that our stock was properly secured. Bill laid the huge, heavy pack down outside the tent and stepped in to warm himself by the stove. After handshakes and introductions, he said he should go ahead and pitch his tent and start supper. Since we were about ready to eat, Jim invited him to join us. The salmon steaks, potatoes and corn smelled better than anything he could have possibly pulled out of that pack. Besides, we had more than enough. Of course he agreed. Who in his right mind could resist such a meal and all that good company? As crowded as the 10 by 15' tent was with the four of us and all our gear, we told him he should just stay here with us since it was now dark. We told him to roll his sleeping bag out by the stove, the only open place we had left.



light dimmed, everyone snuggled down into their bags. The last sounds of the evening were the crackling sounds of the fire as it burned down, and maybe a snore or three. Women don't snore, you know.

The alarm went off at 4:00 a.m. and, as always, Mike got up to start the fire and warm the tent. Bill got up to make a nature call so Mike could get to the stove. Well, Mike starts his fires with good dry kindling, and a beer can with some Coleman fuel. After a minute or so the fire seemed to be dead. No glow or crackling, so Mike opened the door to look inside. He couldn't see anything, so he

pitched the beer can forward to put some more fuel on the kindling, but somewhere in that stove box was a little flame, and it ran back up the can as he drew it back—all over Bill's goose down sleeping bag and up the far wall of the tent. Well, that set off all the bells and whistles in everyone and four people were soon hopping around in a small tent trying to put out the fire with anything we could get our hands on. It must have been a real sight.

Jim managed to get the lantern lit as Bill pulled back the tent flap to see feathers in the air and all over the floor. His sleeping bag lasted about three seconds. He sure had a shocked look on his face as he said, "My sleeping bag....." Jim said he was lucky he wasn't in it or he might have been stomped to death. At the time everyone laughed and laughed until someone brought up the fact that if the tent had burned down we would have made a pretty sight riding out in the only thing we had left—our long johns.

Bill said he'd had that sleeping bag for 20 years and guessed it was time to get a new one anyhow. We all offered to pitch in and get him a new one, but he graciously declined our offer.

Many times I've wondered what it must have looked like when he pulled that flap back—all of us standing there in our long johns with the wild look of terror on our faces and feathers flying everywhere. It must have looked like we'd murdered a hundred chickens in that tent! I saw Bill a couple of weeks later in Missoula at the movie theater and asked him if he'd replaced that sleeping bag. He said he had and I told him to stop in and stay with us again sometime. He rolled his eyes and said, "No thanks, I can't afford it."

Father's Day Steak Ride
June 20, 2010, Blackfoot Clearwater Game Range



Left photo: Mark Colyer poses after he just grilled 178 steaks and 25 chicken breasts! Upper right: Arlyn Lemer and his team of mules giving rides. Bottom: Pictured left to right: Max Salisbury, Mike Chandler and Klaus Von Stutterheim



Dark clouds threatened overhead which brought out the oilcloth slickers but the storm seemed to part right over the Blackfoot Clearwater Game Range where our Club's 36th Annual Father's Day Steak Ride was taking place. It was a great day for BCH of Missoula's oldest tradition.

Club members sure worked hard to organize and put on this event. Caroline Bauer and Gary Salisbury, who was Ride Leader, went up two preceding weekends to mark out the trail sections, assisted by about 14 other Club members. They rode the trail the day before the Steak Ride as well. Groups of riders were organized and volunteer leaders assigned to each group. Huge thank-you's to the cooks: Mark Colyer and his son Austin, Mike Beckel, Don Bohne and Diane Tidwell. Don Bohne also cooked breakfast the same day for the 30-50 members who set up camp.

Dick Renfro brought his team of Norwegian Fjords to give wagon rides and Arlyn Lemer brought his shiny black mules and wagon (pictured above) to give rides. Dean Hoistad brought his two-wheeled cart pulled by a mule that attracted riders as well.

A big thank you to the Steak Ride Committee who met for weeks before the event and to all the volunteers who made this event such a success. Thank you all.

Club Educational Pack Trip, August 5-8, 2010

.....by Ken Brown, Leader (Photos Courtesy Ken Brown)



Club members who went on this pack trip were: Mack & Connie Long, Ken Brown, Diane Tidwell, Barbara Koepke, Cheri Fisher, Chris Fisher, Mark & Jenna Wright and myself. We met at the North Fork of the Blackfoot Trailhead to go into the Danaher. Barbara Koepke and Diane Tidwell organized meals and cooked. The Danaher trip started out with a nice dinner at Trixie's in Ovando. We spent the night at the North Fork of the Blackfoot Trailhead to get an early start Thursday morning. Well, the packing took longer than anticipated with Mack Long and Mark Wright being the head packers and the rest of doing whatever we were told to do. Once on the trail we jockeyed the position of the animals around until we met a comfortable line-up. Of course the first part of the trail over the shale rock side hill woke us all up. But the trip was beautiful and the head packers had done their jobs well. All the packs held. After going over Whiskey Ridge, we decided to camp in a nice area with plenty of feed for the animals and a nice campsite for us.

The next day one group went into the Danaher and another group enjoyed a leisurely day in camp. While we experienced some thunderstorms at a distance we really did not get much rain or lightning. The food was exceptional. Diane Tidwell and Barb Koepke did a fabulous job in selecting and preparing the food. The rest of us did an outstanding job of eating it. On Saturday a group rode into the Danaher and another group rode up to the headwall of Dwight Creek. Both groups arrived back at camp at about the same time to enjoy another evening in camp. We were entertained by the stock as they ate and made social adjustments with each other. Apparently my horse took a liking to Mark Wright's tent or maybe it was Mark but that is another story. Many of us jumped in the creek to take off the layers of dust from the trail. It was a warm day but it did not match the temperature of the creek water. The last day we packed up and headed back up the trail. We had another beautiful and uneventful day on the trail. On the last section of trail it is reported that some of us had a surprise bear visitor just below us. That is only rumor.



It was a good trip. We learned about packing, practiced Leave No Trace principles, and observed some incredible country.

Lessons Learned on My First Club Project Trip June 24-27

...by Barbara Koepke

The day finally arrived on June 24th. I was on the way to my first ever project trip with BCH of Missoula (BCHM). My husband and I joined BCHM in 2002 and I had worked on numerous local projects, but I'd only heard about our back country projects, such as assisting the Forest Service in places like Monture Creek, Stuart Peak, Burnt Cabin—clearing trails over passes, resupplying lookout trails and much more.

Today we would head to Burnt Cabin! I met up with project leaders, Mike Moore and Dan Tuxbury, at a reasonable 8:30ish time. What was unreasonable was the time I had to get up to feed my horse, Toby, so he'd be ready for the trailer ride to meet the others and head out for the day. However, Happy Horse, Happy Rider. I tossed my pillow into the back seat of the truck. Three hours of sleep the night before didn't seem like enough. Jim had always taken care of all the details and gathered our camping gear in the past. Thinking and gathering took more time than I planned but now I'm ready! I dozed a little and listened as they talked about our work schedule for the weekend. I thought, "Are they crazy?" but said nothing.

At Monture Creek Trailhead we were greeted by an old friend and member, Keith Guschausky. He was a Forest Service host at the trailhead and offered advice about the trail and helped us get started. The rest of the group would come in on Friday. Today we mantied tools, supplies, personal gear and hay. (We had 14 people in camp for the weekend work party.)

Loads started shifting before we left camp as tack was adjusted to fit new stock. This was a preview for that long ride on the first day! By the end of the weekend, Connie and Mack Long and Richard Tamcke made so many trips in and out that you'd think they had signed up for an endurance ride! But, they and their stock got better acquainted, tack was properly fitted and lots of supplies and hay were hauled into Burnt Cabin. It was a good thing for everyone! On that first day we had to take a time out near the end of the ride when I "bonked." All I remember was looking down at the saddle horn, Toby going to the right and me gracefully slipping out of the

saddle to the left. I landed on my side and my head bounced off something. Thank goodness for that pretty blue helmet! I assured everyone that I must be okay because I stood up, walked back to my horse and got on. But I couldn't explain what had happened. Several days later I wondered if I had fallen asleep in the saddle while riding a gently-rocking horse for five hours (after three hours of sleep).

Wide awake now and on to the cabin with enough daylight to unload, settle the stock and start dinner. Four of us decided to forget the tents; we slept in the cabin. It didn't matter that there were three guys, a bunch of mice and me. I slept good!

Our meals were great thanks to lots of pre-planning by Dan and Jo Tuxbury. I was happy to help with lunch and dinner. Dan learned that the best wake-up call for me was one of the first cups of coffee out of the pot.



Building a new corral around the existing corral. Foreground: Mike Moore, John Favro, Mack Long on the other side of the fence.

We worked from sunup to sundown. They actually built larger corrals around existing corrals without ever taking the stock out! A water line was put in from the creek down to the large stock tank that we packed in. No more leading that stock to the creek for water. A trail maintenance crew cleared the trail to Limestone Pass. John Favro issued several saw certifications on the weekend. The hay shelter was filled with hay. The walls from previous hay storage inside the cabin were taken down and replaced with two sleeping bunks. A new wood stove sits in the middle of the cabin. Metal roofing was repaired, old shutters removed and replaced by new heavy-duty shutters built on-site. Dan said he was going to raise

the kitchen end of the cabin's foundation a couple of inches—and he did! I was amazed by how much work was done.



Above, Scott Tuxbury making new shutters for the old cabin windows and door.



Above, Mack Long is on the ladder tacking up the new shutters while Paul Evenson and Mike Speake look on.



Repairing the metal roof. Don Barth is on the roof, Don Dodge on the ladder, Richard Tamcke painting, Paul Evenson working on the deck and Mack Long in the foreground.

Before we could paint the cabin, old staples leftover from a fire-wrapping had to be removed and loose wood nailed down. I painted as high as I could reach. Don Barth made a ladder and painted as high as he could reach, and then we got the "big" ladder out.



The author, Barbara Koepke, painting as high as she can reach. Scott Tuxbury is behind her.



Richard Tamcke and behind him is Randy Velin painting from the "big" ladder that the crew packed in.

Sunday morning as loads were being sorted and mantied, these guys were up on the ladder determined to finish painting the cabin—and they did! I sure was proud to be on that team.

I had done a pretty good job of packing my stuff, but I could have taken less clothing and more Ibuprofen. As Toby and I pulled into my driveway on Sunday night, I thought about the preparation, early starts to long days, "hat hair" and dirty fingernails. I asked myself if I'd do it again—and I answered, "In a heartbeat!"

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Editor's Note: Burnt Cabin is up Monture Creek. Lewis and Clark camped at the mouth of the Monture Creek on July 5, 1806. In Clark's journal, they called it Seaman's Creek after their famous dog, but the name didn't show on any of their maps. So the name Seaman's Creek didn't stick. It was later named after George Monture who was killed by Indians. www.http://lewis-clark.orgPhotos provided by Don Dodge and Mike Speake

**Western Montana Fair 2010
BCH of Missoula Fair Booth**

.....by Diane Tidwell

Thanks to all the people who helped set up and man our very successful "booth" in the Horse Park at the fair. By some miracle, when the first shift arrived on Friday morning, the finishing touches were being applied to our display, the sun came out, and we were open for business. It was a good opportunity to get acquainted with the public and "hang out" with other members. Additionally, the demonstrations in the round pen were excellent. Paul Even-



Left to right: Jim O'Reilly, Sandy Brosious, Jeff Patterson (plaid shirt) Jenna Wright and Mark Wright in foreground. Diane Tidwell by tent. Photo by Michele Hutchins

son headed the set-up/take down crew. Mark and Jenna Wright, Nancy Stoverud, Klaus and Beate Von Stutterheim, Cherie Fisher, Kim and Brett Eells, Lana Hamilton, Pat Culver, Jane Kelly, Judy Ward, Barb Koepke, Gloria Curdy and Mike Hartkorn all contributed their time and effort.

Jeff Patterson, the Horse Park ramrod, did an amazing job of coordinating the horse people and has extended his

thanks in an e-mail message. He says that if he is horse park director next year, we will not have to tolerate that awful music. Following is his note of appreciation:

Hi everyone: I just want to say thank you again for bringing your horses, talents and exhibits to the fair. My goal was to bring horses back to the fair and you all helped me do that.

This year was leaps and bounds better than last. Even though the schedule got messed up and we got kind of crowded, fair goers still loved the horses and fair management was very pleased with having them. At the conclusion, Gretchen agreed that next year we should move the horse park into the center triangle, giving us more space, and keeping all the horse stuff together. We may even be successful at moving the entertainment tent somewhere else far enough to eliminate the noise conflicts.

I will keep working on making the horse park one of the main attractions at the fair. So, ideas are always welcome. I hope to see you all there next year.

Thanks again.....Jeff

**Packing for
NSA Trail Maintenance Crew
Big Creek, July 26th & July 31st**

.....by Suzette Moore

We packed in the Smokejumpers' supplies on July 25th. There were 9 pack stock. We packed about 1400 pounds of gear. Alan Meyers, Mike Speake, Kirk Sybrandt, Mike Moore and I met at the



trailhead at 8:00 a.m. to mantle the loads. We left the trailhead around 11:00 a.m. on a beautiful, hot, sunny, summer day. We traveled 22 miles round trip and spent 9 hours in the saddle. We arrived back at the trailhead around 9:00 p.m. and washed down a lot of trail dust with a cold beer. This was my first pack trip. Ready for more! Photo by Suzette Moore

2010 Work Projects and Rides

Lolo Area Day Ride —Meet at 11.00 a.m. <i>Directions to Alan’s horse property: Take Hwy. 93 South toward Lolo. From The Peak Fitness Center, drive about 4 miles. Turn right into the lane PAST Bird Lane on the right. Ride will be from corrals up the mountain.</i>	Sept. 5	Alan Meyers 360-2121
Frenchtown Day Ride —This ride will be led by Larry & Debbie Popp, Barbara Koepke and Mike & Michele Hutchins. On the trail at 10:00 a.m. for about a 4-1/2 hour ride. A water/soda break half-way, then back to the start for a potluck. RSVP Michele for directions and more information.	Sept. 25	Michele Hutchins 626-4712
Highway 200 Cleanup —Meet at the Clearwater Rest Area/Way Station by “the cow” at 9:30 a.m. Cleanup will last until about noon. Please bring gloves and appropriate clothing. If you want breakfast at the River City Grill in Bonner, meet Paul there at 7:00 a.m.	Oct. 16	Herb Monk 549-8756
Blackfoot-Clearwater Game Range Wire Rollup —a cooperative effort by BCH of Missoula, FW&P, Rocky Mtn. Elk Foundation, former Smokejumpers and the Tanglefree group. Date is yet to be determined.	Early October	Paul Evenson 251-2163

DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 1 BCH of Missoula Board Meeting, 6:30, FW&P
- September 11 MT BCH Board Meeting, 10:00, Lewistown, MT
- September 15 **BCH of Missoula General Member Meeting, 6:00, FW&P (Short business meeting after ice cream social)**
- October 6 BCH of Missoula Board Meeting, 6:30, FW&P
- October 20 BCH of Missoula General Member Meeting, 7:00, FW&P
- November 3 BCH of Missoula Board Meeting, 6:30, FW&P
- November 17 BCH of Missoula General Member Meeting, 7:00, FW&P
- December 1 BCH of Missoula Board Meeting, 6:30, FW&P
- December 11 MT BCH Board Meeting, Elsans’ Barn, 10:00 AM
- December 11 BCH of Missoula Christmas Party & Potluck
- May 21, 2011 Packing & Equestrian Skills Expo

Remember: Board Meetings are always the 1st Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. and held usually at FW&P. General Membership Meetings are always the third Wednesday of the month and are held at the FW&P office meeting room, 3201 Spurgin Rd.

FRED BENEFIEL ESTATE AUCTION
September 18th, 10:30 a.m.

Estate Auction for respected member Fred Benefiel, who died last October, will be held at Salisbury’s, 19803 Leo Hansen Rd. in Florence. Horse panels, tractor, implements, feeders, fencing supplies, ropes, shop tools, water tanks, household items, etc. will be auctioned. Call Gary for a flyer or more information. 529-4272

Classified Ads:

Wanted: Three-horse bumper pull trailer. Please call Sandy Brosious at 544-9107.

For Sale: Used Saddles including a Patriot Ortho-flex, Jim Lathrop hand-tooled and others. Call Doc Barth at 396-6526.

Wanted: One used round hay bale feeder. Call Myra at 542-7443.

.....This section is a free service to all members.

WANTED!

PHOTOGRAPHS wanted for BCH of Missoula’s 2011 calendar. Please pick out your best photos, put them on a CD and give them to either Mark Wright or Michele Hutchins at least by the October 20 general meeting. This committee is looking for photos from all four seasons of 2010 events, day rides, back country trips. Please call Michele at 626-4712 if you have questions.



REMEMBER These Members:

Marion Benedick who lost her husband, Tom, on July 26th. In March the two had been married for 60 years. Marion and Tom have been BCH of Missoula members for years. Please support her in this time of adjustment to life without Tom.

Liz Sybrandt who is feeling much better after battling a life-threatening illness. Kirk, Liz and son Christian are very active in our club. Liz thanks the members for all their prayers and good wishes; she says she couldn’t have made it without them and her family’s wonderful help!

Fred Cooper who is steadily recovering from heart surgery. Fred and Cherie retired from R-6, USFS, and moved back home to Missoula. He is a former Smokejumper and was leading an NSA trail maintenance crew in the Bob Marshall when he first became ill. Fred developed serious complications from surgery but is now making an admirable comeback.

National Trails Day, June 5, 2010

The 2010 National Trails Day was held on Saturday, June 5th, at the Blue Mountain Trailhead. Members put up wall tents, took surveys and talked to hikers, bicyclists, birders, horseback riders, runners, dog walkers, etc. Club trail maintenance crews cleaned sections of Blue Mountain Trail that day. Five hitch racks were put into place. As in many years running, a great Dutch oven lunch was provided by Don Bohne. Diane Tidwell worked hard to set up the lunch and many other members brought potluck dishes as well. Thanks to Barbara Koepke for organizing this event for the sixth year!



Above: Putting the hitching racks into place. Upper right: Don Bohne and Diane Tidwell taking a photo break from setting up a Dutch oven lunch for workers. Right: Marianne Birenbaum selling Troxel equestrian helmets for St. Patrick Hospital Trauma Services. Contact her if you need a good quality helmet: 214-7575 or eiranne@vzw.blackberry.net



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Steak Ride Ticket Distribution Survey

Since 1974 the Back Country Horsemen of Missoula's signature event has been the Father's Day Steak Ride. The purpose of the Steak Ride is to raise revenue for our events, projects, and scholarships and also to enjoy horses and the great meal while building camaraderie which can result in increased membership.

The survey below is intended to find out your preferences in obtaining Steak Ride tickets for this event. Please complete the survey, tear off and either mail it to the address below by September 15th OR bring it to the general meeting on Sept. 15, 2010.

Tear along dotted line

I have checked my preferred method to obtain Steak Ride tickets below:

Tickets available for purchase at selected businesses

Tickets checked out and mailed to each BCH member to either buy or return.

Please mail this survey to Paul Evenson, 6230 Saint Thomas Dr., Missoula, 59803 by Sept. 15, 2010, OR bring the survey to the general meeting on Sept. 15th.

Back Country Horsemen of Missoula Scholarship “Learning How to Pack with Horses and Mules”

Purpose: The main goal of this scholarship is to provide the opportunity for a young man or woman to gain enough experience to safely enjoy packing and riding horses and mules in the back country and wilderness areas.

Course Overview: This scholarship offers tuition to Smoke Elser’s *Wilderness Outfitting and Packing Course* to learn the art of packing horses and mules. The course is taught over an 8-week period one night a week during the months of January through March. (Classes will begin January 23, 2011 at Smoke’s place up the Rattlesnake. The choice of class times are: Sundays 2-5 pm, Mondays 7-10 pm, Tuesdays 7-10 pm, or Thursdays 7-10 pm).

Application Deadline: December 31, 2010

Eligibility: *Scholarship open to High School Juniors and Seniors*

Requirements: 300 word essay (see below) and a letter of recommendation from your High school principal or your high school counselor.

Student Name _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ School Name: _____ Grade _____

ESSAY (two parts) (*your essay should be approximately 300 words total*).

Part 1: Explain the importance of horses and mules in accessing backcountry and wilderness lands. Give three (3) specific examples in your explanations. (*approx. 200 words total for this first part of your essay*)

Part 2: Explain how and when you intend to apply the packing and horse/mule handling skills you would learn from taking this course. Please be specific. (*approx. 100 words*)

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MISSION STATEMENT

- ◆ Perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America’s back country and wilderness.
- ◆ Work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreation and stock use.
- ◆ Assist the various agencies responsible for the maintenance and management of public lands.
- ◆ Educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise and sustained use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.

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