

WHPBCH – YCC Stock Packing Clinic
June 14, 2024 – 8am Sanders County Fairgrounds, next to 4-H Arena

Ground Rules: Respect for instructors (pay attention & no talking during lecture), respect for one-another (no teasing, be helpful), absolutely no messing around – fun, but serious (**John**).

Lecture: Basic Horse Safety (**John**):

Predator/prey – fight or flight response, (kick, bite, strike, step-on, rub-on)

Approaching stock:

Peripheral vision of stock

Eye contact as approaching/body language as approaching

Where to approach (left side) – where to stand

Moving around the stock – close as not to get kicked/touching with hand as moving.

Demonstration: Tying Up (2-3 ways) (**Jean**)

Hands-on: practice tying halter to rail and stock trailer (no stock) – (**all instructors help**) .

Demonstration: Putting on a halter & grooming stock (what to look for while grooming) (**Jean**)

Hands-on: practice putting on a halter and grooming stock (**all instructors help w/their stock**)

Lecture: Different kinds of saddles ((mule/horse bars, riding saddles, pack saddles (decker& sawbuck) (**Dave**)).

Lecture/Demonstration: (overview of cargo packing methods/tools on stock) riding saddles/saddle panniers; pack saddles: panniers, folding cargo platforms, manties and bear resistant boxes (**John**).

Demonstration: Saddling a decker saddle (adjustments/clearances), the basket hitch, loading manties, putting up sling ropes & putting the saddle away (**Dave**)

Hands-on practice saddling, readying the basket hitch, putting up the sling rope and putting away a decker saddle (**all instructors help w/their stock**)

Demonstration: spreading the manty, balancing loads, mantying a load (vertical), mantying a horizontal load, put away a manty (**Dan**).

Hands-on practice: spreading manty, mantying vertically and horizontally tied manties, putting manty away (**all instructors help**).

Hands-on: Saddle decker, manty load, sling load, unload, un-manty, put way manty & put away saddle (**all instructors help w/their stock**).

Packer Scramble Competition – 7 teams of participants manty, saddle, and walk loaded stock in a friendly competition (**all participants**).

Lecture/demonstration: (as time permits) light on the land camping (**Dave**).

Demonstration/participant hands-on: Back/eye splicing (Cheryl)

Lecture/demonstration: – (as time permits) Basic hoof info and shoeing stock (**Dave**).

Instructors: Jean, Dave, Cheryl, Dan, John, Scott, others???

Stock: John-3, Cheryl-2 and Dave-2