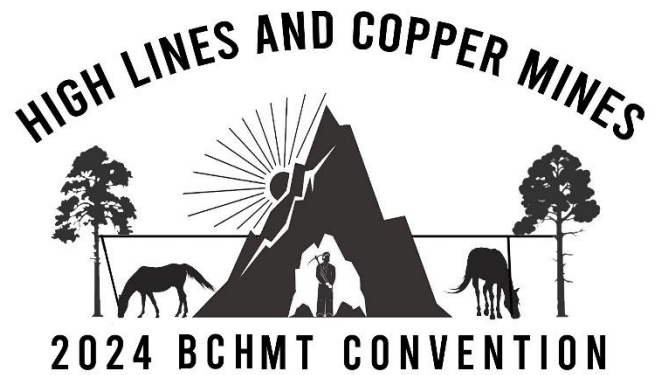


The Mile High & Upper Clark Fork Back Country Horsemen chapters are super excited to present the 2024 BCHMT State Convention! [If you have not registered/reserved your rooms yet, you can still do so by clicking on the "upcoming event" link listed on our BCHMT homepage:](#)

<https://bchmt.org>.

\*\*\*Please don't wait as room rates expire in early

February & meals need to be coordinated in early February as well with the resort.



WHERE: FAIRMONT HOTSPRINGS RESORT-1500 Fairmont Road, Fairmont, MT

WHEN: MARCH 8, 9 & 10

### ADDITIONAL CONVENTION INFORMATION FOR ALL CHAPTERS

**CHAPTER DISPLAYS**-Each chapter is invited to bring their own unique chapter display for public viewing. Please limit your display size to one half of a six foot table (2-1/2' x 3').

**PHOTO SHOW OF YOUR CHAPTER'S 2023 ACTIVITIES**-Each chapter is invited to send in up to 15 digital photo's highlighting your 2023 chapter activities. Please include a digital image of your chapter logo if possible and email submissions to: [upperclarkforkbch@hotmail.com](mailto:upperclarkforkbch@hotmail.com). You may also USPS mail submissions to: Mile High Back Country Horsemen, PO Box PO Box 4434, Butte, MT- 59701.

**WALL OF HONOR SUBMISSIONS**-Each chapter is invited to send in a digital photo and short paragraph (biography) for their members who have passed away in 2023. Please email directly to Bonnie Kiser by email at: [bonniekiser@centurytel.net](mailto:bonniekiser@centurytel.net). Thank you Bonnie for organizing.

**LIVE AUCTION ITEM DONATIONS**-All chapters are reminded to bring one live auction item (worth \$100 or more) which provides the funding for the state (BCHMT). This is the primary fundraiser for BCHMT.

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS**-We are pleased to offer a variety of informational speakers on Saturday afternoon. Please see the short speaker biographies and topics that will be presented in this newsletter (or online at <https://bchmt.org>).

**CROSSCUT SAW COMPETITION**-Friday evening will be our saw competition & social gathering. Please join us for both of these activities.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**-Saturday evening the legendary Smoke Elser will provide us with some of the best stories we've ever heard from his outfitting days in the Bob Marshall Wilderness and a short reading from his book "[Hush of the Land](#)", soon to be released.

**RAFFLE TICKETS**-Chapter coordinators should bring ALL tickets (sold & unsold) & funds to the registration desk.

## BASIC OVERVIEW OF 2024 CONVENTION EVENTS

**FRIDAY**-Convention registration check-in will be available; Photo Contest entries accepted; Chapter Display setup occurring; Vendor Setups occurring; intake of raffle tickets & live/silent auction items occurring; dinner on your own; followed by a Cash Bar/Crosscut Saw Competition & social time with music & dancing by Ken Rich from Butte, MT.

Friday at 10:30am-All senior state directors should plan to attend the nominating committee meeting; followed by the Pre-Convention Board Meeting (all state directors) beginning at 11:00am.

(\*If you plan to eat on Friday in the Fairmont Resort dining room-please note that reservations are required & appreciated so they will have adequate staff to take care of everyone in a timely manner. Fairmont Resort also has a small café with first come/first serve seating that can accommodate a small number of people.)

**SATURDAY**-Begins with the breakfast buffet (ticket required); followed by opening ceremonies & the convention general session; ~12-1pm, we will break for lunch (lunch buffet for ticket holders); then resume General session until around 2pm. Breakout sessions (4-5 speakers) will occur after that; followed by a social hour and Cash Bar & 50/50 ticket sales. Evening events include the Banquet meal (ticket required); Keynote speaker and Live Auction. The evening concludes with payment & pickup of all live and silent auction items. Credit cards will be accepted.

**SUNDAY**-Cowboy church; President's breakfast meeting & Breakfast buffet (ticket required); General Session begins; Photo Contest & Cross Cut Saw winners announced; 2025 Convention information; elections for national directors; close of general session; Vendor & club display take-down; Post-Convention state director meeting concludes the convention.

## Photo Contest

Welcome and Thank You for entering your photo in our annual contest. Following are the contest guidelines. Please note that the convention attendees will decide the winner.

- Register your photo(s) Friday afternoon or Saturday morning before 9:00 AM
- Photo contest will have 6 categories. Members are limited to 2 entries in each category.
- Photos are to be taken by amateur photographers only and must be BCH member's.
- Photo size shall be 5x7 or 8x10 and must be mounted or matted (please, no frames).
- Photographer's name, address & email/phone # shall be attached to the back of the photo
- You may enter by mail (see below).

Categories with Descriptions:

1. **Winter Wonders:** any photos depicting winter, animals, trails, landscapes etc.
2. **Stock & Wildlife:** horse, mules, dogs, cats, etc.
3. **Legendary Landscapes:** Montana scenery, mountains, lakes, etc.
4. **Kids Old & Young:** People of all ages
5. **Back Country Horsemen at Work:** work projects, trail clearing
6. **Laugh Out Loud:** Makes you smile

**Photos may be mailed if needed to:** Heather Hamilton, 109 S. Hauser St. Anaconda, MT 59711

**\*Photo Contest document at:** <https://bchmt.org> for details & label page under upcoming events"