

Dear Vendor/Exhibitor:

We would like to invite you to be a Vendor/Exhibitor at the 2026 Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) Rendezvous in Ellensburg. BCHW has moved our Rendezvous to the fourth weekend of April 2026, that is April 24th through the 26th. We did this so we could avoid adverse winter weather and keep the Used Tack Sale in the Draft Horse Barn. For the 2025 Rendezvous we had to move the tack sale to the draft horse barn and realized that the barn is big enough and if the weather were better, we would have consistently greater attendance for our entire event. It also frees up the Armory for clinicians, demos, and events. The other item that better weather allows us to do is have outdoor vendors, I am including a map of the places we believe would allow outdoor vendors to be extraordinarily successful. A 12-foot-wide aisle will be clearly marked between the draft horse barn and the Umtanum, along with another aisle between the Teanaway and Bloom annex. The accompanying map clearly identifies both locations. We will have better signage and ample sandwich boards with explicit signs throughout KVEC. We are also increasing our advertising throughout Kittitas County and all the counties throughout the state that have BCHW chapters, thirty of them! We expect to at least double the traffic through the Event Center that weekend. Rendezvous takes place April 24-26, 2026, at the Kittitas Valley Event Center in Ellensburg, WA.

The BCHW Rendezvous consists of our annual membership meeting, training, educational clinics, demos, and contests. A Friday night dance will include line dancing and two-step lessons. BCHW members can attend for free; non-members pay a \$10 fee. The highlight of the event is our Saturday night dinner, entertainment, and auctions. The doors open Friday morning, and the event goes through Sunday, until noon. We cordially invite all vendors and members of the public to attend.

We invite you to take part in this exciting gathering by registering as soon as possible. Vendor space fees are on the enclosed application. Please register early so we can include you in our advertising ensuring even more attendance at Rendezvous 2026! We are opening options for outdoor vendor space, contact Teri Starke, 253-709-5052 to discuss what your outdoor vendor space requires. The deadline for Vendor/Exhibitor applications is **January 31st, 2026**, please do not wait until the last minute as we do have a limited Vendor/Exhibitor space for the 2026 Rendezvous.

This year you can register online and pay using a credit Card via PayPal. You do not need a PayPal account, just a credit card. Copy and paste or type the link below into your browser. https://form.jotform.com/220737670118152

BCHW is a 501(c) (3) organization; please consider donating a piece of your merchandise to our fund-raising auction. We will provide tax receipts upon request.

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Should you have any questions about joining us at the Rendezvous as a Vendor/Exhibitor this year, please feel free to contact me. We are excited about the improvements we have made to BCHW's Rendezvous and look forward to you joining us for our 2026 Rendezvous. Thank you for your interest and I hope to see you in Ellensburg!