

Developing a Jr. BCH Division of the Backcountry Horsemen Organization

Family and Chapter Financial Obligation

Con's

Pro's

No fees to enroll= no chapter income

Printing flyers and handouts = \$ costs

Low cost family oriented function

Travel is not required, local rides are available

No competition clothing required like 4-H

New source of membership, a junior at 18 becomes a new perpetuating member not turned out like 4-H or FFA with nowhere to go.

Increased Monthly Participation/Children at Adult Functions

Meetings disrupted by Jr's

Alcohol Present at functions

Not a positive influence

Facility needs to be bigger

Signed contract now requires them to act accordingly and safely or leave.

Any function can be labeled as Adult ONLY

Brings the Kids & Parents together they don't leave kids at Daycare or with teenagers

Grandparents can bring Grandchildren with a signed Medical Authorization and Liability Release as required by BCHW.

Increases attendance in the general membership when parents are in attendance and the Jr's meetings are at the same time as the adults.

More people to help out with the every day tasks

Education

Lost knowledge

Inexperienced Riders on rides

Educating at Different Levels

Vital Horsemanship knowledge can be passed on from the experienced Members to the youth.

This happens now with adults. If we start with the youth and educate them on proper techniques they will become experienced adults

Teaching at the lowest level is an educator's responsibility in every form of education. We have experienced a more intelligent and eager group of kids in our program. We have 9 year olds tying Double Sheet Bends.

Peer teaching is used when ever possible to avoid experienced kids from getting bored.