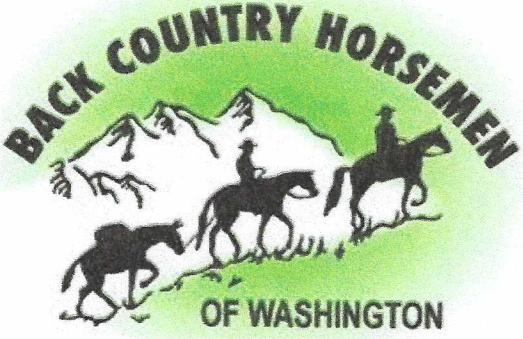


## Junior BCHW Program Curriculum Standards

<b>Module</b>	<b>Packing Skills</b>	
<b>Expectations</b>	Junior BCHW members will be expected to have basic riding skills and preferably some experience on the trails. Assessment checklists will provide insight into skills necessary for the Junior rider and mount to successfully pony a stock animal and pack safely. There is no age limit on learning new things to do with stock. These skills are as applicable today as they were generations ago. By teaching Juniors and other passionate horsemen, we can perpetuate skills that keep our trail system a viable entity by allowing riders to venture farther than a day trip for trail maintenance.	
<b>Learning Concepts</b>	Training and assessment will determine the packing skills of Juniors and stock with the goal of camping with a pack animal. Hands on instruction will include, but not be limited to, fitting the pack saddle, balancing the weight, and overcoming obstacles. This is not a certification program, but simply an instructional reference.	
<b>Skills Demonstrated</b>	This program builds on the Trail Riding Skills Curriculum, hence may duplicate some of the skills. Juniors will learn everything from tying a quick release and other knots and hitches to properly balancing and packing loads and proceeding safely through trail obstacles. Additional skills learned will be trail etiquette for meeting and passing bicyclists, hikers with children and/or dogs, backpackers, and other pack trains.	
<b>Foundational Elements</b>		
<b>Safety</b>	Juniors will learn to identify safety concerns and how to mitigate them for themselves, their stock, and other trail users.	
<b>Service</b>	Being trained to pack allows Juniors to get even further into the backcountry to camp, appreciate the great outdoors, and ultimately to be of service for BCHW trail work parties, supporting the Forest Service and even today's military.	
<b>Horsemanship</b>	Juniors will develop strong bonds with their stock as they work closely with them while enjoying trail riding and camping together with others of like mind.	
<b>Core Understanding</b>		
This BCHW Program is aimed at Juniors who desire to safely learn and practice Packing Skills.		

## Junior BCHW Program Curriculum Suggestions

Additional suggested materials:

On the BCHW website:

Packers <https://www.bchw.org/packers.php>

Packing Powerpoint Presentation Part 1

<https://www.bchw.org/files/cargo-packing-part-1-pdf.pdf>

Packing Powerpoint Presentation Part 2

<https://www.bchw.org/files/cargo-packing-part-2-pdf.pdf>