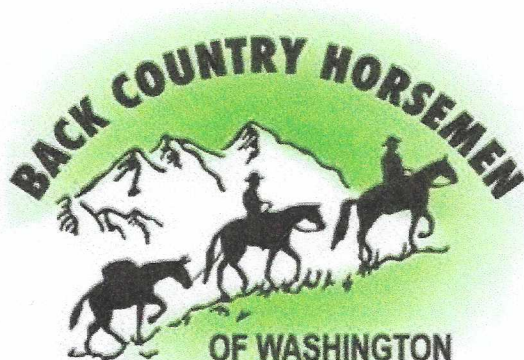


Junior BCHW Program Curriculum Standards

Module	Trail Maintenance Skills	
Expectations	The Trail Maintenance Skill module is to help Junior BCHW members get familiar with trail maintenance, including using proper trail clearing tools in a safe manner. When all is done, this will help make them better equestrians and help them in reporting bad situations on the trail.	
Learning Concepts	The goal of this training will be to help Juniors learn the maintenance of trails and recognize bad trail situations, along with the proper use of different tools and repairs needed in trail maintenance.	
Skills Demonstrated	Juniors will demonstrate the proper use of trail clearing tools that they will be able to use to develop turnpikes, puncheons, bridges, and approaches, cut brush, and clean out water bars. Expectations will depend upon their age and physical ability.	
Foundational Elements		
Safety	Juniors need to understand the hazards involved in working with hand tools and be observant of potential risks.	
Service	This training will help Juniors be more situationally aware of issues around trail riding. The hope is that they will eventually become involved in BCHW and want to become adult members.	
Horsemanship	Juniors should become better riders as they will be taught how to spot trail hazards, and how to either repair or report the issue.	
Core Understanding		 <p style="text-align: center;">BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON</p>
Junior BCHW members will gain knowledge and be proud of the work they accomplished in helping maintain trails, including both front country and back country areas.		

Junior BCHW Program Curriculum Suggestions

Trail Maintenance Skills ~

Additional suggested materials:

U.S. Forest Service - Hand Tools for the Trail Manual
#8823-26-01-MTDC <https://www.fs.usda.gov>pubs>

U.S. Forest Service - Equestrian Design Guidebook for Trails, Trailheads, and Campgrounds
#0723-2816-MTDC <https://www.fs.usda.gov>pubs>

The Student Conservation Association - Lightly on the Land, The SCA Trail Building and
Maintenance Manual
<https://www.amazon.com/Lightly-Land-Building-Maintenance-Manual-ebook/dp/B002NGBP3K>