

# TRAIL RIDERS NEWS

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### ***WOW - What a couple of years we have had!***

It certainly has been a while since we have been able to get together at a real meeting, have any organized rides or much outdoor fun. It looks like now we can start to look forward to getting around again and being amongst our friends and horses. Trail times are coming!

**Be sure** if you haven't already, to get your membership renewed ASAP. The application is right here in the newsletter on page 9 for you to print out. Or you can use this link to renew online - it's simple!

Here is the new link for renewing online:

<https://form.jotform.com/212296264886164>

**Anyone who has not** renewed as of February 1, 2022 has been removed from Chapter rosters, Newsletter and Trailhead News mailing lists! Let's get those memberships in and keep you in the know for all things happening Back Country Horsemen!

**There will be** a Chapter Zoom meeting this coming Monday, February 7th at 7pm. All current members should have received an email asking for an r.s.v.p. If you were not on the initial mailing list and would like to attend please email to us at:

[mountadamsbchw@gmail.com](mailto:mountadamsbchw@gmail.com)

and let us know so you will be sent the zoom link on Sunday. It will be great to see you all again!

**Rendezvous** is fast approaching and its time to clean out those tack rooms, that dark cubby in the horse trailer and all the forgotten corners of your barn! If you have items to send for the Used Tack Sale, get them cleaned up, tagged and priced - Terri has volunteered to take items up for everyone. Be sure to put your name, chapter & phone # on your tags and call or email to make arrangements with Terri. Items that don't sell can either be brought back to you or you can choose to donate them for the next sale with proceeds going to Various BCHW projects around the state. Checks for sold items are mailed the week after the sale.

### Legislative Report by Mark Vorce

**HB 1838 Protecting, restoring, and maintaining habitat for salmon recovery.** – short summary of bill: Requires, with certain specified exemptions, public and private landowners who own property adjacent to a body of water identified and mapped on a riparian management zone map to establish, maintain, and protect the riparian management zone.

**STATUS:** after a huge 2-part public hearing on January 19<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> this bill remains in the same committee. This bill is expected to go no further this session but is always good to keep an eye on this one through to the end. This bill would have HUGE effect on farmers, ranchers or anyone with water near or on their property. The state would compensate for their loss of revenue. But as usual, the compensation would not be remotely close to what the actual loss of revenue or usage

**SB 5882 Clarifying the existence of riparian stock watering Rights** – short summary of bill: Establishes that nothing contained in the (department of Ecology) Water Code shall be construed to lessen, enlarge, or modify the existing rights of any riparian stock watering rights.

**STATUS:** This on the schedule for executive session in the Senate Ag Committee 2/3 @ 1:30pm.

**HB 1928 Concerning equine industry support** – short summary of bill: Creates the Washington Equine Industry Reinvestment Account (Reinvestment Account) in the State Treasury, funded through an annual mandatory State General Fund transfer. • Establishes the formula for calculating the amount of the annual transfer from the State General Fund to the Reinvestment Account. • Directs the Legislature to annually appropriate monies in the Reinvestment Account for a variety of purposes, including Washington Horse Racing Commission operations, breeder awards, nonprofit races, equine activities, race purses, equine health and safety programs, and maintaining and repairing facilities.

**STATUS:** After a public hearing in House Appropriations this bill is scheduled for executive session 2/3 @ 1:30pm.

**SB 5504 Extending current discover pass free days from state parks to all state recreation sites and lands**– short summary of bill: Requires the State Parks and Recreation Commission, in consultation with the departments of Fish and Wildlife and Natural Resources, to designate up to 12 days per calendar year where entry to a recreation site or lands is free.

**STATUS:** this appears to be moving through channels for passage

**SB 5865 Establishing recreational target shooting areas on public lands**– short summary of bill: Includes recreational target shooting in designated areas in the list of activities where public and private landowners shall not be liable for unintentional injuries. • Exempts amounts the Department of Natural Resources receives from lease agreements to operate recreational target shooting facilities from the definition of fees for purposes of recreational immunity.

**STATUS:** It had a public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ag January 27<sup>th</sup> and remains there. Prognosis is that there is conflicting policy language that needs to be fixed. Probably not enough time to do it this session. It will most likely be back next year.

**SB 5608 Concerning free public access to state parks and lands** – short summary of bill: Repeals the Discover Pass Program.

**STATUS:** Probably not going anywhere this year. It remains in the Senate Committee on Ag since January 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Domestic Animal Waste (DOH)** – this is tabled until at least April. They will have more public comment periods.

## THE PRESIDENTS PODIUM:

Howdy folks, my oh my has it been a rough couple years for all of us. Hopefully we get can get back to some sense of normalcy. I am not much for words but I will throw in my 2 cents. Due to the Covid we have not done hardly any meetings, rides or work parties. This year I hope to change that. I really miss getting together with the members and going for rides. If you have any culinary skills, I really want to have you as a member. This is my first rodeo being the chapter president, so please be patient with me. If anyone has any thoughts, ideas or suggestions please let me or our chapter director Terri Crawford know. We want to hear from you!!

Mark Vorce  
Mt Adams President

## *From the Director's Chair*

As I am sure a lot of you may have heard BCHW has been going through some changes. A big one that was implemented this last fall is the adoption of the Centralized Accounting Program. What it means in simple terms is all the funds across the state are now held in one account at the state level with sub accounts for each chapter. Every chapter has access to all of its funds without the headaches of having to maintain separate bank accounts. It has made the Chapter Treasurers jobs so much simpler by eliminating a ton of paperwork, making how we manage funds for memberships and chapter expenses so much easier. As with most things, it is a work in progress with everyone sharing thoughts and ideas, and I believe it will turn into a great system that will benefit all the chapters and make the state treasurers job better. Also at the December meeting the BCHW Board of Directors approved the formation of an Executive Committee to handle the day to day business of BCHW. Typically business that couldn't be handled by the President or Treasurer had to wait until one of the quarterly Board of Directors meetings but that will change. The President is the head of the Ex. Committee and the Board of Directors still has the final say and gives direction to the Ex. Comm. The Ex. Comm. will be made up of the President, Treasurer, Secretary, three chapter directors and three non-directors. An Implementation comm. has been formed to rewrite the BCHW By-Laws to make this all legal. This should be accomplished by June and the final vote to approve should happen at the June BOD meeting.

Something new we will be trying out for the chapter is changing how we hold our meetings. It was proposed and approved we have a business meeting once a quarter online via zoom. Other chapters have been doing this quite successfully since the start of the pandemic and more members have actually been able to attend meetings as they are right in the comforts of their own homes! What a world we live in now.. The proposal also suggested we have one to three social gatherings per quarter in addition to any scheduled chapter rides or work parties. The plan is to have some speakers come in and discuss various pertinent topics, have presentations from folks such as a shoer, vet, some of our own packing experts, who ever you want to hear from. How about another packing clinic with Robert Eversole, The Trailmeister? Maybe a session on how to make a simple mohair cinch or breast collar, leather working, massage therapy for your horse - the possibilities are endless. What would you like to learn about or skill do you have to share? Our meetings don't all have to be boring dry business meetings, let's throw some social time in the mix and see what we can get going. If anyone wants help getting Zoom set up on their tablet or computer I am happy to help and I think Mark is our expert on using Zoom with your phone. Reach out to either of us please before the upcoming meeting on Monday February 7 at 7pm and we will help you get set up. If anyone else has good Zoom skills they'd like to share, give a shout! We can make this successful and I really believe it will open some new doors for us in how we communicate.

Rendezvous 2022 is fast approaching, we have the Used Tack Sale to look forward to as well as a host of mini clinics and presentations, great vendors and the big banquet dinner on Saturday night followed by the auction. The Chapter has reserved a table for the dinner so be sure and get your tickets, don't forget to let us know you will be attending so there will be enough seats at the table! Check out the different flyers here in the newsletter for info on some of the events at Rondy and I sure hope to see you all there!

Stay safe, be well and I hope to see you soon!

*Terri*

# Rendezvous

## March 18 - 20, 2022

OPEN  
TO  
THE  
PUBLIC



### Come join the fun!!!!

- ♦ VENDOR BOOTHS
- ♦ AUCTIONS
- ♦ CROSSCUT SAW CONTEST
- ♦ FRIDAY DINNER POTLUCK
- ♦ COWBOY CHURCH
- ♦ BCHW GENERAL MEETING and AWARDS
- ♦ CHAPTER DISPLAY CONTEST
- ♦ PHOTO CONTEST

#### Pre-Registration Required for:

Packing Classes

CPR Training

Visit [www.BCHW.org](http://www.BCHW.org) for registration forms.

## Back Country Horsemen's Statewide Celebration

### Free Classes & Demonstrations

- ROBERT "TRAILMEISTER" EVERSOLE  
PACKING 101  
ADVENTURES IN CAMPING
- EQUINE FOOT AND LEG CARE
- LADY LONG RIDER MOVIE SHOWING
- TRAILHEAD CAMPING WITHOUT A CAMPER
- KNOTS
- TRAILER MAINTENANCE
- BATTERIES & SOLAR POWER
- BCHW ACCOMPLISHMENT VIDEOS

### Kittitas County's Largest

## USED TACK SALE!!!

Camping and/or Saturday  
night catered dinner?

Registration is required.  
Spaces are limited.

[www.bchw.org](http://www.bchw.org)



For more information, visit

[www.bchw.org](http://www.bchw.org) OR

email [rondy2022@bchw.org](mailto:rondy2022@bchw.org)

**Friday & Saturday: 9 to 5**  
**Sunday: 9 to Noon**

**Kittitas Valley Event Center**

**Ellensburg Fairgrounds**

**512 N POPLAR, ELLENSBURG, WA**



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 Back Country Horsemen of Washington Annual Rendezvous
 

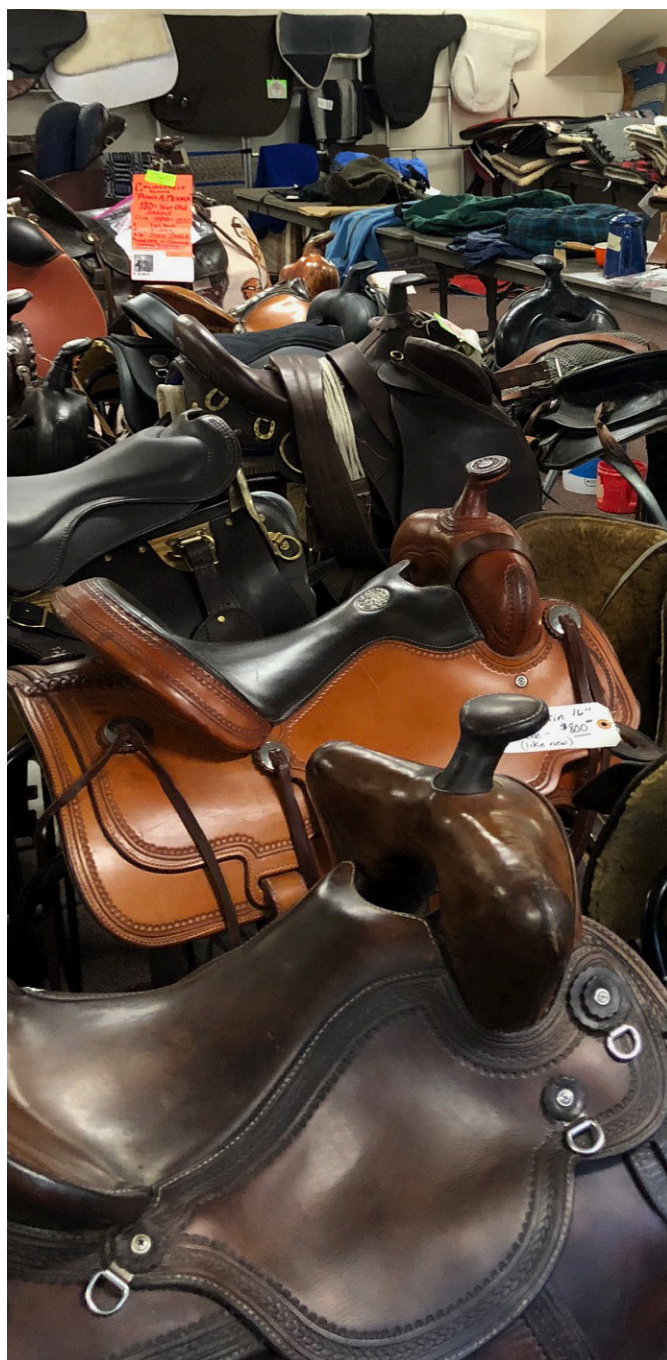
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# USED TACK SALE

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Used Tack ~ Vendor Booths ~ Free Classes & Demonstrations

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**Mark your calendars for Kittitas  
County's largest used tack sale!**

**March 18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Friday & Saturday 9 am - 5 pm**

**Kittitas Valley Event Center at the  
Ellensburg Fairgrounds**  
**512 N Poplar, Ellensburg, WA**

In addition to the sale, browse vendor booths offering  
special show prices:

- metal art
- alpaca products
- jewelry, clothing & hats
- arts & crafts
- leather work
- Cavallo's horse boots

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!** While you're there, come learn more  
about the Back Country Horsemen of Washington and attend  
free demos and classes by Robert Eversole - the TrailMeister.  
Learn about horse 1st aid, emergency help on the trail, solar  
panels for camping, using cross cut saws, and much more from  
back country experts!

**Tack sale info, contact Nancy Rust - [alrust@comcast.net](mailto:alrust@comcast.net)**

**More info about all  
Rendezvous activities at  
[BCHW.org](http://BCHW.org)**



### **2021 Packing Support Report by Len Rolph**

Our Chapter completed 3 projects this summer with good weather on all three. The only fly in the ointment was yellow-jacket and hornet nests very close to the trail on the two Foggy Flat runs out of the Muddy Meadows trailhead. We got hit twice, going both directions, but sprayed the ones we located. A little excitement, but the only damage was to my left ear, which was still sore on Wednesday after Sunday's trip. No reports from the horses and mule on their sore spots!

The main project this year was packing supplies both in and out for a new (in this area) volunteer group called Wilderness Volunteers. It's a nation wide organization, and joins the Pacific Crest Trail Assoc. and the Washington Trails Assoc. doing trail work in our area. They contacted Dean Robertson, at the Forest Service, and Dean asked for our help.

This group wasn't familiar with pack animals, how to organize their gear or the necessity of evenly packed loads, so it took an extra hour or more to get loaded. We needed 6 pack animals but managed to get everything on 5. Hopefully they will be better prepared next year.

The third trip was the Indian Heaven Fish Plant. We delivered 1,000 cutthroat trout fingerlings to Bear and Deer Lakes. We had perfect weather, no bees, no mosquitos and as far as we could see, a total mortality of only four baby fish, two at each lake.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the packing. We all enjoyed the trips, and the trail crew, the Forest Service and the Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife, Goldendale Hatchery, all expressed their appreciation several times. We get a lot of good word of mouth support for pack animals in the back country with this work.

Our packers this year were Craig Vance, Mark Vorce, Cyndra McCloud, Ray Gamble, Travis Miller and Len Rolph. We appreciate our packers and the commitment they make to help us accomplish our volunteer work. Lyris Woolridge and Marilyn Milestone helped with the fish plant. This was the first time for each of them to go along on one of our volunteer trips. They expressed appreciation and enjoyment of the day.

We were gearing up and recruiting packers for a 4th project this September of packing 35 timbers for a replacement bridge out of Mt Adams Horse Camp. Due to a steep downhill trail, with animals loaded with timbers, and a sharp turn or two, there were some questions and concerns. The Forest Service ended up not needing our help because they could use a tracked trail machine that could haul 4 timbers per load safely. They are aware, though, that we are more than happy to help anytime. this bridge desperately needed replaced and it was made possible by a grant Mark Vorce worked up and applied for some time ago. Mark has obtained grants for several projects.

Overall it was a productive year we all enjoyed with no injuries, great weather and the knowledge we helped to keep the trails open and safe for everyone.

### **Mt Adams Chapter Meeting Minutes for Sept 19, 2021**

**Vice-president** Len Rolph called the meeting to order at the Glenwood Grange Hall in Jim Pence's absence. There were twelve people present.

**Mark Vorce** introduced our special guest, State Treasurer Teri Starke. She explained she was present to explain the new Centralized Accounting System, the reasons for it, to correct misinformation and answer questions and concerns. Teri gave a wealth of information and several handouts. There was quite a bit of discussion and many questions answered. We really appreciate Teri taking a whole day to come from Ellensburg to talk with us. Mark made a motion for our chapter to start the process for centralized accounting. Terri Crawford seconded the motion; unanimous vote in favor. Credit cards for our account will be held by Terri Crawford, Mark Vorce and Connie Baugher.

**Directors Report:** Mark explained the vacant state officer positions; that BCHW is going to be "reimagined with regionalizing". There was discussion.

**Packing Report:** See Len's report

**New Business:** Linda Turner reported that there had evident been substantial knapweed at Mt Adams Horse Camp. When she was there a month or so ago, there were large black garbage bags of knapweed out in the are and she placed them in the dumpster to be hauled away. She reported the manure bins were clean and area was clean.

**Kathy Rolph** asked for suggestions to create enthusiasm and participation. Several ideas were discussed. By unanimous vote we won't schedule monthly meetings but have them every few months. We need to have more interesting meetings. This discussion included possible presentations of general interest t the meeting, food and ways to create camaraderie, more rides.

Terri Crawford reported riding with friends at Brooks Park. She cleaned a trail herself while someone was there to hold her her horse, Terri explained the hierarchy of authority over the park and that it was really appreciated when she cleared an entire trail. She just did it. Maybe our bunch could?

Terri will compile a newsletter again agin, folks, but she wants information to put in it. Someone want to write an article of helpful information? Ads for "sale" or "want" of horse or stock related items; other ideas to make an interesting newsletter.

After discussion, our next meeting will be on December 5 at 21:00 pm for our Christmas party. *(Sadly our party was canceled due to lack of participation)*

Sincerely submitted by Kathy Rolph, Secretary



## BCHW SADDLE RAFFLE

### SYNERGIST Saddle

16" seat, full Quarter Horse Bars

\$5 per ticket

Tickets available at Leadership January 22<sup>nd</sup> in Ellensburg, thru some chapters, and at Rendezvous, March 18-20 in Ellensburg

**Drawing will be March 20<sup>th</sup> Need not be present to win.**

Saddle graciously donated by Pam Lincoln



### CPR & First Aid Training Class

Our First Aid / CPR Certifications will be held at Rendezvous the weekend of March 18-20, 2022 in Ellensburg at the Kittitas Valley Event Center.

### Two class choices:

Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Or

Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 8:00am – 12:00pm

These classes will be taught by Lt. Roy Varney

There will be a max of 10 students per class

If you want to attend there will be a \$10 registration fee charged in advance. IF you attend the class you will be refunded \$5 unless you wish to donate it.

**To receive a FA/CPR Card for your wallet there will be an additional fee when you order it online!**

A wallet card is not required for Sawyer Certification.



### Legend

1. Event Center Office
2. Souvenir Booth
3. Gazebo
4. Maintenance Shop
5. Bloom Pavilion
6. Colockum Room
7. Swine & Cattle Barn
8. Draft Horse Barn
9. Light Horse Barn
10. Poultry/Rabbit Barn
11. Teanaway Hall
12. Umtanum Hall
13. Manastash Room
14. Heritage Center
15. Naneum Room
16. Taneum Room
17. Frontier Village
18. Hunt Memorial Dog Arena
19. Rodeo Concession Stand
20. Behind The Chutes
21. Buckaroo Stands
22. Gold Buckle
23. 8th Ave. Ticket Office
24. Western Town

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# 2022 MT ADAMS RIDE AND ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

• To Be Determined •

## 2022 BCHW Events

### **BCHW Board of Directors (BOD) Meetings:**

March 19, 2022 - 1st QTR BCHW BOD meeting - Kittitas Valley Event Center - Ellensburg  
 June 18, 2022 - 2nd QTR BCHW BOD meeting - Kittitas Valley Event Center - Ellensburg  
 September 17, 2022 - 3rd QTR BCHW BOD meeting - Kittitas Valley Event Center - Ellensburg  
 December 3, 2022 - 4th QTR BCHW BOD meeting - Kittitas Valley Event Center - Ellensburg

2022 Leadership Currently Scheduled January 22 (In Person) [Click here for or more info.](#)

2022 Leadership Currently Scheduled January 29 (Virtual by Zoom) [Click here for or more info.](#)

2022 BCHW Rendezvous 3/18-20 For more info, [click here.](#)

2022 Wine Ride October 29th

### **2022 Regional Work Parties:**

**Kalama Regional Work Party June 22-27th** [Click here for printable Flyer](#)

Mt. St. Helen's chapter of BCHW is hosting a regional work party at Kalama Horse camp in SW Washington near Cougar WA. Camp sites are available June 22-27th and the work party will be from the 23-26th. You can find more information and how to register [by clicking on this link.](#)

**Nannie Ridge Trail #98 Reroute Regional Work Party July 21st - 25th** [Click here for printable Flyer](#)

Lewis Co. Chapter of BCHW is hosting a collaborative work party at Walupt Lake in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. **FOCUS WILL BE - NANNIE RIDGE TRAIL #98 REROUTE (tread work brushing and more)**  
 Camping at horse camp and volunteers may choose to camp at worksite  
 You can find more information and how to register [by clicking on this link.](#)

**Soda Springs/Jug Lake Regional Work Party August 10th - 14th** [Click here for printable Flyer](#)

Lewis Co. Chapter of BCHW is hosting a collaborative work party with The Cowlitz Valley District of the USFS. We will be working on some much needed trail tread and logout. Camping will be dispersed at trailhead and wilderness setting at worksites You can find more information and how to register [by clicking on this link](#)

### **BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON MISSION STATEMENT**



**BCHW is affiliated with Back Country Horsemen of America**





# 2022 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## Mt Adams

## Chapter Rides and Other Events

### April 2022:

#### **April 29 - May 1 Methow Valley Spring Ride & Auction,**

Put on by the Methow Valley Chapter. For a printable flyer and paper registration [click here](#)

To register online, [click here](#)

#### **April 30 - May 1st, Front Country Trailhead Camping Seminar,**

Put on by the Ponderosa Chapter. For a printable flyer [click here](#)

For more info and registration form, [click here](#)

### May 2022:

#### **May 14th, 2022, Whatcom Chapter Annual Auction**

At the Deming Logging Place, 3295 Cedarville Rd. Bellingham, WA. Silent from 5:30pm to 7:00pm and Live starts at 7:15pm. We will have new items, gently used items, horse items and non-horse items, something for everybody! Contact Melinda Smull for more information at 360-595-2137

#### **May 15, 2022, Ponderosa Chapter Poker Ride**

Raffle 11am - 1pm • Riders out: 9am - 11am Ride length approx. 2 1/2 hours

Family Event, Kids 17 & under FREE! Lunch available for \$7.00

Pre-register by May 3rd Click [here for online registration form](#). Register at event \$30 per Rider 18+

Equestrian camping available 20 sites reservations at [Washington State Parks Reservations](#)

or call 888-226-7688 and select Riverside Park Equestrian Area

For Printable Flyer, [Click Here](#)

#### **Tentative May 2022 \*\*Rattlesnake Ridge Riders Surprise Ride**

### June 2022:

#### **June 24 - 26, 2022, Northeast Chapter 6th Annual Vicki Gish Memorial Ride**

Three fun days of camping, riding and camaraderie. Come one or all three days. This is to honor Vicki Gish and how instrumental she was in developing the trails in the Calispel Basin. Trails will be marked so you can go on your own or go with a group. Potluck on Saturday night which always proves to be amazing. Camping is free, stock water available and there will be porta-potties. If you have questions, please call Marian Carson at (509) 999-1547 or email her BEFORE that week as she'll be up there marking trails for all to enjoy. It's a GREAT time!! Flyer to be posted at a later date.

#### **June 25, 2022 Grays Harbor Chapter Fund Ride**

#### **Grays Harbor Chapter BCHW TRAIL FUND RIDE June 25, 2022**

\$25 registration fee includes 1 ticket for ride with lunch and 1 prize ticket Tickets will be drawn at 11:15 and attached to prizes. This ride will be at the Schafer Grade. This is Green Diamond Resources land, no permits required. For a printable flyer [Click here](#)



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## Registration Forms for Rendezvous weekend:

Online Camping and Catered Dinner  
reservation form [Click here](#)

Printable Paper Camping and Catered Dinner  
reservation form [Click here](#)

**Early Bird rates end on March 10th • No refunds after March 1st**

## Clinics:

First Aid/CPR Certification Class,  
**Pre-Registration Required** [Click Here](#)  
Flyer: [Click Here](#)

"Just Pack It" Rendezvous Clinic  
**re-Registration Required** [Click Here](#) Flyer: [Click Here](#)

TrailMeister Flyer [Click Here](#)

## Other Events:

## Don't forget you can share

on the Chapter FaceBook page!

If you are not sure how to get there and do this , here is the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/BCHWMtAdamsChapter>

Just click on the link above and it should take you right to our page and you can share any ideas on taking a ride somewhere.

You can also use the FB page to list classified items you may have for sale or post ideas for a future event or meeting.

Know of a fun event coming up, please share it for all to attend and enjoy.

While the main FaceBook is public, if you have Chapter business to share only with members, don't forget the Chapter Private Group. It is for BCH members only - any chapter or state but must be a BCH member somewhere - so anything you post or share there is only going to be seen by the membership. The more members that join the better of a tool it will be for us to use. Only requirement when you ask to "join" the group is to answer the questions of which chapter you belong to. There are no extra passwords or secret handshakes, just your BCH affiliation.

Here is the link to access the group:

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/1981010085278693/?source\\_id=189078361246701](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1981010085278693/?source_id=189078361246701)



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