

RENDEZVOUS 2026 DEMOS, CLASSES AND COMPETITIONS

Cowboy guitar 101 -Learn some easy cowboy songs for around the campfire. This is a beginner's class; those who don't know anything about guitar playing. You will learn tuning, basic & easy chords, and strumming techniques. Bring your own guitar, please.

Barb Penniston & Mike Walcker -Heritage room, Saturday 11:00am-12:30pm

Fire Extinguishers – Lt. Roy Varney will explain and demonstrate the proper use of fire extinguishers, especially with regard to fires on vehicles and LQ trailers. Roy Varney – Taneum room, Friday and Saturday, 10:00am-11:00am & 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Packing for Beginners – Darrell Wallace - Interested in going on a pack trip but don't know how? We want to encourage you to go packing! Darrell will demonstrate a number of recreational packing options for beginners. Discussion of risks, advantages and disadvantages of each packing technique, and Do's and Don'ts. This will not involve livestock, just barrel stands, pack saddles, and packing gear. Darrell Wallace – Cattle and Swine barn, Saturday, 11:00am to 12:30pm

Backcountry Guide to Equine First Aid- is an engaging, theory-based presentation created for Backcountry Horsemen who want to be better prepared when things go wrong far from help. This session covers smart trip planning, communication strategies, and how to recognize and respond to common injuries and illnesses in remote settings. Packed with practical, real-world insight, it delivers essential “must-know before you go” knowledge for safer and more confident backcountry travel. Riders who want to build hands-on skills can continue their training in the full-day course where these concepts are put into practice through guided, scenario-based instruction. To learn more, check out www.steepridgetrails.com. Heritage room, Friday 2:00pm to 4:00pm, Saturday 10:00am to 12:00am

DAVE MORRISON SADDLE FITTING - PROPER SADDLE FITTING, DAVE MORRISON - Morrison Custom Fit Saddles, is based on providing saddles that are lightweight and built on trees that are custom fit to the backs of horses and mules that are experiencing saddle fit problems. My demos will use the Dennis Lane Back Profiling System to measure the animal to get a tree built that conforms to its back, no matter its size or conformation. I will outline some common behavioral and performance problems associated with poor fitting saddles. Bloom Annex, Friday 1:00pm to 2:00pm, Cattle Barn, Saturday 1:00pm to 2:00pm

HORSE MASSAGE - Brandy Crawford has always been star struck by horses. At a young age she began riding horses for pleasure and later competed in the performance arena. Throughout her life she has been an avid horse rider; even when stationed overseas. After retiring from a career in the military she chose to give back to the horses and became an equine massage therapist. There she finds her passion in life and her “happy place”. Massaging horses is a unique gift that can be performed by a compassionate individual.

As a graduate of the Langley Equine Studies Soap Lake, WA. Brandy is nationally certified in equine (large animal) massage through NBCAAM (National Board of Certification for Animal Acupressure and

Massage). She is licensed by the Washington State Department of Health and insured through Hands on Trade Association.

Brandy offers a holistic massage experience for your equine. The benefits of massage may include increased flexibility, muscle recovery, injury prevention, reduction in stiffness, and overall comfort. Ask about her additional services offered such as equine kinesiology taping

Please have the horse clean, dry, and groomed prior to making an appointment. Cattle Barn, Saturday 9:00am to 10:00am.

Horses as Healers: Expanding the Role of the Horse - Equine-assisted work is often associated with therapeutic riding programs—but the impact of horses extends far beyond that model. In this live demonstration, Jennifer Malocha will showcase how horses facilitate emotional regulation, trauma recovery, leadership development, and personal growth across a wide range of populations, including veterans, first responders, executives, and individuals navigating life transitions. Working alongside a horse, Jennifer will demonstrate how horses instinctively respond to what is happening inside a person—not what they are trying to project. As the interaction unfolds, the horse's behavior reflects changes in focus, confidence, and internal steadiness, offering clear insight without force, interpretation, or theatrics. Attendees will see firsthand how this dynamic creates meaningful impact across diverse populations and why a horse's contribution extends far beyond its usefulness under saddle.

About the Presenter:

Jennifer Malocha is an equine-assisted facilitator and educator with over 15 years of horsemanship study, including advanced training in trauma-informed practices and experiential learning models. She partners with horses to support personal development and leadership growth through groundwork-based interaction. Bloom Pavilion Friday and Saturday 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Creating a Hellhat – Beth Ferris

A lot more riders are wearing helmets these days. Some have chosen to fix them up to look a little more Western. This became known as, "Hellhats". We'll start with your favorite helmet, add a brim, and decorate. The original Hellhats started with a palm or straw type cowboy hat. The crown was cut off and attached to the helmet. Currently, there are several manufacturers with premade brims that are easy to attach to the helmet. People who are serious about building their own custom Hellhat need to contact me before rendezvous. I will send you more information about purchasing a hat or brim to build your Hellhat. I will also send you some ideas that will help you with some creative ideas. I will have scissors and other cutting tools available along with several glue guns. I will have some decorative trims available. I encourage people to go to your local craft store to pick up items you like. Everyone is welcome to observe what we are doing. If you plan to build your own custom Hellhat, please contact me, Beth Ferris, at 425-327-4881 or highcountryrider@hotmail.com. Taneum, Saturday 11:00am to 1:00pm

Adventure Awaits: Riding with Confidence When the Trail Gets Real – Robert Eversole

Feeling nervous before a ride doesn't mean you shouldn't go—it means you care. This engaging session explains why anxiety happens, how it can improve judgment, and simple tools to stay calm, prepared, and confident in the backcountry. Leave with skills you can use on your very next ride. Teanaway Saturday 9:00am to 11:00am

The ABCs of Trail Riding - Robert Eversole Trail Riders and horse campers of all types will enjoy this primer on the why's and how's of trail riding. Each letter of the alphabet will start another discussion, and we'll ride the trail from Advocacy to Knots to Xenophon and more. Teanaway Friday 9:00am to 11:00am

Hay Testing, why and how to read the report – Nick Winfrey

Hay is tested for a variety of reasons, to assess:

Nutritional Value: Different hay types have varying nutritional contents. By testing, you ensure that your livestock gets the right balance of nutrients, which promotes health and productivity.

2. Quality Control: Testing can identify any contaminants or toxins in the hay, such as mold, dust, or harmful plants, that could harm your animals.

3. Cost-Effectiveness: Knowing the exact nutrient content of your hay can help you balance your feed rations more precisely, potentially reducing the need for expensive supplements.

4. Production Monitoring: Regular testing helps track the quality of hay over time, allowing for adjustments in cultivation and harvesting practices to improve future yields.

5. Animal Health: Proper nutrition is critical for preventing illnesses and maintaining overall animal health, which leads to better performance and longevity of livestock.

Friday 11:30am to 12:30pm in the Heritage Room

Trail Warriors Young Trail Rider Project –Carole Shuh

The sad truth is... BCH is aging out.

How do you change that?

How do you start a youth program?

How do you reach out to the young riders in your area?

Trail Warriors is a successful two-year-old collaboration between BCHW and 4-H.

Come and find out more at this informative workshop. Heritage, Saturday 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Trail Mapping – Brenda Nass - Part 1 of the trail mapping class will teach you how to use either Gaia or Avenza mobile apps for offline backcountry navigation as a tool to help keep you safe on the trails. You'll learn about app differences, costs, and how to import and use detailed maps like USGS, National Geographic, and US Forest Service for GPS navigation without cell service. Features include recording tracks, measuring distances, taking waypoints, adding pictures, and exporting tracks.

Part 2 will introduce you to Niki Curnell's [TRAIL CATALOG](#) where you can discover and share trails submitted by other equestrians. Niki is a registered veterinary technician, an equine bodyworker and is a wilderness first aid/CPR certified. She teaches ultralight horse packing throughout the Pacific Northwest and is expanding throughout the west coast in Summer of 2026. She will show us how to upload and share your recorded routes as another way to help preserve and maintain our horse trails in addition to using loppers and chainsaws!

Does the Shoe Fit? - Clyde Lyman & other local CJF farriers - Claude Lyman CJF and other local farriers with the Farriers Association of Washington State will be shoeing a horse using handmade shoes. Learn about shoe selection, the use of clips, traction devices and other modifications farriers use to keep your horse sound in different environments. Hiring a qualified farrier is your best bet to keep your horses safe and sound on the trail this season. Pavement opposite Umtaneum overhang, Saturday 9:00am to 11:00am.

Dutch Oven - Gathering of anyone interested in Dutch oven cooking. We will meet at the Umptaneum overhang. From 9 to 12 on Friday. Let's all have fun giving it a try. Bring your own cookware.

Equine First Aid - Dr. Jack Gillette will be presenting a seminar on Equine First Aid. Covering practical things, you need to know at home or in the backcountry. Gems from over 43 years of practice. Come join us and bring your questions. Taneum, Saturday, 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Corralling Members for Success – Peninsula Chapter - Join us for a Membership Roundup! What's the key to attracting and keeping members across our community? What is working? What's not? How can we do better? Join our conversation and help shape our future! Naneum, Saturday 12:30 to 2:00pm

Equine Limb Bandages – Dr Hannah Hendry of CWEH will demonstrate the proper way to bandage horses' limbs. Cattle Barn Friday 10:30am to noon.