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Rendezvous 2026 Recap and Looking Forward to Rendezvous 2027

By Teri Starke, BCHW Treasurer



Thank you to all the volunteers whose efforts made Rendezvous 2026 such a success. It was a wonderful weekend spent with members, vendors, and prospective members, and I was impressed by the strong attendance at the events I visited.

If you joined the Friday night line dancing and lessons, you were not alone — the Armory was packed. Because of the strong turnout, the Friday night lessons will move to the Teanaway Building in 2027. If you would like to learn some steps before Rendezvous, Moonshine Line Dancing has a YouTube channel that teaches many of the same dances, so you can practice in advance.

We hope to finalize the full schedule by February 1, 2027, so we can advertise it properly without making multiple revisions. If you would like to teach a class, demonstrate a skill, or share one

of your trail hacks, please contact me to schedule your time and discuss any requirements.

We are also reviewing the future of the Used Tack Sale. The number of consigners has declined each year, and the sale requires a great deal of work. Is the Used Tack Sale something that brings you to Rendezvous? What would you like to see offered that is not available now? Please email me at tstrk21@msn.com and let me know what Rendezvous is missing.

We are always looking for volunteers. We hope to identify the specific help needed for Rendezvous 2027 by the June Board of Directors meeting so we can begin recruiting volunteers early. Please get in touch with your ideas and let us know how you can help make Rendezvous a success. 🐾

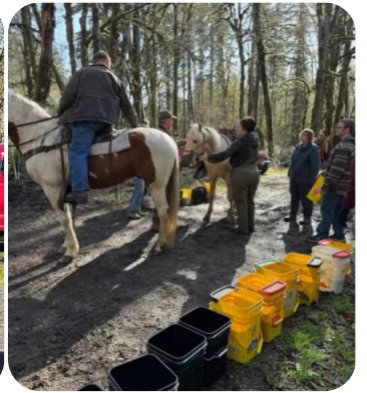
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BCHW is affiliated with Back Country Horsemen of America (hereinafter “BCHA”) and therefore adopts the BCHA mission statement as follows: The mission of this organization shall be:

- To perpetuate the common-sense use and enjoyment of horses in America’s back country and wilderness.
- To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
- To assist the various governmental and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
- To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
- To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters in the state organization.



Great Gravel Haul-In Revived – March 22, 2026!



On one of the few sunny days in March, BCHW members, DNR staff, family, and friends gathered once again for the Great Gravel Haul-In. This had once been an annual event organized for many years by Ed Haefliger and other long-time packers who brought their pack stock to Capitol State Forest to haul gravel in and improve trails. Sadly, Ed passed away in December 2025, but he was the inspiration behind bringing back the event that showcased the capabilities of pack stock and brought recreation enthusiasts and DNR land managers together for a day of cooperation and camaraderie.

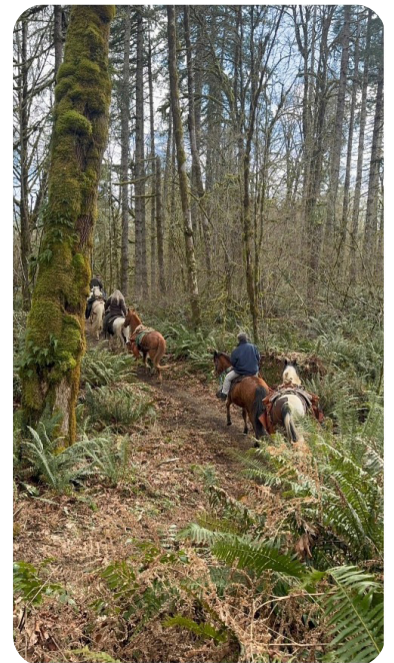
Although the initial idea was to have a small “mini gravel haul-in,” the equine community’s response to the idea was overwhelming — in a good way! It was more challenging than expected to find experienced packers willing and able to participate. Some people were willing and had the stock, but lacked experience or pack gear. As a result, we had to locate pack saddles and

also find bags suitable for hauling gravel. But folks really came through to make this event happen!

Pack saddles were dusted off, oiled up, and loaned out to those who had the stock. Lewis and Pierce County chapters loaned us gravel bags. People who had participated in past Great Gravel Haul-Ins shared their knowledge and experience on how to load gravel onto stock and manage the flow of animals and ground crews. By the time the work party date arrived, there were seven pack teams outfitted with gravel-hauling gear, practiced and ready to go — five of which had never packed their animals before!

Others also stepped forward to help with different aspects of the event. Sally Wilson and Jack Gillette, who had worked with Ed at past gravel hauls, brought soup and stew. Other folks

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cooked and donated dishes as well. Nisqually Chapter brought out and set up their trailer, which is outfitted with cook stoves, a generator, and other supplies needed for feeding large groups. Scatter Creek Chapter managed the ever-necessary paperwork. Thurston County Equine Outreach supplied radios for communication between base camp and the work sites.

Goals for the day were to improve muddy areas on trails, see pack stock in action, and honor Ed Haefliger for a lifetime of commitment to ensuring stock have a place on public lands. At the end of the day, drains were cleared and muddy spots repaired

along 1.3 miles of the Campground Trail. An estimated 3.5 tons of gravel were hauled by horses and mules, and more than 40 people turned out to participate.

There was plenty of much-appreciated hot food for the volunteers after the work was done, and there was a genuine feeling of accomplishment and camaraderie.

Thank you to Capitol Riders for sponsoring the event, and to all BCHW chapters, DNR, and each and every individual who helped in ways both big and small to make this day a success! 🍀



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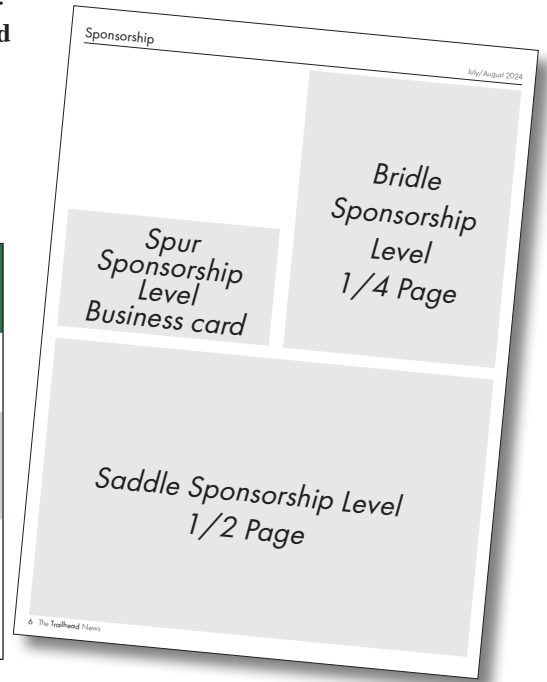
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- **The Trailhead News publication goes to 2100+ members**
- **Rendezvous Three-day event gathers 400+ members and 100+ public attendance**



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Contact president@bchw.org for more information

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From Backcountry Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) Safety Officer

By Chuck Regimbal, BCHW Safety Officer

Trail etiquette is a safety topic.

Trail etiquette is an understood but not well published subject. What one considers rude another considers routine. Even so, as the BCHW safety officer, there are a few things I wish to say about trail etiquette.

When riding alone, you do not have an immediate influence over anyone else or their horses. But you are still training your horse for certain habits that will affect others when in a group.

When you are in a group, and going single file down a trail, you very much have an influence over others and their horses.

The lead horse sets the mood and pace for the whole line. The leader should look back often to see if the following horses are lagging behind or are fussing. Setting an irregular pace, like trotting up a hill to then return to a walk causes the following horses to accordion the line. A few times doing this and most following horses will become upset. This applies to the lead horse as well as any other horse in line. Keep a constant pace.

When you are out alone, you are also NOT conditioning your horse to accept any position in the line. You will eventually find yourself riding with others, a most enjoyable setting. But there are dynamics at play here. The horses develop a pecking order, especially with unfamiliar horses.

Here are a few suggestions,

It takes a bit of patience, but when getting into line to head down the trail figure out the best arrangement of horses. Pasture mates may not want any separation.

Your horse cannot always be the lead horse so prepare your horse to fall into line, not in the lead.

If a person is having trouble with a fidgety horse, stop the whole line in a safe place and let them settle their horse down, to figure out what the problem is. Do not just continue on.

Do not let your horse get in the habit of running up the hill. It is OK to do that when you permit it. But in line, a horse that habitually runs up a hill without the riders consent, will cause problems for others who are restraining their own horse.

Eventually somewhere along the trail, riders will want to pass other riders. That is OK, but do it with the slower rider's consent, and in a safe place. The lead horse person should be keeping track of all horses in the line.

If you are organizing a ride, question the participants and try to group faster horses together and slower horses in a separate group. Wear a helmet! 🐎



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You can send articles, photos and calendar of events early!

Please email your articles (700 word maximum) and 3 or 4 photos with caption and photo byline to thn@bchw.org as soon as possible.

ATTENTION!

FREE Listing on BCHW Chapter Events Calendar

Be sure to: • Contact the ride host to check for updates on the event.

• Check to see if dogs are welcome.

Note: The BCHW Trailhead News represents as many events as possible; however, it makes no guarantees an event will be published. The calendar of events is subject to change. Please check with ride contact for most updated information. Please send calendar corrections to: thn@bchw.org.

Grays Harbor Fund Ride

Saturday, June 20, 2026
 Shafer Grade in Matlock
 8:00 am-5:00 pm
 Long and short routes. Child and novice rider friendly.
 Food available for purchase. Prizes and raffle offered.
 Please no stallions or dogs on the trail.
 Contact Beth Brenshaw 360-581-6535

Mount Adams Scavenger Hunt Ride

Saturday, June 27, 2026
 Glenwood Rodeo Grounds: 65 Trout Lake Hwy
 Glenwood, WA 98619
 8:00 am-Check-in - ride starts: 9:00 am
 Prizes and silent auction
 Register before 2/22: \$25 Adult, \$15 youth
 message on FB or email: mountadamsbchw@gmail.com

Tahoma Chapter 36th Annual Prize Ride

Saturday, September 12, 2026
 Time out of first Rider: 8:00 am
 25258 Landsburg Rd SE, Ravensdale, WA
 Cost: \$25.00 - includes lunch and 5 raffle tickets
 Leashed dogs, No Stallions, No Smoking, No Alcohol
 Chapter website: www.tahomabchw.org

2nd QTR BCHW Board of Directors' Meeting

Saturday, June 20, 2026
 9:00 am, Armory
 Kittitas Valley Event Center
 901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA
president@bchw.org

Mt. St. Helens Chapter Fun Ride

Saturday, July 18, 2026
 Kalama Horse Camp
 Contact: brianjan55@gmail.com

Olympic Peninsula Packing Clinic - Intro to Pleasure Packing

Friday-Saturday, June 26-28, 2026
 Sage Horse Camp: 2514 Chicken Coop Rd
 Sequim, WA
 Includes: 2-day packing clinic, 2 night horse camping,
 & Dutch Oven dinner- -Tickets \$120.00
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Peninsula Chapter Olympic Spirit Prize Ride

Saturday, September 12, 2026
 Time out of first Rider: 9:30 am
 Sage Horse Camp
 2514 Chicken Coop Rd, Sequim, WA
 Register by Date: September 4, 2026
 Cost: \$30.00
 Cost of BBQ dinner: \$20.00
 Cost of camping: \$25.00/night
 Email: peninsulabchwchapter@gmail.com
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Your Chapter Ride or Event Must Be Open To All BCHW Members To Have A FREE Listing

Lines in the listing have a maximum character count of 32, including spaces. Please keep this in mind.

Please submit the following information with your event listing to thn@bchw.org.

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 Date _____
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 Location _____
 Register _____
 Lunch _____
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 Camping (if available) _____
 Cost to Member _____
 Cost to Non-member _____
 Contact Name _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____
 Website _____

Free Entrance Days in the National Parks

June 14: Flag Day/President Trump's birthday
July 3-5: Independence Day weekend
August 25: 110th Birthday of the National Park Service
September 17: Constitution Day
October 27: Theodore Roosevelt's birthday
November 11: Veterans Day

