

RENDEZVOUS CLINICS/CLASS/DEMO DESCRIPTIONS

Essentials in Emergency Preparedness - Amber Palmer

This 1.5-2-hour course covers disasters, alert types, mapping out your property, essentials of your "Go Bag", nose to tail assessments of your livestock, identifying shock, what to have on hand for shelter in place, and more! The course comes with a workbook for your planning and personal preparedness notes. Cost is \$10 per person, pre-registration/payment is highly encouraged as limited workbooks will be provided for walk ins. Please Reach out to Amber Palmer at stepridgetrails@gmail.com to reserve your spot and manual by March 1st.

Friday 2:00 to 5:00pm & Saturday 10am to 12:00, in the Heritage, bldg. 14.

Dutch Oven Cooking

Come join our dutch oven gathering or "DOG" --DOG stands for "Dutch Oven Gathering" and is open to anyone and everyone interested in dutch oven cooking. Whether you are experienced, new to dutch ovens or just want to check it out, please plan to stop by. If you plan to cook you will be expected to bring your own oven/ovens, utensils. and recipe/recipes. However, a limited number of ovens and utensils will be available to loan. This is a 2-day event beginning at 12 noon both Friday and Saturday. Friday will focus on basic techniques and cooking for the evening's potluck dinner while Saturday will focus on desserts for the banquet and dessert auction.

Friday

12:00 Welcome & introduction to basic cooking equipment and techniques
Show & tell various setups of participants
Descriptions of dishes to be prepared.
Throughout the afternoon various recipes will be presented and shared
The last presentation will focus on cleaning techniques.

Saturday

12:00 Welcome & introduction to desert cooking in dutch ovens
Description of dishes to be prepared
Throughout the afternoon various dishes and recipes will be discussed and shared
As the banquet begins dishes will be transported to the banquet room for display and used for the Dessert Auction

For more information call Bill McKenna 360-220-5909

This is outside of the Umtaneum, BLDG 12 on the east side under the overhang

Proper Saddle Fitting and Building w/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 it's size or conformation. I will outline some common behavioral and performance problems associated with poor fitting saddles.

Friday & Saturday - 1:00 to 2:00pm in Bloom Annex

Trailmeister – Cinch Clinic w/Robert Eversole

In my clinics, I teach horse and mule enthusiasts how to craft woven mohair cinches. Attendees will leave with a safe, functional custom cinch as well as the tools and knowledge to make more in the future. All materials and tools for the clinic are provided, and participants will keep these to continue their cinch-making journey. Pre-Registration required.

This introductory clinic covers a wide range of topics, including:

- Cinch Materials: Natural vs. Synthetic
- Determining Cinch Size
- How Conformation Affects Cinch Width and Length
- Essential Knots to Know
- Calculating Cordage Length
- Building the Cinch: Step-by-Step
- Design and Detailing Work
- After-Build Care for Your Cinch
- Resources for Materials and Future Projects

Students can choose to make either a straight riding cinch or a double ring packers cinch.

Participants will receive a custom loom, cinch-making tools, and all the materials they need to build their cinches during the clinic, and they will keep these tools for future use.

Friday and Saturday 8-1200 in the Teanaway, bldg. 11

Author of book HORSE BRAIN HUMAN BRAIN - Janet Jones

Janet Jones, the best-selling author of Horse Brain, Human Brain, will present two sessions on Saturday, March 15. She applies brain research to the training of horses and riders. Janet earned her PhD in cognitive science from UCLA and is a professional horse trainer.

Her book Horse Brain Human Brain has received great praise and has been touted as the book the horse world has been waiting for...It is a game changer. It is not just about training horses; it is about understanding them....

Please join us to gain insight into how your brain and your horse's brain can work together.

Horse Brain, Human Brain will be available for purchase at the event.

10:00 am “You’ve Seen That a Million Times!” - Equine brains cause horses to shy from tiny changes that human brains do not notice. An automatic process called categorical perception allows us to group different items together and treat them all the same. Horse brains don't have that process, so each item is considered new and different. By exploring differences in categorical perception, riders can anticipate and reduce shying.

2:00 pm Buddy-Sour: Managing Over-Attachment Between Horses – Some horses whinny frantically and gallop the fenceline back and forth when their best buddies leave for even a few minutes. Why does this separation anxiety occur, and how can owners reduce the problems it creates? This talk explores the complex social hierarchy among horses, why it exists, and how modern stabling impedes it. We turn then to applied techniques for preventing and correcting herd-bound behavior.

For more information about Janet Jones : janet-jones.com

Saturday 10:00 – 2:00pm in the Western Village, bldg. 24 VIP Room

Saddle Cleaning/Conditioning & Checking for Safety Issues – Sheila Shockey

This class will teach you how to properly clean and condition your saddle and all its parts. Best methods of cleaning, as well as tried and true cleaners, and best conditioners used by well-known Saddle Makers. While doing a thorough job of cleaning you will also be looking for safety issues and wear spots. This class is demonstration only, please do not bring your saddle to class. There will be a handout given with the class. No Fee for this class.

Friday 11:30-1pm in the Bloom Annex.

Chapter Presidents Forum

Two Chapter presidents, Mary Kane and Jill Breeze, will discuss compelling questions and invite comments and questions from participants. Different chapters have different skills and activities and we could benefit from hearing about those activities. Is your chapter visible in your community? How does your chapter interact with youth? What is your chapter ratio of rides to work parties? And other topics.

Saturday 9:00 -10:00 in the Western Village.

Equine 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 Equi-Tape Kinesiology taping

Please have the horse clean, dry and groomed prior to appointment.

Saturday 9:00-10:00AM in the Bloom Annex

Macramé Coiled Basket Class – Sheila Shockey

In this class you will build your own coiled macrame basket using rope and macrame cording. Super easy and a fun basket to build, your imagination is the limit. I will have other basket ideas on display to see firsthand examples of different styles you can create with this fast and easy technique. All supplies will be provided to you, just bring yourself and a friend to class. There is a \$20.00 fee for supplies per person. To register send email to: sheila1992@gmail.com

Saturday 11:00 – 3:00pm in the Western Village, bldg. 24, in shop 6

Use of Automated External Defibrillator (not a certification class)

Includes brief CPR refresher (talk through hands-only CPR) and how to integrate the new AEDs that we are seeing at trailheads, in grocery stores, etc. Includes an AED demo and allows participants to practice proper technique including timing. Thanks to Kittitas Emergency Medical Services System who has allowed use of their mannequins and AEDs for the classes. Come learn how to be a life saver!!

Saturday 8:30am - 10am in the Heritage Room, bldg. 14

Surviving an Emergency in the Wilderness

Hear from Search and Rescue Team members on real-world tips on surviving an emergency in the wilderness. Come learn things like how to manage an emergency, gear considerations, first aid kit components. Learn what happens when you finally make the decision to call for help and what a rescue looks like from a professional rescuer and what to be prepared for.

Saturday 12 noon - 1:30pm in the Heritage Room, bldg. 14

Plussing Up Your Chapter Meeting - Theresa Percy

Theresa Percy will share tips on how to get great speakers for your meeting. She has gotten speakers for Peninsula Chapter from all over the country to speak at Zoom meetings, such as the winner of the 2024 Tevis Cup, Jec Balou, and Janet Jones. For in-person meetings, we have had presentations from saddle makers, veterinarians, saddle fitters, and equine body work people.

Saturday 12 noon - 1:00pm in the Western Village VIP Room

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 the 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 trim 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.

Saturday - 1:00pm to 3:00pm, in the Western Village, bldg. 24, shop 3

Trailer Maintenance & Function

- I. What should be there: sway control, brake away, battery, weight distribution bars, lights, brake control box.
- II. What to check and how often: bearings, brakes, battery, lights, tire pressure, check hitch for rust, check ball mount for proper size, check trailer floors for rot.
- III. Basic mechanics on truck, fuel levels etc., before you head out, adjusting brake control.
- IV. How brakes work (different kinds)
- V. Changing a tire (?-for the ladies), the easiest way. Block/ramp to roll up on. Be sure to have tire changing tools (know where to find them).
What if lugs don't come lose what to do. AAA or US Rider assistance hazard triangle or flares (when to use them).
- VI. Defensive driving tips include control of a trailer hauling live weight.
Driving distance, Control of skidding (using the brake control lever)
Dave from Ellensburg Tire Brake and Bearings.

Saturday – 10:00 – 11:30am, in the Bloom Annex, next to bldg. 5

Trail Warriors Young Trail Rider Project

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. Carole Schuh.

Friday 12:30 to 2:00pm in Heritage, bldg. 14.

Saturday 10:30 to 12:00pm in the Naneum, bldg. 15

Tricks and tips forum for camping, riding, and dealing with horses

Ideas to help save time, money, and energy to make camping, riding, and dealing with horses easier. Products to use, where to buy items, and homemade remedies to make our trips easier.

Space saving tips & trick for setting up your horse trailer.

I am sending out an invite to the chapters and ask for people to share their ideas, I will have a form for them to fill out asking what the tip is: it is a product, how and why they use it, and where to get the product along with an estimated cost. If it is a trick to making something easier, how they use it where they got it or how to make it. If it is a trailer hack, how they make it work, and where to get the info on it. I also plan to ask if they are willing to stand up and speak about it and answer questions.

I will put this information together in a handout for those members that attend to take home. Traci Koch

Saturday 10:00am to 12:00 in Shop 3 in the Western Village

Custom Saddle Pad Moulding

North Fit Equine will be at the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington Rendezvous in Ellensburg this year, showcasing the revolutionary custom-molded saddle pad. Join us for live demonstrations of the quick and precise molding process, learn how our pads improve comfort and performance, and see firsthand how to create a custom North Fit butt pad tailored to your saddle and riding style. Whether you're a trail rider or a performance competitor, North Fit's innovative design ensures a perfect fit for both horse and rider. Patrick Penoyer.

Friday 2:00 to 4:00pm and Saturday 11:30am to 1:00pm in the Bloom Annex – on the East side of the Bloom

Hay Testing, why and how to read the report

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. Nick Winfrey

Friday 10:00 to 11:00am in the VIP Room in the Western Village

Planning for Work Party Meals

Kim Merrick and Teri Letcher share their experience and lessons learned when planning meals for multi-day work parties. Hear some great tips and fun stories about serving food to up to 90 people from a kitchen set up in the middle of nowhere. Tips on timing meals, clean up, avoiding leftovers, and supporting a great crew with margaritas.

Friday, 1:00 to 2:00pm in the Western Village

Youth Event Ideas

Presentation on a "Youth Trails Clinic". Now in its third year, the Youth Trails Clinic teaches safe trail riding, interacting with other users, LNT principles, and trail work. Geared to youth ages 8-18, who already own a horse. Includes a discussion of what other chapters are doing to connect with youth, and applying for grants.

Friday, 2:00pm to 2:45pm in the Western Village

Improving Your Chapter Meeting

Want to improve your chapter meeting? Even if you're not an officer, you can help. This is about basic meetings using Parliamentary Procedures, and how to be a good participant or facilitator.

Friday, 3:00pm to 3:45pm in the Western Village

