



# PONDEROSA

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ALWAYS IN FASHION WITH THE LATEST IN HARD HATS, MICHELLE EAMES APPLIES FINISHING TOUCHES TO THE ARENA PREPPING AND STAINING PROJECT AT RIVERSIDE STATE PARK EQUESTRIAN AREA.

## CALENDAR

***All event dates subject to change or cancellation: Watch facebook and the PON3 emails.***

**October 10 meeting and education at Riverside State Park Eq center; please RSVP. More details inside.**

**No meeting November 3: Remember to Vote!**

**Note from Tom Birge, PBCH President:**

***We are planning on having an October meeting, but due to the Covid restrictions still in place we will hold it outside at the Riverside State Park Equestrian Area.***

***It will be held on October 10th at 3 pm, weather permitting.***

***First on the agenda will be educational opportunities:***

***Camping and Containment Solutions (see more detail below).***

***After this we will have a short meeting following to discuss plans for 2021, such as education, work parties, rides, and anything else anyone would like to discuss.***

***If you have any questions reply to me at [tjbirge@msn.com](mailto:tjbirge@msn.com)***

***Thanks!***

***Tom***

In other business, the PBCH became members of the “Palouse to Cascades Trail Coalition” (PTCT). Our members share a common interest in the PTCT and rail to trails in general, and will help with promoting this trail and writing letters of support for specific PTCT projects. Following is a newsletter the coalition sent.

**Palouse to Cascades Trail Coalition  
September 2020 Newsletter**

There are a lot of activities taking place on the PTCT at this time, some very positive, some just sad. As most of you know, the Town of Malden was fairly decimated Labor Day as part of a wildfire. We are very sad this happened to this wonderful community right alongside the PTCT. The community has always been a huge supporter of the John Wayne Pioneer Wagons and Riders annual Spring Ride.

There are a number of construction projects currently under design along the PTCT. At Renslow, just east of Kittitas, decking and railings are being designed for this trestle across I-90. This will remove a

detour on paved county roads. At Tekoa, near the Idaho border, another trestle is being decked. This trestle is a centerpiece of the view of Tekoa and spans Hangman Creek for more than 900 feet.

At Beverly, 10 miles south of Vantage on I-90, there is a huge bridge across the Columbia River built in 1909. It is 3,389 feet in length and about 60 feet above the water. This bridge is having a concrete deck and steel railings installed on it next spring. Opening this bridge to trail use will close what is currently a 150 mile long detour through Wenatchee. Also, 10 miles to the east, a small bridge over Crab Creek is being replaced that was burned earlier this year.

Together these major projects will remove four current gaps in the PTCT. This will be a great benefit to trail visitors, particularly those doing the entire trail. At the same time State Parks is developing a trailhead at Malden and renovating two bridges between Malden and Rosalia. This project seems particularly prescient given recent events. We hope that it will be part of a rejuvenation of the Town of Malden.

In August the Coalition was invited by several State Parks Commissioners to make a presentation of suggested segments to improve. Marilyn Hedges presented several opportunities including Malden to Rock Lake, Rosalia to Malden, Rosalia to Tekoa, Lind to Warden, and connecting to the CPT at Paxton. We followed that with projects that we would like to contribute. This included placing information in new kiosks about the trail and services available in nearby communities. We are also planning to work with State Parks and other agencies to identify places for trail visitors to camp.

If you have questions please contact us at [info@palousetocascadestrail.org](mailto:info@palousetocascadestrail.org).

For more information visit [www.palousetocascadestrail.org](http://www.palousetocascadestrail.org)

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**The election of Ponderosa BCH officers will be taking place this fall. If you are interested in a position or have a nomination for President, Secretary or Treasurer, please contact the nominating committee:** Carol Klar [cklar32@gmail.com](mailto:cklar32@gmail.com) or Michelle Eames [seames4321@gmail.com](mailto:seames4321@gmail.com) .

# **PONDEROSA Educational News**

## ***Camping and Containment Solutions***

**On Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> at 3PM**, Ponderosa BCH we will offer demonstrations on two useful containment solutions for your horse while camping.

- How to set up a highline - Don Dyer
  - Don will also offer instruction on knot tying
- How to build an easy, inexpensive electric corral at your campsite - Carol Klar

Due to Covid, please RSVP so we know how many are attending the demos and can plan for appropriate social distancing. RSVP to: [Cklar32@gmail.com](mailto:Cklar32@gmail.com)

**Location:** Riverside State Park Equestrian area. Please bring your mask.

There will be a short Ponderosa Chapter meeting at 5PM.

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## **DATES to REMEMBER 2020**

*All Dates and Events subject to Change or Cancellation.*

**October 10** - PBCH Membership Meeting

**No meeting on November 3.**

**BCHW wine ride in Zillah cancelled (*but read on to learn about a virtual event!*).**

(find more events here: [https://www.bchw.org/upcoming\\_events.php](https://www.bchw.org/upcoming_events.php) )

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## Riverside State Park Work Party

### By Ken and Patti Carmichael

On Saturday, September 12, it did not rain, the wind did not blow, it was not hot or cold. Other than some smoke from the fires it was a fairly nice day.

The day started off with nine of us meeting at the Riverside State Park Equestrian Area for a planned work party. While we did not get everything done, we did do a lot of hard work.

I want to thank those that came and especially Larry Grinstead (prospective member), Steve Musetter (from SCOPE) and Patti Carmichael for sticking it out to the bitter end. Also, Craig Volosing was instrumental in PBCH obtaining much of the materials.

#### Those at the September 12 work party included:

Doug Bailey  
Ken Carmichael  
Patti Carmichael  
Michelle Eames  
Larry Grinstead  
Doug Frederick  
Chuck Rice  
Patty Wright  
Steve Musetter



Doug Frederick and Chuck Rice accomplished the two biggest jobs in the obstacle course. They put new decking on the bridge and totally rebuilt the Log Jam. Chuck and Patti fixed the mailbox. Patti and I put the new rope on the log pull.

Our main objective at the arena was to scrape, sandpaper, and wipe down the entire 140 X 240 foot arena. We almost got it done but ran out of time. We wore out some wire scrapers in the process.

**UPDATE:**

The weather cleared and on Saturday, September 19, sixteen of us met at the arena. We finished scraping, wiping and staining the entire arena fence. Because of the large crew most people were gone by 12:00. Just goes to show what a good work force can do.

A separate work party will be scheduled soon to check five of the posts in the arena to see if they need replacing.

Since then, on Saturday, September 26, there was another work party to do the repairs to



the Step Up/Down Tire and the rope gate.

The vine simulator will finally get the simulated vines (shredded shower curtain) in the near future, or more likely in the spring now that we are so close to end of the season. In addition, plans to construct a few new obstacles in the spring are in process

The corral panels for the campground were installed before this newsletter was distributed.

It is always great to see progress on a project after all the planning that goes into just getting us to the work party. Thanks to everyone that put in the work ahead of time pulling together all the materials.



## Riverside State Park Equestrian Area Improvement Project

I'm so excited about the progress already being made on the **Riverside State Park Equestrian Area Improvement Project**. Here is the new Log Jam (Log Cross) obstacle built by members Chuck Rice and Doug Frederick amidst the smoky air on 9/12. It is 8' wide by 16' long and has 5 crosses with alternating high sides. The obstacle has many options for use, varying in complexity. #1 is its easiest form; a user could take a horse through, under saddle or in hand, going side to side over beams of equal height. #2 is next in complexity, going through the long way. The most complex use would be to serpentine side to side, riding or driving the horse in hand, in between each of the cross poles. Sorry, but my computer drawing skills didn't permit me to illustrate this. Start with #1 then turn and go across the next interval, and the next, until completing the sequence. It is a good test of control and flexibility. Schooling and mastering an obstacle like this will develop skills that transfer to the trail. There are many places out there with downed logs and tight turns. It's great to be able to practice ahead of time, in a controlled environment like this. We look forward to many other additions to the obstacle course! I hope to prepare an educational video that will show the multiple ways to use this obstacle.

Carol Klar – Ponderosa BCH Education Coordinator



# Planning

**By Ken Carmichael**

One of my responsibilities with BCHW is identifying the need for Independent contractors. Two of these are to work with grant applications and sponsors.

I mention this because this process brings to mind the need for all chapters to look into the future and otherwise do some planning.

When we are thinking about many projects, especially the bigger ones, financing is an issue. Grants and sponsorships are great resources. However, they take time. For instance, the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grants are being applied for now for money available in 2022. That takes long range planning.

Another factor is support from the land managers. They also have an approval process that takes time.

We have some great places to ride and land managers that will work with us; however, we need to initiate projects. Our chapter needs to think into the future with some long-range planning. The time to start that process is now.

I challenge all PBCH members to be involved in the planning process by bringing your ideas to the chapter and helping to plan, initiate and accomplish projects that will support equestrian trails.



## Education Information

There will soon be a packing clinic with Robert Eversole – Trailmeister. This is being hosted by the Panhandle BCH in Idaho. It is free and should be an excellent opportunity for packing enthusiasts interested in tips from a pro. The details are on Facebook, under the Group Heading: Let's Ride – Spokane and CDA. Please respond promptly via the Facebook group, since this is bound to be popular. Clicking the pic below should take you there. **They do need a headcount in these COVID times.**



Other educational items for PBCH being considered are as follows:

- Saddle fitting
- Using a GPS tracking app while you ride
- Coding Volunteer Hours – a necessary evil
- Your Ideas??? Please email them to me: [cklar32@gmail.com](mailto:cklar32@gmail.com)

Due to Smoke and Fire concerns, the Ladies campout to Ancient Lakes has been postponed, and will be rescheduled for April 2021.

*Carol Klar*, Ponderosa BCH Education Coordinator

# **BCHW Director Report**

## **By Ken Carmichael**

Even though we are not holding in person BCHW Board meetings, many things are happening at the state level. We cancelled the September meeting but met electronically on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. I am writing this based on 22 pages of committee reports to get a head start for our chapter newsletter deadline.

**BCHW AWARDS COMMITTEE:** Due to the Covid-19 we have not had large organized work parties, prize rides or chapter meetings. However, many people have been working hard and BCHW wants to recognize them for their work. Therefore, the awards committee is asking chapters to put forth nominations for BCHW awards. Award categories are located on the BCHW website [www.bchw.org](http://www.bchw.org).

**GOVERNANCE AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE:** We have drafted changes to the BCHW bylaws and standing rules. These should be approved soon. There will be some effect on the chapter bylaws, and we will want to review PBCH bylaws for potential changes.

**INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR COMMITTEE:** We continue to look for independent contractors to help BCHW in three areas: grants, sponsorships and events. We have talked to several people and hope to get board approval soon.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:** I am going to attach this report because of the detail.

**LEAVE NO TRACE COMMITTEE:** This committee has not been active because of the virus. However, they provided the following comments: "We want to express our thanks to all of our members for properly disposing of used face masks and picking up the scads of face masks being discarded around the state by the public. Another thank you to all of our members that spent tireless hours aiding strangers during times of evacuation from the many fires across the state, supplying food, stock feed, lodgings and transportation. Please be respectful of the public and private land closures during the dry season restrictions. Check with local agencies and owners about the restrictions in their areas. As of this date, DNR public lands on the east of our state are closed to recreation. Some US Forest Service and State facilities are still open with restrictions, particularly about campfires and cooking stoves."

**MEMBERSHIP:** As of September 1, 2020, there are 2,087 BCHW members. We encourage everyone to start the membership renewal process on October 1. We need to contact all current members to encourage renewals.

**NORTHWEST HORSE SOURCE MAGAZINE:** We will be deciding whether to continue the BCHW contract with NWHS. Currently we have one page in the magazine each month for BCHW and chapter news.

**PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE:** I am going to attach this report because of the detail.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: The committee is reviewing the survey completed by BCHW members to improve our communication with members and potential new members. Please spend time monitoring the official BCHW State Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/public.bchw/>. They want to include chapter activity on the Facebook.

SAFETY COMMITTEE: The Safety Committee has some very good pointers. Good enough that I am putting them in a separate article.

SAWYER COMMITTEE: This committee provides the following information: We are requesting recommendations for 2 Volunteers for Nine Mile Saw Class for 2021. Please submit your requests to Tom Mix and Tony Karniss. The US/FS is supposed to have a class this fall for 2020; we have folks for that class. We are also looking for recommendations for the below:

- folks for the PTNA Crew Leader class 2021
- folks for PCTA Crew Leader class 2021
- 2 folks for WTA Crew Leader class 2021

If you have questions, contact Tom Mix and Tony Karniss. Please remember to visit our Sawyer Program page on the BCHW website.

SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR: Just to illustrate the amount of work that is being done by BCHW I am going to attach this report to the newsletter. BCHW is very active in the maintenance of our trails.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE: 2021 BCHW calendars are still available. **Now we are looking for pictures for the 2022 calendar. These are due by February 1, 2021.** Terri Crawford's email address is [calendareditor@bchw.org](mailto:calendareditor@bchw.org). Her mailing address is 510 Dalles Mountain Road Centerville, WA 98613. Photos mailed to here on disk will not be returned.

The BCHW's saddle raffle drawing has been postponed to the 2021 Winery Ride.

We are looking into the 2021 Rendezvous. Several options will be considered based on the status of the virus as we approach March 2021.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE: This is a relatively new website and members are encouraged to review the information that is available at [www.bchw.org](http://www.bchw.org).

WINERY RIDE COMMITTEE: The Winery Ride will not be held this year at the end of October. It has been held for 18 years. Instead the committee is working on a virtual winery ride and an online Halloween costume contest. More details will follow.

*Editor's Interruption: Wait a minute! Did Ken say virtual winery ride and online Halloween Costume Class???? What to wear, what to wear... Let's get our creative costume juices flowing and plan a group picture!!! Should I wear "Hippy Horse Chick" or the always popular "Viking on a Fjord Horse"? Or should we do a team effort with a theme???*



**Following are several articles by BCHW Board members.**

## **Public Lands Report**

### **Submitted by Kathy Young [BCHW Board Member]**

Regional PLC committee members continue to meet monthly to cover our Washington public lands issues. Please familiarize yourselves with the committee members and please call or email them with concerns or public lands matters that arise. This regional concept is still formulating but we will continue to build on successes and work to improve communication with chapters. Current committee members and the approximate areas are:

- Pete Erben (Peninsula)
- Bob Iddins (Snohomish Whatcom, Skagit counties)
- Jim Anderson and Gary Collins (Southwest)
- Kathy Young (King, Pierce)
- Dan Chappell (Southeast)
- Ed Letcher (Central, South Central)
- Ken Elliott (North central, Northeast)
- Bill Ford (Methow)

As of 9/10/2020 we are still waiting for the finalization of an overarching BCHW/ Forest Service Volunteer Agreement for the Region 6 and forest level. The documents are in a final review and the hope was to get them out for signature by

each forest supervisor at the end of this week. Unfortunately, the catastrophic incidence of fire has precluded that from happening. I continue to be in regular contact with Region 6 on this issue and will be until we have this VA in place. When it is signed, I will be providing all documents and the Volunteer Agreement for your records, and we will have an opportunity to discuss how we will operate under the agreement.

BCHW work crews have been successful in getting some trail work and grant work completed this season, despite the difficulties of COVID19 protocols. It was a slow start but we have been creative, flexible and managed to get trails opened and to provide pack support for other trails and recreation groups and agencies. I offer my thanks to those members who managed to find a way to git'r'done.

Just a sample of what's been accomplished: \*The Methow Valley Chapter continues to work on improvements to the North Summit Horse Camp; - \*one of our hotshot crews packed into the Pasayten Airstrip and opened a route from Hidden Lakes over Tatoosh Buttes, and cleared the Page 2 of 2 Rock Creek trail to the PCT. \*Whatcom and Skagit Chapters became creative to get work done on the Schreiber Meadows project. The Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie NF isn't was not allowing "volunteers", so some of our members joined other organizations who were authorized to do work under a different type of agreement. \*Buckhorn and Peninsula Chapters restored the ford approach at Gold Creek to stock standards. \* Mt Olympus Chapter packed tools and equipment up the Bogachiel River for WTA crews and also worked on the trail.

The passage of the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) H.R.1957 will provide funding, not to exceed \$1.9 million per year for 5 years for backlog maintenance on federal properties. Additionally, the bill makes funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) permanent. The funding directed to backlogged maintenance will go to National Parks, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and US Fish and Wildlife and the Bureau of Indian Education. BCHW's greatest opportunity will be in looking ahead and communicating with the agencies about projects that will be most valuable to equine access and to see that those projects are submitted for funding. If we plan well we could even coordinate these projects with our grant applications which could add value to future GAOA funded projects.

Joan Burlingame is currently working with the Leafline Trails Coalition which has a goal to connect and support a regional trails system in the central Puget Sound Region. Joan is working to make certain that these more urban-front country trails in King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap counties remain accessible and appropriate for equestrian use. Optimally this would include adjacent gravel paths and trailer parking at intervals along the trails. The use of horse camps by non-equine campers is becoming an increasingly prevalent problem in Washington and nationally. This is an issue that is being considered at the BCHA level.

I'd like to welcome Mitzi Schindele, BCHW's new Legislative chairman. Mitzi is jumping right in and will be working with all of us on our legislative issues and concerns. I expect that Public Lands and Legislative will continue to work closely together as we move forward as public lands and legislative issues are often two sides of the same coin. And last but not least, many thanks to Jeff Chapman for the years he spent guiding our legislative efforts as Legislative Chairman for BCHW.

Stay up to date by visiting the BCHW website (bchw.org) and visit the Public Lands webpage.

[https://www.bchw.org/public\\_lands.php](https://www.bchw.org/public_lands.php)

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Young, BCHW Public Lands Chairman

# **Special Project Coordinator Report**

## **Submitted by Jason Ridlon [BCHW Board Member]**

It's been a challenging year with the current COVID-19 safety concerns. A year of planning, then cancelling, and changing about everything you can think of. Enjoy the pictures showing our work and accomplishments.

BCHW was successful in performing trail log out with a small team in the Umatilla National Forest. That followed up with 2 tours of an NYC Northwest Youth Corp performing tread work on West Butte Creek Trail. Pack support for NYC was provided by Western Life Outfitters (Dave and Sas Waldron) of Pomeroy, Washington.

July saw the complete planning of a successful State Wide Work Party at the Twisp River Horse Camp that had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 related issues. A much smaller, less supported event was carried out that remained successful in completion of the Eagle Creek Bridge, and many of area trails logged out and some tread work addressed. The end goal was reached with the Twisp River Horse Camp open for users and allowed all trails from the camp to be open for stock and others thanks to BCHW! 11

Mid-July had the BCHW HotShot Crew back at the Pasayten Airport (located within the Okanogan National Forest) performing trail log out. This was a trip for the history books! Even with smaller crew, BCHW saw the complete log out of Rock Creek trail, and stock over Tatoosh Buttes. Throughout July and August, BCHW had a small hard working volunteer crew working out of the Black Pine Horse Camp that completed log out and tread work on several trails. Pack support was provided by Icicle Creek Outfitters for some of this work. July had a BCHW partnering with PNTA Pacific Northwest Trails Association and Wilderness Outfitters Steve and Jess Darwood working on the Andrews Creek trail to remove large rocks from trail tread and to address water issues on the trail. In August BCHW provided three back to back 40-mile round trip pack support trips to a PNTA crew on Bald Mountain in the Pasayten.

Then BCHW partnered with WTA and Three Peak Outfitters to pack in 8200 lbs. of lumber to Hvas Lake in the Alpine Lake Wilderness to build puncheon bridges. To date this is the bulk of work I was involved in as BCHW Special Project Coordinator. Several other smaller projects and planning took place throughout this period.

## **BCHW Safety Committee**

### **Submitted by Chuck Regimbal [BCHW Board Member]**

NOTE: I thought this was very important. It applies to other uses of gas besides chainsaws. Ken Fuel Geysers.

This safety bulletin is provided for all our members. The sawyer program has been made aware and conducted informational training of its sawyer members. This bulletin is provided to us amateurs who seasonally get the saw out and make firewood and who do not get the benefit of the sawyer program training. When handling gasoline in a seemingly benign condition it can erupt from its container when the cap is removed. This problem is most prevalent in some chain saws with non-vented fuel tanks but can happen with any sealed gas container. Gasoline will boil at 95 degrees Fahrenheit at sea pressure, and boil at a much lower temperature when at altitude. The forest service has lost many firefighters due to the fuel geysers that emit from the chain saw gas tanks when the cap is removed. The hot fuel boils out dousing the operator. If the person is lucky it does not ignite. A chain saw can get quite hot with steady operation. If the saw is secured, and has a non-vented fuel tank the chance that the fuel within is above the boiling point is great. This can happen as well with storage containers left in the sun or back of a vehicle in the sun as well. Allow the saw to cool for a while before attempting refueling. When removing any fuel container cap, do it slowly and use a rag or other shield to protect the operator from the possible eruption. The topic is not new and much information can be found on the internet by searching on chainsaw Fuel geysers.

## **BCHW LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR September 2020 BOD Meeting**

### **Submitted by Mitzi Schindele [BCHW Board Member]**

I am honored to be appointed to Legislative Chair. It's a large and important role and I am still "unpacking and organizing my things" but learning quickly. I whole heartedly welcome questions, opinions, and thoughts on issues. That's how we remain productive and guiding our mission forward.

One thing is certain - uncertainty. 2020 has brought unprecedented situations all across the board. Pretty much, FUNDS and FUNDING issues will be at the forefront of the upcoming legislative session. Details for communication protocols with our legislators and even how we will conduct Legislative Day are yet to be revealed. State agencies are asking for the moon in hopes of receiving a fraction of their requests. Things will be interesting with the State's \$7 billion shortfall this year. WRCO – NOVA The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board voted in July to suspend the match criterion for this grant round. (Great news!) WA STATE PARKS COMMISSION In their draft bill proposal: \$40 million request for operating budget, primarily for staffing purposes. Increasing the Discover Pass by \$5 next July. Allowing Parks and Recreation Commission to set the price of the Discover Pass and Day-Use Permits. Making the Parks Renewal and Stewardship account non-appropriated. At this time, the pulse of thought is to remain neutral on this bill and not comment.

OUTDOOR RECREATION ROUNDTABLE The upcoming September meeting will be dominated by agency budget requests, legislation related to funding, and long-term funding options. Great American Outdoors Act Passage See Public Lands Report for details Plan for BCHW Legislative Webpage The content for the BCHW Legislative webpage is in the process of being reviewed and will be updated to provide membership with needed information. Please email [legislative@bchw.org](mailto:legislative@bchw.org) with any questions/comments or concerns.

## What Next?!

What next? Just when you think the year is as strange as it can get...

Eight members of Ponderosa BCH live in the Hayford-Newkirk neighborhood, which is about 3 miles south of the Inland Road Trailhead at Riverside State Park. These folks had an unwelcome surprise on Labor day, as fire broke out just a short distance away. It was a scary night as flames were visible over the trees that divided us from the fire. We had our trailers hitched and were ready to move. Multiple firefighting groups responded, and the danger was under control by Tuesday, when the Level 2 Evacuation order was lifted. Portions of the area between Old Trails and West Trails smoldered for days afterwards. Thankfully, no homes were lost; however, the charred ground will be an eerie reminder of this dreadful event; the cause is still unknown.

We have all felt pity for the animals required to live in the heavy smoke that has been over our area for days. Please give your horses time to recover from smoke inhalation, before doing any work. There is an article posted on our Facebook page that provides all the details, but in summary, vets are recommending 2 weeks of rest for your horse, starting from the day that the air quality is again healthy. If you don't do Facebook, please email me, and I'll send it to you. It is worth reading. [Cklar32@gmail.com](mailto:Cklar32@gmail.com)



We all hope that Fire Season will wind down soon, but if you do get an Evacuation order, this might be helpful.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION – ITEMS TO GATHER			
No. of vehicles _____	Drivers _____	Trailers _____	Motorcycles _____
<b>15-minute warning:</b>		<b>1-hour warning:</b>	
1. Wallet, purse, keys, glasses		1. Take or safeguard guns, ammo	
2. Cell phone(s), charger(s)		2. Ice cooler w/ice, food, drinks	
3. Emergency cash, credit card		3. Genealogy records, files	
4. Pets, carriers, leashes, meds		4. 3 days food, special diet items	
5. Clothes, shoes, hats for season		5. Gloves, dust mask for smoke	
6. Hearing aids, medications		6. Paper plates, cups, utensils	
7. Flashlights, extra batteries		7. School items, homework, pen, pencil, books, calculator, paper	
8. Safety deposit box key(s)		8. Licenses, vehicle titles, deeds	
9. Checkbooks, bills to pay		9. Insurance, financial, medical data; Wills, Powers of Atty.	
10. _____		10. Personal property list, photos & appraisals, documentation	
11. _____		11. _____	
<b>30-minute warning:</b>		<b>2-hour+ warning:</b>	
(The above, plus):		1. Albums, photos, home videos	
1. Pillows, sleeping bags, blankets		2. Albums, photos, home videos	
2. Address book, phone list		3. Family photos on display	
3. Jewelry & most-valuable personal possessions		4. Military decorations, records, mementoes, plaques	
4. Personal hygiene items		5. Luggage (packed)	
5. Other meds, supplements		6. Valuable items, cameras	
6. First aid kit, medical items		7. Heirlooms, art, collections	
7. Pet food, dishes, bedding, litter		8. Primary cosmetics	
8. Children's items, toys, books		9. Secondary vehicles, RV	
9. Battery radio, extra batteries		10. Camping equipment, tent	
10. Toilet paper, hand wipes, soap		11. Journals, diaries, letters	
11. Clothing for 3 days, shoes		12. _____	
12. Computer, monitor, laptop			
13. Gal. jugs of drinking water			
14. _____			
15. _____			

Source of the above list is website – [Oregonlivingwithfire.org](http://Oregonlivingwithfire.org)

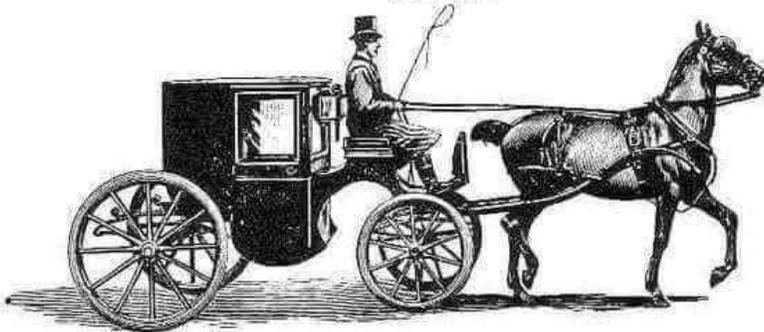
**Carol Klar**, Ponderosa BCH Education Coordinator

**Guess who these PBCH Members are? Answer will be in next newsletter.**



**Speaking of then and now...**

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**WELL PLAYED, HORSE. WELL PLAYED.**

Meme found by Tom Birge, on facebook.

## Spokane's Riverside State Park Equestrian Camp – Answering some FAQs

by Carol Klar      Oct. 2020

We are so very fortunate to have this lovely facility close to home. The park itself has approx. 12,000 acres, and contains countless miles of beautiful trails. The horse camp has 20 reservable campsites, all with easy access to drinking water and 10 with electrical hookups. Vault toilets are scattered about the area. Most campsites have 1 adjoining corral, with 2 having 2. Ponderosa BCH just installed 5 additional corrals that are available for visitors who bring a second horse; so now, almost every site has a second corral nearby. The capacity to corral horses at your campsite is generally quite sufficient. The facility also has a high line area, and visitors who prefer to bring their own corrals may do that, but the park would like those to be of the non-electric variety.

Reservations can be done online, although the online system is not known to be user-friendly. Equestrian campsites begin with the letter “E”. If you aren’t a fan of the online system, phone in your reservation: 1-888-campout. You can also call the local Ranger office for reservations at: (509) 465-5064. The camp has 2 non-reservable campsites for “drive-up” campers. Your helpful RSP equestrian-camp hosts are Nancy & John Terhorst. Trail maps are available for purchase, and trails can be viewed electronically with apps such as AllTrails and GAIA.

A big thanks to the Ponderosa BCH members who made these new corrals a reality! This is a much welcomed addition to the park.



Doug Bailey is shown here with the new corral panels, ready to transport from Lewiston to the park.



Two hours later at the park, the Ponderosa team assembles the panels at the camp sites.



Campers are already putting the new corrals to good use!



The Park's visitors are plentiful, including both locals and travelers.



Here we see another new corral among the pines. This is such a wonderful horse-camping facility!

## **Notice From BCHW:**

BCHW Winery and Halloween Costume Contest is going viral this year. Our popular Halloween Costume Contest is on, just looking a little different.

Contestants are encouraged to dress themselves and their horse or mule. Use your imagination and remember that this year's event would have been under a full moon on Halloween day!

**More information is contained in the flyer sent with the newsletter.**

Severino Cellars is sponsoring this contest and the first prize winner will receive a wine gift basket valued at \$150.

Send your entry to [secretary@bchw.org](mailto:secretary@bchw.org) between October 10<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup>.

Keep visiting the BCHW website ([bchw.org](http://bchw.org)) for more information about participating wineries and other announcements!

Dorothy Dean

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Homemakers Service

# Camp-Out Cooking

## CAMPFIRE POPCORN

Start with 2-pound coffee can. Use piece of heavy-duty foil for lid . . . poke several holes in it. Fashion handle out of metal coathanger: bend apart then twist around can. Put 2 tablespoons bacon drippings or other fat in can. Add 1/3 cup popcorn kernels. Shake over fire until corn pops. Note: A big strainer with a foil lid also makes a fine corn popper.

## SOURDOUGH STARTER

1 cake or 1 package yeast    1 tablespoon salt  
1/2 cup lukewarm water    1 tablespoon sugar  
2 cups flour    1 1/2 cups cold water

Soften yeast in 1/2 cup lukewarm water. Measure flour, salt and sugar into a large bowl or crock (one large enough for the starter to bubble to four times its volume). Stir in softened yeast and cold water. Cover with tea towel and let stand in warm place (80 to 90 degrees is ideal), stirring it down daily. In 3 or 4 days it should have a pleasantly sour odor. The starter is now ready. Use it at once or cover tightly and store in cool place.

## SOURDOUGH PANCAKES

The night before you plan to make pancakes, add 2 cups lukewarm water and 2 1/2 cups flour to your starter. Mix well, then fill a pint jar with 1 cup starter (this will be starter for the next time). Cover jar and bowl with tea towel. Set in warm place free from drafts overnight.

Next morning: Fit screw-top on jar of starter and put in cool place. Stir into remaining batter; 2 tablespoons salad oil and 1 egg; mix thoroughly. In a small bowl blend 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon soda and 2 tablespoons sugar; fold mixture into batter. This will cause a foaming action. Do not beat. Allow to stand for a few minutes and then bake on hot, lightly greased griddle. YIELD: 25 to 30 dollar-size pancakes.

SOURDOUGH WAFFLES: Use recipe for pancakes, adding additional 2 tablespoons oil.

SOURDOUGH BISCUITS: When you have pancake or waffle batter left, stir in enough more flour to make a soft dough. Knead, then pat out to 1/2-inch thickness; cut with biscuit cutter or shape into round balls with your hands. Fit into greased pan; let rise until double. Bake at 400 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes until golden.

## SOURDOUGH BREAD

The night before you plan to make bread, add 1 1/2 cups lukewarm water and 2 cups flour to your starter. Mix well, then refill your pint jar with 1 cup starter (to use the next time you need starter). Cover jar and bowl with tea towel. Set in warm place free from drafts overnight.

Next morning: Fit screw-top on jar of starter and put in cool place. Stir into the remaining batter, 2 tablespoons shortening. Mix together 1/2 teaspoon soda, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, 1 tablespoon sugar and 1 cup flour; stir in. Work in enough more flour, about 1 cup, to make a stiff dough. Dump out on floured board; knead until smooth. Place in greased bowl; cover with damp cloth and let rise in warm place until almost double. (This takes longer than for a classic yeast dough, about 3 to 4 hours).

Form into loaf; place in greased bread pan. Again let rise until double. 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Grease top of loaf lightly. Bake at 400 degrees for 10 minutes; reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake until bread shrinks from sides of pan, about 40 minutes. Remove from oven; grease top of loaf and turn out of pan on rack to cool.

SOURDOUGH ROLLS: Use recipe for Sourdough Bread, adding 2 tablespoons sugar.

## CAMP-OUT COOKING

Cooking for campers needn't be a chore. Your menus and the type of food you plan will vary depending on the type of camping and the supply of food available in the area. Just remember to plan menus (somewhat) ahead and keep meals simple . . . so everyone can enjoy the out-of-doors.

### ✓ CONVENIENCE FOODS CHECK LIST . . .

Campers' appetites are hearty so expect to use half-again as much food as you need at home. When you make out your menus, consider these non-perishable items:

Pre-cooked potato products in variety	Dry soup mixes
Pre-cooked rice	Bouillon cubes
Macaroni, rice and noodle packaged dinners	Biscuit, pancake mix
Dry sauce mixes	Omelet mix
Instant minced onion, garlic, green pepper	Instant non-fat dry milk, cream
Canned meat, chicken, fish, specialty items, chow mein noodles, etc.	Instant coffee, tea, cocoa mix
	Fruit beverage powders
	Pudding, dessert mixes
	Canned milk

### CHICKEN-RICE STEW

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter or margarine	2 5-ounce cans chicken, coarsely chopped
$\frac{1}{2}$ cups packaged pre-cooked rice	1 7-ounce can whole kernel corn, drained
1 chicken bouillon cube	1 small can pimiento
1 cup boiling water	Dash Worcestershire
$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt	

Melt butter in skillet. Cook rice until golden brown, stirring frequently. Add remaining ingredients, mixing well. Bring mixture to a boil. Then cover tightly and cook over low heat for about 5 minutes. YIELD: 4 servings.

### HEARTY TUNA CHOWDER

1 can mushroom soup	$\frac{1}{4}$ pound process American cheese, cut in small pieces (about 1 cup)
1 12-ounce can mexicorn, not drained	1 tablespoon instant minced onion
1 7-ounce can tuna, flaked and well-drained	Dash pepper
1 tall can ( $\frac{1}{3}$ cups) evaporated milk	Few drops Tabasco, optional
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup water	

Mix all ingredients in kettle. Put on burner or over hot coals. Cover; cook, stirring now and then until steaming, or until cheese melts. Do not boil. YIELD: 4 main dish servings.



### CAMPFIRE POTATOES

Select medium-size baking potatoes. Scrub well; pat dry. Wrap each one in a square of heavy duty foil, overlapping ends. Place on grill or right on top of coals. Bake for 45 to 60 minutes, turning occasionally. Give the potatoes a squeeze to check doneness.

### CORN ROAST

Turn back husks and remove silk from corn; replace husks. Dip each ear of corn in a bucket of cold water, slosh around. Wrap individually in foil. Tuck right down in coals. Corn should be done and ready for butter and salt in about 20 minutes.

### ✓ CAMP COOK'S CHECK LIST . . .

Your "cooking kit" should be simple, compact and reasonably light-weight. Choose equipment to fit your needs; here are suggestions.

Frying pan (cast-iron skillet is great)	Dishes and cups, plastic or paper preferred
Dutch oven with lid	Pitcher
Covered saucepans	Paper napkins
Large coffee pot or 4-quart kettle (for heating water, too)	Roll of paper towels
Mixing bowls and 1-cup measure	Plastic bags
Can and bottle openers	Aluminum foil, pans, too
Knives, cooking spoon, fork, pancake turner	Dishpan, detergent, sponge, soap-filled steel wool pads
Table flatware	Insulated cooler
	Water bucket
	Pot holders or mitts
	Camp stove, matches

### HOBO DINNER IN A CAN

1 strip bacon, cut in half	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
$\frac{1}{2}$ pound ground beef	$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper
1 carrot, pared and quartered	Dash garlic salt
1 onion, peeled and quartered	1 tablespoon catsup
1 potato, pared and quartered	1 tablespoon prepared mustard
$\frac{1}{2}$ ear corn, optional	1 1-pound wide coffee can and a foil lid

Arrange bacon in coffee can; pat out ground beef to fit bottom of can. Top with cut up carrot, onion, potato and  $\frac{1}{2}$  ear corn. Sprinkle with salt, pepper, garlic salt plus catsup and mustard, if you like. Cover securely; roast in glowing coals for about 50 minutes. (Do not uncover during cooking.) YIELD: 1 Hobo Dinner.

Note: A large square of heavy-duty foil, folded over to make compact bundle, may replace coffee can.

### CAMPERS' BISCUITS

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup soft shortening	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup evaporated milk
2 cups biscuit mix	$\frac{1}{3}$ cup water

Melt shortening in 10-inch skillet on burner or over coals. Measure biscuit mix into bowl. Mix evaporated milk and water; stir in. Spoon dough into skillet, spreading to about a 6-inch round. Brown; turn; brown on other side. With 2 forks, tear biscuit into serving-size pieces. YIELD: 6 to 8 servings.

### FOIL-BAKED APPLES

Core and fill apples with mixture of cinnamon and sugar. Add raisins, nuts or marshmallows if desired. Place each apple on a square of heavy-duty foil; gather foil up over top and twist together. Bake on hot coals, turning occasionally. Allow about 45 minutes for medium-sized apples.

### SOME MORES

Marshmallows	Graham crackers
Thin milk chocolate bars	

Toast marshmallows over campfire. For each some more: Fit chocolate candy square on graham cracker square; add toasted marshmallow; top with another graham cracker square, sandwich style. (They're called "Some Mores"—when you've had one, you'll want some more.)



*From the Editor:*

*I invite you all to continue to send me your stories, tips, jokes, articles, photos, words of wisdom, or whatever. I especially would like to encourage our officers and committee chairs to share their thoughts, visions and projects. The goal here is to make the newsletter fun, entertaining and informative.*

*Michelle Eames, Newsletter Editor*

*P.S. Please send me photos of you and your equine buddy so I can highlight you in our newsletter! Introduce yourself to the new members with background on you or your horse!*

**Don't stop reading here, look below for all kinds of ways to help PBCH.**

**What are your skills? I bet we can use them.**

**Remember we are currently looking for nominations for Officers!**

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	KEN CARMICHAEL	WORK PARTY LEADERS (short term)	OPEN
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