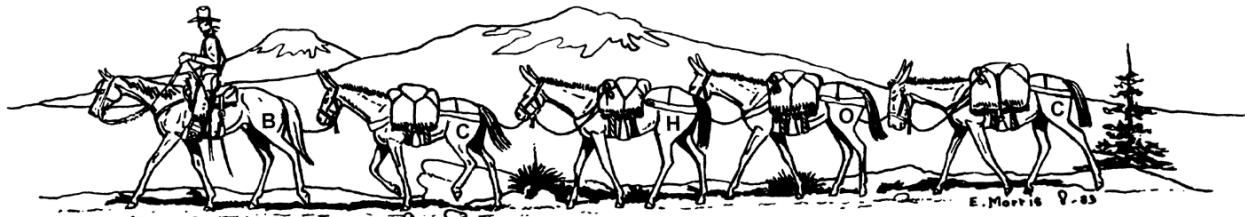




Welcome  
New  
Member

Backcountry  
Horsemens  
of  
California



# Backcountry Horsemen of California

## Who We Are and What We Do!

Backcountry Horsemen of California (BCHC) is a group of dedicated men and women working to preserve the historic use of trails with recreational pack and saddle stock. BCHC members perform public service activities for numerous land management agencies and are continually working to educate other members and the general public on how to be "Gentle Users."

The use of livestock has played an important role in the American culture. California and the western states have particularly had a long tradition of using pack and saddle stock. BCHC carries on this tradition in modern times. With this use comes the responsibility and obligation to care for our public lands in order to ensure their use for future generations.

Backcountry Horsemen of California works in cooperation with government agencies to help clear trails, maintain historic sites, construct new facilities, sponsor educational seminars and clinics, and assist with service projects as requested. Members also strive to stay current on relevant issues and to provide input on management plans, access and activities that pertain to trails on public lands with pack and saddle stock.

Membership in Backcountry Horsemen of California is open to any individual or family sharing the concerns of the organization. There are numerous units throughout the state of California. Our organizational structure starts with BCHC, Inc., holding the non-profit status. Each of the local units is a subsidiary of the parent organization. Each unit has its own governing board and conducts activities of its choice, while operating under broad guidelines established by the state BCHC Board of Directors.

BCHC focuses its efforts in three key areas:

- Service Projects
- Education
- Public Lands Issues

Backcountry Horsemen of California has a well-established educational program offering tips and techniques for the backcountry. Our "Gentle Use" Program along with the Center for Outdoor Ethics' Leave No Trace Program are principles BCHC hopes you will consider following while enjoying your time on the trail.

BCHC officer contact information may be found on both state and local unit web sites.

BCHC web site: [bchcalifornia.org](http://bchcalifornia.org)

# Education

Our members are dedicated to teaching and sharing techniques.



Demonstrating packing and saw safety skills.



Working with youth.

Outdoor cooking.

Use of saddle and pack stock.



# Public Lands

Backcountry Horsemen of California has a well established working relationship with several agencies and other user groups.



# Service Projects



BCHC interacts with and supports national, state and local agencies clearing trails, repairing trails and many other duties.





# Rendezvous

Once a year, Backcountry Horsemen of California holds a Rendezvous. It's a three-day public event, open to all. There is no admission fee. This annual event is held in a different location in the state each year sponsored by the local BCHC units in the area.

Friday gates open for an assortment of classes and demonstrations. Friday evening a dinner and awards presentations are held. Saturday morning continues with classes and demonstrations. Saturday noon is often a parade. Saturday afternoon there are contests and competitions. Saturday evening a members' dinner, an auction and entertainment. Sunday morning starts with Cowboy Church and might continue with classes and demonstrations until noon.

Below are just a few examples of the seminars, classes, contests, demonstrations and trainers that BCHC has had at past Rendezvous. Check the [BCHCalifornia.org](http://BCHCalifornia.org) website for current information.

## Seminars:

- Packing 101
- US Forest Service wilderness Packing
- Equine Dentistry
- General Equine Health
- Poison Plants
- Emergency Hoof Care
- Fire safety (LNT)
- Plan Ahead & Prepare (LNT)
- Other Users (LNT)
- Waste Materials (LNT)
- Stock Care (LNT)
- Trailhead Horse Camping
- Pack Saddle Fitting
- Pack Stock & Packing Techniques
- Military Packing Techniques

## Kids Classes:

- Parents Taking Kids in the Wilderness
- What Kids Should Know in an Emergency
- LNT for Kids
- Iron Mules for Kids
- Kids Safety around Stock

## Contests:

- Dutch Oven Cooking Contest
- Pack Scramble & Unscramble Contests
- Odd Load Packing Contest
- Kids Art Contest

## Trainers:

- Jerry Tindell Horse Trainer
- Steve Bauhr
- Robin Bond

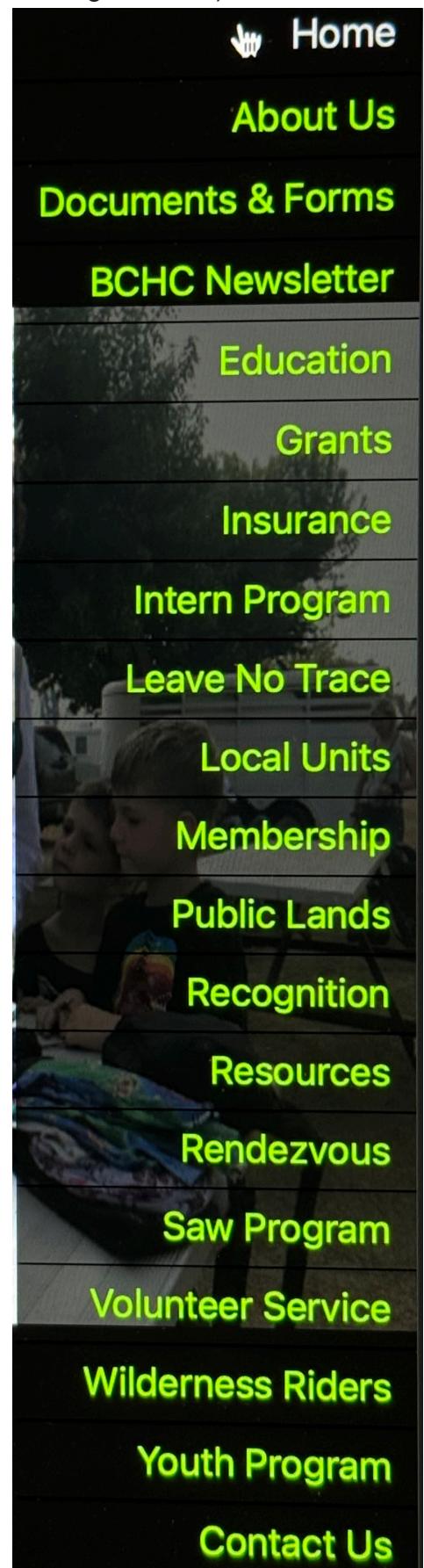
We also have lots of vendors and a good time for all. Rendezvous is a time to meet with fellow members and friends from all over the state who share a common interest.

# Backcountry Horsemen of California

## Website Resource Guide

<http://www.bchcalifornia.org>

(Explanation of what you will find on the website's Navigation Bar)



### Home

- "Who We Are & What We Do" (video)
- History of BCHC
- Current event notices (for example, Rendezvous, BCHA updates, Public Lands Alerts/Action Items)

### About Us

- BCHC Objectives & Purpose
- BCHC Strategic Plan
- What Backcountry Horsemen in California do (photo essay)

### Documents & Forms

- A compilation of BCHC-created materials (documents, forms and policies, organized by topic)

### BCHC Newsletter

- Library of BCHC's quarterly newsletter, 2009 to date
- List of newsletter deadlines, advertising rates, link to BCHA online Newsletter

### Education

- How to know what's going on with BCHC Education
- Education Awards

### Grants

- Purpose of Ed Fund Grants
- The Education Fund Grant Committee
- How to donate and how to apply for an Ed Fund Grant

### Insurance

- BCHC's third party liability insurance coverage – what is covered, how to show an event is BCHC sanctioned, how to file a claim, how to request Certificates of Additional Insured/Proof of Insurance
- Unit-owned trailer and equipment/tool insurance

### Intern Program

- History, mission, goals and funding

### Leave No Trace

- Program description and the seven principles of Leave No Trace
- "Leave No Trace for Stock Users" (video)

### Local Units

- California unit map
- Unit contact information and resources

### Membership

- Benefits of joining BCHC
- California unit map and unit information
- Membership information – types, how to join/renew, unit data

### Public Lands

- Alerts
- Working with public lands agencies
- How to know what's going on with BCHC Public Lands
- Public Lands awards

**Recognition**

- List and descriptions of annual awards and winners
- Recognition of special members (Benefactor, Patron, Mt. Whitney)

**Resources**

- Helpful non-BCHC resources for trail construction/maintenance, trail safety, packing, pack stations, with links to agencies, organizations and BCHA affiliates

**Rendezvous**

- Description of annual event, registration packet, flyers, required forms, list of sponsors

**Saw Program**

- History and purpose of BCHC's Sawyer Certification Program
- Who can become a sawyer? Who can become an instructor?
- Important policies and governing documents (saw program training, project and safety, saw-specific documents)

**Volunteer Service**

- What volunteer service hours are and how to track them by reporting type
- Volunteer Service Awards

**Wilderness Riders**

- Job description, requirements, selection procedure
- Forms and documents

**Youth Program**

- Description of BCHC;s Youth Education Program and its resources
- Custodian of Record job description and qualifications

**Contact Us**

- Who to contact for help and how to contact them

## **BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA**

# **WHICH UNIT WILL YOU JOIN?**



**WHETHER YOU LIVE IN THE MOUNTAINS,  
DESERT, FOOTHILLS, COASTAL AREA OR  
VALLEY, THERE'S A UNIT FOR YOU!**

**[WWW.BCHCALIFORNIA.ORG](http://WWW.BCHCALIFORNIA.ORG)**

# Backcountry Horsemen of California

A FAMILY AND YOUTH  
ORIENTED ORGANIZATION

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



MAIL TO:

BCHC  
MEMBERSHIP  
1280 State Rt. 208  
Yerington, NV 89447

- New
- Renewal
- Change

Antelope Valley	Lake-Mendo	Pacific Crest	Shasta Trinity
Eastern Sierra	Los Padres	Redshank Riders	Sierra Freepackers
High Country	Manzanita Riders	Redwood	Sutter Buttes
High Sierra	Mid Valley	San Joaquin Sierra	Top of the State
Kern River Valley	Motherlode	Santa Ana River	
Kern Sierra	North Bay	Sequoia	

DCTR (Your Membership Number): \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER'S NAME - No Business Names, Print Clearly

SPOUSE/CO-MEMBER'S NAME - MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS

Street Address/PO Box

City

State

Zip Code (full 9 digits if known)

Area Code

Phone Number

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to BCHC Education Fund (Tax deductible) \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent Unit Membership Types (Check One)

- 1 Year Individual \$50
- 2 Year Individual \$90
- 3 Year Individual \$125

- 1 Year Family \$60
- 2 Year Family \$110
- 3 Year Family \$150

Young Adult (18-25 years old) \$15

Youth (12-17 years old) \$15\*

\*Youth members MUST fill out BOTH  
Youth Membership forms (available online)

- Benefactor \$100
- Patron \$250
- Mt. Whitney \$500

### Associate Memberships: An Additional \$15 PER UNIT is added to your Parent Unit Dues

Associate Memberships Unit Affiliations MAY NOT BE FOR THE SAME UNIT AS YOUR PARENT UNIT

Associate Membership for: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15/Unit

Unit Name (from above list)

Associate Membership for: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15/Unit

Unit Name (from above list)

Add additional choices here

Please clip form along dashed line and keep the below portion for your records.

### Parent BCHC Membership Types

Individual, Family, (Shared\*\*), Benefactor, Patron, and Mt. Whitney

A Parent Membership is affiliated with a single Local Unit.

BCHC Members may NOT hold more than ONE active Parent Membership.

\*\*A SHARED Membership if for two adults with differing last names who share a common address.

### Associate Memberships

These special Memberships are only available to persons already holding Parent BCHC Membership. No one may sign up for an Associate Membership without 1) having registered one of the Parent Membership types, and 2) having selected Parent Unit affiliation.

### Youth Memberships

Youth Memberships MUST be accompanied by a signed Youth Membership Permission Release and Youth Parent Permission Form. A Youth Membership is NOT valid until BCHC or the Parent Unit has received signed copies of these forms.

Complete information regarding BCHC Membership  
is available on the MEMBERSHIP TAB at  
[bchcalifornia.org](http://bchcalifornia.org) or call (775) 463-3634

### KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

I submitted an Application Form for a new -

<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Individual	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual	\$90
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual	\$125
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Family	\$60
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family	\$110
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (18-25 years old)	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth (12-17 years old)	\$15*
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Whitney	\$500

On that form, I also requested:

\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Memberships

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

My Total Remittance:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

My Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

### Verification of BCHC Membership

Verification of BCHC  
Membership is  
available via:

- 1) BCHC Unit President's reports
- 2) BCHC Membership Chair reports
- 3) a self addressed stamped envelope submitted with this form
- 4) a valid email address