

A reminder! The deadline for registering for Challenge At Challenge closes Aug. 1, 2019, in order for the Food Committee to purchase the supplies necessary for them to furnish the tasty meals they're pledged to provide. No tickee, no steakee! Think about it. . . .

CHALLENGE AT CHALLENGE

AGENDA

THURS: All day arrival, registration, camp set up. Meals on your own. Early arrivals out trail riding, fraternizing, getting acquainted.

Fri: Still arriving

7:00a – 8:30a breakfast compliments of Flathead BCH.

8:30a - Get acquainted, mixing between chapter members, trail riding, on your own day.
Lunch on your own

7:00p – 8:30p dinner compliments of Flathead BCH

8:30p – 1) Retired MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks biologist Gary Olson to share story of “Earl the Elk”; the spike bull he darted and radio collared in the Sweetgrass Hills who disappeared from his radar for several years, only to surface on a football field in Kansas City where, still wearing his collar, he was darted and captured by Missouri biologists and wardens.

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2) Retired Blackfeet biologist Dan Carney on remarkable wildlife developments during his tenure on the Blackfeet Reservation, and along the Rocky Mountain Front, trapping grizzly bears, encounters with “Chocolate Legs”—a bear that once stalked him as he monitored her close sinister movements through her radio collar’s transmission. *A Stephen King-type tale!*

Sat: 7:00a – 8:30a breakfast compliments of Flathead BCH, served by the Columbia Falls Lions Club as volunteers.

8:30 – Day devoted to trail riding, camp discussions, Flathead chapter doing trail projects, and mixing and mingling as you will.

11:00a – Vehicle tour led by Roland Cheek to view mountain where Libby photographer Chuck Gibbs was killed by sow grizzly while approaching too closely (as his camera’s exposed film later disclosed) to the bear and her three cubs; 2) a bird’s eye view of the Lewis Overthrust (perhaps the worlds most extensive thrust fault) where sedimentary rock laid down by wind and water before recognizable life on earth overlays rocks from the Cretaceous Era of dinosaurs and flying reptiles; and 3) a view of the Badger-Two Medicine country that is presently in contention between the oil & gas industry for its supposed oil and gas reserves, the Blackfeet Nation for its cultural significance, and conservationists intent on preserving the land for future generations by adding it to the Bob Marshall Wilderness.

2:30p – Packing Demonstration at the Challenge Cabin corral by long-time Glacier National Park and Bob Marshall Wilderness packer Stu Sorenson, and narrated by June Burgau, both Charter Members of the first Back Country Horsemen organization in the World!

7:00p – 8:30p dinner compliments of Flathead BCH

8:30p – Seminar:

Topics for Discussion:

Collaborating To Success Small Chapter Effectiveness

Panel – Rich Carl / Chairman / Montana BCH
Dr. Larry Milham / Pres. / Trout Creek BCH
Laura Crawford / Pres. / Wild Horse Plains BCH
Gene Merrell / Pres. / Bitterroot BCH
Katy Donnelly / Pres. / Last Chance BCH

It is our plan to break this seminar session into two segments to consider through open discussion led by panel members:

a) **Collaborating To Success** will explore opportunities for BCH chapters to combine for even more effectiveness in achieving their goals of aiding our public agencies in keeping trails open for the using public. (This Challenge At Challenge might be used as an example)

AND

b) **Small Chapter Effectiveness** Explore ways and means for smaller BCH chapters to develop and grow, both through their own effectiveness, and possibly aided by methods larger chapters can utilize to offer aid and support to small chapters during defining periods of internal or external stress.

Sun: On your own. Mix, mingle, ride, talk about your greatest backcountry experiences,

OR

***Overwhelm BCH last surviving founder with your commitment
to, and love for, the concept of Back Country Horsemen ---
an idea whose time (46 years ago) could not be denied!***