



in conjunction with **BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN of MONTANA**

* **FULL SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE** travel expenses included*

Packing Skills Class - 5 day/4 nights June 10 - 14, 2017

Winning applicant will learn the hands on skills of packing horses and mules on this 5 day, 4 night wilderness (LNT) educational trip. Scholarship valued at \$1,725.

Students learn by doing the hands on work which is the best way to retain packing skills. We have a classroom setting the first day. We start with teaching you the benefits of the Decker Pack Saddle and the traditional packing methods that have been developed over the years. Next is proper saddling and adjusting of the Decker. We then teach you how to manly, load, balance and watch the loads on the trail. Other skills that we cover are stock care, saddling, riding your trail horse or mule, stock management in a wilderness setting, Leave-No-Trace (LNT) techniques for stock use and much more. We also cover backcountry meal planning and preparation. We plan to move camps every day so there is plenty of practice. This is a working, learning trip and is not intended to be a relaxing vacation. There will be down time to relax, but we want you to learn as much as possible in this short time in the Wilderness.



This class will benefit anyone who wants to learn horse and mule packing skills and learn how to practice Leave-No-Trace techniques to protect our wilderness resource. Stock users have a responsibility to be good stewards of the land, and this is the philosophy that we want to share with you. We teach you how to select a camp site, how to set it up and what equipment is light, comfortable and packs well. Both Connie and Mack are LNT Master Educators for Stock Use and students will receive a LNT certificate of completion. Students will also receive a certificate for completing the Packing Skills Class.

APPLICATION FOR BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN MONTANA SCHOLARSHIP

Target age range of participants is 18 to 25 years of age. The chosen participant needs to provide their own transportation and be at the North Fork of the Blackfoot trailhead at 10 am on Saturday, June 10th to begin the class. Scholarship applicants can go on-line and fill in the form OR write an essay OR provide a short video with the answers to the questions. Applications should include a letter of reference. Applications are due by March 16, 2017. The scholarship will be awarded April 1, 2017.

Apply on-line at: <http://www.bchmt.org>

Mail essays and video DVDs to:

Greg Schatz, 4720 Trumble Creek Road, Columbia Falls, MT 59912
or Kathy Hundley, 3448 Wright Way, Darby, MT 59829.

Questions? Call Greg 406.261.5450 or Kathy 406.363.8230.