

EAST SLOPE



Back Country Horsemen

Member Information
Year 2021

Name	Birthdays	Last four digits of your S.S. #
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Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip & Postal Code _____
Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____ Cell _____
E-mail _____
Membership Type _____ (New, Renewal or Secondary)

Single \$27.00 per year or \$12.00 for Secondary
Family \$39.00 per year or \$24.00 for Secondary Amount Enclosed _____

East Slope Back Country Horseman members often participate in the Forest Assistant Program sponsored by the USFS. Please complete all the requested information on the top of the form. S. S. # is needed for workers compensation on work projects.

Member Signature _____ Spouse Signature _____
Don't Forget to sign your membership, they will not be accepted without a signature.
Your membership privilege is subject to approval by the Chapter Board of Directors.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT
Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Area Code and Phone Number _____

Mail Form to:
ESBCH
P.O. Box 897
Conrad, MT 59425

Please make checks payable to; ESBCH

**EAST SLOPE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
RELEASE AND AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE**

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the East Slope Back Country Horsemen sanctioned events, I and my heirs, successors, personal representatives and next of kin hereby **RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE** and agree to **HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY** the East Slope Back Country Horsemen, their officers, members, committees, sponsors, agents and representatives from all liability to me and my personal representatives, heirs, successors, and next of kin from any and all claims and liability for all loss or damage and any claim of damages therefore on account of any injury to my person including death or damage to my property while I am utilizing East Slope Back Country Horsemen facilities or participating in East Slope Back Country Horsemen events.

In making this request to participate in East Slope Back Country Horsemen events, I represent that I will follow all safety rules and practices of the East Slope Back Country Horsemen.

I hereby represent to the East Slope Back Country Horsemen that I understand that **THERE ARE CERTAIN RISKS OF SERIOUS INJURY AND DEATH** inherent in participating in trail riding and any horse related activities. I realize that conditions of the trails change from time to time and may become more hazardous, that horses and mules are unpredictable and that there is **INHERENT DANGER** in horse related activities which I appreciate and voluntarily assume because I choose to participate in such events. I make this choice even though I have observed or participated in events of this kind in the past and know conditions, facilities, livestock, and other participants pose a danger to me. I recognize and expressly agree to assume the entire risk of any and all accidents or personal injury including serious paralysis or death which I might suffer during my participation in said events.

I further **COVENANT AND AGREE NOT TO SUE THE EAST SLOPE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN** for any injury, damages or death which occur as a result of my participation in said events and any claim or damage therefore. I understand that this document may be treated as a complete defense to any legal action I might bring against the East Slope Back Country Horsemen for any injuries or other damages I might suffer.

I understand and agree that this **RELEASE AND AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE** extends to any and all claims I may have, specifically including, but not limited to, claims arising out of participation in said events, claims with respect to the design, manufacture, repair, or maintenance of the facilities, tack or other equipment which I will be using, or with respect to the conditions, qualifications, instructions, rules or procedures under which my use of said facilities or equipment are conducted or from any other cause.

I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THIS RELEASE AND AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE extends to **ACCIDENT, INJURY, OR DEATH OCCURRING DURING THE TERM OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS EAST SLOPE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN EVENT OR MEMBERSHIP IN THE EAST SLOPE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN**. Any subsequent Release and Agreement I might sign in the future shall amplify, but shall in no way limit, the provisions of this document.

I further state and certify that I have carefully read the forgoing Release, know the contents thereof and sign this **RELEASE AND AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE** as a free and voluntary act. I am not relying on any statement or representations of any party released hereby. **I UNDERSTAND THIS IS A RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS.**

Dated this _____ day of _____,

Signed _____

(Your signature **MUST** be witnessed)

(Parent or legal guardian must sign if applicant is a minor under the law of the state of residence.)

I declare that I am a parent or legal guardian of the above-named minor. I have carefully read the foregoing **RELEASE AND AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE**. I know the representations made are true. I agree to be bound by the terms of the **RELEASE AND AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE** both personally and as representative of the interests of the minor.

Signed _____ Date _____

WITNESS TO ABOVE SIGNATURE:

I, the undersigned have served as witness that known to me to be this person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledge to me that he/she executed the same.

Signed _____ Date _____

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TRAIL SAFETY RULES

- 1.** Neither horse stallions nor dogs are allowed to participate in this event, although some well-trained and/or well-mannered animals exist. It is impossible to predict how other animals will react to their presence; and, therefore, they must be excluded from this activity.
- 2.** While on the trail, maintain adequate distance from the livestock in front of you, to avoid injury-provoking reactions from that stock. If your horse is known to kick, please place an orange ribbon in its tail.
- 3.** Alcohol and drugs will not be used at any time while participating in this event. Social activities after the day's events are completed are at the discretion of the individual.
- 4.** If your physical condition requires eye, ear, face, head, hands, arms, or any other personal protective equipment, it must be used.
- 5.** Only one rider is permitted per horse and each rider, including youngsters, must be able to control his/her mount.
- 6.** Recklessness is prohibited while participating in this event.
- 7.** If what you are doing seems unsafe, stop and find out.
- 8.** If you see someone participating in unsafe practices, advise them about it.
- 9.** Know the location of both human and equine first aid equipment while participating in this or any other horse activity.
- 10.** All animals will be humanely treated, cared for, and prepared for the ride. East Slope Back Country Horsemen recommends vaccinating and worming livestock.
- 11.** East Slope Back Country Horsemen requires that all horses be shod unless otherwise specified.
- 12.** Report any unsafe conditions to the Trail Boss or ride leader. Complaints about other members shall be submitted in writing to the trail boss or a board member within 30 days.
- 13.** When a rider dismounts to open a gate, or for, another purpose, the ride participants will wait until he/she is remounted before continuing.
- 14.** When meeting other horse parties on the trail and where passage is not possible observe these practices: Generally, pack stock has preference over saddle stock. Generally, a pack string containing the greater number of livestock has preference for passage. Generally, pack strings going uphill have preference over downhill-bound strings.
- 15.** If it is necessary for you to turn around when meeting another string on a narrow trail, always turn the back end of the horse to the uphill side. The head of the horse then projects out over the open space. If the back end is turned outward, it may result in a dangerous situation as the horse scrambles to maintain footing on the trail.
- 16.** The trip leader or trail boss is responsible for determining that all riders are present before resuming the trip after a stop.
- 17.** Have Fun!

Exercising safe practices is a critical part of these equine activities.
Failure to adhere to these rules will result in a request to terminate
your participation.

Participant signature _____ Date _____

Participant Name (printed) _____