

HORSE TREK RIDERS GUIDE



“THE SCOUTING ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME”

Welcome to Horse Trek

We are happy you are joining us for this once in a lifetime adventure as we travel 165 miles or more horseback through some of the most beautiful country you'll ever see. Yep. . .it's high adventure Scouting at its cowboy best as we move the Butte Creek horse herd from the Ranch to Camp Baldwin in June or return with the herd in August. We'll be riding through the majestic Mt. Hood Wilderness on the Pacific Crest Trail, the historic Barlow Road, National Forest trails, and backcountry roadways. Along the way, the Crew of experienced wranglers, cooks, and teamsters will share their unique love and knowledge of the outdoors, horsemanship, and cowboy culture.

Each rider brings their own personal gear, a sleeping bag, and tent. But true to cowboy ways, if it's a starry night, you just might want to sleep in the open and take in all of the night's awesome grandeur. Come morning, it's up early because Cookie's serving breakfast chuckwagon style and we're "burning daylight!" A typical day begins around 6 am. You'll stow your gear, eat some grub, brush and saddle your horse, and prepare for a fine day horseback. Along the way, you'll learn the fundamentals of good horsemanship and gain an appreciation for the connection that we human beings have with the horse.

While we're making tracks to our next campsite, the cooks and teamsters are working hard to load-up all the gear and head for that evening's campsite. Along the trail, we'll stop for the lunch we've made and packed on our pack horses. In the late afternoon, we'll arrive at camp, unsaddle, feed and brush our horses and then set up our personal gear for the night. After a hearty delicious cowboy supper and "all-call" we'll gather to hear the evening's announcements and assignments of night-watch. Every night there's a dandy campfire with cowboy music, poetry, and horsemanship talks. Camp settles down around 10 pm except for the first two-person night watch crew. We'll talk about night watch on Orientation Saturday.

Don't forget that on Wednesday night, we have a big ol' fashion cowboy potluck at the Joe Graham Horse Camp. It's a genuine cowboy extravaganza with great food and a rousing campfire and your family is invited to join us. Come Sunday, we ride into our destination, take some group photos, and you head home knowing you completed something that very few people will have done. Happy Trails, BC Wrangler

HORSE TREK PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE

1. **Attend the Pre-Trek meeting!** This in-person meeting is essential to ensure you have an amazing and safe experience.
2. A completed medical form (sections A, B and C) for each participant must be turned in to the Trek Staff before departure. **Bring it with you on arrival day.**
3. A completed Acknowledgement of Risks and Hazards form for each participant must be turned in to the Trek Staff before departure. **Bring it with you on arrival day.**
4. All participants must be registered Scouting America members.
5. All fees must be paid in full by **June 1st**.
6. If you have been a participant on two or more Treks/Ranch Camps you need to provide a snaffle bit headstall and a 21ft mecate.
7. Please read over the "*Horsemanship Merit Badge Book*" prior to the Trek. This information is very useful and will make your trip more enjoyable.
8. We have limited space for gear, so you should pack as if you were going on an extended hiking trip. A list of necessary items is included. **You are limited to two bags containing all your gear.** Try to utilize the parent night Campfire to get resupplied, send dirty clothes home, and have visitors bring clean clothes.



ARRIVAL AT CAMP

Saturday.....	Bring a sack lunch
Check in time	11:00 a.m. (Sharp)
Set up camp and get acquainted	11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Horsemanship orientation	12:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Dinner and clean up	5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Riding instruction	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Lights out	10:00 p.m.

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Western-style hat (to be worn in camp) Available at the Butte Creek Trading Post | <input type="checkbox"/> Socks for each day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Three pair of jeans | <input type="checkbox"/> Shirts (short & long sleeve) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear for each day | <input type="checkbox"/> Long johns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm sweater | <input type="checkbox"/> Mess kit & silverware |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rain gear | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag and extra blanket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight | <input type="checkbox"/> Canteen/water bottle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small tent | <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra stakes & rope | <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground cloth | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm coat (it can get very cold) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saddle bags | <input type="checkbox"/> Riding boots (no lug soles) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Knife | <input type="checkbox"/> Camp shoes (comfortable for walking/camp) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet articles including deodorant , toothpaste, toothbrush, and towels (2) | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal medications, chap-stick, and sunscreen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soap/shampoo (bio-degradable), | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal first aid kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supply of toilet paper in plastic bag | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 essentials |

ABSOLUTELY NO:

Frame backpacks, Suitcases, Electronic games, Fireworks, or
Weapons of any kind (including slingshots)

HORSE TREK ITINERARY EASTBOUND

Day 1	Saturday	Arrival & Orientation at Butte Creek	
Day 2	Sunday	Leave Butte Creek for Bee Ranch	21 miles
Day 3	Monday	Ride to Coyote Flats	30 miles
Day 4	Tuesday	Ride to Fire Springs	24 miles
Day 5	Wednesday	Arrival at Joe Graham Horse Camp – Family BBQ	21 miles
Day 6	Thursday	Ride to Wagon Tire on Barlow Trail	25 miles
Day 7	Friday	Ride the Historic Oregon Trail to The Ditch	24 miles
Day 8	Saturday	Enjoy a day ride on the dry side of Jordan Creek	21 miles
Day 9	Sunday	Arrival at Camp Baldwin–Around 4:00 p.m. Head for home at 5:30 p.m.	17 miles
			Total 183 miles

VISITATION DAY

Day 5 Wednesday Joe Graham Horse Camp for Cowboy Pot Luck and BBQ

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Cascade Pacific Council (24 hour emergency service).....	503-225-5777
Butte Creek Scout Ranch	503-873-3846
Camp Baldwin.....	541-467-2550

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HORSE TREK ITINERARY WESBOUND

Day 1	Saturday	Arrival & Orientation at Camp Baldwin	
Day 2	Sunday	Leave Camp Baldwin and ride to Jordan Creek	17 miles
Day 3	Monday	Enjoy a Day Ride to The Ditch	21 miles
Day 4	Tuesday	Ride the Historic Oregon Trail to Broken Spoke	24 miles
Day 5	Wednesday	Arrival at Joe Graham Horse Camp – Family BBQ	25 miles
Day 6	Thursday	Ride from Joe Graham to Fire Springs	21 miles
Day 7	Friday	Ride from Fire Springs to Coyote Flats	24 miles
Day 8	Saturday	Ride from Coyote Flats to Bee Ranch	30 miles
Day 9	Sunday	Arrival at Butte Creek Scout Ranch– Around 4:00 p.m. Head for home at 5:30 p.m.	21 miles
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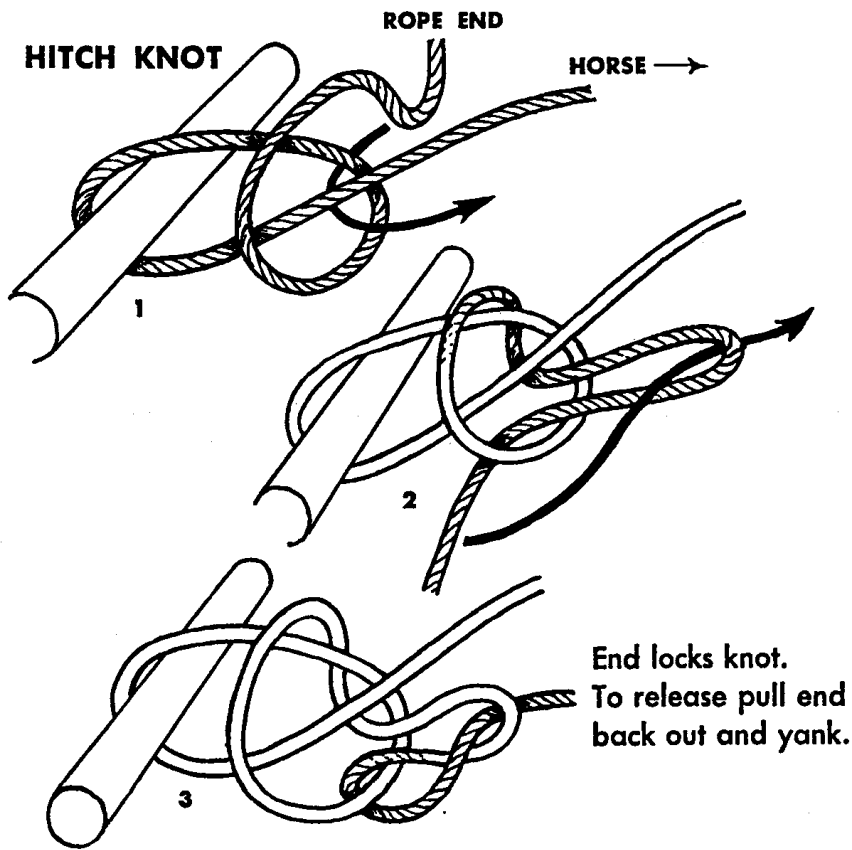
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KNOTS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU RIDE

HITCH KNOT



THE BOWLINE

1. Rotate rope one-half turn to the right with right thumb and forefinger to form first loop.



2. Pass second loop through first loop.



4. Holding both parts of second loop in right hand and main rope in left hand, pull to close knot.



3. Bring end of rope through the loop and around the main rope and back through the first loop.



COWBOY POTLUCK AND BBQ

WEDNESDAY DINNER SIGN-UP

Arrive at 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Meal is around 6:30 p.m.

Please bring your own eating utensils, plates, and cups.

Campfire with traditional cowboy music and poetry to follow meal.

Program is over at approximately 10:00 p.m.

I AM BRINGING:

_____ ADULTS @ \$10.00 PER DINNER = \$ _____

_____ CHILDREN @ \$8.00 PER DINNER = \$ _____

_____ TOTAL = \$ _____

PRICE OF MEALS IS TO COVER MAIN COURSE. ALL FAMILIES: PLEASE BRING A SALAD TO FEED EIGHT PEOPLE. FRESH VEGETABLES AND FRUITS ARE A SCARCITY ON THE TRAIL, SO YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE A GREAT TREAT TO THE RIDERS.

HELD AT CLACKAMAS LAKE HORSE CAMP, JOE GRAHAM CAMPGROUND.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

Please print this form, fill it out, and bring it with you when you arrive for check-in at camp. Please bring a check or exact amount in currency.

THE CAMPING FACILITIES ARE LIMITED AT JOE GRAHAM HORSE CAMP. ALL VISITORS MUST USE ALTERNATIVE USFS CAMPSITES IN THE AREA FOR OVERNIGHT CAMPING. OVERNIGHT CAMPING ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS. THERE ARE NUMEROUS US FOREST SERVICE CAMPGROUNDS IN THE AREA THAT CAN ACCOMMODATE YOUR FAMILY. MAKE RESERVATIONS @ RECREATION.GOV

HORSE TREK

CLOTHING/GEAR ORDER FORM

I'd like:

____ Hoof Pick _____ x \$ 7.⁰⁰ = \$ _____

____ T-shirt S M L XL XXL _____ x \$25.⁰⁰ = \$ _____

____ Hat One size fits all _____ x \$25.⁰⁰ = \$ _____

____ Long-sleeve T-shirt S M L XL XXL _____ x \$40.⁰⁰ = \$ _____

____ Long-sleeve button-down shirt
S M L XL XXL _____ x \$50.00 = \$ _____

____ Butte Creek Ranch Trophy Silver Belt Buckle _____ x \$80.⁰⁰ = \$ _____

Name to be put on the buckle (**print clearly**) _____

____ Snaffle bit bridle & 21ft mecate _____ x \$100.⁰⁰ = \$ _____

Once you have been on a Horse Trek twice, you must provide your own bridle.

TOTAL ORDERED = \$ _____

PAID = \$ _____

BALANCE DUE = \$ _____

SIGNATURE OF RECIPIENT WHEN PAID _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

SIGNATURE _____

Please print this form, fill it out, and bring it with you when you come to the Pre-Trek Orientation Meeting. Please bring a check or exact amount in currency.

Acknowledgement of Risks and Hazards

The Horse Trek PARTICIPANT and the PARTICIPANT'S PARENT who have signed below desire that the PARTICIPANT ride with Cascade Pacific Council, Scouting America on a week-long Horse Trek between Camp Baldwin and Butte Creek Scout Ranch. This Western trail ride on horseback crosses the Oregon Cascade mountain range, US Forest Service and U. S. Bureau of Land Management lands, as well as privately owned forest lands, trails, and public roadways.

I am aware that there are risks that are inherent in equine (horseback) activities, and I am aware of risks inherent in wilderness travel. I understand that a participant in this Horse Trek could be injured as a result of unanticipated actions by a horse which include but are not limited to jumping, kicking, biting, and colliding with other animals or objects and falling on or throwing a rider. I understand that while riding horses it is possible to fall off under circumstances which can result in serious injury.

I am aware that during wilderness travel, medical attention may be delayed and, from some locations during the trip, I understand that summoning medical attention and wilderness evacuation can further delay medical care. I understand that the leaders of the Horse Trek will do the best they can to create a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants. Equestrian helmets are provided. However, we understand that notwithstanding the best efforts of those leading the Horse Trek, unforeseen circumstances can arise.

As a participant, I understand that I must, and agree to, follow the instructions and requests of Horse Trek leaders at all times. I understand that the choices I make and judgments that I exercise will affect my safety, and could affect the safety of others. As the parent of participant, I acknowledge my son or daughter is able to participate responsibly in the activities.

I understand that Oregon law states that the Cascade Pacific Council, Scouting America and its employees and volunteers involved in leading this Horse Trek "shall not be liable for an injury to or the death of a participant arising out of riding, training, driving, grooming, or riding as a passenger upon an equine (horse). That no participant or participant's representative may maintain an action (lawsuit) against or recover from an equine activity sponsor or an equine professional for an injury to or the death of a participant arising out of riding, training, driving, grooming, or riding as a passenger upon an equine.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2025

Participant

Participant's Parent

Witness

Participant's Parent

Please print this form, fill it out, and bring it with you when you arrive for check-in at camp.

NOTICE TO PARTICIPANTS

The East and West Bound Horse Treks (the Trek) are designed to provide participants with an intense equine-based high adventure Scouting experience. The Trek is physically, mentally, and emotionally demanding. Having agility, body strength, and stamina, in proportion to your size, is an important but not entirely limiting factor in your successful participation. Here are some things that you should know:

- **You will be expected to participate in every aspect of the Trek.** This includes all training and orientation sessions both on the ground and in the saddle. You will be expected to attend all campfires and fireside chats. You will be expected to stand a two-hour night-watch over the horse herd two to three times during the week.
- You will be expected to adhere to the Trek schedule. You will be expected to rise in the morning at 5:30 AM and be actively involved in activities until 10:30 PM. You will be expected to stay focused and keep a lively pace throughout the day.
- You will be expected to care for your assigned horse throughout Trek including brushing and currying your horse; cleaning your horse's hooves; saddling and bridling your horse; and feeding and watering your horse.
- Riders must be capable of lifting approximately 40 pounds of weight to shoulder height. You will be expected to mount and dismount your horse from level, as well as uneven, ground without assistance. You will be expected to ride an average of 22 miles per day.
- You will be expected to bring proper clothing, footwear, toiletries, and camping gear to support your participation in the Trek.
- You will be expected to wear western-style clothing at all times, including a cowboy hat when in camp. No PJs at meals or campfires.
- Most campsites are undeveloped. The care of your gear and the timely set-up and take down of your tent or bedroll each day is your responsibility.
- You will be expected to maintain your personal hygiene. Bring and **use** deodorant.

The Horse Trek is unlike any experience that you have ever encountered. Along the way, it will test you physically and mentally and reward you with new friends, spectacular scenery, a taste of the cowboy life, and a sense of personal accomplishment rarely achieved in our everyday lives. So, be prepared, follow the Scout Oath and Law and, if you have what it takes, come ride with us.

**Butte Creek Scout Ranch
Cascade Pacific Council
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