



RIDE INFORMATION
CHIEF JOSEPH TRAIL RIDE # 45
July 19 -25, 2009
DARBY TO BIG HOLE BATTLEFIELD,
BITTERROOT AND BIG HOLE VALLEYS, MONTANA

June 24, 2009

Hello Chief Joseph Trail Riders,

This letter contains information about this year's ride. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have (208-882-5578 ext 221, trailrides@appaloosa.com).

--Kevin Pullen, Ride Coordinator

Assembly Camp and Directions: Camp opens Saturday at Noon, July 18, 2009. ***Per the landowner's instructions, no one may arrive before noon.*** Dwain & Lillian Rennaker Ranch, 2022 Old Darby Road, Hamilton, MT 59840. Six Miles North of Darby, MT.

Directions: The turnoff is exactly $\frac{1}{2}$ mile between mile marker 35 and 36 on Hwy 93. This is the same turnoff for the **Wally Crawford Fishing Access** (look for the brown and white sign with the fish symbol). **Turnoff is to the north.** Start mileage (0.0) and **proceed north 2.1 miles.** You will immediately pass by the old Como schoolhouse and cross the Bitterroot River over the **one-lane silver metal bridge**. After the bridge, the road turns to hard-packed gravel. At 2.1 miles you will be on a right-hand curve with a high bank on your right and the river on your left. It will open up into flat land on the left and you'll see two houses - also on the left: a single stucco house under trees and a second house surrounded by pole fencing and corrals. We will be there to direct you to our camping area.

*Mosquitoes will be prevalent during the entire ride. Don't forget **insect repellent** for yourself and your horse.*

Time Zone: Mountain Time.

Ride Type: progressive. The camp moves daily. A caravan consisting of crew and private vehicles will be moved from one camp to the next while the riders are on the trail.

Check-in: Upon arrival to assembly camp, please come to the registration station, sign in yourself and your horse and pick up your t-shirt and pin. Some other information will be available also. Please bring your horse's negative EIA (Coggins) test, health certificate and copy of ApHC certificate (registration) papers for identification. The Montana State Brand Inspector will be present. See ***Bringing Your Horse into Montana*** for more information about state requirements.

Vehicles: There is a \$60 surcharge to bring a vehicle in the daily caravan and only a limited number of vehicles will be accepted (6-23-09: we are now at maximum). Private vehicles must have a separate driver and the driver must be a current ApHC member and the non-rider fee paid. We encourage folks to form groups to keep the number of vehicles as low as possible. **Drivers are needed for private vehicles:** Please contact me if you are available. You will be put in touch with those needing drivers.

Parking at the termination camp: There is no additional charge to park your vehicle at the termination camp for the entire week, which many (most?) do. We have U-Haul trucks available to transport your gear from one camp to the next while you are riding the trail. ***If you are parking your vehicle at the termination camp for the week, you must be ready to drive out by 10AM, MST, Sunday morning July 19th.*** We will drive to the termination camp as a group and buses will shuttle us all back to assembly camp. Only one driver per vehicle, please; we have limited room on the buses.

PREVENTING WEED SPREAD: We are working with the Forest Service to aid the prevention of weed spread to the pristine areas we will be visiting. **Please carry a hoof pick and small brush with you on the trail.** There will be a **weed-wash station for vehicles** and riders will be conducting brush-downs and hoof-picking sessions along the route. You can help (and speed things up) by thoroughly washing your vehicle's undercarriage before arriving at the ride. Also, if you can **feed your horse certified weed-free feed at least 72 hours before arrival** to clean out his system, it would be appreciated. Thank you!

Services/Facilities: camping is primitive. There will be no electricity or running water. Tenting is strongly recommended to reduce the number of vehicles in camp. Trucks will be provided to transport gear. **Potable water, portable toilets** and a **picket line** will be provided. A farrier, veterinarian and a physician will be available. ***Bring your own solar shower bags (2 for each person recommended.)*** Portable shower tents are recommended for privacy.

Medical Services: provided by Dr John Corpolongo. The medical form you provided will be given to Dr. Corpolongo and kept strictly confidential. Dr. Corpolongo will bill for services rendered and must be paid at time performed.

Veterinary Services: provided by Dr. Dave Rustebakke. Dr. Rustebakke will bill for services rendered and must be paid at time performed.

Farrier Services: provided by Kirk Knowlton. Mr. Knowlton will bill for services rendered and must be paid at time performed.

Meals/Feed:

Our first meal and the first feed available for horses will be Sunday evening, July 19th; the last will be breakfast on Saturday, July 25th. Don Stoen, our host at Lolo 13 years ago, will put on a private barbecue Saturday evening, July 18th for those who are interested. Cost will be between \$15 and \$20 per plate and will be paid directly to Don at the meal. Paper plates and utensils provided. ***RSVP: Please phone or email me by July 1st if you plan to attend this Sat evening meal. Don needs a head count. Thank you.***

Guests:

Guests are welcome to attend at meals and evening programs. Cost for the meals is \$10 for breakfast, \$10 for lunch and \$15 for supper. Sorry, due to insurance requirements we cannot allow riders to accompany us on "day rides" or stay overnight. If a person wishes to ride or attend longer than one evening, they must pay for an ApHC membership and submit a ride application with the full fee; same for non-riders.

Horses:

See check-in procedures above. **If you have not yet declared a horse, please contact me.** All horses must be ApHC registered Appaloosas and must be 4 years old at the time of the ride. We understand that horse substitutions may be made sometimes, so *if you are bringing a different horse than you originally stated on your application, please let us know at check-in so we can document it.* **Certified weed-free grass hay will be provided beginning Sun. evening, July 19 and ending Sat. morning, July 25.** We will dispense one 75-lb. bale per horse. At 25 lbs/day, a bale will last 6 feedings or approximately 3 days. At that time, another load of hay will be brought in and another bale given out. You will be responsible for the portioning of your horse's hay. We can feed directly on the ground, but **hay bags** are handy if feeding from your trailer. This will help prevent waste and keep the area cleaner. You will need to re-tie your bale for transport. If you have one, a **bale bag** or heavy-duty trash bag will aid in transporting the remainder of your bale from one camp to the next. Please bring certified weed-free hay to feed prior to Sunday evening. Bring a permanent marker to label your tags and hay. You may bring and feed your own **grain or supplements.**

Are you taking your personal vehicle in the daily caravan? If so, we may need help transporting remaining bales from camp to camp. Any space you can provide would be appreciated.

A **Picket Line** will be provided. While in camp, horses must be tied to the **picket lines** or **trailer tied**. Some camps *may* allow for high-lines. Because of safety concerns, portable electric pens are not allowed. It is a good idea to bring a laminated card, printed with your horse's name, to tie onto the spot on the picket line you wish to reserve. Hole-punch the card and affix a cord to tie onto the picket ring. There will be community **water troughs** set up in camp, and mid-day water stops for horses along the trail. Please bring a feed/water bucket for your horse.

Horse Conditioning: We will be between 3500 and 6500 feet elevation and ride an average of 18 miles a day. A good rule of thumb for conditioning is that your horse should be ridden at least 10 miles 3 times a week by the time the ride starts (30 miles/week). Please do not bring overweight horses. You should be able to feel the horse's ribs easily under the skin. If you cannot feel the ribs, the horse is overweight and will prone to complications such as heat exhaustion and colic. Please have hoof protection for your horse prior to arrival.

Preventing Colic – Keeping your horse hydrated: When a horse is excited or stressed due to travel and exposure to a new environment, he may not drink as he normally does. Some horses used to drinking from a source at home may not drink from water sources on the trail, such as a stream. They need to learn that they can use these sources as well and you may need to practice this at home. Never pass up water on the trail if you can help it. "Drink early, drink often." Frequent, smaller intakes of water are better than fewer, larger intakes. Guzzling by a hot horse can itself lead to colic. But it's better to have water than not. An excited horse will be more relaxed and tend to drink if you have a buddy that stays with him. If he refuses to drink, try dismounting and loosening his girth. Relax for a bit to show him it's okay to take a breather. Two good tests for dehydration:

1. Skin Pinch: pinch the skin on the shoulder. When properly hydrated it should snap back immediately. When dehydrated, the skin will stay puckered for longer periods.
2. Capillary Refill: Press on the gums with your thumb. Upon removal, the blanched area should return to the same color as the surrounding area immediately. The longer refilling takes, the more dehydrated your horse.

Horse Sense

Ride centered in the saddle. It is very hard on a horse to ride "askew" or off center. Staying balanced will make your equine partner's job a lot easier. Every so often, stand in the stirrups to take the pressure off his back. Monitor him while climbing and give him rests when needed, and keep your weight forward –over the withers- to keep the pressure off his kidneys.

Preventing "Hot Spots". When arriving in camp after a day's ride, it is a good idea to leave the saddle on and let the horse stand and cool down. Loosen the girth but leave the saddle on for 15-30 minutes. This will help prevent "hot spots" and resulting sores that can occur when a rider immediately dismounts and unsaddles.

Be aware that there will be riders with varied levels of horse and trail experience, and horses with different levels of training. Try not to crowd other horses. If your mount has a tendency to kick at other horses, tying a red ribbon to your horse's tail will alert others. Flagging tape is available from the scouts. Please bring a solid and experienced mount, not one that does not mingle well with others. This is a time for enjoying yourself and your horse, not for training. There are too many horses, people and potential hazards for an untried horse.

Rental Horses: The ApHC does not provide or rent horses. Contact Montana Horses 406-285-3541 or Dirk Vanderby 406-284-6876. If you have a horse to rent for the ride – or still need a horse --contact me at 208-882-5578 ext 221 and I will try to put you in touch with someone if available.

Packing Your Saddle

Load and tie all items such as camera bags, binoculars, slickers, etc. securely. If your horse should spook or stumble, items will flop around and this could spook your horse even more. Please avoid this common cause of wrecks and injuries on the trail.

Tying Your Horse

When tying in the vicinity of other horses, please leave enough space between each animal so that it prevents the horses getting tangled up or kicking each other. If your horse is competitive/dominant and may fight others, move him to an area free of other horses. Only allow enough slack in the rope to allow him to touch the ground with his nose. Any more rope than this provides the opportunity for him to tangle himself. No animals will be tied directly to trees in camp areas. Horses may only be tied to trees with the use of a tree saver. Horses may be tied to a tree for a short period of time on the trail.

In Camp...

Avoid areas congested with other horses or people. For safety's sake, horses should not be unattended for more than a few hours, except at night. Keep a close eye on them. They may become caught or tangled in some way, injure themselves or do ecological damage. If you capture a horse that has escaped during the night, tie him out of reach of other horses until the owner can be located. Using hobbles is not permitted on ApHC trail rides since they have no way of restricting the horse from coming into contact with other horses, property, etc.

Awards: A 400-mile Register of Merit and 800-mile Superior Event Award is available for horses enrolled in the Distance Program. It provides the opportunity for an ApHC-registered Appaloosa to earn mileage toward a Register of Merit for participating on ApHC-sponsored trail rides. Enrollment in the Distance Program is a one-time \$25 fee, good for the life of the horse. See our website, www.appaloosa.com for enrollment forms, or contact me. The **Chief Joseph Medallion** may be earned by a horse participating on the Chief Joseph Trail Ride for 10 consecutive years. A Thirteen Year Award is now available for those horses attending in non-consecutive years. In order for an owner's horse to gain credit for the ride, it must be checked in and documented.

Historical Presentations/Entertainment: Marcus Dominguez will again provide us with his great music for our enjoyment and dancing. We will have presentations by the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) tribe, the Confederated Tribes of the Kootenai/Flathead/Salish, cultural historians and the National Park Service. If encouraged, Dr. Dave Rustebakke, our intrepid veterinarian, may entertain us with his original poetry.

Chief Joseph Youth Foundation Silent Auction will again be held during the ride. Proceeds benefit Nez Perce Youth. Item donations for the auction are graciously accepted... see Bonnie Ewing. One of our members from Great Britain, Di Wilson, presented a unique donation to the silent auction: a pewter replica of the "Bodmin Moor Horseshoe", a complete horseshoe unearthed in Cornwall, U.K. and dated to 1450; 50 years before Columbus landed in the Americas. Check out this interesting bit of equine history at the auction table.

Alcohol: Consumption is strictly prohibited while riding on the trail.

Smoking: Smoking while on the trail is also strictly prohibited. Smoking in camp is permitted inside a vehicle or on the roadbed with no combustible materials within 3 feet.

Fires: No fires allowed; this includes barbeques, gas-powered fire pits or any other open flame.

Participants: *All* participants must be ApHC members and 12 years of age or over.

Dogs: are allowed in camp if leashed. They are not allowed on the trail.

Ride Conditions: Our path will consist mainly of forest service roads and trails with some private roads mixed in. Expect a variety of tread types; dirt, gravel, rocky stretches, with some pavement and roadside riding. There may be some small water crossings (small creeks, no rivers). Topography: Some sections will be relatively level, but some days we will have elevation gain and/or loss of 1500 feet or more. Pace: moderate walk (3.5 – 4 mph). Daily distances: average 18 – 20 miles. At the end of July it can be 105 degrees F during the day and in the 60's at night. Humidity is low. Rain is always possible.

Ride Description (subject to change)

Monday, July 20st: **Rennaker Ranch to Darby** via the foothills. Umarked segment up drainage to gravel FS road and back down into Darby. On the way back we will ride across a bridge and through town (pavement). Elevation gain and then loss of 1500'. Mileage: 14

Tuesday, July 21st: **Darby to Ross Hole.** Cross country on private land, dirt & gravel roads. The first 8 miles will be along a south-facing slope in drainages and contouring across the hillside with a 1500' elevation gain. We then ride along a vehicle-traveled gravel road for ~7 miles: 1300' loss for 2 miles, gradual incline for 2 miles along a gravel road, then another 1200' gain over 3 miles. The remainder is a moderate downhill into our camp. We tried to shorten this but there was no campsite available that would accommodate the vehicles. We will have two water stops so the horses have plenty of hydration. Even at 25 miles this is not a difficult ride --and it is gorgeous. Mileage: 25

Wednesday, July 22nd: **Ross Hole to Hogan Cabin.** Short segment of pavement, then gravel road and trail. We will be riding a section of the Nee-Me-Poo Trail up to Gibbons Pass and down to Hogan's Cabin. Level to moderate elevation gain for first 8 miles. Gain of 1500' over 3 miles (this'll be a puffer, rest the horses often!), then gentle down grade for last 3 miles. Mileage: 14

Thursday, July 24th: **Hogan Cabin to Big Hole Battlefield/Ruby Ranch Corrals.** Level to gradual decline for entire distance punctuated with short elevation gains. We will be riding on the newly-constructed trail into the battlefield, thanks to the Nez Perce Tribe and USFS. Interpretive signs placed by the Nez Perce Trail Foundation. Mileage: 18

Friday, July 25th: **Morning ride up Foothills Road** overlooking Butler Creek – return by 11AM for Park Service tours. Elevation gain 1000 feet over 6 miles going out, loss of same when returning. 1 mi pavement and remainder on gravel road. Mileage: 11

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Schedule for the week (Mountain Time):

Sat. July 18th

Noon – 7PM: Check-in at Assembly Camp

Forest Service personnel will be present to inspect vehicles for weed transportation. Select vehicles will be power-washed. Please wash the undercarriage of your vehicles before you arrive to avoid delays.

5PM – 7PM; Barbecue put on for us by Don Stoen; \$15-\$20 per plate (pay Don at the meal.)

Sun. July 19th

8AM – 5PM: Check-in at Assembly Camp.

10AM: Drive all extra vehicles to Termination Camp and park for the week. Return drivers to assembly camp by bus. Security personnel will stay with parked vehicles.

5PM: First bale of hay available – one per horse. Tag and tie/bag the remainder for following feedings.

6-7PM: First Meal

7PM: Announcements /Orientation

8:30-10PM: Music and dancing (Marcos Dominguez)

Mon July 20th – Fri July 24th:

>Riders: feed and water your horse first thing each morning<

6 – 7AM: Breakfast. Don't forget to pack your sack lunch for the trail!

>Tenters: please have your gear at the dance floor, ready for loading into the truck – except Fri.<

8AM: Ride out. Break camp; vehicle caravan leaves for the next camp after the riders depart.

6 – 7PM: Supper.

7PM: Speakers

8 – 10PM: Music and dancing.

Tue July 21st: The US Forest Service will continue vehicle inspections and selected undercarriage washes at our camp at the rodeo grounds. Be prepared to move your vehicle to the designated wash area if requested.

Thurs July 23rd: Arrival at Termination Camp (Big Hole Battlefield/Ruby Ranch Corrals): *We encourage all drivers and non-riders associated with the caravan to take advantage of your slack time to go tour the Interpretive Center and watch the 30-minute introductory movie.* Because the theater holds only 30 people, this will help the flow of pedestrian traffic tomorrow.

Fri July 24th

6 – 7AM: Breakfast.

8AM: Ride out Foothills Road -- return to camp by 11 AM.

8AM – 5PM: A bus will be shuttling back and forth from camp to the Battlefield every 10 minutes.

9AM: Non-riders start tours at the Battlefield in groups of 50. The movie will be playing every 40 minutes.

>>There will not be an official lunch period. Eat your sack lunch whenever you wish<<

11:30AM: bus will start to shuttle riders to the Interpretive Center – or you can walk over.

Noon – 1PM: Ceremony at the battlefield.

1PM: Riders start tours of the Battlefield in groups of 50. The movie will be playing every 40 minutes.

6 – 7PM: Supper

8PM – Midnight: music and dancing

Sat. July 25th

6AM: Breakfast

Break camp by Noon

Any extra hay will be sold at cost: \$12/bale.

So long till next year, partner. Safe travels!

Sacred Ground

We will be riding through and camping on areas sacred to the Nez Perce people, especially Hogan Cabin camp and the Big Hole Battlefield. We ask that everyone conduct themselves accordingly and show respect for the people whose lives were lost during this unfortunate conflict.

Private Property/Public Lands

Most of our campsites will be on private property; and much of our route, as well. We will also ride across two National Forests which includes three separate districts. Please be respectful in conduct and camp cleanliness. We strive to leave as little impact on the land as possible. A personal thank you note from each of you to these gracious landowners & managers would show our appreciation and lay the groundwork for the continuation of our ride:

Sat/Sun -- Dwain and Lillian Rennaker, landowners, 2022 Old Darby Road, Hamilton, MT 59840.

Mon – Erica Strayer, USFS, Recreation Specialist (special use permit), 712 N. Main, Darby, MT 59829.

Mon -- Town of Darby (rodeo grounds), PO Box 37, Darby MT 59829.

Mon/Tue – Luke Bush, manager, CB Ranch, PO Box 639, Darby, 59829.

Tue -- John Thomas, manager, Sula Peak Ranch, PO Box 9, Sula, MT 59871.

Tue – Dan Rathbun, landowner of Dick Cr. Trail property, 3573 McIntosh Ln, Darby, MT 59829.

Tue/Wed -- Ruth Wooding, District Ranger, USFS, Sula Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest, 7338 Hwy 93 South, Sula, MT 59871.

Wed -- Russ Reibe, District Ranger; Bob Hutton, Trails; Dave Pickford, Recreation Specialist; Lori, office; USFS, Wisdom Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deer Lodge National Forest, PO Box 238, Wisdom, MT 59761.

Thu/Fri. -- Heidi Hirschy, Owner, Ruby Creek Ranch, PO Box 206, Wisdom, MT 59761.

Thu/Fri. – Mandi Wick, National Park Service, Big Hole Battlefield, PO Box 237, Wisdom, MT 59761.

Emergencies: Dial 911

Cell phones will not work in the majority of this area. The crew will have means of communication in the event of an emergency. To leave emergency numbers in case you need to be contacted:

Sun – Tue: Ravalli County Sheriff Department; 406-375-4060.

Wed – Sat: Beaverhead County Sheriff Department; 406-683-3700.

Marcus Daly Hospital, Hamilton: 406-363-2211

St. Patrick Hospital, Missoula: 406-543-7271

While on the Trail...

Courtesy on the trail is a must. Please be mindful of how your riding affects others. We ask that you stay behind the trail boss and in front of the drag scout during the ride. The ApHC will not be responsible for those that leave the main group. Should you need to stop on the trail, pull over to the side so others may pass. Your horse is more apt to remain calm if you have another horse & rider stay with you while stopped. If you need the services of the vet, farrier or physician, contact a scout who will radio for assistance.

If you come up on someone with an injury or with an injured horse, as long as they have someone with them, please keep moving. Stopping can hold up the progress of help getting to the person needing assistance. Our scouts are there to guide you, so all may experience the safest and most enjoyable ride possible. Please follow their directions.

What to do next...

1. Pay the balance of your ride fees to the ApHC before you leave home. Fees must be paid in full beforehand to participate. No fees will be accepted at the ride.
2. Acquire the necessary horse health certificates, as noted in 'check-in' above.
3. Call or email me if you plan to attend the Saturday evening barbecue with Don Stoen.

4. Check that your vehicle is in good mechanical condition. We want you to arrive - safely.

ApHC Trail Ride Checklist

The following are lists of items you may want to bring. These are only suggested items and may vary depending on your situation. Important items in **bold**. Be prepared for any type of weather. Try to keep the number of bags and containers to a minimum. "Nesting" can help save space. For example, stack your feed and water buckets one inside the other and place all grooming items inside the top bucket. Put all this, plus any additional horse gear, into a secure canvas bag or container, so you won't lose items along the way. Pack sleeping bags, tents and clothing into water proof/resistant bags or containers, secure so you don't risk damage or loss of items. Avoid breakables (i.e. glass), in your luggage, use non-crushable plastic or similar containers instead. We will provide wire tie luggage tags for your convenience. Please bring a permanent marker to label your tags and hay.

Vehicle

All vehicles traveling on the National Forests during the forest fire season must be equipped with a shovel in serviceable condition, which shall be not less than 30 inches in length overall, and a bucket and/or a water bag of not less than 2 gallon capacity.

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| ◇ Fuel | ◇ First Aid kit | ◇ Electrical wire and tape |
| ◇ Brakes | ◇ Flashlight and batteries | ◇ Extra engine belts |
| ◇ Brake fluid | ◇ Maps | ◇ Jack |
| ◇ Transmission fluid | ◇ Directions to camp | ◇ Lug wrench |
| ◇ Power steering fluid | ◇ Emergency tool kit | ◇ Jumper cables |
| ◇ Tires: Tread/Inflation | ◇ Air pump | ◇ Tire pressure gauge |
| ◇ Belts | ◇ Auxiliary gas tank or fuel can and funnel | ◇ Tow chain or strap |
| ◇ Hoses | ◇ Brake fluid | ◇ Shovel and bucket |
| ◇ Coolant level? | | ◇ Water—for person, horse and radiator |
| ◇ Fire extinguisher | | |
| ◇ Spare tire; inflated? | | |

Horse

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| ◇ <u>Veterinary (Health) Certificate of inspection—within 30 days</u> | | |
| ◇ <u>Negative Coggins—within 1 year</u> | | |
| ◇ <u>Refer to state agencies for further information about transport requirements.</u> | | |
| ◇ Saddle | ◇ Spurs | ◇ Water bucket |
| ◇ Saddle pads | ◇ Twitch | ◇ Leather pouch |
| ◇ Saddle/pommel bags | ◇ Grooming items | ◇ Horse feed |
| ◇ Horse blanket (for cool nights) | ◇ Hoof pick | ◇ <u>Collapsible water container</u> for watering your buddy on the trail (there are backpacking dog dishes that work perfectly for this.) |
| ◇ Breast collar | ◇ Brush | |
| ◇ Hind girth | ◇ First aid supplies | |
| ◇ Bridle | ◇ <u>Insect repellent</u> | |
| ◇ Halter | ◇ Picket line/high line | |
| ◇ Lead rope | ◇ "Tree savers" | |
| | ◇ Feed bag or bucket | |

Camp Gear

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| ◇ Shelter (tent) | ◇ <u>Canteen or water bottle</u> | ◇ Cleaning cloths |
| ◇ Waterproof tarp or ground cloth | ◇ Binoculars | ◇ Notepad and pen or pencil |
| ◇ Bedroll/sleeping bag | ◇ Lawn chair | ◇ Permanent marker |
| | ◇ Pocket knife | ◇ Scissors |

- ◇ Emergency sewing kit
- ◇ Garbage bags
- ◇ Ziploc-type bags
- ◇ Soft cotton rope

Personal Gear

- ◇ Duffel bag or suitcase
- ◇ Any medications
- ◇ Bandana or handkerchief
- ◇ Boots
- ◇ Galoshes
- ◇ Shoes
- ◇ Gloves
- ◇ Hat
- ◇ Jacket
- ◇ Poncho or rain slicker
- ◇ Other clothing items such as jeans and shirts (plan for changing weather; bring layers)
- ◇ Alarm clock and watch
- ◇ **2 Solar Shower bags**
- ◇ Bath towels
- ◇ Washcloths
- ◇ Toothbrush, floss and paste
- ◇ Extra roll of toilet tissue (just in case)
- ◇ Shaving equipment
- ◇ Hand soap (non-phosphate biodegradable) and case
- ◇ Shampoo (non-phosphate, biodegradable)
- ◇ Deodorant
- ◇ Comb or brush
- ◇ Sunscreen
- ◇ Chap stick
- ◇ **Insect repellent**
- ◇ Glasses and/or sunglasses
- ◇ Items for contact lenses
- ◇ Camera, film and batteries

The fine print...

ApHC Disclaimer

The ApHC reserves the right to prohibit participation in the ApHC-sponsored Chief Joseph Trail Ride by any person or persons who do not abide by all ApHC or U.S. Forest Service or other federal agency rules or regulations. The ApHC may also ban attendance by anyone who does not recognize and abide by any laws and ordinances set forth by the state of Oregon, Idaho, Montana or any county within. Any person or persons, who are prohibited by the ApHC from participating on the Chief Joseph Trail Ride for reasons stated above, will forfeit all ride and ApHC membership fees paid, and will under no circumstances receive a refund. They will also risk being prohibited from participating in future ApHC trail rides and subjected to possible ApHC Disciplinary Committee actions.

ApHC TRAIL RIDES SUMMARY OF RULES AND CONDITIONS

- You must be a current ApHC member to participate in ApHC-sponsored trail ride events. This includes riders and non-riders alike.
- You must be 12 years old or older to attend this ride. Those under the age of 18 must be accompanied and chaperoned by a parent or guardian at all times. No minor will be left in camp unattended. The actions of said minors will be the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian. Minors are expected to adhere to any and all rules set forth by the ApHC. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary and/or criminal actions.
- You may not bring stallions, foals or horses younger than 4 years of age as of foaling date. Horses with any contagious diseases are not allowed.
- All horses are required to be checked at the pre-designated check-in station for transportation and health requirements.

- ❑ Horses and riders must be in good physical condition and able to spend 6 to 7 hours each day on the trail. Riders and non-riders alike must be self-reliant and able to handle all situations in adverse conditions.
- ❑ The official ride veterinarian and physician have the authority to determine whether any person/animal is able to safely participate in any portion of this trail riding event. The trail coordinator and/or ride manager will enforce the veterinarian's/physician's decisions.
- ❑ The ApHC requires the same health and transportation papers as the state in which the ride is being held. The ApHC also requires proof of ApHC registry for horses participating in the Chief Joseph Trail Ride. Laws may vary state to state, so you should contact the state's veterinary office, brand inspector's office or Department of Agriculture for those states you plan to travel through. The ApHC reserves the right to inspect papers at any time.
- ❑ All stock should be newly shod or have hoof protection and ready for trail conditions they may encounter.
- ❑ One horse per rider is the maximum allowed. The only pack animals allowed are those contracted by the ApHC for use on the trail ride. Please be responsible for your horse at all times. Don't leave horses in camp unattended.
- ❑ All animals will be treated humanely. The ApHC Trail Coordinator and/or Trail Ride Manager or any participating ApHC Board of Director has the right to determine what is to be considered inhumane treatment. Such individuals will be banned from participation, expelled from camp, and will be subject to disciplinary and/or criminal action.
- ❑ The ApHC will announce in pre-ride information if horse feed will be provided, and if so, what brand. It will also be announced if hay will be allowed in camp. This decision will be determined by the ApHC's special-use permits, or by landowner's request. Each participant is responsible for being aware of what type of feed is, and is not, allowed on the trail ride. If hay is allowed, hay nets or hay bags will be required when feeding.
- ❑ You will not be allowed to smoke or drink alcohol while riding on the trail, and firearms are prohibited at any ApHC sponsored event. Local law enforcement agencies will be notified should it be found that an individual or group is in possession of or using illegal drugs.
- ❑ Dogs and other pets will not be allowed at group meals or while riding the trail. In camp, they must be caged or on a 6 foot leash at all times. Certain states will require health papers on pets also. The ApHC reserves the right to ask that animals which pose a safety risk or create a nuisance be removed from camp.
- ❑ Use of hobbles are not permitted on ApHC trail rides as it does not restrict the horse from coming into contact with objects within its surroundings. Portable fencing may be used, when space allows, on base camp rides but *not* on the Chief Joseph Trail Ride.
- ❑ No ATV, motorbike, moped or bicycle will be allowed on any ApHC trail riding event. In certain cases the ApHC crew may use such means of transportation as in an emergency or camp/trail duty.

- ❑ Individual campfires will not be allowed.
- ❑ All individuals attending must register and pay fees, or be official guests of the ApHC. Those individuals found participating without registering and paying fees may be banned from participation on future ApHC trail rides and will be required to register and pay fees, including the post entry payment fee, for the ride in which they are in attendance.
- ❑ Individuals contracted by the ApHC will not operate vehicles for trail ride participants. These individuals may operate ApHC trail ride vehicles and their own personal vehicles only.
- ❑ Any ApHC trail ride crew person that is issued crew identity, vehicle identity, radios, or any other trail ride equipment is responsible for returning said items to the trail coordinator prior to camp break-up the last day of the trail ride event. Crew may be charged a replacement fee for items not returned by the last day of the event.

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2010 Chief Joseph Trail Ride

Next year's ride will (tentatively) be scheduled for July 18 – 24, starting near the Big Hole (Horse Prairie?) and ending near Leadore, ID/Birch Creek.