

BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA EDUCATION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

EDUCATION ORGANIZATION

State Executive Committee includes Vice President of Education
Education Steering Committee consists of: BCHC VP of Ed. and 5 members from State Education Committee
State Education Committee: consists of 1 Representative from each Unit

BCHC EDUCATION PROGRAMS

1. OFFICER ORIENTATION

Meeting of state officers once a year. Purpose is to provide leadership training to new officers from each unit. Officer Manuals contain complete details of each position. Other pertinent materials are given including "Gentle Use" information and Education Summary Sheets.

2. "GENTLE USE" PROGRAM AT THE ANNUAL RENDEZVOUS

*Education Classes are both general and certificated.
"Gentle Use" Pins Program for those attending certified programs; Green, Silver Gentle Use, Silver Rider & Silver Pack Animals
"Gentle Use" Children's Program*

3. EDUCATION SUMMARY SHEETS FOR STATE AND NATIONAL

Each Unit Education Chair is responsible to keep records and turn in a Summary Sheet at the end of each year. These annual records report educational programs, exhibits, classes and other training efforts of the unit.

4. PUBLICATIONS

*Officer Manual
Gentle Use Pocket Guide
Pack & Saddle Stock Camping Manual
Youth Program Manual
Wilderness Rider Training Guide
One Page Handouts:*

*"High Country Manners" - A guide for "Gentle Use" stock etiquette
"Black Bear Sense" - A common sense guide to understanding black bears and protecting your food.*

"Bare Bottom Basics" - A guide for appropriate sanitation practices.

"Mountain Lion Lunch" - A common sense guide to understanding mountain lions.

"Education Program Overview"- This review of all education programs.

"Hellooo Camp!" - A guide for selecting an appropriate campsite and use of fires.

5. SLIDE SHOW

*The slide show presents history of packing, legislation efforts to preserve wilderness areas, and basic tips and techniques that stock users should consider.
The kit includes slides, script with instructions and narration on a cassette.*

6. MASTER OF LEAVE NO TRACE

Educational effort with the Center for Outdoor Ethics for Leave No Trace Stock Users.

7. WILDERNESS RIDER PROGRAM

*Partnership with BCHC, Forest Service, Park Service and BLM.
BCHC members are trained, mounted volunteers who ride high use areas educating stock users and others about the value of wilderness and the importance of "Gentle Use" skills.*