



4-H Trail & Packing 2019

Note: Helmets are required for riding at all clinics.

Introduction to 4-H Trail and Packing: Saturday January 26, 2019

Location – Smith Valley Fire Hall, 3496 US Hwy 2 West, Kalispell, MT

1:00pm to 3:00pm – Refreshments will be served. We will do an intro to packing equipment, goals, student experience. 4-H Horsemanship will be discussed and general 4-H requirements. Level 2 and 3 students will share what they learned last year and Level 4 and 5 students will share their packing experiences from the summer of 2017. There will also be a demonstration on packing and horse desensitizing.

Any Level 4 & 5 students with a new horse for 2019 will need to bring them to Clinic III and IV for evaluation. Make sure that you let leaders know what you need to work on.

Clinic I: - Saturday February 16, 2019

Location – Country Kitchen – Flathead County Fairgrounds. Parking will be tight due to even in the Expo Building

Bring your 4-H Trail & Packing Book

1:00pm – 4:00pm – Level 1 thru Level 3, Level 4 and 5 may attend but not required

Students will rotate through the following stations:

1. Map reading, GPS, Spot
2. Trail Etiquette, Saddle Bags & Equipment
3. Riding Saddle Parts, Pack Saddle Parts
4. First Aid Kits

There will be a horse training demo during this Clinic.

Clinic II: - Saturday – March 16, 2019

Location – Country Kitchen – Flathead County Fairgrounds

10:00am to 4:00pm – Level 1 thru 3, Level 4 & 5 may attend and help train Level 1-3

Bring your 4-H Trail & Packing Book

Bring your own lunch drinks will be provided

Loading and Packing “Hands-on” practice stations with “Barrel Horses”

We will have 4 Stations for Hands on Training

Mantying – Knots/Hitches for Packing, making loads, panniers

Top Pack – adding a top pack to your loads

Highline – Putting up Highline, tying quick release knot, tying to post, tree, rail

Equine First Aid – bandaging, cuts, sprains, colic, etc.

4-H packing students will be broken up in to 4 groups and they will have 45 minutes or more at each station.

The last 30 to 45 minutes students will practice putting up a highline and tying quick release knots.

There will be a horse training demo during this Clinic.

Clinic III: - Saturday – April 20, 2019

Location – Two Bear River Ranch, 1700 KM Ranch Road, Whitefish, MT– **Leave your stock at the trailer.**

10:00am to 4:30pm – Level 1 thru Level 5

Bring your 4-H Trail & Packing Book

Bring your own lunch drinks will be provided.

Participants will bring their own pack and riding stock. Participants should bring their own riding and pack saddles. If you do not have pack saddles we will have a few extra for use at the clinic. We will also have a limited amount of stock that the instructors will bring for those who do not have pack stock **please let us know if you need pack stock.**

Level 1 thru 3 Students

1. Riding Horses and Rider will be put through Trail Riding Test; Pack Horses will be led through the same course. Pre-made loads will be available for those who can tie a load on their pack stock.

2. Tie Station – Practice Highline, Tree and Hitch Rail
3. Horse First Aid – How to wrap a leg wound
4. Saddle Fitting – Riding Saddle & Pack Saddle

Level 4 & 5 Students

1. Students will work on Trip Planning and Camping training, what to look for in a camp site, what to bring and why. They will be working on the importance of not forgetting important items for an overnight camping trip. Possibly a skit could be done at Clinic IV with kids and what they had outlined in Clinic III to bring for an overnight camping trip.

We will present a horse training demo so that students may work on their horses at home.

Clinic IV: - Saturday May 18, 2019

Location – Two Bear River Ranch, 1700 KM Ranch Road, Whitefish, MT– **Leave your stock at the trailer.**

Bring your 4-H Trail & Packing Book

Bring your own lunch, drinks will be provided.

10:00am to 4:00pm All Levels

Participants will bring their own pack and riding stock. Participants should bring their own riding and pack saddles. If you do not have pack saddles we will have a few extra for use at the clinic. We will also have a limited amount of stock that the instructors will bring for those who do not have pack stock **please let us know if you need pack stock.**

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Level 4 & 5 Students

Bring the gear that you planned in Clinic III and be prepared to demonstrate and explain your thinking process for your entire planned trip. Make sure that you are aware of the weights of all of your gear. You do not have to bring the food you planned but you need to know how much space it will take up and how much it weighs.

For those with new riding or packing horses for 2019 you will be evaluated on their ability during this clinic.

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