

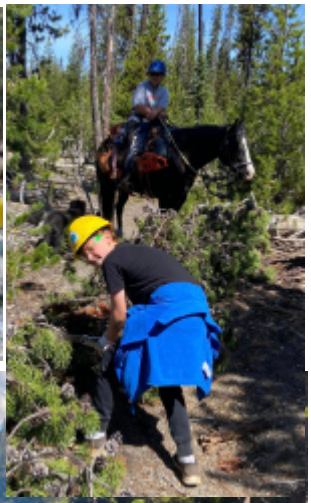
Riders' Roundup



OET "Aced it" at Quinn Meadow











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Quinn Meadow Work Party Report

What fun it is to horse camp and ride. It's even better when you realize you had a hand in clearing the trails that we enjoy so much.

Over 18 miles of trails are now cleared at Quinn Meadow Horse Camp thanks to the hard work of 23 volunteers from around the state (and beyond). Not only were we able to remove nearly 200 logs blocking the trails, we had enough hands (and hooves) available to cut back brush encroaching on some sections that desperately needed it.

Designated wilderness areas don't allow chainsaws. So we use human powered cross cut saws instead. It's slower, but I'd say it's more fun. Everyone gets a chance to contribute and take turns, talk, and enjoy our surroundings. When it's all done and we roll that piece of wood off the trail, we all feel a sense of accomplishment and gain a new appreciation for our trails. Thanks to all of our Oregon Equestrian Trails - OET volunteers that helped at Quinn Meadow Horse Camp this week!

TRAILS CLEARED:

✅ #12 Elk-Devils Trail in Wilderness area from Mirror Lakes TH to Elk Lake Lodge.

✅ #20 Sink Creek Trail from Mirror Lakes TH to Quinn Meadow Horse Camp.

✅ #13 Katsuk Pond Trail from Devil's Lake TH to Quinn Meadow Horse Camp.

✅ Loop consisting of #01 Quinn Creek Trail to Hosmer Lake, the #99 Metolius Windigo to #13 Appaloosa Trail back to camp.

✅ #99 Met-Win from Appaloosa Trail JCT to #04 Sparks Lake trail JCT.

❌ Did not clear #12 Elk-Devils Trail from Mirror Lakes TH to Devils Lake TH due to remaining snow drifts❄️

And additionally, a new trail was flagged connecting the Sink Creek Trail and the Katsuk Pond Trial creating a 7 mile loop from camp.

Thank You: Chestine Anderson, Patty Barnes, Brett Branch, Sandy Branch, Matt Dolphin, Renee Dolphin, Max Dolphin, Sam Dolphin, Collette Hayes, Doris Hills, Scott Hills, Dodie Kauffman, Callyn Kircher, Kim McCarrel, Cindi Richardson, Matt Richardson, Sandra Rosencranz, Sandy Short, Holly Swanson, Jana Swedo, Marcia Trujillo, Leslye Wing, Wendy Zurcher.



President Frank DeWeese

Gone Riding! See you next month!

VP of Public Lands
Kim McCarrel



June was a whirlwind month for public lands issues. Here's a quick recap and a review of OET's actions.

Sale of Public Land

The Situation: An amendment to the Trump administration's proposed budget (the One Big, Beautiful Bill) would require the sale of two to three million acres of public land over the next five years, including public land here in Oregon. The Senate is currently considering this proposal. Despite strong public opposition to the amendment, some Senators still favor selling public land to private developers and corporations.

What OET Has Done: We signed on to letters that The Outdoor Alliance and REI circulated to oppose the proposed sale of public lands. These letters, signed by many companies and nonprofits concerned about public lands, are sent to key legislators. Since you must be a constituent to email a Senator, these group letters are one way OET can influence the actions of Senators from other states.

We also sent a letter to our own Senators Wyden and Merkley. Both legislators strongly oppose the sale of public land, so our letter expressed our opposition to the amendment and thanked the Senators for their work to prevent the passage of this provision. (Many people write to their Congressmen to ask them to vote one way or another, but few follow up to say thank you. It's a nice thing to do.)

Further Cuts to Land Management Agency Budgets

The Situation: The One Big, Beautiful Bill also contains provisions that would slash the budgets of the Forest Service, BLM, and National Park Service even more than they already have been. For example, the Forest Service's trail budget for next year would be cut in half.

What OET Has Done: We wrote to Senators Wyden and Merkley, expressed our dismay at this proposal, and thanked them for their support of reasonable funding levels for these land management agencies.

Extending the Legacy Restoration Fund

The Situation: The Great American Outdoors Act's (GAOA) Legacy Restoration Fund provides much-needed maintenance for roads, trails, and other infrastructure at national parks and recreation areas. Oregon's public lands benefited from this funding in the past several years, even though funding for many GAOA projects was frozen earlier this year. Legislation has been introduced in the Senate that would extend GAOA funding until 2033, giving the agencies the resources to reduce the backlog of deferred maintenance on public lands.

What OET Has Done: We signed on to a group letter sponsored by the American Hiking Society to support this legislation.

Oregon Recreation Immunity Bill

The Situation: The Oregon Legislature is considering a bill to restore the enforceability of liability waivers in the state. The courts invalidated Oregon's then-current recreation immunity law several years ago. The result was that a liability release, like we have people sign when they participate in a work party or poker ride, may not provide us with much protection if someone gets hurt and sues. In most states, if a recreation participant signs a liability release, it protects the recreation sponsor or landowner from lawsuits unless they have been grossly negligent. Since the court decision, however, Oregon hasn't offered similar protections to those who provide recreational opportunities. Senate Bill 1196-A would rectify this situation. If passed, the bill would help protect OET, its officers, and event organizers if a work party or poker ride participant gets injured. To keep the bill moving through the Legislature, it must be scheduled for a hearing on the Senate floor – and soon.

What OET Has Done: We wrote to Senate President Rob Wagner and urged him to schedule a vote on this bill immediately.

Summary

As you can see, public lands have become a hot-button issue, both here in Oregon and nationally. OET continues to advocate for national public land protection, funding for land management agencies, and protection from recreational liability here in Oregon.



VP Marketing Outreach

Collette Hayes



This is the best and busiest time of year....how many things can be on the calendar in a single month?...A LOT. There have been poker & prize rides, several work parties and so much activity!

It is so exciting to know that Quinn Meadow, Big Meadow and Kelsay Valley had quite large work parties and got most, if not all, trails cleared!! Yay!! Thank you to all who joined in as well as to BCHO who we partnered with us at Big Meadow and Kelsay Valley!!

Matt Dolphin and I had a Friends of Chehalem hike and event in June. It was fun, we had 2 ponies for folks to pet. We discussed sharing trails. Sharon Wilde brought her cute pony Peaches and I borrowed Hope Flint's pony Clover.

Mule Skinners had their Prize Ride at Flying M in Yamhill County....great turnout! Forest Grove Ranch Riders had their annual Prize Ride in Cherry Grove and that had a great turnout as well! I find it very enjoyable to hang out with these horse groups. They are all supportive and friends of OET.

Enjoy your summer and I hope to see you on the trail!

Reach out anytime; are you planning a chapter ride? Please make sure it is on the calendar for all to see!

Our chapters can come together to create a stronger organization!

Over the past 3 years, working as your Marketing VP, I have listened to many comments, causing me to wonder about OET challenges now and into the future. OET has been around for 55 years and one big change has been thinking of ourselves as an unified organization.

Historically, each chapter operated autonomously, largely due to the limitations of communication at the time. We now have instant communication - we can send a picture, send a message and even talk face to face in real time.

I am consistently inspired by the collaborative efforts of chapters pulling together to achieve goals and get things done. There is no doubt we have the clout with our Trail Mail and communication to make things happen.

Also, don't forget that your Executive Board works for all chapters....feel free to reach out.

Our Public Lands leadership (Kim McCarrel) letting us know when we really need to amplify our voices and our Field Services VP (Matt Dolphin) organizing and helping us with trail work and improving our organization's financial challenges are just examples of what propels us forward.

Thank you all for being a member, for your dedication and the invaluable contributions you make.

Whoever said a horse was dumb, was dumb
Will Rogers



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Tech Corner

By Marty DeVall, OET Web Master

Check Your Spam Folder!

(And Why Emails Sometimes End Up There)

Have you ever waited for an important email — maybe a message from Oregon Equestrian Trails — and it just never arrived? Before assuming it wasn't sent, it's smart to check your Spam (or Junk) folder!

Email systems like Gmail, Outlook, Yahoo, and others filter incoming mail, and sometimes they mistakenly send good emails into Spam.

Here's how to find those missing emails, why it happens, and how to fix it.

What Is the Spam Folder?

The Spam folder is like a trash can for suspicious or unwanted emails. Most of the time, it protects you from junk mail and scams. But occasionally, real emails — like our OET Google Group messages — get moved there by mistake.

Checking your Spam folder regularly helps you catch important emails that didn't land in your main inbox.

Why Good Emails Go to Spam

Email companies use automatic filters that look for:

- Messages sent to many people at once.
- Lots of links or attachments.
- Words like "free," "urgent," or "winner."

Since our OET emails often go to many members and sometimes include links (like to events or Google Drive files), they can look suspicious to automatic systems — even though they're safe! It's not about the content — it's just how filters work today.

How to Check Your Spam Folder

It's easy to check Spam, no matter which email service you use:

If You Use Gmail (Google Mail):

1. Open Gmail.
2. Look at the list on the left side of the screen.
3. Scroll down and click **More** if needed.
4. Click **Spam** — it has a little stop sign icon.
5. Look through the messages.

If you find an email that shouldn't be there, **open it** and click the **"Not Spam"** button at the top.

This moves the message back to your Inbox and tells Gmail that you want to receive future emails from that sender.

If You Use Outlook (Hotmail, Live.com, MSN):

1. Open Outlook Mail.
2. On the left side, click **Junk Email**.
3. Browse through the list.

If you find a real message, **right-click** it and choose **Mark as Not Junk**.

If You Use Yahoo Mail:

1. Open Yahoo Mail.
2. Click the **Spam** folder on the left.
3. Look for any emails you recognize.

To move them back, **select the email** and click **Not Spam**.

Each time you do this, it teaches your email provider what messages are safe.

How to Keep Important Emails Out of Spam

Besides marking emails as "Not Spam," there are a few things you can do to make sure important messages land safely in your inbox.

1. Add the Sender to Your Contacts

Adding a trusted email address to your contact list tells your email service that you know the sender. For OET, you can add our main Google Group address or our officers' emails to your contacts. In Gmail, Outlook, or Yahoo, you can usually **hover over** the sender's name and click **"Add to Contacts"**.

2. Check Spam Regularly

Even if you mark messages as "Not Spam," mistakes can happen. It's a good habit to **check your Spam folder once a week** (or at least once a month) to catch anything important that got filtered by accident.

3. Move Important Emails to a Folder

You can create special folders (also called Labels in Gmail) for important groups like OET. Moving emails to a folder helps organize your mail and tells the system you value those emails.

A Word About Scams

Be careful: real companies will never email you asking for passwords or personal information.

If you get a strange email that looks suspicious, don't click links inside it.

Instead, go directly to the company's official website by typing the address yourself.

When in doubt — delete!!!

Wrapping Up

Spam filters help keep our inboxes clean, but sometimes good emails get trapped. Checking your Spam folder once in a while ensures you don't miss important updates, reminders, or event information from Oregon Equestrian Trails.

It's an easy habit that keeps you connected — and it only takes a minute or two!

2025 Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Chapter	Event	Location	Information
July					
4 Jul		North Coast	Parade	Warrenton	Charles Conrow, organizer
4-6 Jul		North Coast	Campout	Northrup Creek Horse Camp, Clatskanie	Wooded campground, some steep slopes, some gravel logging road sections. Need boots or shoes.
4-6 Jul		Columbia County	Campout	Camp Wilkerson Park, Rainier	Enjoy the new steel corrals and playground! Contact Jana Swedo: 503-548 8710 herestolife9@gmail.com
5 Jul		North Coast	Ride	Fort Stevens State Park, Hammond	Time TBD, weather dependent, check our FB page and emails.
7 Jul	6:00PM - 7:00PM	State	Meeting	Virtual. Google Meets or call in to 601-688-3254 PIN 290189192#	OET Field Service/Public Lands Call. https://meet.google.com/swn-imhr-ioz
12 Jul	9:00AM	Mid-Valley	Ride	Cultus Horse Camp	Fun Ride. Potluck Sat Make your own reservations
12 Jul	11:00AM-2:00PM	North Valley	Ride	Hardy Creek Trailhead, Molalla River Corridor	Group Ride hosted by Brett and Sandy Branch.
12 Jul		Roseburg	Ride	Kelsey Valley Horse Camp	High Lakes Fish packing roseburg@myoet.org
12-19 Jul		North Coast	Special	TBA	Donna Hammond, organizer northcoast@myoet.org
16-Jul	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Ride	Sandy River Delta https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLGsQksZcXwyjw7x5	Foot in stirrup by 10:00 AM. Lunch to follow. Bring lunch and a chair. Contact Sara Faulkner, (971) 274-6516
25 Jul		North Coast	Parade	Long Beach, WA	Charles Conrow, organizer. northcoast@myoet.org
August					
2 Aug		North Coast	Ride	Fort Stevens State Park, Hammond	Time TBD, weather dependent, check our FB page and emails.
2 Aug		Silver Falls	Parade	Silverton	Silverton Davenport Parade
4 Aug	6:00PM - 7:00PM	State	Meeting	Virtual. Google Meets or call in to 601-688-3254 PIN 290189192#	OET Field Service/Public Lands Call. https://meet.google.com/swn-imhr-ioz
9 Aug		North Coast	Parade	Astoria	Charles Conrow, organizer northcoast@myoet.org
9 Aug		Mid-Valley	Ride	South Pyramid Horse Camp	Fun ride/Campout/Potluck Sat midvalley@myoet.org

20-Aug	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Ride	Sandy River Delta https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLGsQksZcXwyjw7x5	Foot in stirrup by 10:00 AM. Lunch to follow. Bring lunch and a chair. Contact Sara Faulkner, (971) 274-6516
23-24 Aug		North Coast	Campout	Joe Graham Horse Camp	Mt Hood Nat'l Forest northcoast@myoet.org
29-31 Aug		Columbia County	Campout	Camp Wilkerson Park, Rainier	Enjoy the new steel corrals and playground! Contact Jana Swedo: 503-548 8710 herestolife9@gmail.com
30-1 Sep		North Coast	Campout	Northrup Creek Horse Camp, Clatskanie	northcoast@myoet.org
30-31 Aug		Mid-Valley	Campout	Big Meadows Horse Camp	Fun ride/Campout/Potluck Sat. Make your own reservations
September					
1 Sep	6:00PM - 7:00PM	State	Meeting	Virtual. Google Meets or call in to 601-688-3254 PIN 290189192#	OET Field Service/Public Lands Call. https://meet.google.com/swn-imhr-ioz
6 Sep		North Coast	Ride	Fort Stevens State Park, Hammond	Time TBD, weather dependent. northcoast@myoet.org
13-14 Sep		North Coast	Campout	Camp Wilkerson Horse Camp	Wooded campground, wooded trails with some hills. northcoast@myoet.org
13 Sep		Mid-Valley	Ride	Perrydale Trails, Sheridan	Fun Ride and Potluck. Make your own reservations. midvalley@myoet.org
17-Sep	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Ride	Sandy River Delta https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLGsQksZcXwyjw7x5	Foot in stirrup by 10:00 AM. Lunch to follow. Bring lunch and a chair. Contact Sara Faulkner, (971) 274-6516
October					
4 Oct		North Coast	Ride	Fort Stevens State Park, Hammond	Time TBD, weather dependent. northcoast@myoet.org
6 Oct	6:00PM - 7:00PM	State	Meeting	Virtual. Google Meets or call in to 601-688-3254	OET Field Service/Public Lands Call. https://meet.google.com/swn-imhr-ioz
11 Oct		Mid-Valley	Campout	Nehalem Bay campout	Fun Ride and Potluck Sat. midvalley@myoet.org
15-Oct	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Ride	Sandy River Delta https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLGsQksZcXwyjw7x5	Foot in stirrup by 10:00 AM. Lunch to follow. Bring lunch and a chair. Contact Sara Faulkner, (971) 274-6516
18 Oct	8:00AM - 1:30PM	Public	Special	694 NE 4th Ave, Canby	Clackamas County 4-H Tack Sale.New and other horse-related items. Parking $5, admission is $1 per person.

November					
1 Nov		North Coast	Ride	Fort Stevens State Park, Hammond	Time TBD, weather dependent. northcoast@myoet.org
3 Nov	6:00PM - 7:00PM	State	Meeting	Virtual. Google Meets or call in to 601-688-3254 PIN 290189192#	OET Field Service/Public Lands Call. https://meet.google.com/swn-imhr-ioz
15 Nov		Mid-Valley	Ride	Elijah Bristow State Park, Pleasant Hill	Fun Ride and Potluck. midvalley@myoet.org
19-Nov	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Ride	Sandy River Delta https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLGsQksZcXwyjw7x5	Foot in stirrup by 10:00 AM. Lunch to follow. Bring lunch and a chair. Contact Sara Faulkner, (971) 274-6516
December					
1 Dec	6:00PM - 7:00PM	State	Meeting	Virtual. Google Meets or call in to 601-688-3254 PIN 290189192#	OET Field Service/Public Lands Call. https://meet.google.com/swn-imhr-ioz
6 Dec		Mid-Valley	Ride	Oregon Horse Center	Mt Trail fun ride. Ride then tea/cookies Reservations needed (541) 689-9700
13 Dec		North Coast	Party		
17-Dec	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Ride	Sandy River Delta https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLGsQksZcXwyjw7x5	Foot in stirrup by 10:00 AM. Lunch to follow. Bring lunch and a chair. Contact Sara Faulkner, (971) 274-6516

Please visit OregonEquestrianTrails.org/calendar for more details of scheduled Events.

Our Mission Statement

OET advocates for recreational access,
partners with land managers to care for trails and horse camps,
and unites equestrians through
opportunities and information related to trail riding.







Meet Melissa McLauglin Candidate for OET President



I am honored to be your nominee for OET state president. OET plays a vital role in our community, and I am committed to ensuring its continued growth and success. As a member of the Finance Committee, I have seen areas that need improvement, and we are actively working to strengthen the business side of OET, making it healthier and more sustainable. I've been West Valley Chapter Chair almost as long as I've been a member of OET. I'm really proud of our chapter's role in Nehalem Bay State Park's five year corral conversion project.

We are fortunate to have a board of directors with smart, dedicated individuals who are eager to serve, alongside many passionate members volunteering in the field. My goal is to ensure that we maintain the drive and direction needed to expand our organization so we can continue representing equestrians in the trail community. OET is your organization—where you can make lasting friendships and have a meaningful impact.

My leadership style blends structure with collaboration, shaped by my experience running our family business for 35 years. As I transition it to the next generation, I bring the same dedication and strategic approach to this role. I am ready to take on this responsibility and eager to serve.

Managing False Dandelion may prevent Stringhalt

Condensed and reprinted from Univ. Of Oregon Extension Service. Article by Mary Frey. June 2024.

A debilitating condition in horses called stringhalt may be associated with Hypochaeris radicata also known as false dandelion, flatweed, common catsear or summer dandelion.

This invasive species is common in pastures throughout Oregon. Stringhalt is a neurological condition that affects the mobility in a horse's hind legs. It is characterized by a jerky, exaggerated flexion of one or both hocks towards the abdomen with a delayed extension when moving forward. If the horse is diagnosed with stringhalt after being on pasture, it is referred to as pasture stringhalt.

The cause of pasture stringhalt is not fully understood and has not been reproduced experimentally by purposely feeding false dandelions, but there are commonalities in cases.

- Horses are diagnosed in late summer or autumn, when hot and dry.
- Limited forage is available, often horses are on overgrazed pastures or in weedy dry lots.
- There is a high population of Hypochaeris radicata in the pasture or dry lot area.

The good news is that not all horses seem to be affected and typically once the diagnosed horse is removed from the weed infested area it recovers. Depending on the severity, horses may improve within a short period of time, but often take several months or longer. In some cases, additional procedures may be included in the veterinarian's treatment plan.

It is worth identifying the weed to determine if reducing the population is justified as a preventative action. This plant resembles common dandelion, with milky juice, a basal rosette of leaves, and yellow flowers. However, common dandelion has a hollow single stem for each flower while false dandelion has a fibrous stem that are branched with multiple flowers per stem. False dandelion has lobed leaves covered in short, coarse hairs.

False dandelion, a perennial, is challenging to control and requires multiple management strategies including improving overall pasture conditions. Hand pulling and soil cultivation can control this weed, but since it can resprout, the taproot must be removed with a shovel or exposed and severely damaged through cultivation when the soil is dry. Mowing is not considered effective because of resprouting but may reduce future populations by removing flower buds before blooming. Large infestations often require herbicide.



OET's Letter to Senators Wyden and Merkley

Dear Senator:

I represent Oregon Equestrian Trails, an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that maintains trails and horse camps all over Oregon. Our 700 members not only enjoy riding their horses on public lands, but we also volunteer thousands of hours a year keeping trails open and campgrounds in good shape.

We are horrified at what the One Big Beautiful Bill envisions for our public lands. We don't want public lands to be sold to the highest bidder. Once those lands are sold, the public loses access. Recreational opportunities, wildlife habitat, and scenic views will be lost forever.

We also don't want to see funding cut for America's land management agencies. Already, the Forest Service and BLM rely almost entirely on volunteers to maintain trails and other recreational facilities. If this funding is halved, as the One Big Beautiful Bill proposes, the agencies won't even have the manpower to keep track of what volunteers are doing, let alone do anything to reduce the mounting maintenance backlog.

We are grateful for your efforts to keep public lands in public hands and to support funding for trail and infrastructure maintenance on these lands. We're behind you as you continue fighting for these important principles.

Thank you for all you do to support America's public lands.

Kim McCarrel
VP Public Lands
Oregon Equestrian Trails







A Merry Sisters' Rodeo Parade

By Gayla Nelson, Central Oregon Chapter Chair













The weather was perfect as June 14th dawned for the Annual Sisters' Rodeo Parade. Our chapter had a great turnout.

Donita Elbert, with the help of one of our newer, and I might add go-getters, Ellen MacLeod, decorated Donita's shiny truck with American flags. Ellen then walked the parade and passed out our "Share the Trails" brochure. Gerry Jimerson with her dog Sadie, proudly rode in the back or our "float" to wave at cheering crowds.

Sandra Rosencratz and Chris Olin, dressed in Hazmat suits with LNT (Leave No Trace) adorning their garb, dashed through the parade picking up hazard waste!! Kathryn Godsiff and Judy Kell led the entourage carrying our OET banner. Pat Marquis was decked out with all the equipment to hit the trail while Rhonda Marquis led her black mare fully packed and ready for trail work.

Three gals, Kristin Warner, Sandy Short and (our very brand new member)Julie Irwin rode their well-behaved palominos while Sue Turner brought up the rear ahead of our hazardous waste team leading her lovely bay mare.

Oh, and yours truly, was led behind the banner by Amber the poodle mix pup who joyously romped down the street. Amber was a recent rescue by Sandy Short. I think she had more fun than any of us. I know I had fun watching her as she led me and jumped and bounced gaily through the parade.

It was a fun day and OET got lots of Thank You's shouted out from the crowd as we passed by.

OET Chapters

Chapter	Meeting Time	Meeting Location	Contact
Central Oregon Chapter	First Tuesday Potluck at 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Pleasant Ridge Hall 7067 SW Canal Redmond, OR	Gayla Nelson centraloregon@oregonequestriantrails.org **(541) 420-1837**
Columbia County Chapter	Second Wednesday Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Warren Moose Lodge 57317 Old Portland Rd. Warren, OR	Bob Rice columbiacounty@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 366-3736**
Eugene Chapter	First Tuesday Speaker: 6PM Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	McKenzie Feed & Pet 4441 Main Street Springfield	Leslye Wing eugene@oregonequestriantrails.org **(541) 849-9155**
Mid-Valley Chapter	Second Wednesday Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Sizzler 2148 Santiam Hwy SE Albany	Mark Lehnert midvalley@oregonequestriantrails.org **(541) 730-1653**
Mt. Hood Chapter	Second Thursday Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Elmers 1590 NE Burnside Gresham	Mary Blankevoort mthood@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 703-1232**
North Coast Chapter	Second Tuesday Meeting: 5:30 p.m. .	Clatsop County Fairgrounds 4H Clubhouse - across from main complex 92937 Walluski Loop, Astoria	Ashley Lertora northcoast@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 325-2733**
North Valley Chapter	First Tuesday Dinner : 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Jimmy O's Pizzeria 1678 S Beavercreek Rd Oregon City	Brett Branch northvalley@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 908-4461**
Northwest Chapter	Third Monday Dinner/Social: 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Prime Time Sports Bar & Restaurant 4450 Pacific Avenue Forest Grove	Hope Flint northwest@oregonequestriantrails.org **(541) 643-7840**
Roseburg Chapter	Third Tuesday Meeting: 6:00 p.m.	Douglas Co. Electrical Co-op 1931 N. Stephens Street Roseburg	Lynda Harding roseburg@oregonequestriantrails.org **(559) 696-7601**
Silver Falls Chapter	Third Monday Meeting: 6:30 p.m.	Salem Saddle Club Mtg Rm 7005 Lardon Rd Salem	Bonnie DePriest silverfalls@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 951-0589**
South Coast Chapter	Third Wednesday Meeting: 6:30 p.m.	Dave's Pizza 740 Kooz Bay Blvd Coos Bay	Kimi Larkin southcoast@oregonequestriantrails.org **(541) 321-2092**
West Valley Chapter	First Thursday No-host dinner: 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	American Legion Post 21 126 NE Atlantic McMinnville	Melissa McLaughlin westvalley@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 560-0771**

Chapters may need to alter meetings or events.
Please contact Chapter Chairs for up-to-date meeting locations and times

Chapter Reports

Columbia Chapter

We had a great work party at Camp Wilkerson on Sunday May 25, including a wonderful lunch. We installed horse trailer mats on the Bridge to Nowhere. We only did one side, we are going to try these out for the season and if all goes well we will install mats on the other side also.

We fixed up the Host campsite so it can be used as an overflow site for people who might show up without reservations.

Planned events for the year include campouts at Camp Wilkerson July 4-6 and August 29-31 (contact Jana Swedo for info at herestolife9@gmail.com); OET booths/ involvement in the St. Helens Kiwanis Community Parade on the 21st of June (color guard), and Citizens/ Community Day June 28 at McCormick Park in St. Helens.

Several of us have new horses and plan to get together at Camp Wilkerson for a beginning walk. Come join us for rides this summer! Contact Jana Swedo for info at herestolife9@gmail.com.

Eugene Chapter

Well, if you ever get lost at Elijah Bristow all you have to do is pull your shirt up in front of your face to find your spot on the map. LOL . Dani Wright found the idea to print the park map upside down on shirts, so you could read it while looking down. She had the shirts printed and they were a huge hit at the Trail Blazer Pace last month. As was almost everything else. What a successful event! Possibly the only thing more perfect was the ideal spring weather. We made a ton of money and learned a few things to tweak in the future. Teamwork, planning, and chapter support all came together.

Our meeting actually began with an exciting slideshow of photos Kim Zemek took on her riding safari on the Okavango Delta in Botswana, Africa. The scenery and wildlife she saw was stunning.

Members have a few camping trips planned to Horse Creek, Quinn Meadow Work Party, Kelsay Valley Work Party and the Roseburg and Jokers Wild Poker Rides. Where else should we go?

Surely we will have work to do down at Bristow to mitigate flooding damage at some point but through the summer our meetings will all be potluck rides at Elijah Bristow so…. We'll see you in September (or October).





Eugene fundraiser - fun t-shirts with park trail map upside down on front of shirt.







CCOET installing mats on the bridge at Camp Wilkerson. This is the glue under a mat! And we used screws also.








Mt. Hood's Puppies and Ponies Event at Sandy River Delta in June.

Mt. Hood

Mt. Hood members introducing horses to visitors and their dogs at the "Puppies and Ponies" event at the Sandy River Delta.

North Coast Chapter

The North Coast chapter had two work parties early this summer. Our first was at Ft. Stevens State Park when 10 members helped clear trails and rewarded themselves with a festive lunch. Huge thanks to Donna and John, Kelly and Odin, Zan, Frank and Ashley, Linda, Mary and Dale for all their time and effort!

Our second work party was at Northrup Creek Horse Camp. About 8 members worked at mowing the meadow area by the obstacles. We had sand delivered and managed to parse it out to every stall to improve the footing. The campground is open and good to go! The bridge that had a hole in it has been fixed by Oregon Dept. of Forestry.

Next week will be our annual 4th of July campout at Northrup. We hope there will be a work around that bridge by then, but will find alternate routes if not.

On August 23 -24, some members hope to converge at Joe Graham Horse Corral in the Mt Hood National Forest for a campout. Our next meeting will hash out the details of that adventure.

Happy and safe trails to all!



Northrup Creek Horse Camp stalls with fresh footing..

Northwest Chapter

We decided at our June meeting to skip July and August meetings. Our next meeting is in September at Camp Wilkerson on Saturday the 13th. Camp Wilkerson has a really nice meeting area in the middle of camp (Thank you to our Columbia County Chapter who takes care of this horse camp). There is a day use parking just beyond the horse camp. If you want to join the meeting and ride for the day, that can easily be done. We hope to see you there. If you want to camp, then please contact drhopeflint@gmail.com as she is coordinating camp sites.

We have a couple new members that we are hoping to meet soon! We will place new events, rides on the OET website as they develop. Happy Riding!!

North Valley

North Valley Chapter held their June meeting at McIver State Park picnic shelter at the equestrian parking lot. We had a potluck at 6:00 pm.

There was a correction to the May minutes. Only certified sawyers will be allowed to use chain saws on any public lands.

Brett Branch reported on the Graham Corral Horse Camp Campout. The corrals need much improvement. Deb DeLorenzo proposed that the 4 corrals be modified into 6 corrals. Marty DeVall stated that a proposal is needed to apply for a grant from OET. Deb DeLorenzo said that the road needs serious grading, Rd. 1012 in from Hwy. 22. The Powerline Road is not much better. The road in to the camp is okay.

Marty DeVall and Finn Esbensen spent the morning weed whacking the nettles at Milo McIver. They also did a lot of work on the blackberries at the water crossing. Sam Gibson, Park Manager, said that the park will mow the large meadow once more and spray the blackberries in the fall.

Brett Branch reported that an Equine Representative is needed for the Recreational Trails Program for grants. Kim McCarrel is the rep now, and Becky Wolf was before her.

Dates of Interest

June 28 – Buckner Creek – 10:30 – Trail Boss Faith Roney. Riders can park at Faith's place – 16981 S. Howards Mill (corner Buckner) 503-502-9098

July 12 – Hardy Creek – 11:00 – Trail Bosses Brett and Sandy Branch.

August 3 – Frog Lake – Trail Boss Susan High. Frog Lake Parking Lot – 11:00 – Bring a sack lunch.

September – TBD – Trail Boss Pam Duggan

October 18 – NVOET Breast Cancer Ride – Trail Boss Tamara Glover

October – Halloween Ride – Trail Boss Erin Shadder

November 28 – Black Friday Ride – Trail Bosses Shonda Smith and Tamara Glover

There will be no chapter meeting in July.

We had a raffle. The fly mask was won by Faith Roney, the manure rake by Lindy Rutherford.

What a gift it is

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What a gift it is to walk to the barn on two strong legs to the barn, and lift a heavy saddle on a horse, tent the saddle pad and give his withers some relief. And know that you are doing the very best that you can with what you have. To watch sunshine hit a bay coat, to have ears that can hear the wind whispering thru the trees, or thru the mane of your horse, to hear hooves on the ground.

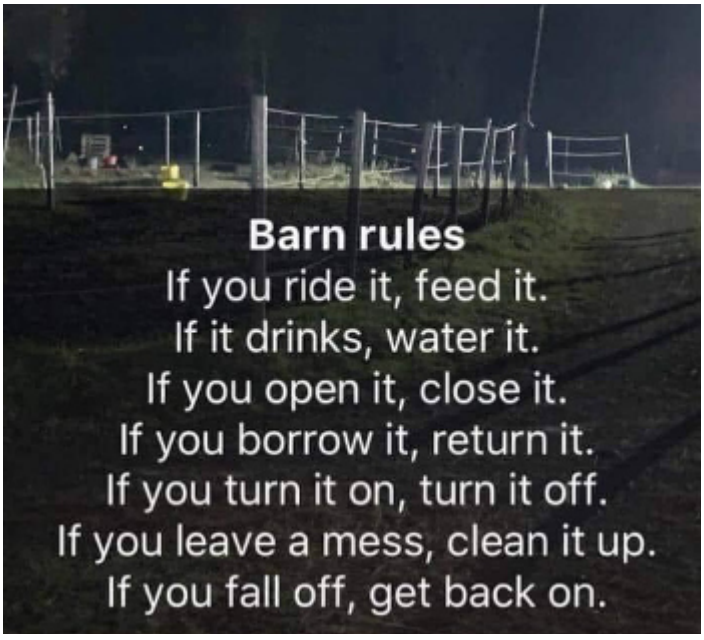
What a gift it is to watch new life find joy in our big, wide, wonderful world, seeing things for the first time, discovering the things we take for granted every day.

What a gift it is to take care of the things that we love. To take time to carefully select their diet, look after them, to be sure they are well watered, well fed and well loved.

What a gift it is to lift the heavy boxes, to carry in the feed bags, to bend down and pick up the twine, to get fresh air on your face and go for leisurely walks without a real destination in mind.

What a gift to love what we care for, and care because we love and find quiet magic and joy in the daily tasks that make life feel full. It may not make grand arrivals, but they show up in feed buckets and folded laundry, warm coffee and shiny coats.

And to find the whisper of meaning in all of the ordinary things.





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Riders out 9 am to 11 am. Riders will ride an extended trail and leave in intervals, Ride Route is 2 – 2 1/2 Hours long. Finish by 2 pm. Intervals intended to control congestion on the trail and prevent a disclosure of a "Big Foot" find, remember, you are competing with those in front of you and behind you! Three Ways to Win! You will be given a raffle ticket at registration AND you will receive one Poker Chip Draw Card included with your registration. You may purchase up to 3 more hands for $5 each.

Riders must return no later than 2 pm to turn in their results, Prizes awarded after 2 pm.

Shoes for horses recommended, Children are encouraged to wear helmets and dogs must be on a leash. (One player per horse.)

For Lunch, Enjoy a Taco Bar with all the necessary condiments as well as Street Corn and Refried Beans. Ice water, Pink Lemonade and treats provided, too!

Entry Fees: $30 per Rider; Children 12 Years and Under, $20; Cash or Check. Extra Poker Chip hands (maximum 3 extra), $5 each.

Prizes Awarded: Prizes awarded for Individuals or Teams with the most points in the Hunt, for First, Second and Third Place. Judges decisions are final. We will also have Poker Chip draws for other wonderful prizes as well as raffle ticket prizes for the 3rd chance drawings if you don't win in the first two categories, you may still win a prize! He's out there, I swear!

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Kelsay Valley Volunteers Brave Snow, Sleet and Rain!

By Kyle Miller, Roseburg Chapter

On June 19th and 20th, sixteen tough members of BCHO joined the Roseburg chapter of OET to kick off the ambitious goal of clearing fifty miles of trails in the Kelsay Valley region of the Umpqua National Forest. Together we cleared 224 trees out of approximately sixteen miles of trails. The weather did its best to discourage us by snowing, sleeting and raining on us during our two-day wilderness endurance adventure. The mosquitoes were very hungry the evening we arrived, however, as the falling temperatures dropped into the thirties and forties, they retreated to parts unknown. The BCHO volunteers all loved the Kelsay Valley Horse camp, the beauty of the area, and the numerous trails. They are planning on returning to the camp in the future to clear trails and ride.

Our contractors will start clearing, brushing and repairing the trail tread this fall after the fire season. Source One Serenity Veterans crew will work a week in September, and Northwest Youth Corps will work for six weeks starting October 8th. We have two years to finish the project, so we invite you to come help us in the summer of 2026! Contact Kyle Miller at 541-733-0583 for more information. I promise you: snow, sleet, and rain to enhance your wilderness adventure!





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