

**NEXT SERVICE PROJECT:**

**NEXT RIDE:**

Oct 1 – Saddlebred Obstacle Course

Oct 7-9 – Robber's Roost

Oct 15 – Settlement Canyon

Oct 28 – Bison Roundup (must sign up, see p.3)

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Oct 13, 7pm [Cottonwood Retirement Center 1245 East Murray-Holladay Road \[4752 South\]](#)**

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**A U C T I O N   I T E M S   N E E D E D**

Dear BCH Members,

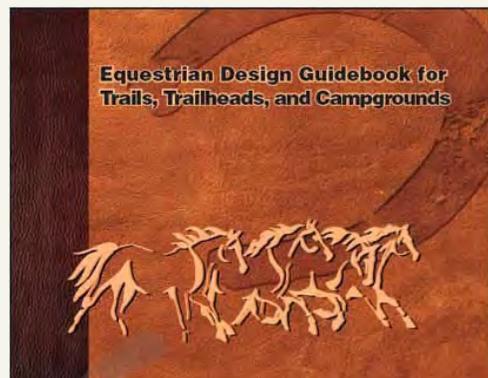
I need a list of each item that you intend to donate to the silent auction held during our Christmas party December 8th. I would like your name; the item donated; and it's approximate value. Please list each item separately if you plan to donate more than one item. I would love to be organized before the event as much as possible. This does not mean that you can't bring something that night! Of course you can and I will attach a hand written paper to the item. Last year was great! We hope to make this year even more successful. Send your e-mail to:

Gina Levesque at [ginaklevesque@yahoo.com](mailto:ginaklevesque@yahoo.com)  
Please make the subject line say AUCTION ITEM

Your items can be  
1: brought to the November monthly meeting, or  
2: brought the night of the auction or  
3: if you do not plan to attend, Gina will pick them up before hand.  
Just let me know in your e-mail which you would prefer.

Thanks in advanced for all that you do to make our club successful!

**F R E E   T R A I L S   G U I D E B O O K**



Check out this useful Forest Service publication that gives guidelines and recommendations for equestrian trails and campgrounds. Free, online:

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/Environment/fspubs/07232816/index.htm>

MOUNTAIN RIDGE AUG 11 AND SEPT 14  
MINUTES – BY DORIS RICHARDS

8/11 meeting: Tom and Joyce furnished a nice picnic dinner; Joyce demonstrated some training techniques with her mustang Magic.

9/14 meeting: Joyce's friend demonstrated "joining up" with a hard-to-catch horse; Joyce worked Magic in a variety of potentially scary situations (this was really impressive!) She discussed play group activities which help you bond with your horse. Fred Leslie demonstrated basic knot tying and passed out materials. We all had a chance to practice knots that are useful with horse activities.



## MOUNTAIN RIDGE BCHU 2011 SCHEDULE

*Settlement Canyon, Ride it Oct 15*

**Oct 1, Saddlebred Obstacle Course in Dimple Dell** (contact Doris Richards) The American Saddlebred Association of Utah will sponsor their annual Competitive Obstacle Ride in Dimple Dell Park. If you have ridden in the past 2 years, you will receive an application in mid-September. We will also email them to BCHU members. If you have any questions, please contact Doris Richards at [ohioaninutah@gmail.com](mailto:ohioaninutah@gmail.com)

**Oct 7-9, Robber's Roost** (contact Bruce Kartchner 801 571-6426 [bruce1349@gmail.com](mailto:bruce1349@gmail.com))  
**RSVP!** Tough riding, requires excellent condition for horse and people.

**Oct 15, Settlement Canyon** (contact Paul Kern (801) 942-8928 [kernpr@gmail.com](mailto:kernpr@gmail.com)) Be ready to ride at 10:00 am. The leaves should be colorful by that time so bring your camera. Bring a lunch and look for-

ward to a great ride. Ride will be about 5 hours, shoes recommended, medium difficulty.

**To get to the trailhead:** From I-80 west, take the Tooele exit. Go through Tooele. About 1-2 miles

out of town is a Masonic Temple on the left (yellow brick, 1.5 story, no windows) and a sign that says Camp Wapiti. Turn left and proceed up the canyon. Stop at the pay station (about \$2). Park in the Dark Loop Trailhead area on the right just a little ways (maybe 100') past the pay station.

**Oct 13, 7pm Monthly Meeting**  
[Cottonwood Retirement Center](#)  
 1245 East Murray-Holladay Road  
 [4752 South]

**Oct. 28 Bison Roundup** — For schedule and sign up see <http://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/antelope-island/roundup> Must be turned in before Oct 22! Cindy is planning to ride the day before and camp the night of Oct 27. I've ridden it a few times before, so if you have questions, contact me: [cfurse@ece.utah.edu](mailto:cfurse@ece.utah.edu) 801 581 9225.

**Nov 10, 7pm Monthly Meeting**

**Nov. 5, Johnson's Pass** (contact Larry Newton)

**Dec 8, 7pm Christmas Party & Monthly Meeting**, Sandy City Lone Peak Rec Center, 10140 S 700 E

## BEAR SPRAY STUDY



[BYU Study on Bear Attacks, comparing use of Bear Spray and Guns](#) The study found bear spray effective in deterring an attack 92% of the time, and guns 67% of the time. Click above to read more.

## HOW TO TIE A HIGHLINE (ONE WAY)



A high line is used to tie horses at night while we are packing. It is important not to tie them directly to the tree, because the horse will trample the roots and possibly damage the tree. A good tutorial on high lines is [here](#).

**Choose a site** between two sturdy trees (6" diameter or larger) where the ground is already bare so horse trample spots will do little or no damage. One high line can hold 2, maybe 3 horses, but be sure they will have enough space they can't kick out at each other when tied.

**You need** about 50' of sturdy rope such as [3/8" polypro from Home Depot](#) and a pair of tree savers. You can make [tree savers](#) from 3-4' of old seatbelt from the junk yard or other sturdy strapping and a D ring (Home Depot or Callisters). Have your cobbler sew a loop at one end (where my stick is, above), and the ring at the other. If you sew it yourself, use extra heavy duty thread so the thread won't break under stress.

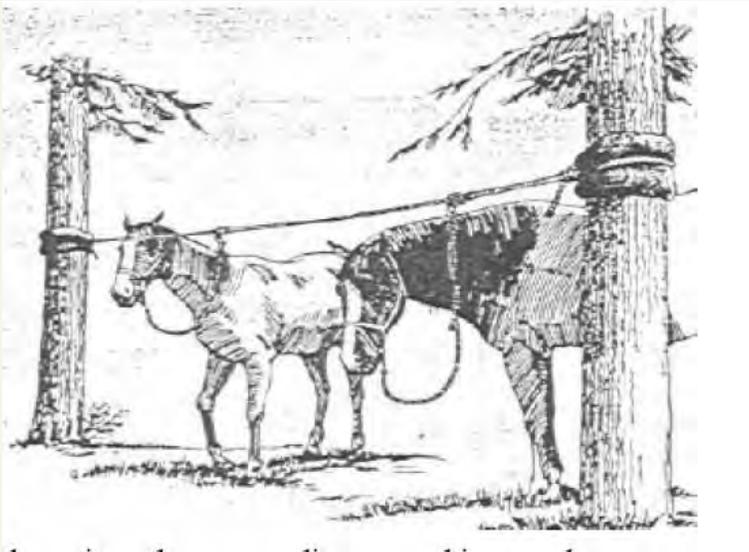
**Put the tree saver around the tree**, either by putting the D ring through the loop as shown, or if the tree is larger, just put the tree saver on the back side of the tree with the rope through both the ring and the loop on the front side. Put this well (1-2 ft) above your horse's head. **How do you get it up high?** Use a forked stick!

Tie a [bowline knot \(video\)](#) to secure the highline to the first tree saver. The bowline won't slip, and this will be important when you want to untie it in the morning. If the knot slipped, it would end up out of my reach up high where the tree saver is, so I want a knot that stays 'put' where I can reach it (and of course that doesn't come undone when my horse pulls on the high line, AND that is also easy to untie the knot in the morning).

**Make a tie-loop** where you want to tie your horse(s). The tutorial linked above has one way to do it. Here is another (thanks, Fred!). Make a simple [slip knot](#) (shown in my right hand). Make a half hitch on the side that 'slips' (my left hand), and put it over the loop of the slip knot. The idea here is to have a knot that will NOT slip to tie my horse to, AND to have a knot easy to untie with wet rope in the morning.



## HIGH LINE (CONTINUED)



Last Photo from:

<http://www.bchmt.org/esbch/Horse%20High%20Line.pdf>

Put your other tree saver on the second tree, again high above your horse's head. Use a ['Truckers Hitch'](#) to tie your rope to the second tree saver. For a truckers hitch, tie another 'slip knot-half hitch' 2-3' from the tree as shown. Run the loose end of the rope through the D ring and back through the slip knot. Pull hard in the direction towards the tree to get it really tight. This acts like a block and tackle to get enough leverage to pull it really tight. If you want a little more leverage, run the loose end of the rope back through the D ring to get even more 'help'. Then you don't have to be buff to make your highline really tight. Tie the loose end of the rope off at the slip knot. If your rope is new and kind of stretchy, hang with all your weight on the high line to stretch it. Pull, pull, pull! Then tighten the high line up if you make it loose. Do this a few times, and it will stay tight the rest of the night.

**Tie your horse to the high line at one of the slip-half hitch knots.** Be SURE (this is essential) your lead rope has a **swivel snap**. Use the same kind of quick release knot you would normally use to tie your horse to the trailer, but this time it will be up above his head. If you can't reach the taught high line, toss the loose end of your lead rope over it and pull it down so you can reach. Leave just enough slack in the rope that it has a little loop under his chin. This will make it so he can comfortably rest with his head at wither level, but won't be able to get a foot over the rope to get tangled. Do NOT plan on your horse grazing while tied to the high line. There isn't enough feed in one little spot anyway, and he can get tangled if the tie rope is too loose.

**Training your horse to accept the high line.** Most horses seem to take readily to the high line. Even those that pull back tend to pull back less when tied on the high line, since it gives elastically when they pull on it. The first time you use a high line, it is a good idea to just loop the lead rope through the slip knot and hold the loose end rather than hard-tying it, and pull on the line a bit to show the horse the high line won't hurt him, and to gauge his response. As with all packing adventures, it is best to try this at home first, and to get experienced help if needed. One last note. Yes, I do sleep with a pocket knife and headlamp close at hand. Horses are amazing at getting into trouble, and I want to be able to get them out of it.

BCHU PACK TRIP AUG 2011



Thank you to Fred Leslie for hosting an AWESOME pack trip up Shilgle Creek in the Uintas. The food was delicious (thank you also to Kelleen and the rest of the Leslie family who helped with the pre-trip food prep). If you want to eat like a king, go packing with Fred !



## MORE COOL STUFF

**New Cool Safety Helmet:** Check out the new 'Venture' helmet design from [Troxel](#). Pretty cool looking, and it comes with a new more advanced adjustment system. If you want extra shade, check out the helmet brims in the [May10](#) newsletter.



**Adjustable Hobbles:** Here are [hobbles](#) that allow you to adjust the separation between them, or use the two sides separately for tethering or training. Their padding is neoprene, so it doesn't stay wet. More on hobbles and hobbling is in the [Feb11](#) newsletter.



**Horse Boots:** Here is the latest addition to the horse boot family from [Easy Boot](#). Looks like it attaches similar to the [Cavallo Simple boot](#), with the tread of the [Old Mac](#). More on boots: [Oct09](#). Just a note. If you are using [old MacGen2](#) boots, check the stitching low on the heel (see red arrow) for wear. After tearing one, I found that all of mine needed repair at the cobbler. Also, if you are serious about riding in boots, check out these [Renegade Boots](#). They get high reviews with the endurance crowd, but you have to be meticulous about fit and hoof trimming.



**Safety Stirrups:** [Here](#) is another cool safety stirrup. This is an L-shaped western



stirrup, with a decorative piece of leather that is solidly attached at the top and breakaway attached at the bottom. Other safety stirrup articles are [Nov09](#) and [May10](#).

## EMAIL OR SNAIL MAIL?

Save a tree! Each month it costs just under \$1 to copy and mail this newsletter to you. If you received this newsletter by snail mail, and if you would be happy to save a dollar and save a tree, email [cfurse@ece.utah.edu](mailto:cfurse@ece.utah.edu) to receive future newsletters email only.

Each month I email the color newsletter to everyone with an email on file. If you are NOT receiving this by email, please send me your corrected email address. Thank you! Cindy

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**A S E V E N I N G   S E T S   O N   T H E   Y E L L O W S T O N E**  
**B Y   P A U L   K E R N**

For miles you hear the rising howl,  
It sends down a fleshy shiver,  
Wolves are coming off the prowl,  
Over there across the river.

It starts off hauntingly slow,  
Then mounts up to the sky,  
The pack all joins in down below,  
'Til the howling pitch is high.

It hits you first with forlorn notes,  
Drawn out in a minor key,  
A dominant fifth from two silver coats,  
Accompanies eerily.

A she-wolf joins in all alone,  
Throat thrashing at the sky,  
Letting fly a syncopated groan,  
As evening drifts on by.

The primal wline is wild and high,  
A call from another age,  
They alone know the how and why,  
As it echoes through the sage.

It starts off hauntingly slow,  
With a piercing mournful moan,  
The pack all joins in high and low,  
As evening sets on the Yellowstone.

