

# BCHC Shasta-Trinity

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## Presidents Message

Although it is technically winter, we sure have been busy planning activities and work projects for this year. I do know that we are all thankful for the amount of precipitation on the valley floor and for the abundant snowfall in the upper elevations, and because of of this, some of our projects may need to be rescheduled. We'll see. The best way to keep informed is to watch for our updated work project schedule on facebook, our website, and emails we send out.

As I mentioned at our annual January dinner, last year's goals were to improve communication, which we did. We will continue to improve our communication process, along with 2023's goal for recruiting new members. Our membership has declined over the past several plus years, but the good news is that we gained approximately 20 new members last year. We also lost a few too. We are open to any suggestions for recruitment and retention. A member does not need to ride, nor own a horse/mule. We can use their support in other ways at most of our events. We are going to hit this hard and we do have several ideas on board, again this is not an overnight fix, so bear with us.

We had nothing but compliments on our major fundraising event this January. It was a big success and we raised a little more than \$6500 all thanks to you! There are some little things we want to modify for next year, such as holding a dessert auction, and making more room at the front door for checking in.

We are going to have more funding this year for our work projects, so we can get reimbursed for fuel and the use of our trucks and stock. As of now, we have numerous RAC grants available and we are applying for more. We are working on hiring an intern for the northern BCHC units, who will be working with the Forest Service personnel, Katy and Erik, who are out of Weaverville office. Wherever they go, the intern will go. Previously the intern was kept down in the Inyo Forest somewhere, and we never saw an intern for our forests, eventhough we donated \$500 of our unit's funds to support an intern. Part of the funds we raised from the January dinner will be used for an intern in the Northern region. Generally an intern will cost \$15K for the season, and as of now we have about \$11K, which is all from grants and donations.

The Rendezvous is the big news for this spring. It will be held in Temecula from March 24th through the 26th. We need all your support for this event, which will bring much needed funding for the BCHC. Last night our board voted to be the host unit for the 2025 Rendezvous. We have two years to prepare and will need your support for this as well. Many gun and Bass Pro tickets for sale (\$5) each. All our board members have a handful of them for sale. Meanwhile, we will update you on everything that comes around. Thank you all so much for the great turn out we had, for our major fundraising event this year. More to come, so stay tuned.

Laura Rodger  
Shasta/Trinity Unit President



Annual dinner 2023. Location: Sons of Italy, Redding, CA.

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**Who We Are**

Back Country Horsemen of America (BCHA) is a nation-wide organization that is committed to protecting the access of equestrians to public lands. We are devoted equestrians who love to ride and explore new trails. We assist with trail maintenance and improvement projects, keeping trails clear for all user groups. We welcome riders of all types, ages and interests into our chapters!

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# Shasta-Trinity Unit Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event/Project	Location	Contact
Mar 21st	6:00 PM	First Aid/CPR	3405 Denice Way, Cottonwood	Larry Shuman
Mar 22nd	6:00 PM	First Aid/CPR	3405 Denice Way, Cottonwood	Larry Shuman
Mar 28th	8:30 AM	Student Raised Fish Planting Day.	Brandy Creek Marina/boat launch	George Archer
Mar 30th	8:30 AM	Student Raised Fish Planting Day.	Brandy Creek Marina/boat launch	George Archer
April 2nd	9:00 AM	Dye Creek Ride	Dye Creek Preserve	Paddy LaRue
April TBD	TBD	Los Molinos 4H Pack Clinic	TBD	George Archer
April 5-7	TBD	Crosscut Saw Class	Erik Rasmussen USFS	Dan Chartier
April 22nd	9:00 AM	Chainsaw Class - Classroom *	17020 Hooker Creek Rd Cottonwood	Dan Chartier
April 23rd	9:00 AM	Chainsaw Class - Field *	Cloverdale Trailhead	Dan Chartier
April 29th	9:00 AM	Shasta Trinity Pack Clinic	20936 Yogi Bear Ln, Redding 96003	Kip Kinneavy
April 29th	Noon	General Meeting and BBQ	20936 Yogi Bear Ln, Redding 96003	Laura Rodger
May TBD	TBD	Los Molinos 4H Pack Clinic	TBD	George Archer
April or May	9:00 AM	Cleanup Campground & Put in Corrals	Preacher Meadows Campground	Kip Kinneavy
Spring	9:00 AM	Trail Clearing BLM	Bend and Jelly's Ferry	Dan Chartier
May 6th	8:00 AM	Clinic - Training Mules to Haul Gravel/Wood	8000 Mallard Way, Anderson 96007	Sam Burrows
Apr & May	6:00pm	Los Molinos 4H Pack Clinic 2 Sessions	TBD	Larry Shuman
May 2 - 4	9:00 AM	Day in the Woods Education Day	300 Rd Shingletown	George Archer
Jun 22 & 23	All Day	Fish Plant Caribou Wilderness	Cone & Caribou Lake Trailhead	Larry Shuman
Jun 30th	All Day	Fish Plant Caribou Wilderness	Hay Meadow Trailhead	Larry Shuman
Jul 7th	All Day	Fish Plant Thousand Lakes Wilderness	Cyprus Trailhead	Larry Shuman

\*\*\*\*Schedule subject to change. Check website and Facebook for most up to date information and contact information.



## Wanted

I am looking for the mandatory equipment/clothing for saw classes to borrow or to purchase.? Thank you.  
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These ads will be placed in our newsletter and on our website.





# Sausage and Potato Foil Wrapped Packets

by Olivia Estrada

## Equipment

- 18 inch foil pieces
- Hot coals not directly on flames

## Ingredients (Recipe makes 4 foil packets)

- 1 lb smoked sausage cut into ¼ inch rounds (Kielbasa, turkey sausage, chicken sausage or any other of choice)
- 4 medium potatoes - Diced
- 8 Tbs butter
- Salt (To taste)
- Black Pepper (To taste)
- Garlic powder (To taste)
- Paprika (To taste)
- ½ cup shredded cheddar cheese
- Fresh parsley for garnish

### Optional other ingredients

- Corn Cob niblets
- Bell Peppers
- Onions
- Carrots
- Green beans

## Instructions

1. Start fire in advance. Once a good amount of hot coals to one side.
2. Place a sheet of heavy duty foil or 2 sheets of regular foil on surface.
3. Divide diced potatoes, sausage, and other ingredients into 4 servings and place one serving onto each sheet of foil. Sprinkle potatoes with salt & pepper.
4. Place 2 TBS of butter on top of potatoes & sausage. Season again with salt & pepper and/or other seasonings to taste.
5. Close the foil by bringing the long edge nearest you over the ingredients, then bring the other long edge over the ingredients. Seal the edges together and flatten down sides. Fold each side 3 times and flatten to prevent leakage.
6. Place packets directly on coals. Yes, they will be hot. If close enough you should start hearing sizzling from ingredients inside.
7. Turn packets every 10 minutes. Depending on the size everything was chopped, plan on 30-40 minutes to cook.
8. If you see coals cooling down before done, slide over hot coals. When done let cool for a few minutes and enjoy.



# Shasta Trinity National Forest Packing Intern

The past few years BCHC has been supporting a packing intern out of the Southern Center of Excellence. Almost every Unit has been providing support for this program financially. The Shasta Trinity Unit has always voted to send \$500 to help in support of the program. The intern works with the USFS packers in the south and gets 4 to 5 months of hands-on instruction.

This is an excellent program. As most of us know the art of stock packing is withering on the vine. The Forest Service is having trouble finding qualified people to fill their limited packing positions let alone adding packing positions to expand their program. Packers are sorely needed in our forests especially wilderness and is far beyond the capacity of the USFS even with our support. Most forests need packers but have none.

This year we are excited to announce the North State will be supporting a packing intern on the Shasta Trinity National Forest at the Northern Center for Excellence located just south of Trinity Center. We are working closely with BCHC to get the program going here in the north. The total cost is \$15,600. We have received a \$10,000 grant to help fund this position. The rest will come from the Units located in the North part of the state. The intern will be working with Shasta Trinity packers, Erik Cordtz and Katie Bartzokis.

This is a great program that has been proven effective in the southern part of the state and we are hoping we can get the packing intern program established in the North also.

I want to thank the BCHC Units in the North for their support in making this happen.

Larry Shuman

Shasta Trinity Work Project Coordinator.



# Meet your trail partner - Erin Greyson

As a kid I wanted a horse, and after a few summers going to a horse camp, my mom sent me to English riding lessons on Saddlebreds. Not what I was looking for, but learned things I still carry with me. When I was in high school I was offered a job to work at a barn in exchange for board of a horse. All I needed was the horse.

This was in southern Indiana and across the street was an old wooded strip mine turned recreation park where I could ride for hours without seeing anyone. I taught myself to ride there. My dream was to ride across the country. But, being pressured to go to college, I sold my last horse and ended up becoming an artist.

I have lived all over, but in 2007 I moved to California after getting my MFA in ceramics from Iowa. I took a job at UC Davis as the studio manager. I quit soon after, but loved it here so I stayed. Now I am a high school art teacher and have summers off to enjoy the mountains.

I love being out in the mountains and general outdoors. I spent many years hiking but hated carrying a hiking backpack for extended overnights. I toyed with getting a horse again to help me carry things. When my mom mailed me my old saddle and I smelled the horses on it, it was all over. I decided I'd get a mustang yearling and raise it myself. Then when it was old enough it could carry my stuff. What could go wrong!? Please don't roll your eyes too excessively and hurt yourself.

I realized pretty quickly what I learned as a kid about horses was not sufficient for training a wild horse, even if he was only 5 months. I delved in headfirst and taught myself what I needed to know. I read a lot. Marty Marten was most helpful. I also sought out helpful people like "Mustang" Matt and asked questions and watched how they did things. I have trained/broke him 99% on my own and he will be 6 this summer.

Elwood (my horse) and I hiked everywhere the first few years. When he was old enough he learned to carry a pack system that uses the saddle as the tree and I hike. Then we ride the next day or two before heading back. It was another learning curve teaching myself how to high line and take care of him in the backcountry, and all the other things that go along with this. I "met" Calvin Bradshaw on FB and he is always a helpful person to bounce ideas off of. I have spent time in many of our National Forests over the last several years.

Last year I decided I would like a second horse so I could ride and have a pack horse. My goal has always been to go further into the mountains and stay longer, and a second horse will help with that. Back to the BLM I went and got another 5 month old. I meant to get an older mare (like 3yrs old), but Herbert just kept staring at me. Probably for the best since I had never ponied a horse (again don't strain yourself from eye-rolling). He will be 2 this summer.

This past summer I was only able to get a couple short backcountry trips in in California. My dad was sick and my mom wanted me out in New York state where they live. I hauled the horses and dogs across the country. Traveled about 3 weeks total there and back, and stayed in NY for about 5 weeks. Me, the dogs, and the horses were able to ride and hike in some really nice places. Saw some beautiful things, especially South Dakota and Wyoming. The horses and dogs were champs and it was a great time.



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