

PACKING 101:

This is a hands on, basic packing class with live mules that will involve pack saddle fit, use of panniers, load balancing, mantee's, and different hitches to secure loads. Classes are free but size is limited. Check schedule at Rendezvous for class times and location. There will also be "iron mules" set up with experienced packers to help you perfect your hitches from Friday to Sunday.

BOX HITCH SPEED COMPETITION:

ANIMALS, PACK SADDLES, PACK BOXES, LASH ROPES, MANTEES and LOADS WILL BE PROVIDED. One packer will load and balance boxes with load provided. He/She will put boxes on mule from each side, no throwing box over the animal. He/She will then put mantee on the mule properly, tucking all corners and top, then tie box hitch. Speed and correctness of procedures will be split 50%-50 % . Fault's will incur time penalty.

DIAMOND HITCH SPEED COMPETITION:

ANIMALS, PACK SADDLES, PACK BOXES, LASH ROPES, MANTEES and LOADS WILL BE PROVIDED. One packer will load and balance boxes with load provided. He/She will put boxes on mule from each side, no throwing box over the animal. He/She will then put mantee on the mule properly, tucking all corners and top, then tie single diamond hitch of your choice, must throw the tail of the rope. Speed and correctness of procedures will be split 50%-50 % . Fault's will incur time penalty.

PACKING CONTEST:

ANIMALS, PACK SADDLES, PACK BOXES, LASH ROPES, MANTIES and LOADS WILL BE PROVIDED. A two packer team will use live mules. The team will load the items provided, tie on securely with a box or diamond hitch. The pack animal will then be lead from the ground around a cone to establish stability. Judging will be based on combination of time 30%, stability 30%, evenness of load 20%, working safely around the animals 10% and teamwork 10%.

PACK SCRAMBLE:

RULES: All ages will compete together in the pack scramble. The Pack Scramble will consist of 1 packer and 1 pack animal with 1 person holding the riding animal or both animals anytime the packer is at the camp station. Packers are to provide their own horses/mules and equipment which includes: saddle, halters, pack saddle, panniers or boxes, mantees and 1 lash rope. The holder is not to help the packer pack or catch the animals. The 2 animals will be let loose in the arena with no halters and no pack equipment on. The packer alone is to catch his/her animals and bring them back to their camp station.

He/She then saddles the animals and packs all the load that is provided by the Rendezvous committee, cover load with a mantee and tie an authentic packer hitch of their choice. When done loading they will be required to get on their mount and take their pack animal around a cone and finish at their camp. Time and the correctness of their load will be judged. Load must be clean (no disqualifications) in order to win. The packer may reload the animal as many times it takes before they cross the finish line. Once the load crosses the finish line the packer or holder must not touch the load. Judges decision will be final!!

Disqualifications are: Incorrect Box or Diamond hitch. Mantee must be spread over top of the animal. Packer does not have to tuck in corners of mantee. If any part of the rope dragging on the ground. The complete load must be tied on and secured on the pack animal at the finish line.

**PACKING CONTEST ENTRY FORM
ADULT FEE \$20.00 EACH**

ADULT BOX HITCH (18 YEARS AND OLDER)

BOX HITCH: NAME _____ FEE \$20

ADULT DIAMOND HITCH (18 YEARS AND OLDER)

DIAMOND HITCH: NAME _____ FEE \$20

PACKING CONTEST (18 YEARS AND OLDER)

NAME OF PACKER _____ FEE \$20

NAME OF PACKER _____ FEE \$20

YOUTH BOX HITCH – “FREE”

BOX HITCH: NAME _____

DIAMOND HITCH: NAME _____

PACK SCRAMBLE

NAME: _____

NAME OF ANIMAL: _____

NAME OF ANIMAL: _____

NAME OF HOLDER: _____