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Peg Greiwe
Executive Secretary
Back Country Horsemen of America
P.O. Box 1367
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Dear Peg,

The Rocky Mountain Regional Specialty Pack String would like to help your volunteer efforts on our National Forest lands by offering a *free* 5-day packing class. The class will be offered at the Pack String Headquarters in Shawnee, Colorado which is located 50 miles southwest of Denver on U.S. Highway 285. The Pack String Ranch is 1,000 acres of meadows, timbers and aspen groves at an elevation of 8,000 to 9,000 feet. The North Fork of the South Platte River runs through the ranch.

The class "Packing for the Real World" will be May 20th – May 24th 2013, from 8:00AM to 5:00PM. We will cover topics ranging from equine nutrition, saw buck and decker styles of packing, Leave-No-Trace methods, leading a string, starting a pack animal, packing odd-ball items, and other related topics.


This is a rigorous 40-hour class where you will be learning work related packing techniques *not* recreational packing. This is a hands-on class. Students will be lifting heavy loads around horses and mules. You will get dirty...therefore, plan on bringing proper clothing and boots.

The class is open to 15 (+/-) students. Your chapter representatives will be chosen by its need for up-coming work projects on Forest Service or other public lands. A preference will be given to the chapters working with youth.

If you have any questions or need more details please contact-Glenn Ryan, Lead Packer for the Rocky Mountain Regional Specialty Pack String at: P.O. Box 111, Shawnee, CO 80475

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Thank you,



Acting For
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