

PACKING LIST & LOGISTICS

ANNUAL SPRING ROUNDUP & HORSE DRIVE May 3rd—7th, 2012

PACKING LIST:

April is still chilly in Montana. Most of the weekend is spent outdoors. The weather can be warm or it can be rainy or even snowy. You will need clothes that can be layered to accommodate varying temperatures. It will be very cold at night and can get hot in the day. Your luggage will be hauled in the back of our ranch trucks. It should be durable and weather/water resistant. (Big garbage bags work well over luggage.)

Heeled boots (cowboy style, prefer no lace-ups)

Hat to keep sun off your face/wind off your ears

Gloves

Camp shoes (to make it to the outhouse at night)

Chaps, if you like

Raincoat - heavy duty long slicker or oilskin

Two changes of clothes

Denim pants or heavy pants for riding

Long underwear (these usually don't come off until June, in Montana)

Long sleeved shirts

Sweater or jacket, fleece vest, coat (layers are best)

You may want some "town clothes" for your evenings in Three Forks

Sunglasses, Flashlight, Pocket knife, Camera with extra batteries/storage disks,

Toiletries (no electricity in camp), handi-wipes are nice, chapstick, sunscreen

MOST IMPORTANT ITEM!!! - Heavy, warm sleeping bag (rated to 0 degrees or better), you might also bring a sleeping bag liner or warm blanket for extra warmth

We will provide all tack and horses. If you prefer your own saddle, let us know. Some guests ship their saddles and you can do so directly to the ranch. If you have saddle bags – bring them.

*Photography Expedition Participants—see supplemental packing list.



LOGISTICS:

~You are responsible for travel to and from the Bozeman (BZN) airport (www.gallatinfield.com), arriving Thursday, May 3rd by 4:30pm (or in time for a 6pm meeting in camp) and departing Monday, May 7th. Delta, United, Northwest, Frontier, Allegiant, and Horizon Airlines all have regular flights in and out of Bozeman.

~**DO NOT DRIVE INTO CAMP OR OUT TO WILLOW CREEK PASTURE.** If driving, you should drive to the Sacajawea Hotel in Three Forks and meet a shuttle to camp by 5:00pm on Thursday. Your vehicle should be left there, parked OFF Main Street.

~We will gladly arrange shuttles, transporting guests to and from the Bozeman airport or from the Hotel (if driving) to camp outside of Willow Creek. Shuttles are available Thursday (May 3rd) and Monday (May 7th).

~All lodging and meals throughout the weekend are private and reserved for Montana Horses Drive participants only. Meals will be taken as a group, beginning with dinner Thursday night, ending with dinner Sunday night. Please inform us of any special dietary requirements, and we will make every effort to accommodate them. (However, range camp menu is fixed and chock full of red meat.)

~On Thursday night, we will all meet in camp by 6pm for dinner and to go over the weekend's itinerary. We will remain in camp Thursday and Friday nights and then ride into town Saturday. There is no electricity in camp. There are wash stations and toilets in camp. Tents are outfitter-style canvas wall tents with wood burning stoves and lanterns. Beds are mats or cots. Couples are bunked in single tents together. Single men and women are bunked in group same-gender tents. We will spend Saturday and Sunday evenings at the Sacajawea Hotel and the Lewis and Clark Sportsmen's Lodge in Three Forks. The hotels offer luxurious accommodations in town, hot shower, phone and wifi, TV, sit down meal, dance, etc. Participants will have private rooms or be bunked with someone in your travel party. We will handle your lodging arrangements at the hotels through our office. Be prepared to leave a credit card at the front desk when you check in to cover incidental room charges. Following the ride, we will shuttle back to the Sacajawea Hotel for Sunday's Closing Ceremonies and lodging. Shuttles are available back to the airport from Three Forks on Monday throughout the day. We recommend a mid-late morning departure if possible.)

~Your luggage will follow you in the "Luggage Trailer" to and from camp and to town.

~There is no cell reception at the Mantle Ranch and it is sketchy at camp. Contact phone numbers are 406 285-3541 for the ranch office, 406 285-6515 for the Hotel, and 406 581-6501 for Kail's cell.

~You may ship your personal belongings ahead to 9700 Clarkston Rd., Three Forks, MT 59752. Please allow extra shipping time as we are extremely remote, and arrange a pre-paid shipping pickup following the Drive. Anything shipped to the Ranch will be waiting for you Thursday night at range camp.

~ If you are arriving earlier than Thursday or staying later than through Sunday night, you can make lodging arrangements directly with the hotel of your choice. You might wish to rent a car at the airport for sightseeing in the area prior. If you return it to the BZN airport you can catch a shuttle to camp on Thursday. Let us know if we can help with arrangements. The Red Rock Hounds Annual Three Forks Foxhunt is held the previous weekend and offers an exciting week-long riding opportunity with time for exploration! Let us know if you are interested in participating in the foxhunt, too.