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## **Coming Up in May: Earn Certification as a Pack and Trail Guide Through the Certified Horsemanship Association at Our Oregon Clinic**

*(January 2018)* – Back country enthusiasts will love the Certified Horsemanship Association's (CHA) May 6-10 Pack and Trail Certification Clinic in beautiful north central Oregon. These evaluation clinics are designed for trail guides, packers, or outfitters who want to showcase their ability, and be evaluated for a professional certification. Level of certification can include leading short group trail rides to full on wilderness packing.

The format and content of this certification are similar to CHA's Standard English/Western Certification, but a combination of camps at base camp and nights on the trail. Most of the time will be spent on the trail. It will involve practical hands-on sessions and theory. Camping skills, environmental issues, and trail ethics will also be covered. The cost is \$800 and this includes riding and pack animals, meals, lodging, and educational materials

Possible levels of certification and their explanations can be found on the CHA website at [http://cha-ahse.org/store/pages/30/Certifications.html#trail\\_guide](http://cha-ahse.org/store/pages/30/Certifications.html#trail_guide). CHA's Trail Guide certification level is at the discretion of Trial Clinic Staff and is determined by the participant's skills and knowledge as demonstrated during the clinic.

Clinic instructors will be Stan Loewen of Mead, Kansas, and Scott Depaolo of Scotts Mills, Oregon. Loewen is a CHA Clinician, a Certified Trail Clinic Instructor, Certified Trail Guide at Level 4, and Level 4 CHA Certified Instructor in English/Western. He received the 2009 CHA Clinic Instructor of the Year Award. Depaolo is a CHA Pack and Trail Assistant Clinic Instructor, an Equine Facilities Management Assistant Instructor, a Level 2 Western and English Instructor, a Certified Trail Guide at Level 4, and an Accredited Site Visitor. He has managed and operated Butte Creek Scout Ranch for the Boy Scouts of America in Scotts Mills, OR, for more than 25 years.

To register or to learn more about the clinic, contact Teddy Franke at 907-687-6047 or [teddy@campmorrow.org](mailto:teddy@campmorrow.org) or Casey Hufstader at 541-914-3724.

CHA is the largest certifying body of riding instructors and barn managers in North America. CHA has certified more than 30,000 individuals who are dedicated to providing safe, effective, and fun experiences with horses.

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