

Tindell's Horse & Mule School invites you to participate in the
Tindell's Annual Back Country Trek
August 10-14 Foothills of the Sierra Nevada's

Description:

On August 11th, Jerry Tindell will embark on an excursion into the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, South East of Fresno with a ground crew, two drive teams and 15 lucky riders. Our goal is to build off old traditions of true horsemanship and mulemanship in the back country preparing riders for new opportunities, safely.

- Learn how to camp with your stock safely in the front and back country
- Properly pack and pony your supplies on mules
- Learn how to drive team of horses/mules that pull supply wagons
- Learn how to cook over camp fires
- Share an real "back to nature" experience with your horse or mule
- Achievement awards:
 - Tindell's Horsemanship
 - BCHC/Leave

If this appeals to your sense of adventure then this is the ride for you. This expedition will get you and your stock ready to travel into the back country – prepared. Jerry and other professionals will teach you true back country sense. We will also have experts from the Back Country Horseman of California, the National Forrest Service, a Vet, professional chef, musician and more.

On this ride, you will learn how to use our stock in an effective, educational fun way that will incorporate our ground work and riding fundamentals and allow us to apply this towards the use of back country travel. Learn how to properly manage your stock through national lands, which meadows, how long, LNT and more. Riding in the back country is a dream that dances in the minds of many of horse fanatic. But experts agree that there is a huge difference between riding your home trails and riding in the mountains.

Pre-Ride Training:

This will be broken down into three half-day sessions over a three month period. It is our hope that everyone will take advantage of the free training that Jerry will provide in preparation for this ride. The training will consist of three half-day sessions; one each month prior to the ride (May – July) and will be available both in Northern, CA and Southern, CA. The topics will include basic ground work, safe trail riding practices, round pen and general riding.

Northern California supplemental (optional) pre-ride training schedule:

Location: TBD

May: 9am – 1pm PST
June: 9am – 1pm PST
July: 9am – 1pm PST

Southern California supplemental (optional) pre-ride training schedule:

Location: *The Tindell Ranch*

May: 9am – 1pm PST
June: 9am – 1pm PST

July: 9am – 1pm PST

The Ride:

Location: Foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, 45 min SE of Fresno, CA

- **Arrival time:** August 10th after 3pm PST
- **Ride time:** August 11-13
- **Depart time:** August 14th before 12:00pm PST

Trail Program:

- Day #1 (August 10)
 - 1) Arrive (after 3pm)
 - 2) Set up camp
 - 3) Situate stock
 - 4) Dinner

- Day #2 (August 11)
 - 1) Breakfast
 - 2) Break camp
 - 3) Clinic #1 - orientation
 - 4) Ride
 - 5) Lunch on trail
 - 6) Ride
 - 7) Arrive at new camp #2
 - 8) Secure stock
 - 9) Set-up camp
 - 10) Dinner

- Day #3 (August 12)
 - 1) Breakfast
 - 2) Clinics & in-camp ride
 - 3) Lunch
 - 4) Clinics & in-camp ride
 - 5) Secure stock
 - 6) Dinner

- Day #4 (August 13)
 - 1) Breakfast
 - 2) Break camp
 - 3) Ride
 - 4) Lunch on trail
 - 5) Ride
 - 6) Arrive at new camp #3
 - 7) Secure stock
 - 8) Set-up camp
 - 9) Clinic (wrap-up) at new camp location
 - 10) Dinner

- Day#5 (August 14)
 - 1) Breakfast
 - 2) Break camp
 - 3) Situate stock

4) Depart (before noon)

Clinic Topics:

Day #2

- Orientation: “*Back Country Sense*” (Jerry Tindell)

Day #3

(Morning)

- “On the trail hoof Care” (Jerry Tindell)
- “*How to pack and use/manage our National Forests*” (Ken Graves NFS/BCHC)
- “*BCHC content*” (BCHC Master: Jo Johnson)
- “*Emergency medical care in the back country*” (A vet - TBD)

(Afternoon)

- “*How to Drive a team*” (Jerry Tindell)

Day #4

- Wrap up:

Bonus Topics at each meal:

- “*On the trail food & water*” (Chef Barry “*Cookie*” Berkowitz) featured at each lunch and dinner

Practical trail riding tactics that will be taught and used during the ride:

- Stock management:
- Feed management
- Wilderness management
- Leave No Trace Principles
- Plan and prepare
- Driving (each participant will have the opportunity to drive the wagon team)
- Packing (each participant will have the opportunity to pony the pack string)

Accommodations:

- Camp will move three times
- A separate drive team will pull our gear
- Detailed list of items to bring will follow for registered riders

Costs:

- \$1,000 per person
- \$1,750 per couple

What’s included:

- Three pre-ride clinics by Jerry Tindell (attendance is optional)
- Six on-site clinics from wilderness/horseman professionals
- On the trail back country cooking tips
- Achievement awards:
 - Tindell’s Horsemanship
 - BCHC/LNT
- All Food, drinks & music for stock and humans
- Great experience & fun time

How to register or more details:

- Please contact Tom Smart at 818-335-8726 or email.tom.smart@gmail.com
- All registration fees are due by June 1, 2011
- Payment options: Contact Joni Bennett at 760.948.1172 or Joni@jerrytindell.com