

# HORSE AND MULE PACKING CLINIC

**SULTAN, WASHINGTON**

Have you ever wanted to pack with horses or mules? Learn the skills you'll need from the very basics to begin packing to leading two or more pack animals from Experienced Professional Packers.

## What you will learn....

### The function of the pack saddle and its uses:

Learn the types of pack saddles, proper fitting -padding -Decker, Sawbucks & Trail Max System.

### How to put on a pack saddle and lead a pack string:

Pack Mules and Horses will be supplied for you to practice on.

### How to pack:

Setting pack boxes, manly's, slings and bags. How to balance the load by putting the proper amount of weight inside.

### Learn to tie different hitches:

Diamond, Double Diamond, Sling Hitch, Square Knot, Bowline, Bank Robbers Knot and the Knot that is not a Knot.

### Learn how to prepare for your trip:

What you and your horse or mule will need in camp.

### Trail Etiquette ,Trail Dangers and Basic backcountry First Aid for livestock:

Learn what to do when you meet someone on the trail. What common mistakes get people in wrecks.

How to prevent getting in a bad spot and what to do if you do.

What to do in an emergency.

### Learn how to build your camp and camp etiquette:

Where do I camp ? Where do I highline, Put the latrine, Graze my animals?

Forest Service Regulations for camping on State and Federal Land.

### Basics of Dutch Oven Cooking:

Learn how to cook like a pro outside in cast iron Dutch Ovens.

Meals both days will be cooked the Dutch Oven way.



## Your Instructors:



Aaron Shirley has been a professional guide & packer in Eastern Washington for over 20 years with Icicle Outfitters. In addition to packing a few thousand loads, he has packed lots of unusual things both in and out of the wilderness. Aaron's quick wit and depth of knowledge will leave you ready to pack up and head for the mountains.



Dalton Sharpes has worked under Aaron for the last 2 hunting seasons packing hunters in and out of the high country. When he is not packing, Dalton runs Stillwater Ranch Trail Riding Company where he guides day trail rides, packs in overnight drop camps for families or hunters and in his spare time, trains backcountry trail horses.

**Participants: \$275 for 2 Full Days**  
*Includes all of your food and drinks, horses, mules, and packing equipment for 2 days.*

## Information and Registration:

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20% deposit required at time of registration

