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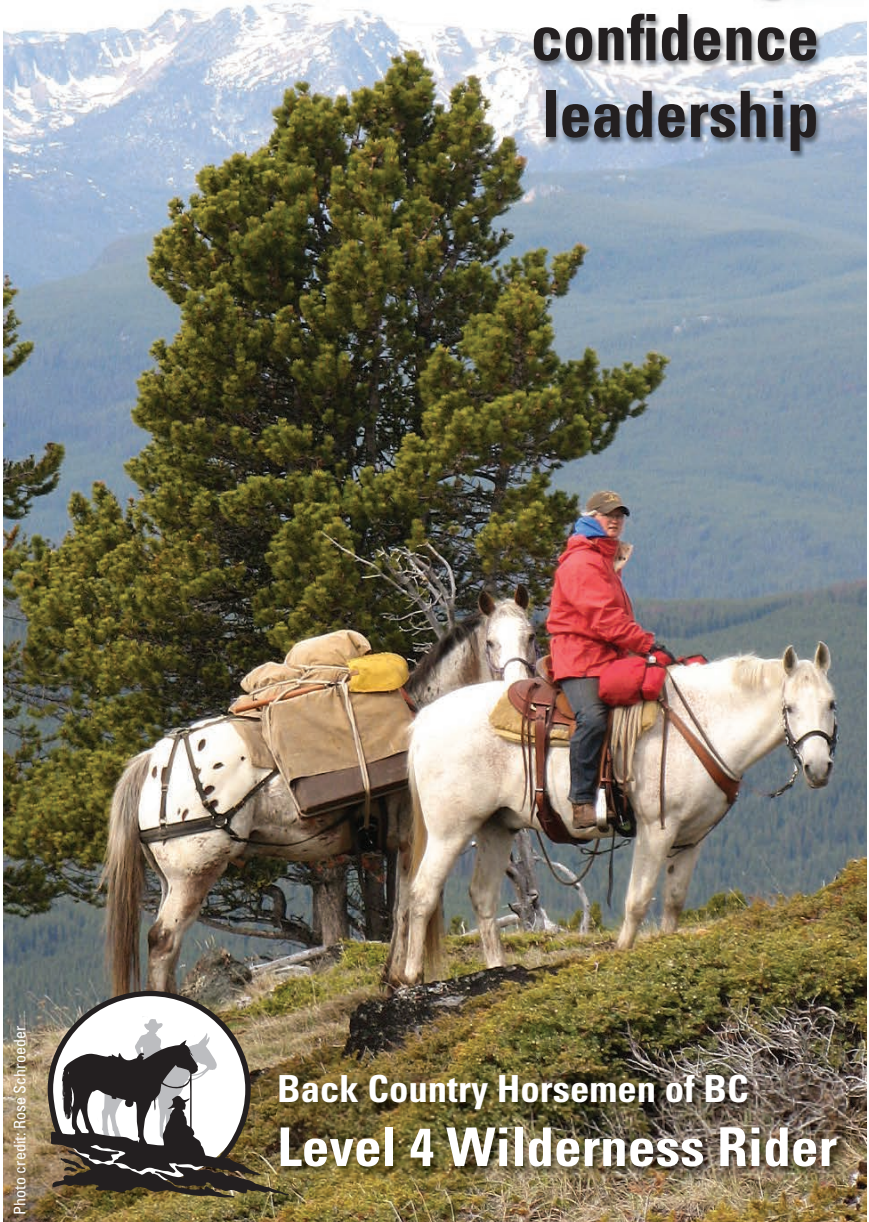


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**Back Country Horsemen of BC
Level 4 Wilderness Rider**



4 Levels of Skills

Level 1 • Trail Rider Level 2 • Overnight Rider
Level 3 • Packing Rider Level 4 • Wilderness Rider

BCHBC offers a progressive series of skills that are considered essential to becoming a competent recreational Trail Rider. There is room to involve horsemen of any age or level of accomplishment.

It has been divided into 4 levels based on the CHA Trail Program and allows learning to be obtained by groups or individuals at their own pace from any level of the program and using any qualified or knowledgeable sources.

Evaluation and Certification awards are available through the Certified Horsemanship Association (www.ahse.org) if desired.

For lists of qualified instructors and other sources of information go to Back Country Horsemen of BC (www.bchorsemen.org), Certified Horsemanship Association (www.cha-ahse.org), Horse Council of BC (www.hcbc.ca) and Equine Canada (www.equinecanada.ca)

BCHBC promotes the inclusion of educational events within a fun and social atmosphere in order to foster safety, camaraderie and the enjoyment of learning.

For more information: www.bchorsemen.org

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Level 4 Wilderness Rider Progress Sheet

Name _____ Date _____

Riding and horse handling:

- Selecting stock for the trail
- Training stock for the trail
- Horse behavior problems
- Preventive care
- Introducing green riders and stock to the trail
- Emergency shoeing and hoof care
- Wilderness Equine First aid

Trail and camping skills:

- River and bog crossings
- Night riding
- GPS
- Emergency planning
- Cooking on a campfire
- Feeding stock on extended trips
- Leave No Trace (Plan and present a LNT awareness session)

People skills:

- Group control and organization
- Evaluation of horse and rider
- Demonstrated ability to manage wilderness trips
- Demonstrated mentoring of Trail Level 1, 2, 3 participants.

Trail experience:

- Organized and led at least five group trail rides, 3 overnight trail rides (overnights may be at vehicle), and one overnight trail ride (camping away from vehicles and facilities) which were operated according to the standards incorporated into this program.

Packing skills:

- Advanced packing
- 4 hitches
- Stringing and Tail Tying
- Pack animals
- Leading a pack string

Knowledge Check-up:

- You have 60 min to complete the Level 4 exam. Discuss your answers as a group or individual with your coach or instructor. The appropriate CHA manual can be used to reference correct answers during the discussions.

Notes: