

Rendy Schedule

Thursday, June 15

Arrive and set up camp. Please check in when you arrive. Space is limited so be courteous and park where you won't block others who arrive later.

6:00 - Dinner at the campfire.

7:00 - Bighorn sheep discussion session featuring Maggie Highland, John Mionczynski, local FS and BLM officers. Movi and best management practices will be discussed.

Friday, June 16

7:30 - Sourdough pancake breakfast provided by Clay Zimmerman.

9:00 - Driving clinic with Nan and Phil Hassey. Single and team hitches will be demonstrated and those who wish to drive may give it a whirl. Toward the end of the session you will be invited to bring your goat for a try in harness.

11:00 - Conformation clinic with Carolyn Eddy.

1:00 - Saddle fitting and placement with Clay Zimmerman.

3:00 - Packgoats and wildlife encounters discussion with John Mionczynski.

If time allows we will have some packgoat activities and games between scheduled classes. Please take a few minutes to purchase items from the store! There is also a 1 mile hike to Nellie Creek Falls for those who wish to explore.

6:00 - Potluck dinner, campfire stories and music. Lake City historian Grant Houston is invited to tell stories about the area.

Saturday, June 17

7:30 - Sourdough pancake breakfast provided by Clay Zimmerman

9:00 - Alpine Gulch trail hike and cleanup crew will set out. The Alpine Gulch is a fairly easy and beautiful hike along a mountain stream with many aspen trees and some ruins of old cabins and mines. There will be lots of water crossings on this hike and our job is to repair or replace log bridges and stepping stones. Workers on this hike can expect to get their feet wet! No chainsaws are allowed in this wilderness study area, so if you plan to work please bring hand tools only.

Late afternoon (after work project crew returns) - Equipment show and tell. Several equipment suppliers are invited to demonstrate their pack systems and other gear. Guests including Charlie Jennings of Bear River Outfitters, Marc Warnke of Packgoats.com, Matt Lyons of Bantam Saddle Tack, and Charlie Hackbarth of Sopris Unlimited.

6:00 - Potluck dinner and auction of remaining store items. Stories from John Mionczynski and music at the campfire to follow.

Sunday, June 18

6:45am - Uncompahgre Peak hikers leave for the trailhead. This is a moderately strenuous hike at high altitude and requires an hour drive to the trailhead on a very rough 4WD road. There will probably be some mud and snow on the trail. Uncompahgre hikers should expect to be back in camp mid-afternoon. They may stay over to Monday.

Morning - NAPgA board meeting after breakfast.

Those not on the Uncompahgre hike will break up camp and thoroughly clean the area. Uncompahgre hikers are welcome to stay over Sunday night.

Things to do in down time:

Beautiful Nellie Creek Falls is only one mile from our campsite and no driving needed! Follow the 4WD Nellie Creek Road until you get to the falls. The road is not usually very busy during the day and vehicles tend to drive slow, but please be aware that there could be a few motorcycles and ATV's so keep your ears open and be careful of blind corners.

Hike Alpine Gulch Trail. This is our work project trail, but even if you're not up for manual labor it is a wonderful trail to walk on. It is fairly easy and well-shaded. There is no "destination" so turn back any time. It is only 2.5 miles easy drive from the campsite.

Hard Tack Mine sits right at the trailhead to Alpine Gulch and is a fascinating tour of an actual mine from the 1890's boom days. Goats not allowed, but as the tour is only 40 minutes you can probably leave them with your vehicle.

Take a fifteen minute drive into Lake City where there are lots of shops, restaurants, a history museum, park, walking trails, etc. San Juan Soda Co. is highly recommended!