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# The Highline

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## EMERALD EMPIRE CHAPTER COORDINATES WITH MULTIPLE USER GROUPS TO GET FAMILIES AND KIDS OUT INTO THE WOODS AND ON THE TRAILS - RAIN OR SHINE!

Over 1600 families with their kids participated this year in the annual "Play In The Rain" event at the Mt. Pisgah Arboretum, November 20th. Kids get to experience outdoor activities like tree climbing, identifying leaves and raptors, to how to start a fire, roasting hot dogs and marshmallows, and going for wagon rides.

For our part the Emerald Empire chapter of Back Country Horsemen members spent the day introducing kids and their families to horses, packing, basic trail maintenance and the importance of what our group does to keep trails open for everyone. This year we taught mantee tying to the members who didn't already know and they in turn helped work with the kids. Prizes and stickers went to the kids for trying and a great time was had by all.

Thanks to EEBCHO chapter members; Casey Hufstader for bringing Honda, his 32 year old mini mule and pack gear. DeeDee Holst for her pony, Sparky



## Highline Highlights

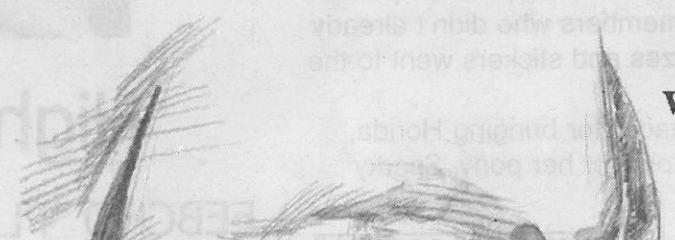
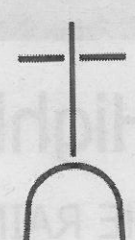


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(above/right giving kisses). Matt and Becky Hope for their Fjord horses, Ekko & Scout and equipment (16 year old Fjord Ekko pictured below on our demo highline) Assistance and a lot of patience was provided by Liz Edward, Vicki Lovelace, Betty Jean Keele, and Emily Elias holding horses, teaching knots, and answering LOTS of questions. This was the third year our chapter has been invited to participate. We'd like to recognize the other groups that made this event such a great success. Camp Fire USA - outdoor survival skills, Cascade Raptor Center - owls and raptors for kids to identify that they might see in the wild, City of Eugene - team building games/tree climbing, US Forest Service/BLM - fire truck and Smokey Bear, Friends of Buford Park and Mt. Pisgah - hayrides & hikes, Nearby Nature - nature crafts & nature games, ReWild Eugene Bow - Drill fire making and bow & arrow competition, UO Outdoor Program Resources about equipment rentals plus several scavenger hunts/walks combining plant identification, Willamalane - Identification and track crafts, North West Youth Corp - campfire cookery & campfires. Submitted by Becky Hope

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