

### **2026 Trail & Packing Guidelines:**

- Members must be enrolled appropriately and paid any necessary 4-H dues with the 4-H office (Zsuite) before **January 15th, 2026**. Trail & Packing project is considered full with **30 members**.
- Trail & Packing requires an additional **\$25.00 fee** to participate in the project. A **family** discount will be available, **\$25.00 for the first member and \$12.50** for each additional family member.
- The Trail and Packing Record Book must be with the member at every clinic.
- To be eligible for the **end-of-year raffle**, members must attend all scheduled clinics. Only **one excused absence** is allowed to remain eligible.
- Members must view the helmet video and sign off on the helmet acknowledgement form, once as a Junior and once as a Senior member.
- Helmets are required for riding at all clinics.
- Members who want to participate in Trail & Packing must declare their project horses and must have their completed horse identification cards on file in the Extension Office by June 1st of each year.
- Members who want to pull pack stock on a NorthWest Montana BCH/4-H Trail Project must complete **Level 3 Trail & Packing**. ○ Members who want to ride along on a NorthWest Montana BCH/4-H Trail Project must complete Level 1 Trail & Packing.
- Members cannot use Stallions in 4-H Trail & Packing.
- Members must be 8 years old and not older than 18 as of Oct 1st of each 4-H year.
- Any Level 4 & 5 students with a new horse for **2025/2026** will need to bring them to Clinic III and IV for evaluation. Make sure that you let leaders know what you need to work on.