**BCHW/4-H Collaboration**

**PURPLE SAGE RIDERS**

**TRAIL WARRIORS**

**Trail Riding Project**

These are the steps we have followed during the past three years to see great success with this collaboration:

* BCHW leader must become a 4-H horse project leader (does not have to be a 4-H horse club leader)
* County 4-H horse department superintendent or coordinator to help Champion
* Generate interest at 4-H horse events (in our case Fair)
* Support of 4-H horse clubs in county
* Youth must enroll in 4-H online (insurance), Adults insurance via guest of BCHW or membership – parents are covered by 4-H as well – a new form was designed with the support of WSU
* Collaborate with youth membership to establish group name, governing project guidelines for participation, annual tentative calendar (rides, campouts and educational events)
* Parent/guardian engagement and involvement (not just a drop off your kid type of activity)
* Each young rider under the age of 16 must have a “companion rider” – parent, grandparent or family friend
* Ability to lean on BCHW chapter members for educational offerings (not every event is a ride) and trail ride partners
* BCHW member or 4-H Youth parent/guardian for each rider on the trail rides
* A main focus must be decided – Trail Riding, Packing, etc.
* Secure funding for equipment needed or planned events via grants, discounts, in-kind donations, individual donations
* Annual recognition, team building event

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