

# 19th Annual Weiser River Wagon Train and Ride May 28 - 31, 2021



We're BACK! Join us for a leisurely four day journey on a true Idaho Gem, the Weiser River Trail. Follow the Trail through two counties, from Weiser to Council, as the terrain gently changes from rolling farm land surrounding Weiser to majestic mountains in Council. Enjoy a splendid hot breakfast (7 a.m.) (coffee is on at 6 a.m.) and dinner (6 p.m.) each day. Camp far from the madding crowds, with only the sounds of nature to lull you to sleep. Travel at your own speed and enjoy as many rest stops as you like each day. Horseback riders and walkers welcome!!! We shuttle your gear and hay from site to site.

*Please note you must provide your own lunch and carry your own drinking water each day. Horse water available on the trail.*

**This year we are remembering and honoring Terry Bonner, who passed away in late 2019. Terry is one of the original founders of this event. We are very proud to dedicate this year's event to Terry.**

Thursday, May 27: You may arrive today (or earlier) in Weiser if you choose. Please let us know so we can advise and help you plan accordingly. You may shuttle your own vehicle to Council on Thursday or Friday morning if you wish. Vehicles will be parked at the Council trailhead.

Friday, May 28: You are on your own for breakfast. If you are shuttling your vehicle and need a return ride, be ready to leave Weiser at 10 a.m. SHARP. At that time, vehicles will caravan to Council and you will be shuttled back to Weiser. We will travel approximately 12 miles to the first camp site at "primitive camp," where you will be served a catered dinner.

Saturday, May 29: Following breakfast, we will trail approximately 18 miles to Midvale. Showers (PENDING Covid restrictions), dinner and a relaxing evening await, as well as drawing for all raffle items.

Sunday, May 30: Following breakfast, we will trail approximately 20 miles to Goodrich for dinner.

Memorial Day, Monday, May 31: Following breakfast, trail approximately 12 miles to the Council trailhead, where we wrap up the event and head home. Remember, today we honor our fallen soldiers. Please show your patriotism with the Red, White and Blue!

## WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

- Camping equipment (tent, sleeping bag, pillow, mattress or pad, etc.)
- Cell phone or two way radios (NOTE: cell service is not available much of the time)
- Picket line (24 feet)
- First aid kit
- Camp chair
- Drinking water
- Camera
- Bug spray (human and equine)
- Flashlight
- Hay and hay bag or hay net (hay does not have to be certified weed free)
- **Small** ice chest
- Lunch items
- Halter and lead rope
- Fly mask (human and equine)
- Water resistant horse blanket
- Collapsible water bucket



Terry Bonner

**PLEASE CALL 208-861-8614 IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (and other important information) (in no particular order)**  
**PLEASE READ**

- We haul all hay and camp equipment from camp site to camp site. Please organize your gear as efficiently as possible and do not overload bags. Please tag or identify your hay and gear, as it will be on "common" trailers. You may send a **SMALL** ice chest. We will **NOT** transport large ice chests. Please be mindful of the folks who are loading and unloading every day, they are not weight lifters. We do have limited space. You can purchase additional ice, groceries, etc., at the grocery stores in Midvale (right next to our camp site) as well as Cambridge (a short distance from the trail).
- Outhouses are provided at camp sites and along the trail. Showers available in Midvale (pending Covid restrictions).
- You may camp overnight at the Weiser trailhead on Thursday May 27.
- Due to our commitments for services, we cannot make refunds after May 15.
- This is a family outing and we expect everyone to conduct themselves accordingly.
- Children (age 17 and younger) must be supervised at all times and must have written permission to participate from their legal guardian.
- Please note, due to safety issues, **NO DOGS ALLOWED**. This is NOT negotiable.
- All equines MUST have hoof protection on **all four hooves** (iron shoes or some type of hoof protection such as Easy Boots, Renegades, Old Macs are acceptable). This is NOT negotiable. The trail is on an old rail bed and as such, is very rocky in places.
- NO STALLIONS allowed. No foals, weanlings or lactating mares allowed.
- Equines must be at least 36 months of age.
- The trail covers 60 miles in four days, with one 20 and one 18 mile day. All equines must be fit enough to go this distance. Evacuation resources are extremely limited and the trail is not always close to a highway. Lamé horses are not permitted. The wagon master has the final say on what constitutes a fit and sound equine. **Our first priority is the safety of all participants and equines.**
- Out riders and "day" riders welcome (helmets strongly encouraged for riders of all ages but particularly riders under age 18). Walkers/hikers and bicycles are also welcome to join us.
- **DO NOT BRING:**
  - Lamé or sick horses
  - People who think this is a horse race
  - Dogs
  - People who complain, tire easily or who can't keep up
  - Harness, collars or saddles that don't fit
  - Horses that pull back **or cannot be tied overnight**
  - Overloaded wagons or carts

**Wagons/Carts/Buggies:** Check your width. Trestles are only eight feet wide.

If at some point you feel you cannot continue the event, we will do our best to get you to your rig in Weiser in a timely manner.

*Additional meals may be purchased if you anticipate friends/family joining you for just a meal (please note that "primitive camp" on Sunday night is not accessible by vehicle). The nearest trailhead to Primitive Camp is approximately 3 miles south of primitive camp. Please let us know WHICH meal and how many additional meals. Please note we are a small organization and are not able to accommodate food allergies or requests such as gluten/lactose/dairy intolerance, vegetarian or vegan requests.*

*We welcome participants who cannot commit to all four days. Please specify which days you would like to join us and we will work with you on logistics.*

**OTHER INFORMATION:** The weather can be extremely unpredictable. The event will not be cancelled because of inclement weather. Please check the forecast in the days prior to the event and pack rain gear accordingly. If you are riding, you will want a DRY saddle every morning, so you may want to include a small tarp to cover your gear.

You will be crossing many trestles on the ride. They are completely horse safe, with solid planks and railings. Most are quite short and none are particularly high.

We will not have a farrier on-call, so we encourage you to carry a spare Easy Boot (or equivalent) in the event your horse pulls a shoe. Riders, we also encourage you to carry a halter and lead rope on the trail, as well as sufficient people water.

If you are coming from out of state, check with your veterinarian for health requirements prior to entering Idaho. You may need a health certificate, brand inspection and Coggins.

We will rent a small pump and have horse water available in a trough at each camp site. You will not have negotiate the slopes to river or creek at any camp site.

The nearest equine vet is in Weiser, Idaho (208) 549-0944. There is also a fully staffed 24/7 equine vet clinic (Idaho Equine) in Nampa (208) 466-4613. There will NOT be a vet available on the ride.

*The organizers, helpers and wagon master are all volunteers. Please be respectful of ride management, we are there to make sure you have a SAFE and enjoyable experience. We look forward to seeing you on the trail!!!*

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**THIS IS LIABILITY RELEASE. IT CONTAINS LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY, SO PLEASE READ IT!**

**Please fill out a separate form for each participant. Each participant age 18 or older MUST sign. Each participant age 17 or younger must have the signature of guardian or parent.**

I understand that a wagon trail ride and drive is a hazardous activity which involves being in remote areas for a long time; that these areas may have many natural and manmade hazards which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify or eliminate; that horses can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable; and that accidents can happen to anyone at any time, and there is NO ambulance or medical help present. **I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM ENTERING THIS WAGON TRAIN RIDE AND DRIVE AT MY OWN RISK** and upon acceptance of my application for entry in the above described ride, I acknowledge that I assume **FULL RESPONSIBILITY** for my own safety. I, my heirs, executors and administrators will hold FWRT (Friends of Weiser River Trail) and all officers and directors thereof, any member of the ride management and ride personnel, and all property owners/tenants whose land the ride crosses **BLAMELESS** for any injury or loss to myself or my horse which occurs due to my participation, and free from all liability for such injury or loss. In short, I will not sue the ride management, their personnel, land owners or tenant, and FWRT for ANY REASON! I am fully aware of all ride rules and agree to abide by those rules set down by the ride management and FWRT. I fully understand the consequences for not following ride rules. As a participant in this ride, I have read the above liability release and will agree to abide by ALL rules.

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PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**OR** GUARDIAN/PARENT'S SIGNATURE IF PARTICIPANT IS AGE 17 OR UNDER DATE

<b>LAST NAME</b>	
<b>FIRST NAME</b>	
<b>MAILING ADDRESS</b>	
<b>CITY</b>	
<b>STATE</b>	
<b>ZIP</b>	
<b>CONTACT PHONE</b>	
<b>E-MAIL</b>	

Please return application and check (**CHECK PAYABLE TO FWRT**) to Pam Haynes, 1235 Rolling Hills Drive, Meridian, ID 83642. **OR** scan signed application and E-mail to [weiserrivertrail@gmail.com](mailto:weiserrivertrail@gmail.com). You may pay via PayPal (send funds to [weiserrivertrail@gmail.com](mailto:weiserrivertrail@gmail.com)). If you have questions, please contact [weiserrivertrail@gmail.com](mailto:weiserrivertrail@gmail.com) or call/text 208-861-8614.

**\*\*\* ENTRY DEADLINE IS MAY 15, 2021 \*\*\* WE CANNOT GUARANTEE MEALS OR T-SHIRT AFTER THE DEADLINE BUT WE WILL ACCEPT LATE ENTRIES UP UNTIL WE DEPART WEISER**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

		PRICE PER UNIT	SUBTOTAL
Participant (4 days) (out rider or in wagon) CIRCLE T-SHIRT SIZE <b>S M L XL XXL XXXL</b>		\$ 200 (retired military price \$180)	
Wagon Driver (4 days) CIRCLE T-SHIRT SIZE <b>S M L XL XXL XXXL</b>		\$ 175 (retired military price \$160)	
Active Military (with ID card) (4 days) CIRCLE T-SHIRT SIZE <b>S M L XL XXL XXXL</b>		\$ 100	
Day Rider ( <i>PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW</i> ) CIRCLE T-SHIRT SIZE <b>S M L XL XXL XXXL</b>		\$ 75 per day	
Extra T-shirts (sizes below) CIRCLE T-SHIRT SIZE <b>S M L XL XXL XXXL</b>		\$ 20	
Extra meals (see below for additional info) <i>PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW</i>		\$ 15 breakfast \$ 25 dinner	
Raffle tickets (does NOT include saddle) (we will have many raffle items!)		\$1 each or six for \$5	
SADDLE RAFFLE TICKETS (separate raffle this year!)		\$5 each	
QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS (separate raffle this year!)		\$5 each	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	

**Your entry fee includes ONE T-shirt of any size.** If you wish to purchase additional T-shirts, you must preorder. Please indicate additional T-shirt size below and number of each. T-shirts will be short-sleeve men's sizes cotton/poly blend.

**"DAY" RIDERS:** You are welcome to join us for only a portion of the trail. We need to know which days you will be joining us and which meals you will want. Your \$75 entry fee includes two meals and a T-shirt. Please contact me to let me know when/where you would like to join up and we will work out the logistics. If you wish to only ride and do not want any meals or a T-shirt, we will be happy to adjust the entry fee accordingly.

**EXTRA T-SHIRTS AND MEALS FOR GUESTS WHO WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENT. Please specify number and sizes below and add totals into grid above. Please note we cannot refund prepaid meals for no shows/late cancellations. We will get T-shirts to you if you are unable to attend.**

EXTRA T-SHIRTS	NUMBER OF T-SHIRTS	EXTRA MEALS	NUMBER OF MEALS
SMALL (\$20)		Dinner Friday \$25	
MEDIUM (\$20)		Breakfast Saturday \$15	
LARGE (\$20)		Dinner Saturday \$25	
EXTRA LARGE (XL) (\$20)		Breakfast Sunday \$15	
XXL (\$20)		Dinner Sunday \$25	
XXXL (\$20)		Breakfast Monday \$15	

**COVID-19:** Obviously the pandemic is going to have an impact on our event. As we go to press with this entry form, here is what we know: Idaho is still in stage 2, meaning gatherings (indoors and outdoors) of more than 10 people are not allowed. HOWEVER, we anticipate Idaho will have progressed to at least stage 3 by the end of May. Stage 3 states “25% of capacity for outdoor gatherings.” We interpret that to mean we have basically a pretty good capacity as long as we maintain other safety measures.

This being said, our expectation from our wagon train participants is that they wear a mask (over the nose and mouth) on the shuttle bus or arrange your own shuttle.

We expect you to maintain social distancing (six feet or more) at all times (except on the shuttle), even outdoors, except with members of your immediate group. We expect you to wear a mask when you obtain your meal and we are working on a plan to minimize contact with the caterers.

Even if you have received your Covid vaccination, we expect adherence to masking and social distancing.

We will provide Port-A-Potties but use them at your own risk, we cannot clean them after every use. We will provide a hand washing/sanitizing station at the camp sites.

Please be responsible at all times for your own safety and the safety of other participants. No one likes wearing a mask or being told they need to socially distance but it is our responsibility to provide a safe experience for all. If you do not agree to our rules, then please do not attend our event.

If you have any questions, please contact Pam at [weiserrivertrail@gmail.com](mailto:weiserrivertrail@gmail.com) or call/text 208-861-8614.

Sincerely,

Weiser River Trail Wagon Train Management Team