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PROPOSAL FOR CONDUCTING OUTDOOR EVENTS FOR WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES

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BACKGROUND

Big Horn Wilderness Rides, LLC (BHWR) is a Greybull, WY based outdoor adventure company. Our trips are based in or near the Big Horn mountains and are centered primarily around horseback riding and camping although we also can arrange fishing, skiing/snowboarding, snowmobiling, rock climbing, fossil hunting, wildlife/nature viewing, hiking, biking, backpacking and/or river float trips.

Our combined past experiences have prompted us to share our excitement of the outdoors with the youth of Wyoming. Our goal is to lead youth and/or families into outdoor explorations which will challenge the mind, body and spirit on a level which is comfortable for each individual. Our adventures provide experiences that individuals might have considered fascinating, but a little out of reach. We'll bring them within reach!

For all events, sleeping under the stars, and meals over an open campfire and/or out of the chuckwagon will make a memorable adventure. Our goal is to offer a western-flavored outdoor experience that instills the same love and respect for the land and the outdoors that we share. We will provide guided experiences that can open the doorway for growth and help youth to discover a new trust in their own unique abilities.

We offer a hands-on experience to our guests. We will help and assist in every way, but each will learn to care for his/her own horse, help set up camp, cook, cut and gather firewood and much more. All hands pitch in until the tasks are completed.

BHWR can tailor each trip to the special needs of the group. We offer ice-breakers and get-to-know-each-other games, team building exercises, problem-solving and trust-building activities, leadership training, independent living and survival skills and psychological self-awareness exercises.

STAFF

BHWR has staffing for both female and male specific group trips. BHWR will provide a staffing level of one adult for every three guests as well as two to three high school and/or college aged assistants on each trip. All trips are assumed to be with 10 to 12 guests. Larger groups can be accommodated with staffing levels adjusted accordingly.

The principals of BHWR include:

- **Jeff and Barb McManus** – Jeff and Barb, a husband and wife team, were born into ranch family life and raised with good horses to ride. Jeff hailed from early years at The Padlock Ranch near Sheridan, Wyoming, just miles from where our rides will take place. Barb brings Montana childhood experiences. Each has had a variety of horse related activities grace their lives. Jeff has ridden the area his entire life and has extensive knowledge of the geography. He is presently a brand inspector for the Wyoming Livestock Board and has worked for licensed Wyoming outfitters guiding trips in the Big Horn and Rocky mountains, taking groups as small as three and as large as 130 on overnight trips in the wilderness. Both Jeff and Barb enjoy the outdoors and are students of the history of our area from the Mountain Man to the Cowboy. Jeff was involved in recreating the pony express rides through Wyoming and both are actively involved in the recreation of the mountain man way of life and the 1840's fur trade era at "Rendezvous" across the West. Jeff has given talks at historic areas and museums while portraying, in authentic dress, the first National Park Ranger. He is a great storyteller and will be happy to relate some of his favorites and facts of history to you around the campfire.
- **John and Julie Bilbrey** – Long time 4-H leaders and licensed foster parents, with a combined family of eight children, Bilbreys are uniquely qualified in the area of youth. As lifelong ranchers, being around and on horses is second nature to them. Most of their lives have been spent working in production agriculture, especially with animals. Horses and cattle are their true passion. John has enjoyed many years as a rodeo pickup man. Julie has several years experience as a horse wrangler, and John has a knack for matching the right horse to the unique skills of each rider. Julie and John and their teenage children, Jason and Jackee, are anxious to help Wyoming youth have the experience of a lifetime in the Big Horn Mountains – either on horseback, snowboards, or snowmobiles!

- **Bill and Barbara Burbridge** – Both are active outdoor enthusiasts who have raised four children and have first hand experience raising teenagers. They have brought their children up to have an appreciation and respect for nature that it deserves. Winter activities are geared toward skiing and snow sports. Bill, Barbara and their daughter, Margaret, devote countless hours to a program that provides winter sports opportunities and instruction to individuals with disabilities. Summer activities center on outdoor experiences exploring the Big Horn mountains, horseback riding, fishing and hiking. Margaret, a junior in high school and is excited about the Wyoming youth program currently being implemented by BHWW. Their son Bruce is currently serving in the U.S. Army in Iraq. He will be returning home in the spring and would like to be involved in our project. He is into biking, hiking and karate and is a valuable role model to teenagers.

All three families share in the culinary contributions to the BHWW adventures, each bringing their unique and delicious recipes into the mix.

COST

- The cost per guest is based on a minimum of ten persons per trip and includes the following:
 - ◆ One-day trip: **\$150**
 - Meals
 - Lunch and dinner on day one
 - Horses and all tack
 - Problem resolution team
 - ◆ Three-day trip: **\$450**
 - Meals
 - Lunch and dinner on day one
 - Breakfast, lunch and dinner on day two
 - Breakfast, lunch and dinner on day three
 - Breakfast on final day
 - Horses and all tack
 - Sleeping accommodations – tents
 - Guides and evening entertainment
 - Problem resolution team
 - Additional rental items such as snow sports rentals, lift tickets, bicycle and boat rentals, etc. will be billed at actual cost.

- ◆ Guests should bring the following:
 - Sleeping bag and pillow
 - Comfortable boots
 - Rain gear
 - Flashlight
 - Warm clothing
 - Long-sleeved shirts
 - Gloves
 - Binoculars
 - Camera
 - Personal items and snacks, if needed

- ◆ DFS agrees to provide transportation for the guests to an agreed upon site and pick up guests on the final day from the same site.

- ◆ DFS agrees to provide accident insurance for each of the youth in care and will additionally secure a medical waiver signed by the legal guardian of each of the participating youth.

PAYMENT

One-half of the total charge is due upon booking the event. Final payment is due within 30 days of the completion of the trip.

RESERVATION REQUIREMENT

In order to make sure that all of your needs are met, BHWR requires a minimum of four weeks notice for any trip that DFS wishes to take.

FINAL WORDS

BHWR is very pleased to present this proposal to the Wyoming Department of Family Services. We are all committed to our community and to our youth. Because of our strong background in outdoor experiences, we believe we are uniquely qualified to offer these services to you. If you should have any questions about this proposal, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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