

Before a recent workshop, a first-time participant asked if they could opt out of the potluck. Fair question! After all, who ever heard of potluck at a workshop on weed management?

Sharing food is one of our oldest communal acts. It's not just symbolic—it's how we formed tribes beyond our families, looked out for each other, and found common ground with people wildly different from us.

Our potlucks do the same thing. They open doors between neighbors attending a workshop to learn together. At our potlucks, people share food, and because they are learning together, they share their problems, perspectives, and experiences. Potlucks are the essence of School of Ranch—fun, collaborative, and a little unpredictable—and I'm thankful that so many of you have embraced this ritual that connects us to each other, to our past, and our future.

Have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

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School of Ranch News

Pre-registration Discounts - Rolling Out Now! Starting this month, and rolling out over the course of the new year, pre-registrants will enjoy up to 30% discounts from our full-price tickets. Pre-registration is free; you are only charged when you accept the date. Now you have even more reason to sign up early! One catch though - since we're setting the date based on you saying, "Ticket me, I will be there!," if you cancel, we'll give you a credit you can use to attend a later date, not a refund.

School of Ranch Needs You to Teach Food Preservation, Electrical Work, Tanning and More. Man, we just can't help ourselves. So much stuff to learn. If you'd like to Guest Star at a School of Ranch workshop, reply to this email. We're expanding our food preservation team to keep up with demand, we'd like to do more in the electrical area, and people want to learn how to tan leather! We pay \$200 per workshop! Got skills? Reach out!

Put on Your Policy Pants! Well, our baby is growing up, and you should know how we work and what to expect...thus, policies! Let's hear it...yay, right? Seriously, there's a [policy page](#) on our website now, and it addresses scheduling, pre-registration, pricing and cancellation.

School of Ranch Current Workshops

November 1st. "Traditional Soap Making." Once you make soap, you'll never go back! In this hands-on workshop, you'll create eight versatile bars—from gentle facial cleansers to heavy-duty dish scrubbers—while learning the traditional cold-process soap-making method. Led by longtime soap artisan Elly Jocham, you'll gain skills, safety know-how, and insider tips for making long-lasting, beautifully crafted bars. Plus, you'll take home a full soap-making kit to continue your journey at home. This workshop is held indoors and all materials are provided—just bring your curiosity (and a folding chair if you have one!). **Only 1 ticket left!**

Price: \$90 + \$45 for Materials and Soap-Making Kit

Time: 12:00pm to 3:00pm

Location: Hardenbrook Hardwoods, Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/w-soap-making>

November 6th. "Weed Management: The War is On!" Ready to stop letting weeds rule your land? This interactive, problem-solving workshop will help you identify invasive weeds using free plant ID apps, explore proven control strategies, and build your own personalized weed management plan with help from an AI tool. Bring your phone or laptop, photos or samples of your weeds, and most importantly—bring something to share for the community potluck! Led by weed warrior Debbie Wood, this session arms you with the tools and knowledge to reclaim your space for good.

Price: Contribute-What-You-Can

Time: 5:30pm to 8:30pm

Location: American Legion, Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/w-weed>



New! November 8th. "Nature in Glass: Terrarium Building Basics." Transform glass into a living work of art in this hands-on workshop that blends stained glass techniques with miniature gardening. You'll learn to cut, foil, and solder your own geometric terrarium, then bring it to life with soil, stone, and a succulent. Led by Bend-based artist Eleanora Clifford. Leave with your finished terrarium and a take-home kit so you can keep creating at home. **Only 2 tickets left!**

Price: \$110 + \$35 Take-Home Kit

Time: 12:00pm to 2:30pm

Location: Hardenbrook Hardwoods, Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.net/w-terrarium>

November 9th. "Gravel Road Basics: Build It Right, Keep It Tight." Whether you're dreaming of a ranch-ready driveway or maintaining your rural road, this hands-on workshop will give you the skills to do it right. Learn to shape, layer, crown, and compact gravel while operating a skid steer and working with 30 yards of rock—no previous equipment experience needed. Led by excavation pro Austin Nahale, you'll leave with a solid understanding of gravel road construction and upkeep. **Only 3 tickets left!**

Price: \$125 + \$85 Supply fee

Time: 10:00am to 1:00pm

Location: Rocking Double K Ranch, Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.net/w-gravel-road>

November 15th. "Weaving the Wasco Way: Making Sally Bags." Experience a rare opportunity to learn the traditional Wasco flat-bottom weaving technique from master weaver and educator Valerie Switzler. In this hands-on workshop, you'll begin crafting your own cotton/twine Sally Bag while exploring the rich cultural roots of this iconic art form. With step-by-step guidance and a community potluck to fuel connection, you'll leave with foundational weaving skills and a deeper appreciation for Wasco heritage. **Only 1 ticket left!**

Price: \$95 + \$10 for supplies

Time: 10:30am to 1:30pm

Location: OSU Extension, Redmond Fairgrounds

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/w-sally-bags>



New! November 15th. "Stock Dog Curious: To Herd or Not to Herd." Wondering if a herding dog is right for you—or how to keep yours busy and fulfilled? This field-based, beginner-friendly workshop explores the instincts, responsibilities, and realities of life with a stock dog. You'll see live demonstrations from working dogs, get honest insights into different breeds and temperaments, and walk away with a clear understanding of what these remarkable animals need to thrive. **Only 1 ticket left!**

Price: \$40

Time: 12:00pm to 3:00pm

Location: Heartspace Horse Sanctuary, Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.net/w-stock-dogs>

November 15th. School of Ranch presents, "The Curious Equestrian Book & Video Club." Discuss the book *The Oregon Trail: A New American Journey* by Rinker Buck. Entertaining non-fiction, #1 New York Times Bestseller, an epic account of traveling the length of the Oregon Trail in modern day in a covered wagon with a team of mules, an audacious journey that hasn't been attempted in a century. It also chronicles the rich history of the trail, the people who made the migration, and its significance to the country.

Price: Free

Time: 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Location: 8531 W Antler Ave, Redmond

More: Email Cathy Springman to learn more or attend (cathy@springman.com)

November 22nd. "Braided Rug Making Basics." Turn your worn-out clothes into something cozy and beautiful in this beginner-friendly workshop on five-strand rug braiding. You'll learn how to prep old textiles, practice the

surprisingly simple braiding technique, and explore different layout options for your rug. Led by upcycling enthusiast Heidi Maricle, this workshop blends heritage skills with a modern twist. Bring a few old clothes, a dish to share, and get ready to connect over stories and stitches at our community potluck! **Only 16 tickets left!**

Price: \$65 + \$15 supply fee

Time: 10:00am to 1:00pm

Location: American Legion, Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.net/w-braided-rug-making>

December 11th. "Tasty Holidays! Making Flavored Vinegars & Shrubs.: Free! Sponsored by The Deschutes Public Library. Get crafty in the kitchen with this free, fun, hands-on workshop all about infusing vinegars and making tangy shrubs. These make brilliant homemade holiday gifts—if you can resist keeping them all for yourself! Best part? You'll leave with two bottles of your very own infused vinegar creations. Brought to you by the Deschutes Public Library.

Price: Free!

Time: 3:00pm to 4:30pm

Location: Deschutes Country Library, Redmond

More: <https://dpl.libnet.info/event/14829982>

December 13. School of Ranch presents, "The Curious Equestrian Book & Video Club." Watch and discuss the video *Hit It Off With Your Horse: Understanding & Influencing Character & Personality*. In this DVD, internationally acclaimed horse expert Linda Tellington-Jones presents an excellent guide to determining your horse's personality by analyzing his head and body conformation. She analyzes each horse's facial features and body type, commenting on behavior that typically accompanies specific traits and how the owner can then be aware of—and work with—such tendencies.

Price: Free

Time: 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Location: 8531 W Antler Ave, Redmond

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School of Ranch Workshops On Demand

We run the workshop you want, as often as you want. As soon as enough of you pre-register, we'll schedule these workshops. Pre-registration is free. We don't charge you until we set a date and you agree to it. Check out our [whole catalog](#)!

New! "Foraged & Festive: Creating a Holiday Wreath." Bring your holiday spirit and a pair of clippers—this hands-on workshop is your chance to craft a one-of-a-kind wreath using fresh greenery, pinecones, berries, ribbons, and more. You'll learn how to build a sturdy base, select and style seasonal materials, and create a wreath that reflects your unique holiday vibe. Whether you're rustic and woodsy or glam and glittery, you'll leave with a wreath that's all you. **Only 1 ticket left to schedule!**

Price: \$65 + \$10 supplies

Time: TBD

Location: Private venue, Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.net/w-holiday-wreath-1>

"Chainsaw 101: Safety, Saws, and Your First Cut...of Trees!" Ready to rev up your skills? This no-experience-needed workshop is your hands-on intro to using a chainsaw safely and effectively. You'll start with safety and PPE basics, then dive into saw maintenance, startup, and supervised practice cuts. Led by land steward and fire mitigation expert Aaron Stump, this session gives you the confidence to handle a saw, read wood grain, and make clean, smart cuts on your own. Gear up, dig in, and leave ready to tackle your own projects. **Only 3 tickets left to start scheduling!**

Price: \$125 + \$10 supplies

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.net/w-chainsaw-101>

New! "Furniture Fix-It: A Hands-On Repair Workshop." Got a wobbly chair or busted drawer? This beginner-friendly workshop is your chance to learn the skills to fix small wooden furniture—with confidence. Bring a piece from home or use one of ours, and get hands-on practice using glue, clamps, nails, and other tools of the trade. Guided by repair pro Christy Tice of Handymandy, you'll leave with the know-how to assess damage, plan repairs, and give beloved pieces a second life. **Only 2 left to start scheduling!**

Price: \$125

Time: TBD

Location: Hardenbrook Hardwoods, Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.net/w-furniture-fix-it>

"Darn It! Mending Socks, Sweaters & More." Give your favorite knits a second life in this hands-on workshop all about darning and creative mending. You'll learn foundational repair techniques—like weft and warp stitching, whipstitch, and running stitch—and get plenty of guided time to work on your own beloved-but-battered garments. Led by repair maven Elaine J. Cole, this class blends practical skill-building with a celebration of sustainability. You'll leave with a darning needle, fresh confidence, and maybe even a few new friends over potluck. **Only 11 left to start scheduling!**

Price: \$40 + \$5 for supplies

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.net/w-darn-it>



"Bee Curious: Intro to Beekeeping." Get ready to buzz into the world of honeybees in this hands-on, family-friendly workshop led by regenerative beekeeper Brittany Dye. You'll explore hive life from queen to comb, learn the basics of beekeeping, and discover what it takes to start your own hive. Whether you're a curious beginner or ready to suit up, you'll gain confidence, observe a live colony, and enjoy fresh honey straight from the comb. **Scheduling in the spring!**

Price: \$40

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.net/w-beecurious>

"Trailer Towing Basics." Take the wheel—confidently. This hands-on workshop is designed for beginners looking to master the essentials of trailer towing. Learn to inspect and hook up your rig, adjust trailer brakes, and handle real-world scenarios like tight turns and smooth backing. You'll bring your own vehicle (and trailer, if you have one) and work directly with instructor Kelly Patrick, a longtime towing expert and Search & Rescue trainer. Whether you're hauling hay, horses, or a camper, this workshop will help you tow smart and safe. **Only 3 tickets left to start scheduling!**

Price: \$95

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/w-trailer>

"Handyman Basics: Drywall, Electric, Plumbing, and More." Tired of waiting (and paying) for someone else to fix the little stuff around the house? This two-session, beginner-friendly workshop gives you the practical, confidence-boosting skills to tackle common repairs yourself. You'll learn how to patch drywall, replace outlets, stop leaks, and understand your home's systems—with plenty of hands-on practice and no prior experience needed. Led by skilled tradesman Aaron Stump, this workshop is all about making home repair accessible, empowering, and even a little fun. **Scheduling now!**

Price: \$225 + \$25 for supplies

Time: TBD

Location: Hardenbrook Hardwoods, Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/w-handyman>

"Motor Madness for Fearless Women." Get ready to rev your confidence and build real mechanical skills in this empowering, hands-on workshop made for women who want to understand and repair small engines. You'll learn to perform tune-ups, change spark plugs, winterize equipment, troubleshoot common issues, and more—whether you're working on a chainsaw or a lawnmower. Taught in a supportive, no-judgment space by off-grid homesteader and gearhead Rick Bell, this workshop will have you saying "I've got this" next time the engine won't start. **Only 4 tickets left to start scheduling!**

Price: \$85 (pre-registration)

Time: TBD

Location: Hardenbrook Hardwoods, Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/w-engine>

"Tractor Basics: Safe and Skilled Driving 101." Saddle up for a full day of hands-on learning in this small-group, confidence-building workshop designed for total tractor beginners. You'll practice real-world driving skills on an outdoor obstacle course, learn to perform basic maintenance and safety checks, and explore attachment use for smarter, safer work. Led by lifelong farmhand and crew leader Heidi Maricle, this workshop is practical, empowering, and—let's be honest—super fun. No tractor needed; we'll provide everything but the potluck dish! **Only 3 left to start scheduling!**

Price: \$295

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/w-tractor-basics>

"Practical Welding for Ranch and Farm." Always wanted to weld? Now's your chance. This three-session, small-group workshop is designed for total beginners who want to tackle farm repairs and small projects with confidence. You'll learn MIG welding basics, material prep, and safety protocols—all in a pro welder's shop under the guidance of expert instructor Joe Slattery. With only six students per session, you'll get one-on-one coaching, and you'll even have the chance to bring in your own small project. Welding gear provided (or bring your own), sparks guaranteed. **Scheduling now!**

Price: \$375 + \$60 for supplies

Time: TBD

Location: 7766 Costanoan St, Powell Butte

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/w-welding-long>

"Practical Carpentry: Furniture Making." Always wanted to build your own furniture? This hands-on, three-session workshop will walk you through the core skills of carpentry—tool use, joinery techniques, and project planning—before guiding you step-by-step through building your very own end table. Whether you're dreaming of chairs, cabinets, or custom builds down the line, this class will give you the confidence and know-how to make it happen. **Only 2 tickets left to schedule!**

Price: \$375 + \$60 supplies

Time: TBD

Location: Hardenbrook Hardwoods, 2122 SW Deerhound Ave #7, Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/w-carpentry>

"Power Saws for Fearless Women." Take charge of your tools—and your confidence—in this hands-on, beginner-friendly workshop designed for women ready to learn the ropes of power saws. You'll get practical experience with at least three of the six essential saws: chainsaw, table saw, compound miter saw, jigsaw, sawzall, and skill saw. Learn safety, blade changes, cutting techniques, and tool care in a supportive space led by Christy Tice of Handymandy. Whether you're tackling home repairs or your next big project, this class will leave you feeling empowered and ready to cut loose. **Only 2 tickets left to start scheduling!**

Price: \$125 + \$15 supply fee

Time: TBD

Location: Hardenbrook Hardwoods, Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/w-power-saws-fearless>



"How to Make a Solar Power System for an RV or Trailer." Power your adventures with the sun in this hands-on workshop focused on designing and building a 12-volt solar system for off-grid living. You'll work with real components—panels, controllers, batteries—and learn how everything fits together. Using a custom AI Solar Planning Tool, you'll design a system tailored to your rig and walk away with a step-by-step plan you can actually build. Led by off-grid expert Rick Bell, this class is perfect for DIYers who want energy independence on the open road. **Only 3 left to start scheduling!**

Price: \$190 + \$20 for supplies

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/w-solar-power-trailer-rvs>

"Intro to Leatherwork – Make a Crossbody Bag." Ever wanted to craft your own leather bag but didn't know where to start? In this beginner-friendly, no-sew workshop, you'll learn to cut, punch, and rivet your way to a fully functional leather crossbody bag—no sewing machine required. Led by Elise Michaels in partnership with Bench Studio Bend, this hands-on class covers leather types, tool techniques, and hardware selection so you can make something durable, stylish, and totally you. Come curious, leave with a handcrafted bag and new creative confidence. **Only 3 tickets left to start scheduling!**

Price: \$90 + \$80 for supplies

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.net/w-leather-no-sew>

"DIY Skincare: Make Goat Milk Lotion and Lip Balm." Treat yourself to natural, handmade skincare in this hands-on workshop where you'll craft goat milk lotion and nourishing lip balm from scratch. With step-by-step guidance from Glimfeather Farms founder Rebecca Saul, you'll learn to blend high-quality, natural ingredients into spa-worthy products—customized with lavender or citrus essential oils if you like. No experience necessary, just a love of learning and a curiosity for clean, DIY beauty. You'll leave with two finished products and the confidence to make more at home. **Only 2 tickets left to start scheduling!**

Price: \$90 + \$20 supplies

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.net/w-diy-skincare>

"Carving Curious: Intro to Wood Carving." Ready to carve out some creative time? In this beginner-friendly workshop, you'll learn to shape your very own wooden spoon using just a single chisel—no experience needed. Guided step-by-step by master carver Ahmad Khalid Rauofi, you'll develop safe carving habits, refine your technique, and gain confidence in the rhythm of cut, shape, and smooth. Plus, you'll go home with your own carving kit, so you can keep the chips flying long after class ends. **Only 3 tickets left to start scheduling!**

Price: \$125 + \$35 supply fee

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/w-carving-curious>

"Self-Care for the Ranch-Worn Body." Soothe the aches and pains of hard work with this relaxing, hands-on workshop focused on essential oil wellness. You'll learn the science behind aromatherapy, create your own custom bath salts and roller blend, and explore the Vita Flex Technique—an easy-to-learn method that targets reflex points to promote healing and recovery. Led by certified aromatherapist Cindy Maricle, this workshop blends science, self-care, and scent for a healing experience you can take home in your pocket (and your bath). **Only 2 tickets left to start scheduling!**

Price: \$40 + \$15 supplies cost

Time: TBD

Location: 66050 Gerking Market Road, Bend, OR

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/w-aromatherapy>

New! "Knife Secrets for Homestead Cooks." Your garden's bounty deserves more than a rough chop—it deserves knife skills worthy of a chef's nod. In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn how to slice, dice, mince, and julienne like a pro while also discovering how to choose, care for, and sharpen your knives. Along the way, you'll build confidence in the kitchen and share good food and conversation during a community potluck. Led by Suzanne Landry, wellness educator, chef, and author, this workshop promises practical skills, tasty recipes, and a lively atmosphere. **Only 2 tickets left to schedule!**

Price: \$75 + \$10 supplies

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.net/w-knife-secrets>

New! "Cookout Improv – Tasty Feasts with Low-Tech Tools." Leave the fancy camping gadgets at home—this fun, fire-powered workshop teaches you how to turn basic gear into a full outdoor feast. You and your team will cook up beef and veggie stew, foil-pack sides, fluffy box-oven biscuits, and a Dutch oven apple crisp using nothing more than coals, foil, and a little culinary creativity. Led by Eryn Ross of Sisters Depot, this is a flavorful, laughter-filled afternoon that ends with a shared meal and some serious bragging rights. **Only 3 left to start scheduling!**

Price: \$90 + \$25 supplies

Time: TBD

Location: Sisters Depot, Sisters

More: <https://schoolofranch.net/w-cookout-improv>

"Tortilla Making Basics: From Masa to Taco." Make, flip, and feast your way through this joyful, hands-on workshop led by the team behind Roots at Heart. You'll learn to mix masa, press perfect rounds, and cook traditional corn tortillas that are soft, flavorful, and puffed to perfection. Then, dive into a live taco-filling demo before enjoying your creations at a community potluck. Bring something to share—and get ready for seriously good tacos. **Only 1 tickets left to schedule!**

Price: \$65 + \$20 supplies

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.net/w-tortilla>



"Beyond the Dill: Exploring Three Pickling Techniques." Pickling isn't just for cucumbers—get ready to expand your flavor horizons in this hands-on demo workshop! You'll explore three different techniques: quick refrigerator pickles, traditional fermented cukes, and sweet pickled peaches. Along the way, you'll learn the science of pickling, safety essentials, and how to customize brines with spices and seasonal ingredients. Taught by food alchemist Beth Covert, this is your gateway to tangy, sweet, and savory creations you can make and enjoy at home. **Only 7 left to start scheduling!**

Price: \$40 + \$15 for take-home kit

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.net/w-pickling>

"Fermentation 101: An Easy Path to Probiotic Perfection." Crunchy kraut, fizzy cukes, and zesty mustard—oh my! This interactive workshop is your gateway to the flavorful, gut-loving world of home fermentation. Led by fermentation artist Beth Covert, you'll learn how to safely craft sauerkraut and fermented cucumbers, experiment with flavor variations, troubleshoot common issues, and even make fermented mustard. Taste test included! You'll also take home a fermentation lid and glass weight to kick off your kitchen adventures! **Only 6 tickets left to start scheduling!**

Price: \$40 + \$15 supply fee

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.net/w-fermentation>

"Intro to Goat Cheese Making"

Transform fresh goat milk into tangy, creamy, homemade goat cheese with this fun and accessible workshop taught by Glimfeather Farms' Rebecca Saul. You'll learn the essential steps, tools, and techniques for making goat cheese at home—even if you're brand new to cheesemaking! From sanitizing gear to preserving your final product, you'll walk away confident and ready to churn out your own artisanal cheese. **Only 2 left to start scheduling!**

Price: \$40

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Redmond

More Info: <https://schoolofranch.org/w-goat>

"Dehydration Demystified." Dry it, store it, and eat it anytime—whether you're stocking your pantry or packing for the trail. This beginner-friendly workshop breaks down the what, why, and how of food dehydration. Learn the science behind moisture removal, compare methods and equipment, and get pro tips on long-term storage for both home use and lightweight adventures. **Only 7 tickets left to schedule!**

Price: \$40 + \$0 supplies

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.net/w-dehydration>

"The Art and Science of Canning"

Preserve your harvest like a pro! This hands-on demo workshop walks you through the basics of water bath and pressure canning—perfect for total beginners or anyone needing a confidence boost in the kitchen. Learn to safely can fruit, sauces, and pantry staples, and avoid spoilage with proper technique. Led by food preservationist Beth Covert, you'll also gain access to *The Canning Companion*, a custom AI tool to support your future canning projects. **Only 10 left to start scheduling!**

Pre-Registration Price: \$45 + \$15 supplies

Regular Registration: \$65 + \$15 supplies

Location: Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.net/w-canning>



"Roping Basics – Championship Secrets for All Ages"

Ever dreamed of roping like a rodeo pro? Now's your chance to learn from one! This interactive, ground-based roping workshop is led by **Judy Robinson**, the 1978 World Champion All-Around Cowgirl. Open to all ages, the session covers rope handling, loop building, and precision techniques — all at your pace and level. You'll finish the day with a friendly **rope-off competition** using steer dummies (with a prize for the winner!).

Only 3 tickets left to start scheduling!

Price: \$75

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.net/w-roping-basics>

Horse Speak: Unlocking the Language of Horses

Your horse is always talking—are you ready to understand them? In this engaging workshop led by equine behavior expert **Lucinda Baker**, you'll explore the science, psychology, and silent language of horses. Learn how to connect with your horse using Horse Speak® techniques and insights from Lucinda's *Being Herd* program. Through videos, slides, and **live demonstrations**, you'll uncover how horses communicate, and practice ways to build trust, presence, and a deeper partnership. The day ends with a classic School of Ranch potluck—because learning is always better shared. **Scheduling!**

Price: \$40

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.net/w-horsespeak>

"Chicken Farming for Self-Reliant Families." Dreaming of a steady supply of fresh eggs or meat raised right in your backyard? This workshop is your go-to guide for starting and maintaining a healthy flock in Central Oregon's unique climate. Learn how to choose the right breeds, build a safe and comfy coop, and care for your chickens year-round. You'll also get hands-on with our exclusive AI-powered chicken farm planner to design a setup tailored to your needs.

Scheduling!

Price: \$40

Time: TBD

Location: American Legion Hall, 704 SW 8th St, Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.net/w-chickens>



"Horse Bodywork: A Daily Routine for Comfort & Connection." Discover how simple, intentional touch can ease your horse's tension and build trust from the ground up. In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn to read your horse's body for signs of discomfort, explore daily nervous system regulation techniques, and practice a 10-minute routine that fits right into your grooming ritual. Led by Josh and Victoria Williams—experts in equine bodywork, trauma-informed care, and horsemanship—you'll walk away with practical tools to support your horse's physical comfort and emotional wellness. **Scheduling!**

Price: \$125 + \$15 facility fee

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.net/w-bodywork>

New! "Navigating Horse Behavioral Challenges." Confused by your horse's behavior? Whether you're dealing with trailering trouble, farrier fidgeting, or barn sour blues, this workshop offers science-backed tools to help you and your horse move forward with confidence. Lucinda Baker draws from Horse Speak® and her Being Herd program to help you understand what your horse is trying to say—and how to respond in ways that promote calm, trust, and cooperation. Through live demos and discussion, you'll leave with a game plan that works in the real world. **Only 9 tickets left to start scheduling!**

Price: \$40 + \$5 facility fee

Time: TBD

Location: HeartSpace Horse Sanctuary, Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.net/w-vet-farrier-visits>

"Growing Wellness Herbs." Whether you've got a backyard or a sunny windowsill, this workshop will teach you how to grow and use easy-care herbs like lavender, mint, chamomile, calendula, and basil. You'll explore how to turn these homegrown herbs into calming teas, soothing salves, and simple wellness remedies. With hands-on activities and a community potluck, you'll leave with a salve you made yourself, a starter plant, and the skills to grow your own mini apothecary at home. **Only 7 left to start scheduling!**

Price: \$50 + \$20 supplies

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Sisters

More: <https://schoolofranch.net/w-wellness-herbs>

"Starting from Seed for Central Oregon Gardeners." Want a head start on your garden? This workshop will teach you how to confidently start seeds indoors, in a greenhouse, or directly in the ground—no magic wand

required. With a focus on Central Oregon's challenging climate, you'll learn how to select climate-smart seeds, prep soil, manage temperature and moisture, and more. Led by garden educator Amy Sidran, you'll leave with planted seeds, regional know-how, and a full belly from our signature potluck. **Only 4 left to start scheduling!**

Price: \$40 + \$10 supply fee

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.net/w-startingseeds>

Workshops, Events, and News From Friends!

November 5. Citizens4Community Presents, "Essential Wildland Fire Knowledge workshop." Join C4C for a free workshop providing a science-backed introduction to fire and risk reduction in the high desert. Led by local Wildland Fire Education Coordinator Emily Curtis, this session will empower you with the knowledge, tools, and resources to help your organization, neighborhood, or community become better prepared for future wildfires and smoke events.

Price: Free. Light refreshments provided.

Time: 5-6:30 PM.

Location: The Hub – 291 E Main Ave., Sisters, OR 97759

Get Details: <https://citizens4community.com/events/fire-workshop-25>

November 8th. High Desert Food and Farm Alliance Presents: "Food Storage Demo with Roots at Heart Nutrition at FYP": HDEFA will be hosting another Roots at Heart Cooking & Tasting Demo and hosting a booth to help people learn how to properly store food purchased at Fill Your Pantry for the winter. Central Oregon Fill Your Pantry is a community bulk-buying event and a local favorite, with potatoes, onions, leeks, beets, winter squash, garlic, honey, flours, apples, pears, dried beans, and more available to buy in bulk for the winter.

Time: 11:00am-3:00pm

Location: Deschutes County Fairgrounds, OSU Extension Parking Lot

Get Details: <https://www.centraloregonfillyourpantry.com/>

November 9. Citizens4Community Presents, "The Flat Fire: Reflections, Recovery and Resilience." Join C4C and The Nugget for a retrospective discussion on the recent Flat Fire and our community's broader resilience efforts. With a panel featuring community members and officials who were on the front lines, we'll reflect on challenges faced, lessons learned, the state of recovery, and the work still ahead.

Price: Free. Light refreshments and free childcare provided.

Time: 4-5:30 PM.

Location: Sisters Elementary School

Get Details: <https://citizens4community.com/events/fall-forum-25>

November 13th. The Environmental Central presents, "The Fall Repair Fair!" Got a broken something? Repair Café is a FREE community event bringing people with broken stuff together with people who like to fix stuff! The Environmental Center's Rethink Waste Project coordinates with an amazing group of volunteer fixers to host Repair Cafés every few months. You can bring things like jewelry, small appliances and electronics, outdoor gear, clothing, and more to our Repair Cafés.

Price: Free to attend

Time: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Location: COCC, Redmond Campus.

Get Details: <https://www.centraloregonfillyourpantry.com/>

November 14th. Heritage Apple Corps presents, "Volunteer and Learn: Workshop and Save the Historic Cyrus Orchard." Connect with amazing people—cider makers, apple tree nerds, botanists, biologists, arborists, trail crew, cyclists, retirees, and more—as we work together to reduce wildfire risk at this historic orchard. You'll learn fire mitigation, sweat with your neighbors, and be a part of saving this heritage orchard.

Price: Free

Time: 9:00am to 3:30pm

Location: The Historic Cyrus Orchard

More: Google Doc with all the details

November 14th. HDEFA is hosting a Pasture Walk at Larkin Valley Ranch, featuring OSU Extension and Oregon Pasture Network. Come learn about pasture management from one of the savviest and most established ranch businesses in Central Oregon

Price: Free. Lunch included in sign up.

Time: 10am-12pm

Location: 695 SW Helmholtz Way, Redmond, OR

Sign-up: [Here](#)

November 15-16. Citizens4Community Presents, "Let's Play! CMCO Pop-Up Children's Museum." C4C is excited to bring the Children's Museum of Central Oregon's Mobile Museum back to Sisters this fall! The Mobile Museum offers engaging science, technology, engineering, art, and math activities that make learning fun, accessible and appealing. Geared toward kids ages 0-11, the Museum's 35 interactive activities across 7 zones are designed for children and their caregivers to explore & play together.

Price: \$5/child donation recommended.

Time: 4-5:30 PM.

Location: SPRD Community Center – 611 East Cascade Avenue Sisters, OR, 97759

Get Details: <https://citizens4community.com/events/lets-play-nov-25>

December 13. School of Ranch presents, "The Curious Equestrian Book & Video Club." Watch and discuss the video *Hit It Off With Your Horse: Understanding & Influencing Character & Personality*. In this DVD, internationally acclaimed horse expert Linda Tellington-Jones presents an excellent guide to determining your horse's personality by analyzing his head and body conformation. She analyzes each horse's facial features and body type, commenting on behavior that typically accompanies specific traits and how the owner can then be aware of—and work with—such tendencies.

Price: Free

Time: 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Location: 8531 W Antler Ave, Redmond

More: Email Cathy Springman to learn more or attend (cathy@springman.com)

HDEFA On-Farm Efficiency Grant Applications Due. Are you a commercial grower in Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson County, or Warm Springs who wants to increase their operational efficiency? Check the link to see if you're eligible for an award up to \$3,000!

Price: Free to Apply

Due: November 14th

Awards: Mid-January

Apply: [Here](#)

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