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The North American Packgoat Association (NAPgA) is the national organization representing goatpackers and goatpacking. Founded in 1999, NAPgA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Misinformation has led to banning packgoats from many of our public lands. One of NAPgA's most vital functions is to keep abreast of proposed public land closures and work towards keeping them open.

Membership dues help support research, legal fees involved in keeping public lands open to packgoats, the annual Rendezvous and more! **Join today!**

Rendezvous!

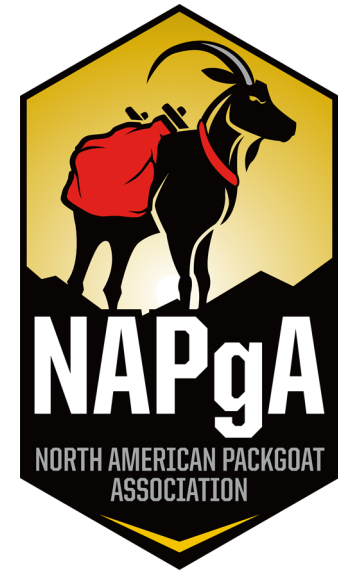
NAPgA holds a Rendezvous each year in a different location. We enjoy three days of classes, hikes, service projects and camaraderie!

NAPgA's mission is to:

- Promote the use and enjoyment of packgoats
- Improve, mentor, and encourage competency in the practice of goat packing
- Provide communication and disseminate information
- Promote scientific study of the caprine species, their care, welfare, and training
- Urge recognition of goatpacking as a low impact pack stock alternative
- Establish traditions which will aid, perpetuate, and further the welfare of goats and goatpacking

Best Management Practices (BMPs)

NAPgA created the BMPs to establish responsible common sense guidelines for goatpacking. The BMPs and a tremendous amount of packgoat related resources can be found on the NAPgA website by clicking on the Resources tab. www.napga.org



Did you know that goats are not just used for producing milk, meat and fiber?

Goats can work, too!

The North American Packgoat Association invites you to learn more about these amazing animals.

PACKGOATS ARE ECOLOGICALLY FRIENDLY

- Their hooves are similar to deer. There is very little impact on the soil and vegetation
- Their droppings resemble native species such as deer and rabbits
- Their rumen destroys most weed seeds so they are less of a vector for spreading noxious weeds than other pack species
- They do not tend to overgraze but prefer to browse here and there, taking only a little of each plant
- They are more water efficient so have less impact than larger animals
- Goat manure is virtually odorless
- Packgoats - perfect for wherever your adventures lead you!



Packgoat Guidebook

The goat is an intelligent and interesting animal that is quick to learn, likes attention, is relatively small, does not require a great deal of space, and is fun to raise.

NAPgA developed the Packgoat Guidebook. This guidebook can be used as a resource for the 4H Packgoat Project or as a stand-alone guide anyone interested in learning more about packgoats and developing responsible goatpacking skills.

Read and download the free 67 page Packgoat Guidebook on the NAPgA website under the Resources tab!

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PACKGOATS ARE UNIQUE

- They are smaller than other pack animals so are easier to transport
- They are easier to care for and manage than larger pack animals
- Their equipment is less expensive than other pack animals
- They are small enough for anyone to handle - children, the elderly and those with disabilities
- They can hike anywhere people can hike, including boulder fields and deadfall
- They eat like a deer. They forage and browse a variety of foods so are able to browse for their own food on the trail.
- They are affectionate, playful and extremely intelligent.. Goats will keep you entertained at home and on the trail.

