

# 2023 NAPgA Rendezvous!

## June 23rd–25th

The Rendy is the perfect place to meet up with other packgoat enthusiasts. Bring your goats or just camp with friends.

This year the Rendy will be located in northern Utah. The site is off I-80 Exit 39 in Wyoming. It is roughly 34 miles from the exit to the campsite in northern Utah. The road is half paved and half well-maintained dirt. Cars can get there easily. The nearest and last town to get gas is Mountain View, WY.

Coordinates: 40 58'38.7"N 110 18'18.27"W

The site itself is up in the mountains at about 7900'. Expect nights to be cold, and the days fairly cool. The camping location is a fairly flat area with trees to the north of the site where there are good places for tents or small camper/trailer units. Larger units can camp outside of the trees. There are a lot of lakes to cast a line in.

There is plenty of water from Henry's Fork River within 100 yards of the site, but no potable water for drinking and food prep on site.

Weed free hay is required.

If you can, please bring a table to set the potluck food on. There's always a huge feast!

Thank you Charlotte and Clay Zimmerman for being the Rendy hosts and finding this location.

Please take a lot of landscape format photos of the Rendy and submit them to [info@napga.org](mailto:info@napga.org)

This would be a great place to take photos of your goats for the NAPgA Calendar Contest, too!



## Tentative Schedule

### FRIDAY June 23rd

Arrival, set up camps, visit.

**5:00 PM:** Potluck dinner.

**6:00 PM:** Enjoy the campfire, introductions, discussions on a variety of topics.

### SATURDAY June 24th

**8:00 AM:** Breakfast potluck with Clay's famous sourdough pancakes.

**8:30 AM:** Brief welcome from the President.

**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM:** Service project. Trash and firepit cleanup & repair, & some table repairs. Those with goats can use packs to collect trash & carry tools.

Lunch on your own.

**1:30 PM:** Fecal test demonstration.

**3:00 PM:** Discussions on a variety of topics.

**4:00 PM:** Gear demonstration.

**5:00 PM:** Potluck dinner.

**6:00 PM:** Relax around the campfire—discussion topics continued.

### SUNDAY June 25th

**8:00 AM:** Breakfast potluck.

**9:00 AM:** Camp cleanup (leave no trace) and goodbyes.

## Driving Directions

### **From either East or West on I-80 in Wyoming**

Take **EXIT 39 CARTER / MIN VIEW**; turn onto 414 to Mountain View; go about 6 miles.

Turn **RIGHT** onto Wyoming 410 to **ROBERTSON**; go about 7 miles.

Turn **LEFT** off the paved road onto county road 283 toward **WASATCH NATIONAL FOREST** (paved road goes right, Wasatch Natl Forest goes left, can't see county sign until into turn.) go about 12 miles.

Turn **LEFT** toward **HENRY'S FORK**; go about 7 miles.

Turn **LEFT** toward **LONETREE**, go about 2 miles

Turn **LEFT** onto **SERVICE ROAD FORK A NO 7**, in about .5 mile you run into a well house.

Turn **LEFT** onto unmaintained road and arrive at campsite. Only .2 mile of this.

Look for the signs, it is well marked until the last turn. We will add signs at bad corners. Lots of well roads in area.



# NAPgA

## Virtual Auction

A HUGE thank you to our generous donors and the bidders for making the 2023 NAPgA Virtual Auction a success!

**\$3,075 was raised!**

Donors chose where which they wanted the money raised from their donation to be deposited.

The money raised for each fund:

General Fund \$1,518

Legal Fund \$1,357

UC Research Study \$200

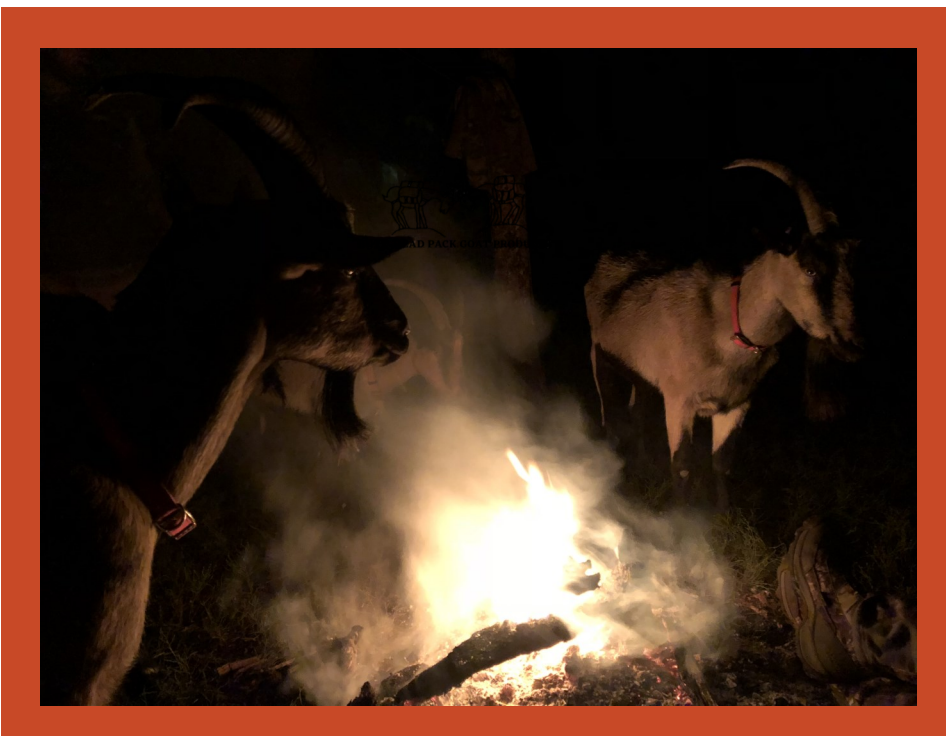
***THANK YOU EVERYONE!***

### ***NAPgA Ambassador Kit***

Are you attending an event to promote goatpacking? NAPgA has an Ambassador Kit which contains everything you need to create a display at the event! The kit includes a banner, Best Management Practices laminated cards, NAPgA publications and handouts, information from our corporate members and more.

Contact Nathan Putnam to learn more and have the kit shipped to you.

[marketing@napga.org](mailto:marketing@napga.org)



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# ARE YOU READY FOR A DREAM VACATION?

The fantastic vacation packages that were offered in the auction are available until Sunday, June 18th!

*Email [info@napga.org](mailto:info@napga.org) if you're interested!*

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## NAPA VALLEY RAIL+SKY

Enjoy a leisurely 3-hour round-trip journey through one of the world's most famous wine regions. Savor a chef-prepared multicourse gourmet lunch as you view the vineyards from stylishly restored vintage Pullman Dining rail cars.

Visit Jessup's quaint Napa Valley tasting room and art gallery, featuring rotating exhibitions by celebrated regional and national artists. Experience a peaceful float above the world famous Napa Valley taking in the magnificent views on a sunrise hot air balloon ride.

2 TICKETS  
2 PEOPLE  
3 NIGHTS AT MERITAGE RESORT + SPA, NAPA

**THIS EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:**

- WINE TASTING AT JESSUP CELLARS
- 3-HOUR GOURMET LUNCH ON THE NAPA VALLEY WINE TRAIN
- HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE OVER NAPA VALLEY
- WINSPIRE BOOKING + CONCIERGE SERVICE

\*From any major metropolitan airport in the 48 contiguous U.S. Subject to availability. Must be booked a minimum of 60 days in advance. Blackout Dates - Easter weekend, Memorial Day weekend, week of July 4th, Labor Day weekend, Thanksgiving week, Christmas through New Year, and weekends in September and October. 1/2017

**Napa Valley Rail + Sky! \$6258**

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## FAIRMONT GETAWAY TO MAUI

Fairmont Kea Lani is Hawaii's only all-suite and villa luxury oceanfront resort. Recently named Fairmont Hotels & Resorts' "Hotel of the Year", the resort embodies the genuine spirit of aloha and offers exceptional cultural, spa and dining experiences in a truly spectacular setting.

2 TICKETS  
2 PEOPLE  
6 NIGHTS AT THE FAIRMONT KEA LANI MAUI

**THIS EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:**

- DAILY BREAKFAST FOR 2
- WINSPIRE BOOKING + CONCIERGE SERVICE

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**Fairmont Kea Lani Maui! \$10,584**

**Cancun All-Inclusive! \$5472**

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## CANCUN ALL-INCLUSIVE

Hyatt Zilara is an adults-only escape along the stunning Yucatan coast of Mexico with breathtaking views of the Caribbean Sea.

Hyatt Ziva, a family friendly resort, is located on the beautiful strip of Punta Cancun surrounded on three sides by the sparkling waters of the Caribbean.

Enjoy nightly entertainment, spectacular pools, and innovative service.

2 TICKETS  
2 PEOPLE  
4 NIGHTS IN CANCUN AT HYATT ZILARA OR HYATT ZIVA

**THIS EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:**

- FOOD, DRINKS, TAXES + MORE ALL INCLUDED
- WINSPIRE BOOKING + CONCIERGE SERVICE

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## DISNEY WORLD FAMILY ADVENTURE

Lose yourself in a magical wonderland experience that only Disney knows how to deliver. Discover the world-famous theme and water parks at Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida.

4 TICKETS  
4 PEOPLE  
4 NIGHTS IN ONE ROOM AT THE HYATT REGENCY GRAND CYPRESS, ORLANDO

**THIS EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:**

- \$1,000 DISNEY GIFT CARD REDEEMABLE FOR ADMISSION, FOOD, SOUVENIRS + MORE
- WINSPIRE BOOKING + CONCIERGE SERVICE

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**Disney World Family Adventure! \$7380**



# Volunteering for Trail Projects with Pack Goats

by Irene Saphra

## 2023 NAPgA Educational



Alexis has always had a passion for animals. She already has years of experience with goats! 11 years in 4H and 2 years in FFA. Alexis began 4H at age 5 with a Nigerian Dwarf and has shown in the packgoat class at the Canyon County Fair in Idaho ever since.

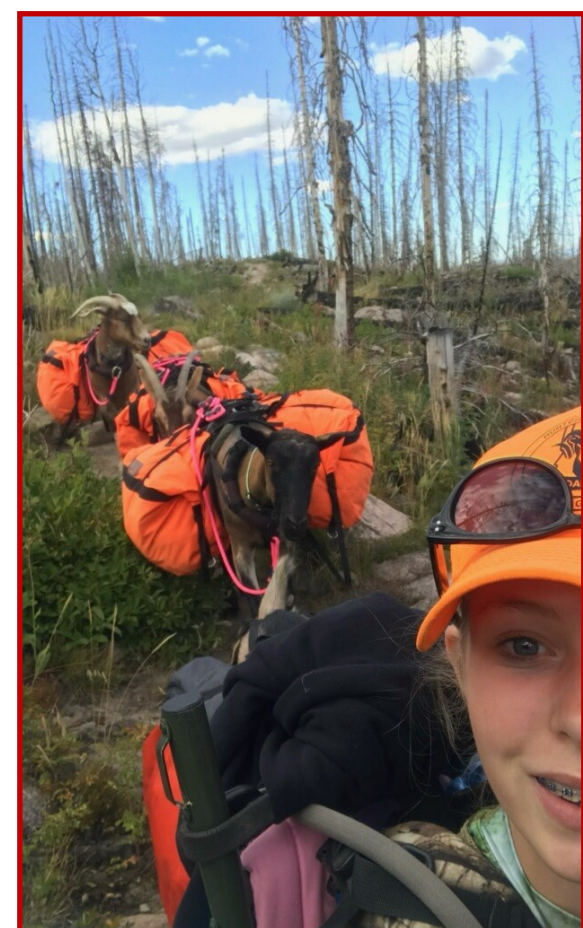
In 2019, she showed the first packgoat she had trained, her doe Danner, in the packgoat class.

They won Grand Champion Packgoat! Alexis and Danner have won Grand Champion Packgoat 3 times now.

Alexis has learned responsibility, patience and communication skills working with her goats and believes the bond between she and Danner is unbreakable.

She is passionate about packgoats and has introduced packgoats to her friends. Her father, Matt, brought home horned packgoats in 2010 and thus began her time

hiking and hunting in the backcountry with her father. Alexis and Danner have put on a lot of miles in the backcountry. No matter what they come across in the backcountry she can trust that Danner will go through it and do her job.



Alexis plans to become a large animal veterinarian. *We hope Alexis will work on goats, too!*

We congratulate Alexis on being awarded NAPgA's \$500 Educational Scholarship!





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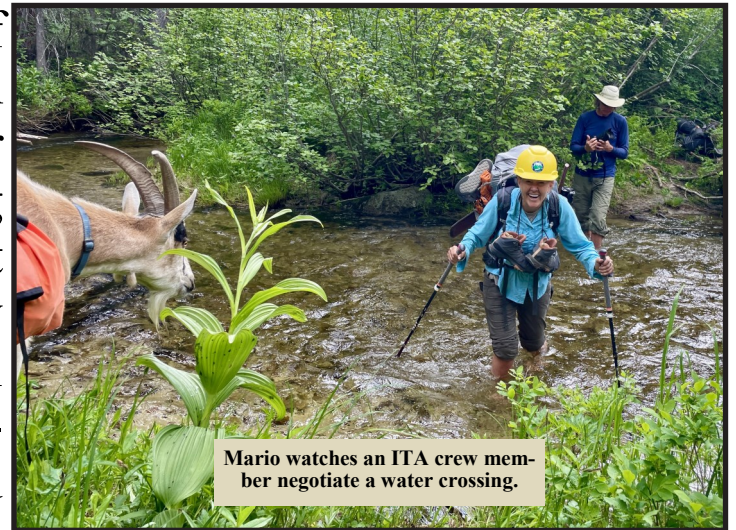
Carl and I are always looking for creative ways to use our pack goats to help others. In July of 2022, we “volunteered” (aka volun-TOLD) our goats to help complete a trail project on the Payette National Forest, with the Idaho Trails Association near McCall, Idaho. Our 4 goats carried gear and supplies to a work/camp site, where we spent the night and hiked back out the next day.



ITAs volunteers mingle with packgoats Ivan, Buzzy, and Mario.

Prior to meeting the 6-person crew, we informed each individual that we would be able to lighten their personal backpack load by approximately 10 pounds, which had to fit into a space “the size of a football”. This amount and size was determined by the “rule of thumb” of what we knew our goats were capable of carrying, and the capacity of their goat packs, (which also had to include our own personal camping gear).

We brought our scale to the trailhead, where we met the crew, weighed each member’s parcel (these mostly consisted of crew-member’s food) and distributed the total amount between our 4 goats. In order to avoid any conflict between our goats and crew members, we got a head



Mario watches an ITA crew member negotiate a water crossing.

start on the hike in, and met everyone at the campsite (about 4 miles and 2000’ elevation gain), where we reunited them with their gear.

Everyone on the crew seemed to enjoy the experience of hiking with pack goats, as well as seeing their capabilities. Although lightening a backpack load by 10 lbs each may not seem like much, every ounce can make a big difference, as anyone that has carried a full backpack up a steep hill can attest. In this case, the crew had to carry additional weight of



Carl and Ivan (RIP) crossing a stream.

Photo by Dave Beck

hand tools to complete the trail work (axes, shovels, cross-cut saws and other items) so the lighterloads were even more welcomed. The crew members not only appreciated the help, they seemed to enjoy watching the goats perform as only goats can do, including crossing a creek. Once we were all at camp, we pitched our tent and high-lined the goats a little ways apart from the crew, again to avoid any unwanted interactions, but hung out with everyone during “social hour.” We hiked out the next day, while the crew continued to clear the trail for the next 4 days.



Goats relaxing in camp during the evening briefing.

I highly encourage NAPgA members to look for opportunities to volunteer with their goats in their local areas. Helping to keep trails open on Public Lands is a rewarding experience. It’s also a great way to build relationships with organizations and land management agencies, as well as share the joys of goat packing with folks that don’t often get to see and work with the Pack Goat Community.

***Do you have a story to tell? We’re looking for stories of your adventures with your packgoats. Email us at [info@napga.org](mailto:info@napga.org)***



# CrystalClear Barley Extract Concentrate

Product Review by Taffy Mercer

How do you keep your water troughs clean? Is algae an issue for you?

I have a 50 gallon water trough for my 5 goats. I clean and refill it as needed. We get pretty hot during the summer and the trough is in full sun much of the day.

I would pour Clorox into the tank and let it set to kill the algae while I took the goats out to browse. When we came back I'd empty the trough, spray it clean and then refill it with water, adding some Clorox to keep algae growth at bay. The Clorox helped for a couple of days then the algae would begin to grow.

This past spring I read an article about barley balls. They sounded great but could take up to 30 days to begin working. I found CrystalClear barley extract concentrate on Amazon. It had good reviews and wasn't expensive so I bought it to try.

Instead of adding Clorox after cleaning and filling the tank I put in the recommended amount of CrystalClear barley extract concentrate. It worked and it worked longer than the Clorox at keeping algae from growing. In fact, I never had an algae problem all summer long!

If you're looking for something to help keep your water troughs clear and free of algae I can highly recommend CrystalClear barley extract concentrate! I used the 16-ounce \$16.99 bottle I bought on Amazon for the entire summer! While it is recommended as a pond product it obviously works great in water troughs, too!

Here are a few more details about this product.

- Natural pond treatment safe for all aquatic life and pets
- Reduces unsightly debris to maintain clean & clear water
- 16-ounce barley extract bottle treats 1,000 gallons for up to 4 months
- Faster results than pellets, cleaner to use than bales

