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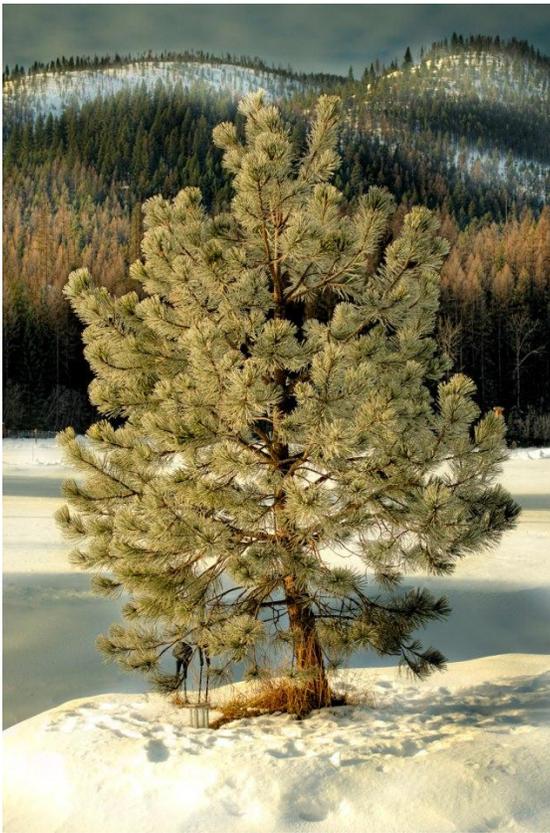
Hello folks!

This last week was a pretty busy one! We didn't have any guests, but we did have a visit from our friends Darwin and Leah. They were a big help to us! Leah helped Dori with tagging LOTS of new gift shop items and Darwin helped a lot on the office end of things. He also took some great pictures which he has graciously allowed me to include in the Highline ☺

This week, the wranglers had the chance to experiment with all of the exercises that Shayne and Randy have been teaching these last few weeks. Most of the time spent was working on riding united circles, the teardrop exercise and rating the horses with our bodies. We were trying our best to use our legs and seat and not touch the reins.

Randy also had us practicing throwing shots at the roping dummy, but the main emphasis was on riding with our bodies. We had to throw our shots then keep moving around the dummy, coiling our rope and building a loop while riding a circle without reins around the dummy, fixing ourselves up for the next shot we were going to take. Even though we were at a walk, this was still difficult as it's the tendency to rely on those reins as a crutch. One can get to where, all they have to do is get out of his horse's way and offer their body when they're roping which makes the experience much more enjoyable for the horse. The more you use your body when you're riding the more willing your horse becomes and the more understanding he is of what you want to accomplish. This takes mental focus and body control.





Shayne and Jo-Anne, and Randy and Dori are all leaving tomorrow for the long drive down to Las Vegas for the Legacy of Legends. It's a really neat deal because Shayne and Randy will be riding in it this year! We'll also have a table set up with flyers and a slideshow next to Kent Frecker. It's so nice to be a part of a group that supports the advancement of this style of horsemanship.

Have a great week everyone!

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