

Pack station welcomes home-schooled students

Rainbow Pack Outfitters treats kids to tour of facilities and a horseback ride

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A group of local youngsters got a treat recently, when Rainbow Pack Outfitters of Bishop Creek opened its doors to them.

During an afternoon in the Bishop Creek area, the kids learned about history, the environment and more, and had a lot of fun while they were at it.

Rainbow Pack Outfitters, a special use permittee of the Inyo National Forest, hosted a special day for home-schooled students by taking them out on a day ride in June.

On the ride, the kids had the opportunity to see the countryside near South Lake in Bishop Creek Canyon and learn about the natural environment, plant life and animals, not to mention see some of the astounding views available only in Bishop Creek.

The home-schooled chil-



Rainbow Pack Outfitters Co-Owner Ruby Allen gives a group of home-schooled students a tour of the historic pack station earlier this summer. Photo submitted

dren also had the opportunity to tour the facilities at the pack station, which is about to celebrate almost 90 years of service, and hear about its long history of providing residents and visitors the chance to pack into the local backcountry and see the wonders of the unspoiled High Sierra.

This special chance for the kids to learn about the pack station and the environment was partially funded by the National Forest Recreation Association, of which the Rainbow pack is a member.

Rainbow Pack Outfitters Station will soon be celebrating its 85th year in continuous

operation and is inviting the community to tour its facilities near South Lake through the end of September.

Rainbow Pack Outfitters is located at 5845 South Lake Rd. west of Bishop. The station is open from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.



Home-schooled students prepare to set out on an exciting day ride led by Ashley Allen of Rainbow Pack Outfitters, who was home-schooled herself. Photo submitted