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Rawhide Braiding - History in California

Rawhide is the untreated hide of an animal that remains in its natural state.

Rawhide is frequently and erroneously called "leather." Leather is different than rawhide. Leather is the hide of an animal that been altered by a special "pickling" process called "tanning." After the tanning process is completed the hide is termed "tanned." The look and feel of leather is different than the look and feel of rawhide, and its strength and utility properties are different than those of rawhide.

Rawhide has been used for many different purposes for thousands of years. Cowhide (from cattle) is the most common source of rawhide because it is most readily available, it adapts to many uses, and it is tough and long-wearing.

Animal skins were used as garments during the Stone Age (approximately 20,000 BC) for protection from the elements. The Bible makes frequent references to the use of leather and animal skins. Evidence exists for the use of leather by the ancient Sumerians as far back as 6,000 BC. Egyptian stone carvings made about the same date show leather workers. Pieces of leather and items made from animal skins have been found in Egyptian tombs that date back to approximately 2,500 BC.

The Moors, who lived along the seacoast of northern Africa, crossed the Straits of Gibraltar (located between northern Africa and Europe) and conquered Spain in the year 711. The Moors took with them their knowledge of braiding and leather craft. Domination of Spain by the Moors lasted until 1492. During this period of time the art and style of braiding in Spain advanced significantly.

Hernando Cortez and his Spanish conquistadors invaded Mexico in 1519, and eventually overpowered the Aztec leadership of Mexico in 1521. Cortez is credited with introducing horses to North America. The conquistadors who accompanied Cortez were skilled in the art of leatherwork and braiding, and they taught the native Indians of Mexico how to braid and work with leather and rawhide. This became the foundation for even greater improvements to the rawhide braiding craftsmanship that would follow.

Some descendants of the conquistadors became owners of large estates in Mexico. These large estates were called haciendas. The men who were employed to handle cattle on these haciendas were known as vaqueros. Vaquero is the Spanish word for cowboy. The Mexican vaqueros took pride in their horsemanship, and in the use and appearance of the

leather and rawhide equipment they used.

The Mexican vaquero migrated northward with the cattle industry into the ranchos of "Alta" California. This migration followed primarily along the trail of the California missions. The vaqueros took with them the art of rawhide braiding. Pride and the competitive nature of these "rawhiders" elevated braiding into distinctive and beautiful classic styles. Vaqueros used many types of fancy braided rawhide horse equipment during their daily activities. It was common to see vaqueros using braided rawhide headstalls, bridle reins with romal, riatas, hobbles, quirts, hackamores and bosals, and other types of horse gear. The vaquero took special pride in having good quality braided rawhide equipment and a well-trained horse.

This art of rawhide braiding advanced significantly in California until around the late 1800s and early 1900s. Much of the art of braiding has been closely held "secrets" that were handed down from father to son, or from one trusted companion to another. Because of the many and varied intricacies of rawhide braiding, it takes many years for an apprentice to develop to a high quality level, even under the tutelage of a seasoned veteran.

In the early 1900s, employment on the ranches of California began to change. The sizes of ranches began to decrease, cattle handling styles began to change, and the demand for the flashy style of the vaquero began to diminish. Many young vaqueros began to discover other sources of employment at higher wages and easier work. Other types of equipment began to be used as the migration of people to California from other areas brought with them different types of tack and equipment. In the 1920s and 1930s the grass rope began to be used because it was cheaper for a cowboy to replace an entire broken grass rope than it was to repair or replace a riata. These and other changes brought about a decrease in the demand for rawhide braiding by horsemen who used it in their daily horsemanship activities.

Although demand has changed, the smooth and artistic style of the vaquero, including the use of good quality rawhide horse equipment, has extended longer in California than in any area north of the Mexican border. - by Ernest Morris



Courage is being scared to death - and saddling up anyway.

-John Wayne

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Summer Jobs With Horses

Summer is right around the corner. If you're a horse-crazy college student or recent graduate with some summer hours to fill, find yourself a summer horse gig. What better way to spend your summer than sharing your horsey knowledge with others and getting paid for it? Before you can land that perfect summer job, you need to do some homework.

Finding the Right Fit for You

There are many different kinds of horsey summer jobs. Before you start applying, you need to decide what kind of job you want. Here are a few things to consider:

- Who do you want to work with? Kids, families, ranchers?
- Do you want to commute from home or live at the job?
- How long of an assignment do you want?
- How far from home are you willing to go?
- Does the job provide room and board?
- What skills does the job require?

Make a Horsey Resume

Once you narrow down the kind of job you want, you need to make a horsey resume for your applications. Your standard work resume is not the same a resume for a summer job with horses. While you academic achievements and work experience matter, make sure to include information about your knowledge and experience with horses.

Application processes vary depending on the job, but many will ask for CPR certification, years of riding experience, experience working with children and adults, and some may ask you to send in a video.

Even if you haven't formally worked in the horse industry, if you're looking for a summer job with horses, you need to be able to explain your skills on paper. Make sure you tailor your skills to the demands of the position.

Summer Camp Counselor

If you want to be a camp counselor, you have a lot of things to consider. Some camps only offer horse-related activities, and some camps offer a range of summer activities that includes horseback riding.

Some camps are English and others are Western. Some are strictly arena work and others are only trail rides. Certain camps offer very niche sports such as polo or polocrosse.

Babysitting and daycare experience can be a great resume builder when speaking with camp managers who want to know about your experience working with children.

Trail Guide

If you want to work at a National Park or a guest ranch, a trail guide position might be perfect for you. As a trail guide you will be responsible for the guests' safety while on the trail. It's imperative that you are confident in following marked trails

and that you know how to anticipate bad weather and identify potentially dangerous footing for horses.

One of your many responsibilities will be to make sure cinches are tight on guests' saddles and guests know how to properly stop their horses. Experience working with kids and adults is important for this kind of summer position.

Ranch Wrangler

The duties of a ranch wrangler can really vary. Some wrangling positions are on working cattle ranches, and others are on guest ranches. No matter what kind of wrangling position you pursue, you can expect to do more than just ride horses.

You may help mend fence, clear trails, doctor livestock, and interact with farriers and vets, as well as guests, visitors or clinicians.

Show Groom

If you love horse shows and have aspirations that involve the show ring of any discipline, try to connect with a trainer who needs a groom or working student for the summer. Besides learning valuable information about the show world, you may have the opportunity to network with riders and trainers who could help you find opportunities to ride amazing horses.

No matter what horsey summer job you pursue, if you do your prep work, you're going to have a blast. Horse-crazy people know that working with horses requires dedication. You can expect to be a member of a hardworking team of people who are willing to do what it takes to create a great environment where memories made last a lifetime.

From HorseChannel.com

June Equestrian Events

- **May 28-June 1, Del Mar - Region One Arabian Horse Show, Del Mar Arena, www.aharegionone.org**
- **June 1, Vista - SCHC Horse Show, Vista Palomar Riders, www.vistapalomarriders.com**
- **June 3, Lancaster - Horse and Tack Auction, First Monday of each month, Call 661-429-1334**
- **June 6-8, Burbank - CRHA Reiner Shine, Affiliate 3 & 4, Los Angeles Equestrian Center**
- **June 9-14, Paso Robles - NRCHA Derby, Fairgrounds**
- **June 19, Vista - VPR Open Shows, Vista Palomar Riders, Virginia Mulvaney 760-803-1370**
- **June 21, Temecula - SCRCHA Summer Slide, Green Oaks Ranch**

If you have an event that you would like me to include in an upcoming newsletter, email me the information at

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When you find yourself in a hole, it's time to stop digging.

-Will Rogers

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Most folks are like a barb-wire fence, they have their good points.

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The Real Estate Corner

In Most of the U.S., Buying Beats Renting after Only Two Years

In half of U.S. metros, buying a home is a better financial decision than renting for home buyers who plan to stay in their home for at least two years, according to the first quarter Zillow® breakeven horizon analysis.

Among the 35 largest metro areas analyzed by Zillow in the first quarter, those with the shortest breakeven horizon were Riverside (less than 1 year), Orlando (1 year), Tampa (1.1 years) and Miami- Fort Lauderdale (1.2 years). Large metros with the longest breakeven horizon included Washington DC (4.2 years), Boston (4 years), Phoenix (3.3 years), San Diego (3.2 years), Minneapolis and Baltimore (both 3.1 years).

"Rents keep rising, and mortgage interest rates remain very low, which is helping to skew the rent vs. buy decision toward buying for those who can afford it. Many renters may ask themselves why renew a lease, when you can break even on the same home in less time in many areas," says Zillow Chief Economist Dr. Stan Humphries. "However, some renters still have to overcome significant hurdles

before they can pull the trigger on homeownership. For those renters who can't qualify for a mortgage or aren't able to save enough for a down payment on a house, renting can be a more flexible, and often far less frustrating option for many people."

Zillow's breakeven horizon takes into account all possible costs associated with buying and renting, including upfront payments, closing costs, anticipated monthly rent and mortgage payments, insurance, taxes, utilities and maintenance costs. It then factors in historic and anticipated home value appreciation rates, rental prices and rental appreciation rates to help calculate the point, in years, at which buying becomes less expensive than renting.

