

Spring Mountain Trail Clinic

Including Introductory Sessions for the
New **“Mountain Horsemanship Versatility Challenge”!**

April 19-22, 2012

Oregon Horse Center ~ Eugene OR ~ Home to the 2012 National Mountain Trail Championships and the **2012 Mountain Horsemanship Versatility Challenge!**

It is time to shake off the winter dust and get ready for this season of trail riding (and showing)! Our Trail Clinics are world renowned and now is your chance to take part in a laid back, informative learning environment with some of the best Mountain Trail Obstacles and Clinicians available! Bring your horses and your friends and join us for a great time.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, April 19

9:00am to 7:30pm – The office will be open for those wishing to check in and get stall assignments.

Noon to 3:00pm - Session #1*

4:00pm to 7:00pm - Session #2

Friday, April 20

8:00am to 11:00am – Session #3

Noon to 3:00pm– Session #4*

4:00pm to 7:00pm – Session #5

Saturday, April 21

8:00am to 11:00am – Session #6

Noon to 3:00pm– Session #7*

4:00pm to 7:00pm – Session #8*

7:30pm "What the Judges are Looking For" Seminar

Sunday, April 22

7:30am to 9:00am – Complimentary breakfast in the Feed Room for clinic participants and their families.

9:00am walk through for Practice Show - show to begin 15 minutes after conclusion of walk through.

9:00am – Deadline to register for the Practice show DVD with judges commentary

Monday, April 24

10am – check out time for all stalls

What is a Mountain Trail Clinic?

At our clinic you will find all of the obstacles you can expect to find trail riding in the mountains or anywhere! We have bridges, ditches, water crossings, boulder fields, logs and trees, and even a 25-foot waterfall! Our clinic is designed for trail riders and horses of all levels from the less experienced to the more advanced. We will have both “Logan” and “Silverado” groups. Both groups will run concurrently.

Those who sign up for the Silverado group will encounter new, more difficult obstacles, designed to challenge even the most experienced trail horses and riders. Mastering everything in the Silverado Clinic Session should prepare you for competing in the Silverado Arena at our upcoming Spring Mountain Trail Challenge. To be in the Silverado group you and your horse should be able to cross bridges, go through the water, and navigate deep ditches. If your horse can't do that yet, don't worry! That's what the Logan group is for!

In the Logan group the clinicians will work with you and your horse to improve teamwork and confidence so that you are ready to take any trail riding adventure. Mastering everything in the Logan group should prepare you for mountain trail riding adventures and for competing in the Logan Arena at our upcoming Spring Mountain Trail Challenge.

Please understand that the clinicians may request that you switch from one trail group to the other. This is both for the safety of you and your horse, but also allows all of the participants to have the time and attention they need to improve. In addition to your time with the clinicians, you will have obstacles to practice on throughout the weekend.

What is the **Mountain Horsemanship Versatility Challenge?**

The **Mountain Horsemanship Versatility Challenge** will be held May 4-6, 2012 during OHC'S Oregon Horse and Tack Expo. This event will feature a timed course complete with aspects of mountain trail, pleasure riding, show courses, ranch work and assorted obstacles. The event will test both the horse and rider's training with obstacles ranging from flying lead changes to pulling a wagon! The best trained animal and rider will walk away with the buckle and prize money. Those of you wishing to take that next step in the Mountain Trail Arena, this is for you!

Mountain Trail Clinic Format

Session 1: Thursday Noon to 3:00pm*

Session 2: Thursday 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Session 3: Friday 8:00am to 11:00am

Session 4: Friday Noon to 3:00pm*

Session 5: Friday 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Session 6: Saturday 8:00am to 11:00am

Session 7: Saturday Noon to 3:00pm*

Session 8: Saturday 4:00pm to 7:00pm*

***These sessions will include Introductory Sessions for the Mountain Horsemanship Versatility Challenge. You do not need to enter the Challenge in May in order to take part in the clinic. Sessions 1 and 7 will be tailored to the beginning competitor and Sessions 4 and 8 will be tailored to the advanced competitor. Each session will include 1.5 hour of cow/ranch work and 1.5 hour of Versatility/Horsemanship work and will be taught by Mitch Hoover. This will be the ONLY time this portion of the arena will be open and therefore there will not be any practice time outside the sessions for the Mountain Horsemanship Versatility Challenge.**

Our clinicians are among the best! We have Mitch and JoLinn Hoover, Mike Grider, Joe Lyneis, Millie Chipman, Lori Forge, and Doug Stewart joining us this year. We will have eight sessions, each three hours long, so that there will be plenty of time to master each of the obstacles. Sessions will include demonstrations of each obstacle, how to approach the obstacle, how to “show your equine” to the best of their ability, and how to problem solve your way through those tough obstacles you are likely to encounter on the trails. **Register for as many sessions as you wish!**

Registration Details

The cost for the clinic is \$160 for the “Logan” group, and \$185 for the “Silverado” group for each horse - rider combination. The registration fee includes one session of your choice, one stall for the duration of your stay, open practice time in the Logan Arena, Emerald Arena and the Silverado Arena when there is not a session going, the Practice Show and Sunday breakfast. Additional sessions for each horse-rider combination can be purchased at the price of \$55 if you are staying in the same group or \$80 if you are moving from the “Logan” group to the “Silverado” group. In addition you can just haul in for one session at the cost of \$110 for the “Logan” group, or \$145 for the “Silverado” group. This fee includes your haul in and one session, but no stall, show or practice time

Practice Makes Perfect!

One of the unique things about our clinic is the fact that we have a practice arena with obstacles set up that is available all weekend. We believe that practice makes perfect when overcoming “spooks and jitters” on the way to building a horse-human team capable of overcoming even the most challenging of obstacles. Open practice times in the Emerald Arena are Thursday Noon-10-pm, Friday 7am-10pm, Saturday from 7am to 10pm and Sunday from 7am to 5pm. The Silverado Arena will be open between sessions and when we are finished on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for extra practice.

Register Early!

Sign up early so that you and your friends can get the session you want! We only have a limited number of spots in each session and last year we sold out several of the sessions, so sign up soon! If you’re curious about availability give us a call and we’ll help find a session that works for you. (541) 689-9700.

"What the Judges are Looking For" Seminar

On Saturday Evening, following the clinic we will be presenting a seminar titled "What the Judges are Looking For". Those of you that were here in 2010 for our last seminar know this is a great chance to go over specific obstacles with judges and ask questions. We will have a handout available for each person registered for the seminar. The seminar will cost \$25 and be held in the Feed Room Restaurant with coffee and some snacks. Kevin will be open for those wishing to grab dinner during the seminar.

Practice Show on Sunday

Start off the day with breakfast on us! All clinic participants and their families are invited to join us in the Feed Room for a complimentary breakfast from 7:30 am until 9:00 am. The Feed Room has great food and will be open throughout the clinic in case you need to “fuel up” before your ride. **Try the Practice Show For Free! (Available for Clinic Participants Only)** Invite your friends and family to watch you – it’s free for spectators too! The practice show walk through will begin on Sunday at 9am with the show following. **All riders must follow the posted working order, if they miss their time slot they will be put at the end of the working order.** You can choose to show in either the Logan Arena or the Silverado Arena. It is a great way to receive feedback from the judges and try your hand at one of our Mountain Trail Courses. You might be surprised how much fun it is!

DVD of Your Ride

Wish you could hear what the judge is thinking when you ride through the Practice Show course? Now you can! For \$45 you can purchase a DVD complete with the judges’ comments as you ride. This running commentary of what you are doing well and suggestions for doing things better will be very helpful for you and your horse when you return home and begin practicing for the May show or preparing for upcoming trail rides. This “real time” feedback is priceless!

Spring Mountain Trail Clinic Registration

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Oregon Horse Center – 90751 Prairie Road, Eugene, Oregon 97402

Phone: (541)689-9700 Fax: (541)689-2723

Please Note: Cancellations prior to April 5th, 2012 will be given full refund. After that date NO REFUNDS will be given.

Owner/Riders Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Email _____

Horses Name _____ Breed _____ Age _____

I guarantee that I will not bring a horse displaying signs of a cold or fever onto the Oregon Horse Center Grounds. Signature _____

Total Fee _____

Initial Session # _____

(circle one) "Logan" Trail -\$160 or "Silverado" Trail-\$185 or **Mountain Horsemanship Versatility Challenge** - \$185

Additional Session # _____

(circle one) Same Trail Type-\$55 or Other Trail Type-\$80 or **Mountain Horsemanship Versatility Challenge** - \$80

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Session Only Fee Session # _____ (Does not include stall, practice time or show)

(circle one) "Logan" Trail \$110 or "Silverado" Trail -\$145 or **Mountain Horsemanship Versatility Challenge**-\$145

Practice Show Yes _____ No _____ Free _____

DVD of Practice Show (\$45.00) Must be registered for practice show. _____

"What the Judges are Looking For" Seminar - Saturday 7:30pm (\$25.00) _____

(Includes Coffee and Light Snacks)

Tack Stall for the Weekend (\$55.00) _____

Shavings (\$8.00 per bale)(stalls do not come with bedding) # of bales _____

RV make reservation at www.oregonhorsecenter.com Total Due _____

Stall By _____

Please include payment made out to Oregon Horse Center

Or pay by credit card: Name _____

Card Number _____

Exp Date _____ Ver. # _____

**Must be filled
out completely.**



HORSE RIDING AGREEMENT AND LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

FOR INDIVIDUALS RIDING HORSES AT "THIS STABLE",
THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY AND FOR EACH PARTICIPANT
OREGON HORSE CENTER AND RONALD MAJOR DEFOE, hereinafter known as "THIS STABLE". Located at
90751 Prairie Rd., Eugene, OR 97402 • (541) 689-9700
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

SERIOUS INJURY MAY RESULT FROM YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACTIVITY. THIS STABLE DOES NOT GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY OR THAT OF YOUR HORSE.. IT IS HEREBY AGREED TO AS FOLLOWS: THAT

A. AGREEMENT OF RIDERS AND AGREEMENT PURPOSE the following listed individual hereinafter known as the "RIDER", and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor, do hereby voluntarily request and agree to participate in horse riding on THIS STABLE'S premises, and that RIDER will ride his/her own horse or one borrowed or leased by RIDER'S own arrangement, today and on all future dates:

RIDER NAME _____ AGE (IF UNDER 21) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

B. AGREEMENT SCOPE AND TERRITORY This agreement shall be legally binding upon me the registered RIDER, and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor, my heirs, estate, assigns, including all minor children, and personal representatives; and it shall be interpreted according to the laws of the state and county of THIS STABLE'S physical location. Any dispute by the RIDER shall be litigated in and venue shall be the county in which THIS STABLE is physically located. The term "HORSE" HEREIN SHALL REFER TO ALL EQUINE SPECIES. The term "HORSEBACK RIDING" or "RIDING" herein shall refer to riding or otherwise handling of horses, ponies, mules, or donkeys, whether from the ground or mounted. The term "RIDER" shall herein refer to a person who rides a horse mounted or otherwise handles or comes near a horse from the ground. The terms "I", "me", "my" shall herein refer to the above registered rider and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor.

C. ACTIVITY RISK CLASSIFICATION Horseback riding is classified as RUGGED ADVENTURE RECREATIONAL SPORT ACTIVITY, and that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks always present in such activity despite all safety precautions. According to NEISS (National Electronic Injury Surveillance Systems of United States Consumer Products) horse activities rank 64th among the activities of people relative to injuries that result in a stay in U.S. hospitals. Related injuries can be severe requiring more hospital days and resulting in more lasting residual effects than injuries in other activities.

D. NATURE OF RIDING HORSES No horse is a completely safe horse. Horses are 5 to 15 times larger, 20 to 40 times more powerful, and 3 to 4 times faster than a human. If a rider falls from horse to ground it will generally be at a distance of from 3 ½ to 5 ½ feet, and the impact may result in injury to the rider. Horseback riding/horse driving is the only sport where one much smaller, weaker predator animal, the human, tries to control and become one unit of movement with another much larger, stronger prey animal, the horse, with each having a limited understanding of the other. If a horse is frightened or provoked it may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts which may include, but are not limited to stopping short, changing direction or speed at will; shifting its weight from side to side, bucking, rearing, biting, kicking, or running from danger.

E. RIDER RESPONSIBILITY Upon mounting a horse and taking up the reins the RIDER is in primary control of the horse. The RIDER'S safety largely depends upon his/her ability to carry out simple instructions, and his/her ability to remain balanced aboard the moving animal. The RIDER shall be responsible for his/her own safety.

F. CONDITIONS OF NATURE THIS STABLE is not responsible for total or partial acts, occurrences, or elements of nature that can scare a horse, cause it to fall, or react in some other unsafe way. SOME EXAMPLES ARE: Thunder, lightning, rain, wind, wild and domestic animals, insects, reptiles, which may walk, run, fly near, bite and/or sting a horse or person; and irregular footing on out-of-door groomed or wild land which is subject to constant change in condition according to weather, temperature, natural and man-made changes in landscape.

G. INSPECTION OF PREMISES RIDER has inspected THIS STABLE'S facilities and trails and is satisfied that all premises conditions are reasonably safe for RIDER'S intended purpose, usage and presence upon THIS STABLE'S premises.

H. ACCIDENT/MEDICAL AND PERSONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE Should medical treatment be required, I and/or my own accident/medical insurance company shall pay for all such incurred expenses. My accident/medical insurance company is _____.

Should my actions or that of my horse cause injury or damage of any kind I and/or my own personal liability shall pay for such damages. My personal liability insurance company is _____.

I. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR WARNING I have been fully warned and advised by THIS STABLE that the rider should purchase and wear protective headgear (riding helmet), and that the wearing of such headgear while mounting, riding, dismounting, and otherwise being around horses, may prevent or reduce severity of some head injuries and even prevent death from happening as the result of a fall or other incurrence.

J. LIABILITY RELEASE In consideration of THIS STABLE allowing my participation in this activity, under the terms set forth herein, I, the RIDER, and the parent or guardian thereof if a minor, do agree to hold harmless and release THIS STABLE, it's owners, agents, employees, officers, members, premises, owners, insurers, and affiliated organizations from legal liability due to THIS STABLE'S ordinary negligence; I do further agree that except in the event of THIS STABLE'S gross and willful negligence, I shall bring no claims, demands, actions and causes of action, and/or litigation, against THIS STABLE and IT'S ASSOCIATES as stated above in this clause, for any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death, property damage, sustained by me and/or my minor child or legal ward in relation to the premises and operations of THIS STABLE, to include while riding, handling, or otherwise being near horses owned by or in the care, custody and control of THIS STABLE.

ALL RIDERS AND PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST SIGN AFTER READING THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT

RIDER: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ DATE: _____

In Case of Emergency: _____ Phone: _____