

Calendar of Clinics for 2008

Clinics limited to 14 participants with Mounts
Pre-registration and Coggins Test Required
Start Time for All Clinics: Stable Call is at 8 AM
and we start at 9 AM Sharp!
Bring a Sack Lunch
Water, Soda, & Coffee Available at Ranch

[Equine Clinic Registration Form](#)
[Release Form \(Required to Participate\)](#)

Equipment Needed for ALL Clinics!
Rope Halter, 14 ft. Lunge Rope, and Handy Stick with String.
(See equipment for sale on web page)

WHITE SERIES (See below for details of clinic)

Clinic 1: - March 29, 2008
Clinic 2: - April 5, 2008
Clinic 3: - April 12, 2008
Clinic 4: - April 26, 2008

GOLD SERIES (See below for details of clinic)

Clinic 5: May 3, 2008
Clinic 6: May 10, 2008
Clinic 7: May 24, 2008
Clinic 8: May 31, 2008

RED SERIES (See below for details of clinic)

Clinic 9: - April 19, 2008
Clinic 10: - To Be Announced for 2008
Clinic 11: - To Be Announced for 2008

BLACK SERIES (See below for details of clinic)

Clinic 12: - To Be Announced for 2008
Clinic 13: - To Be Announced for 2008
Clinic 14: - To Be Announced for 2008

WHITE SERIES

CLINIC 1: - March 29, 2008

The Starting Point

All Ground Work

GOAL: Give the trainer "hands on" instruction on how to gaining respect from their mount.

Training Material to be Covered: 3 ways to back your mount, whoa, how to lead properly, five body parts, disengaging the "power plant", stage 1 and stage 2, lateral flexion, basic sensory techniques, and introduction to Lunging for Respect Stage 1

CLINIC 2: - April 5, 2008

Exercise for Respect

All Ground Work

GOAL: Gain more respect and supple your mount at the same time, through exercise. This clinic will help the trainer in basic respect/training techniques.

Training Material to be Covered: Review of clinic 1, leading on the opposite side, learning "personal space", sensory items, lateral flexion techniques, 3 more ways to back, desensitizing/approach & retreat, Lunging for Respect Stage 1 intensified. Introduction to Lunging for Respect Stage 2.

CLINIC 3: - April 12, 2008

Building a Better Foundation

All Ground Work

GOAL: The trainer and the mount can start to build on their knowledge of basic natural horsemanship. Respect techniques need to be solid.

Training material to be Covered: Review of clinics 1 & 2. Keep the horses feet moving, (backing at different gates) and Lunging for Respect Stage 2 intensified, Stationary "sending exercise."

CLINIC 4: - April 26, 2008

Respect Builds Trust

Ground Work & Under Saddle

GOAL: Respect means effort from both the trainer and the mount. The mount will not trust you if they do not respect you. Intensify your efforts.

Training material to be Covered:

Ground Work: Review of Clinics 1, 2 & 3. Start to refine some of the basic respect techniques. Sending exercise (Learning the "C" pattern), Respect via touching, proper use of spurs.

Under Saddle: What is "direct reining," emergency one rein stop, how to prevent head shyness, proper biting, give at the pole, bridling, fitting the saddle, proper saddling, how to "saddle up", proper cinching front and rear; get the mount used to the slapping of the saddle fenders, lunging for respect stage 2 with saddle on, "proper mounting," posture check, hand placement, proper placement of spurs when disengaging the hind quarters and lots of Lateral Flexion

GOLD SERIES

CLINIC 5: - May 3, 2008

Safety Under Saddle

Ground Work and Under Saddle

GOAL: Learning to ride your mount safely.

Training material to be Covered:

Ground Work: Review and refine some of the ground techniques from first 4 clinics. Teaching side pass from the ground. Review lunging for respect stages 1 & 2 with saddle on mount. Sending exercises, (stationary & "c" pattern) with bit in and saddle on.

Under Saddle: Review emergency one rein stop, lateral flexion, passenger rides at walk & trot, posting a trot, how to stop your mount, suppling with spurs, and backing the mount.

CLINIC 6: - May 10, 2008

More Exercises to Gain Control of Horses Feet

Ground Work and Under Saddle

GOAL: Through different exercises, learn to get your horse "light" in there feet and more supple in the body. Control the feet, and you control the horse.

Training Material to be Covered:

Ground Work: Review & refine ground work techniques. Line driving from pole to pole.

Under Saddle: Review techniques thus far; turning on the fore hand, disengage hind quarters with spurs, learn to side pass. Breaking at the pole breaking at the withers. More backing exercises.

CLINIC 7: - May 24, 2008

Asking More from Your Mount

Ground Work and Under Saddle

GOAL: Turn up the Heat by having your mount start to respond with a “yes sir, yes ma’am” attitude.

Training Material to be Covered:

Ground Work: Review all techniques from prior white & gold series clinics. This will be done in a crisp, precise format. The trainer and mount will be expected to respond to ground work techniques with a very decisive response. Leading roll backs

Under Saddle: Review, lateral flexion and vertical flexion, start “collecting” your mount, increase the mounts stride from the saddle, posting, trotting, side passing on/off the fence, roll backs, and cues for cantering.

CLINIC 8: - May 31, 2008

Expanding & Refining Natural Horsemanship Techniques

Ground Work and Under Saddle

GOAL: At this stage the trainer and mount should be working as a fairly well balanced unit. Keep the horses feet light.

Training Material to be Covered:

Ground Work: Review prior ground work from all clinics, Circle Driving stages 1 & 2

Under Saddle: Striving to perfect the one rein stop, the suppleing exercise, extensive “rail” work (pushing on and off rail by control of 5 body parts), diagonal exercise at the trot, pole to pole at the trot, roll backs.

RED SERIES

CLINIC 9: - April 19, 2008

Making the mount softer & more supple

Ground Work & Under Saddle

GOAL: Learning More About Keeping the Feet Light and the mount supple.

Training Material to be Covered:

Ground Work: Back the mount at angles, changing the eyes exercise, turn and go exercise.

Under Saddle: Review of all thus far; aggressive roll backs, backing in circles and clover leaf exercise.

CLINIC 10: - To Be Announced for 2008

Objects that scare horses

Ground Work & Under Saddle

GOAL: The trainer must be in complete control of the horse’s feet. Keep the feet light, under control, and you can make the horse use there “thinking side” of their brain.

Training Material to be Covered:

Ground Work: Teaching the mount to go over, around and through different objects. Lunging for respect Stage 3. Working the mount at greater distances while on the 14’ lunge rope.

Under Saddle: Trainer and Mount will ride over, under, and through obstacles. Learn at the trail exercise.

CLINIC 11: - To Be Announced for 2008

The Bonding Process

Ground Work & Under Saddle

GOAL: As the exercises become more advanced, the horse will need to continue building respect and trust in the trainer.

Training Material to be Covered:

Ground Work: : Respect my space exercise (both sides), backing serpentine exercise, start practicing as if you were "off line".

Under Saddle: 2 Tracking Exercise Stage 1 & 2 at walk, trot. Lead departures for the canter.

BLACK SERIES

CLINIC 12: - To Be Announced for 2008

Staying in Control

Ground Work & Under Saddle

GOAL: Expose the rider and mount to advanced techniques that can be achieved when they perform as one. The rider needs to fully understand complete control of the five body parts. The mount needs to fully respect and trust the rider.

Training Material to be Covered:

Ground Work: :Use of the long line (23 ft) at the circle, change of direction, and circle driving at different speeds

Under Saddle: Side tracking in straight line. Neck Reining via the "hub" exercise.

CLINIC 13: - To Be Announced for 2008

Refining What We Know

Ground Work & Under Saddle

GOAL: The entire black series is dedicated to understanding Natural Horsemanship as seen through the eyes of the trainer and the mount.

Training Material to be Covered:

Ground Work: :Line Driving, Out & Back, and the "C" pattern on the Long Line.

Under Saddle: Shoulder In, Shoulder Out exercise, & Counter Bending in a circle. Yield hind quarters, bring front shoulder through (The Spin) Post to Post exercise bringing the front shoulder through.

CLINIC 14: - To Be Announced for 2008

NOTE: Six participants is the minimum for a clinic. If clinic is canceled, you will receive a full refund. If YOU cancel, your deposit can be applied toward another clinic. Cost is for participant and horse.

Observer's price is \$10.00 per day per person.

SPECIALIZED CLINICS

Trail Riding & Obstacle/Sensory Course

Date June 7-8, 2008 Cost: \$150.00 Two Day Clinic

Observers: \$15.00 for both days

Recommendation: Trainer already have attended white or gold clinic, but not completely necessary.

GOAL: Through respect and trust, the trainer and mount will learn the “ins and outs” of trail riding. A good “trail horse” has to be taught, just like a barrel or reining horse. An obstacle/sensory course has been built to resemble many things that might be encountered on the trail. Second day will include a trail ride with hills and water crossings.

AM: Ground Work: Learn or review Lunging for Respect stage 1. Aggressive sensory training, review sending exercise, expose mounts to obstacle course so they can start negotiating all obstacles.

PM: Under Saddle: Review emergency one rein stop, how to negotiate an obstacle, how to encourage your mount to go through, under, or over an obstacle, How to position and control your mount going up and down an incline.

AM: Ground Work: Re-enforce trust and respect, along with suppleness via Lunging for Respect Stage 2. Lead your mount over, under, or through an obstacle, send your mount over, under, or through an obstacle using the “stationary sending exercise.”

PM: Under Saddle: Short review on one rein stop. Negotiate all changed or re-shaped obstacles. Some obstacles will present a problem for most horses. (ex. 6ft beach ball) How to solve that problem. Obstacle course competition. Trail ride over hills, and through water. Time permitting (teaching the horse to swim)

Watch for more specialized clinics as well as any changes in the calendar of events. All clinics are first come, first serve. I will put people on a waiting list if it fills. All clinics require ½ deposit in advance to reserved there spot. (This deposit is non-refundable, unless there are exigent circumstances). You may apply your deposit towards another clinic. In the event of a canceled clinic, (need at least 6 participants to make it go) all monies will be returned. Feel free to e-mail us for inquires, questions, or just to chat about natural horsemanship. We are also available via phone. (608) 781-6445.

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