

EDUCATION SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Equine Nutrition 101 with Purina

Join Megan Bryant, an equine specialist with Purina Animal Nutrition, for an engaging, hands-on demonstration on body condition scoring. In this session, Megan will guide participants through the process of evaluating a horse's body condition, helping you identify whether a horse is underweight, overweight, or at an ideal score.

In addition to the scoring demonstration, Megan will discuss practical diet options for horses that need nutritional adjustments. Whether your goal is weight gain, loss, or maintenance, you'll learn effective feeding strategies tailored to your horse's specific needs.



Learn How to Braid with Kaitlyn Alcorn

Join Kaitlyn Alcorn, a local Colorado equestrian, for a hands-on introduction to braiding techniques!

- Saturday's Session: Focus on mane preparation and mane braiding techniques.
- Sunday's Session: Concentrate on tail and forelock braids for a polished show-ring look.

Kaitlyn, currently an instructional coach at Prairie View High School, has been an active member of the Colorado horse community since age eight competing on the CHJA show circuit and developed her braiding skills professionally. Kaitlyn began as a self-taught braider, refining her craft under the guidance of Elisabeth Hare.

Whether you're new to braiding or looking to sharpen your skills, Kaitlyn's expertise and approachable style will help you master the art of braiding with confidence!



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Equine First Aid and Equine Dentistry with Dr. Finley, DVM from VetweRx

Join Dr. Grant Finley, DVM, from VetweRx for two informative sessions on Equine First Aid and Equine Dentistry, designed to enhance your horse care knowledge and skills.

Equine First Aid: You must know what is normal before you can determine what is abnormal. In this session, Dr. Finley will cover how to assess equine vital signs, basics of wound care, identifying colic, and recognizing early signs of illness and injury.

Equine Dentistry: This session focuses on the key reasons horses require dental care and the basic anatomy of the equine mouth. Learn how proper dental care impacts your horse's overall health, performance, and comfort.

Dr. Finley is the co-founder of VetweRx North and brings a wealth of expertise with a focus on performance horses and regenerative therapies. His practical knowledge and hands-on approach will empower participants to better understand and care for their horses.



Equine Chiropractic and Acupuncture with Dr. Pam Muhonen, DVM

Join Dr. Pam Muhonen, DVM, founder of Timberwind Veterinary Acupuncture Services, for an insightful session on the value of integrative therapies for horses. Since founding her practice in 1999, Dr. Muhonen has specialized in Acupuncture, Spinal Manipulation, and other evidence-based therapies for horses along Colorado's Northern Front Range. In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Muhonen is a sought-after educator and consultant, teaching nationally on topics such as: Neuroanatomic & Traditional Acupuncture, Saddle Fitting Techniques, Integrated Medicine, Equine Rehabilitation, and Veterinary Manual Therapy.

During this session, Dr. Muhonen will cover the fundamentals of:

- **Equine Chiropractic Care:** How spinal manipulation improves mobility, posture, and performance.
- **Acupuncture for Horses:** Understand the science and tradition behind acupuncture and how it promotes overall well-being.
- **The Importance of Integrative Therapies:** Learn how combining conventional and alternative approaches can improve your horse's health and longevity.

This is a valuable opportunity to explore the holistic side of veterinary care and understand how integrative therapies can support performance, recovery, and comfort for your horse. Don't miss this chance to learn from an experienced practitioner who brings decades of expertise in equine care!

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Equine Facility Fire Safety with Jamie Prashaw

Join Jamie Prashaw of GH2 Equine Architects for an essential session on fire safety in barn design. With over 50 years of experience, GH2 is an industry leader in creating innovative equine facilities –designing barns, arenas, and venues of all types and disciplines worldwide. Their expertise emphasizes integrating fire safety strategies to protect horses, property, and people.

Jamie, an experienced equestrian and lifelong rider, brings both technical knowledge and a personal passion for horses to her work. Deeply committed to her Colorado community, Jamie blends her love of horses with her dedication to giving back—making her an inspiring speaker on the importance of safety in equine spaces.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn practical tips and design strategies that can enhance fire prevention and safety in your barn.



Back Gate 101 with Kristina McCombie

Ever wondered how to efficiently manage a back gate? Join Kristina McCombie for a practical, hands-on crash course that covers everything you need to know about running the in-gate at a horse show. With seven years of experience working at AA-rated shows, CHJA shows, Outreach shows, IHSA and IEA competitions, Kristina will walk you through the essential tasks of gate management

- Setting up Divisions and Rotations: Organizing classes to keep the day running smoothly.
- Estimating Ride Times: Master the art of keeping the show on schedule.
- Communication with Judges: How to relay crucial information quickly and clearly.
- Announcing and Taking Results: Manage the paperwork and awards like a pro.
- Running a Flat Class: Tips for Managing a Smooth and Efficient Class

Bring your in-gate questions and learn the tricks of the trade from someone with extensive show experience across multiple circuits. Whether you're new to gate management or looking to sharpen your skills and understand how classes are run, this session will leave you ready to run the back gate with confidence!

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Collegiate Equestrian 101 with Katie Pelzel

Explore the world of collegiate riding with **Katie Pelzel**, an **NCEA National Champion**! In this session, Katie will share her insights and experiences competing at the collegiate level.

Learn about:

- The structure of **NCEA and IHSA** programs
- What to expect from college riding teams
- The recruitment process and how to prepare
- Balancing academics and riding at the collegiate level

Whether you dream of riding competitively in college or just want to stay involved with horses during your academic journey, this is a great opportunity to get valuable advice from someone who's been there. Don't miss this chance to learn from a champion!



Basic Rider First Aid with Jen Duffy, Paramedic

Join Paramedic Jen Duffy for an interactive session on the essentials of rider first aid! In this hands-on workshop, you'll:

- Practice hands-only CPR to be prepared in emergency situations.
- Learn and apply bleeding control techniques for quick, effective response to injuries.
- Try basic splinting methods to stabilize fractures and sprains.
- Discuss concussion awareness and other common medical emergencies faced by equestrians.

This session offers practical skills to help you respond confidently to accidents at the barn. Don't miss the chance to gain valuable knowledge that could make a difference in an emergency!

A Deep Dive into the USEF Equitation Tests sponsored by CHJF

This session, sponsored by the Colorado Hunter Jumper Foundation through a grant from Mountain King Ranch and the Gibbs Family, will provide information and insight into the USEF Equitation Tests. Improve your medal performance by attending this informative session taught by Jenny Alsberg and Meg OMeara. Jenny is a long time Colorado trainer and a CHJA judge. Meg was a successful junior rider and medal-winner who now serves as a CHJA judge and rules representative.

