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Certified Horsemanship Association Offers Riding Instructor and Equine Facility Manager Certification Clinics Throughout the U.S. and Canada

(March 2016) – Make your plans now to become a certified riding instructor/barn manager like you've always wanted or to become certified at a higher level. Auditing is also available. The Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA) has many Certification Clinics scheduled throughout the U.S. and Canada in 2016. CHA has you covered if you want to be a Standard Instructor in English and/or Western disciplines or an Equine Facility Manager, Overnight Trail Guide, Day Ride Trail Guide, Combined Instructor/Trail Guide, Instructor of Riders with Disabilities, Seasonal Equestrian Staff, Driving Instructor, Recreational or Commercial Driver, or a Vaulting Coach. As the largest equine professional certifying organization in North America, CHA has been in existence for almost 50 years and has certified more than 25,000 instructors and equine facility managers.

Those seeking certification will go through a multi-day intensive certification clinic where you must pass written tests, be evaluated by two CHA Clinic Instructors (and other clinic attendees), and attend in-depth workshops on risk management, ethics, teaching techniques and more. CHA instructors are tested on five important areas: safety, horsemanship knowledge and ability, teaching techniques, group control, and professionalism. Clinic attendees receive all educational manuals and materials, CHA membership, and certification fees as part of the clinic fee. Horses, tack and arena equipment are provided by the host sites. **If you are interested in hosting a CHA clinic to raise money for your equine facility, please contact us at office@CHA-ahse.org and put Host a Clinic in the subject line.**

All Discipline Standard English/Western Clinics are already on the calendar for 23 states with more getting added each day: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming. In Canada, clinics are scheduled in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, and Nova Scotia. To see the clinic schedule, please visit <http://www.CHAinstructors.com/clinics>.

Equine Facility Managers have clinics they can attend at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, AR; at Houghton College in Houghton, NY; at Victory Therapy Center in Roanoke, TX; and at Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne, WY. **For those who offer summer programs, now is a perfect time for staff to become professionally certified before the summer rush starts.**

Instructors who receive a certification become more valuable to their employer and their students. The benefits for certification include:

- Insurance discounts
- Marketing opportunities through CHA
- Employment options
- The ability to network at professional events
- The chance to attend continuing educational events
- Shows customers and potential customers that you are a professional committed to meeting high professional standards
- Shows customers that you know how to teach up to the level you are certified at in a safe, fun, and effective manner

For more information on the benefits, read CHA's blog post, "Why You Should Find a Certified Riding Instructor" at http://cha-ahse.org/store/blog/why_a_certified_instructor.html

For more information on attending a CHA Certification Clinic, please visit http://cha-ahse.org/store/pages/32/Member_Benefits.html. To learn what to expect at a certification clinic and how to prepare, please visit http://cha-ahse.org/store/blog/What_to_Expect_During_a_CHA_Certification_Clinic.html and watch this video - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GuhOm8YjGyI&list=UUWHxf9F_XrKPbooUCdQsd2A&feature=c4-overview

If a certain type of clinic is not yet listed, please contact your Regional Director and/or State or Provincial Representative (http://cha-ahse.org/store/pages/49/Region_List.html) about potential future clinics or to offer to host one, or contact CHA Program Director Polly Haselton Barger at pbarger@CHA-ahse.org. For questions, please call CHA in Lexington, KY, at 859-259-3399 or email info@CHA-ahse.org.

CHA Instructors Change Lives Through Safe Experiences with Horses. The purpose of CHA is to promote excellence in safety and education for the benefit of the horse industry. CHA certifies instructors and trail guides, accredits equestrian facilities, publishes educational

manuals, produces educational horsemanship DVDs and YouTube Safety shorts, and hosts regional and international conferences. For more information on the largest certifying body of riding instructors and barn managers in North America, the Certified Horsemanship Association, please visit www.CHA-ahse.org or call 859-259-3399. To find a certified horseback riding instructor or accredited equine facility near you, visit CHAinstructors.com.

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