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## **2018 Certified Horsemanship Association International and Regional Conferences Open to All Horse Enthusiasts Who Want Horsemanship Education and the Chance to Ride in an Educational Setting**

*(March 2018)* – The 2018 Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA) International and Regional Conferences offer a great opportunity for horse enthusiasts to learn more about horses and horsemanship. Each CHA Conference offers horsemanship education, hands-on experiences, networking opportunities, and the chance to make social and business connections within the horse industry. Top instructors, clinicians, veterinarians, farriers, and other equine industry experts offer their knowledge to attendees. Some conferences even offer hands-on mounted sessions taught by top instructors. These conferences are hosted by each respective CHA region throughout the country and are available throughout the year for all horse enthusiasts.

The 2018 CHA International Conference is scheduled for September 28-30, 2018, and will be held at Colorado State University (CSU) in Fort Collins, Colorado, which is an hour north of Denver. Participants can sign up to ride on well-trained school horses from CSU during mounted workshops. In addition, sessions with top experts within the horse industry will also educate horse enthusiasts on a range of topics. Dr. Temple Grandin will be this year's keynote at the CHA Awards Banquet on Sunday night. More information about the CHA International Conference will be released throughout the year and can be found at [http://cha-ahse.org/store/pages/47/International\\_Conference.html](http://cha-ahse.org/store/pages/47/International_Conference.html).

The Regional Conference for Region 5, which includes New York, New Jersey, Washington DC, Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, is currently scheduled for April 13-14, 2018, at Houghton College in Houghton, New York. Workshops are scheduled to help instructors and other horse professionals to improve teaching techniques, learn to develop an educated eye, and run a successful equine facility. Anyone is welcome. Topics include insurance, money, and business thoughts for the equine professional; navigating trail obstacles; evaluating rider levels; lengthening and shortening stride; riding garrocha; chiropractic care for the lesson horse; improving transitions; nutrition for riders; yoga for riders; and teaching with jumping gymnastics. Conference attendees can ride and work with the CHA presenting instructor to improve their teaching techniques and horsemanship skills. Contact Larissa Ries at [larissa.rise@houghton.edu](mailto:larissa.rise@houghton.edu) or Kathie Hilsher at [kshilsher@gmail.com](mailto:kshilsher@gmail.com) or call 585-610-3624. The registration form can be downloaded at <https://cha-ahse.net/lou->

[secure.com/product\\_images/uploaded\\_files/CHA%20REGION%205%20CONFERENCE.docx](http://secure.com/product_images/uploaded_files/CHA%20REGION%205%20CONFERENCE.docx).

Future regional conferences will be added to the schedule throughout 2018. More information can be found at [http://cha-ahse.org/store/pages/48/Regional\\_Conferences.html](http://cha-ahse.org/store/pages/48/Regional_Conferences.html). In addition, skills clinics are added throughout the year.

To get notification as events are added, please sign up for the CHA monthly email newsletter at [www.CHA.horse](http://www.CHA.horse).

*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, Certified Horsemanship Association, please visit [www.CHA-ahse.org](http://www.CHA-ahse.org) or call 859-259-3399. To find a certified horseback riding instructor or accredited equine facility near you, visit [www.CHAINstructors.com](http://www.CHAINstructors.com).*

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