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The Certified Horsemanship Association is Seeking Host Sites for Certification Clinics

(March 2018) – The Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA) is currently seeking equine facilities that are willing to host certification clinics. All host sites for CHA Certification Clinics must be a CHA Program Member that is also pre-approved before a certification clinic can be held at the facility. As a clinic host, the facility becomes the event organizer while the actual clinic is run by two CHA Certified Clinicians.

Host sites have the following responsibilities as the event manager: to send registration information to participants and collect fees, to distribute CHA-provided course materials to participants, to contract with CHA Clinic Staff, and to pay any applicable certification fees from participants to CHA. In addition, the host facility must provide helmets to any participants that may need them, must have a space for classroom sessions, and must have suitable school horses and all necessary equipment for participants to do demonstration lessons.

Host sites for a CHA Equine Facility Management (EFM) Program must be a commercial equine operation that offer a range of functions so that the CHA program content can be tested through all four levels. The EFM Program is a 20-hour certification clinic that is run over three days. Participants are evaluated on their skills and knowledge of equine facility management through demonstrations and through written tests at each of four levels of certification: Stable Worker (Level 1), Stable Manager (Level 2), Herd Manager (Level 3), and Equine Facility Manager (Level 4). Participants start at level 1 and can complete all four levels within one clinic, if qualified.

If you are a boarding, lesson, or training operation; a trail or dude ranch operation; a college facility; a competition center; or a breeding farm, CHA invites you to apply to become a host site for these clinics, which can be very beneficial in a variety of ways for the host site and its staff. Since no arena time is needed for this type of clinic, it won't interrupt normal day-to-day business. In addition, it can help decrease overall facility insurance, equine professional liability insurance, and other types of insurance needed for an equine business. And it can be of benefit if you wish to certify your staff all at once.

Host Sites for College/University Certification must be an accredited school, college, or university; must be a CHA Program Member; and must meet the requirements for host site approval. Such a facility may use the school's equine studies faculty members or hire a CHA Clinician for the lectures and written test of the certification program. Two CHA clinicians are needed for a final evaluation of the two to four demonstration lessons for each participant and certification is held at the end of the grading period. Clinicians for college clinics must be approved by the Program Director to ensure the clinicians have sufficient experience to deal with a large clinic group.

Host Sites for CHA Vaulting Coach Certification must be approved by the CHA Corporate Office and meet regular host site requirements. In addition, the host site must offer safe and suitable vaulting areas, equipment, and horses, as stated in the American Vaulting Association (AVA) Camps and Club Manual.

If you have already been previously approved as a host site, please contact CHA Program Director Polly Barger at pbarger@CHA-ahse.org to sign up to host an EFM Certification Clinic and to receive your Materials Order Form and Clinic Request Form.

If your facility would like to become a new host site for CHA, please visit http://CHA-ahse.org/store/pages/37/How_to_Host.html.

For further questions, please contact CHA at info@CHA-ahse.org or call 859-259-3399.

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