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Certified Horsemanship Association Offering Certification Clinics Throughout the U.S. and Canada for Equine Professionals

(April 2017) – If you’ve been wanting to become a certified riding instructor, equine facility manager or trail guide operator, then 2017 is your year! As the largest equine certifying organization in North America, CHA has certified more than 30,000 riding instructors over the past 50 years. The Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA) has an abundance of certification clinic already scheduled throughout the United States and Canada for this year.

The following types of CHA certification clinics are available in 2017: Standard Instructor in English and/or Western disciplines, Day Ride Trail Guide, Combined Instructor/Trail Guide, Instructor of Riders with Disabilities, Equine Facility Manager, and Driving Instructor or Driver Certification. It’s also a great time for equestrian facilities to plan for having their staffs become CHA certified before summer programs start.

CHA Certification Clinics are intensive multi-day clinics in which attendees learn from hands-on participation and in-depth workshops while they are tested in five important areas: safety, horsemanship knowledge and ability, teaching techniques, group control, and professionalism/ethics. Clinic attendees are evaluated by two CHA Clinic Instructors, as well as other clinic attendees. Attendees must also pass written tests to receive their CHA Certification. The clinic fee includes CHA’s educational manuals, CHA membership, and certification fees.

CHA Certification shows customers and potential customers that you are a professional committed to meeting high professional standards. Many insurance companies recognize certification and will give discounts, CHA will help you market your business, CHA acts as that third party entity in regards to good risk management.

For more information on the benefits, read CHA’s blog post, “Why You Should Find a Certified Riding Instructor” at http://CHA.horse/store/blog/why_a_certified_instructor.html.

Clinics are already on the calendar for 22 states: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas,

and Wyoming. In Canada, clinics are scheduled in Alberta, Manitoba, and Ontario. To see the complete clinic schedule, please visit <http://www.chainstructors.com/clinics>.

For more information on attending a CHA Certification Clinic, please visit http://CHA.horse/store/pages/32/Member_Benefits.html. To learn what to expect at a certification clinic and how to prepare, please visit [http://CHA.horse/store/blog/What to Expect During a CHA Certification Clinic.html](http://CHA.horse/store/blog/What_to_Expect_During_a_CHA_Certification_Clinic.html).

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 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.horse 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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