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## **Certified Horsemanship Association Announces Schedule for the 2018 CHA International Conference in Fort Collins, CO, in September; Event is Open to the Public**

*(April 2018)* – Horse enthusiasts and horse industry professionals, along with the general public can now make their plans for the 2018 Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA) International Conference, which will be held September 28-30 at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO. CHA has just released the schedule of events online at [https://cha-ahse.net/lou-secure.com/product\\_images/uploaded\\_files/Schedule.pdf](https://cha-ahse.net/lou-secure.com/product_images/uploaded_files/Schedule.pdf). Sessions from top horse trainers, instructors, veterinarians, farriers, equine industry professionals, and equine behaviorists abound at this conference, which also offers popular, first-come first-serve mounted sessions on well-trained school horses from Colorado State University taught by Master CHA Certified Instructors. Representatives from all across the horse industry attend. In addition, this is the premiere educational event for riding instructors and CHA members in the United States and Canada, and information from this conference can be used to improve lesson programs and equine businesses.

One of the highlights of the conference will be the Sunday night Keynote presentation by Dr. Temple Grandin, followed by the highly anticipated CHA Awards Banquet, and the CHA Silent Auction. But before then, there are an abundance of great presentations to attend.

The CHA Annual Membership Meeting will take place on Friday afternoon, followed by educational sessions on developing/re-developing a board of directors, safe barn design, understanding and supporting the fearful rider, in-depth information on Facebook and Instagram, how to incorporate CHA into your lesson programs, equine genetics, and an economic update from the Colorado and American Horse Councils. Friday night will cap off with a welcome reception and round-table discussions at the Hilton Hotel.

The following are just some of the educational topics for Saturday and Sunday:

- How to Start Polo with Your Horses and Students
- Working with EAAT
- Nutrition for the Active Older Lesson Horse
- Yielding the Haunches and Shoulders

- The Right Horse Initiative
- Harmony Equine Center
- Exercises to Control and Improve the Posting Trot
- Practicing Safety is Not Enough: The Importance of Pushing Paper – Contracts, etc.
- Simple and Flying Lead Changes
- Behavior and Training, Science-Based Theories, What Works Best on Horses and Why
- Creating and Using PDF Fillable Forms
- Cavelettis and Pole Work at All Gaits for a Variety of Levels
- Teach Valuable Riding Skills Using Garrocha from the Spanish Vaqueros
- Bit Evasion
- Jumping Gymnastics
- Developing an Educated Eye with Group Riding
- Science of Equine Behavior/Learning and the Practical Application for Riding Instruction
- Fine Line Between Instructor/Trainer: Teaching Students on Privately-Owned Horses
- Connecting Your Seat to Your Horse's Feet
- Strength and Balance Exercises for Riders of All Abilities
- Preventing Lesson Horse Burnout
- Barrel Racing for All Levels of Riders
- The Art of Assigning Mounts for a Large Group Riding Program
- And Much More!

Important meetings are scheduled for the Board of Directors on Thursday. A tour of CSU's Equine Sciences department is scheduled for Saturday afternoon. CHA Site Visitor Training is scheduled for both Friday and Monday mornings.

Visitors can find out complete information and/or register online at [www.cha-ahse.org/store/pages/47/International\\_Conference.html](http://www.cha-ahse.org/store/pages/47/International_Conference.html). Don't miss out on this informative conference's presentations, workshops, entertainment, trade show, silent auction, vendors, and networking opportunities.

*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.horse](http://www.CHA.horse) or call 859-259-3399. To find a certified*

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