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## **Certified Horsemanship Association Offering Clinic in Ohio for Certification of Equine Facility Managers; Host Sites Needed for EFM Clinics**

*(September 2017)* – The Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA) still has one opportunity this year for Equine Facility Managers to gain their CHA Equine Facility Manager (EFM) Certification. Those wishing to become Certified Equine Facility Managers can attend an EFM Clinic, October 13-15, 2017, at Ohio University's Southern Campus at 400 Bobcat Lane, Franklin Furnace, OH 45629. The cost is only \$600. Please contact Bradie Chapman at 740-357-8665 or email [chamab1@ohio.edu](mailto:chamab1@ohio.edu) as soon as possible to register.

The CHA Equine Facility Management (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. Participants are tested in five areas of evaluation: safety, horse handling, horse husbandry, facilities and equipment, and professionalism. For more information about EFM Certification, please visit <http://cha.horse/store/pages/30/Certifications.html#equine>.

In addition, CHA is always looking for host sites for EFM Certification Clinics. In order for attendees to be tested through all four levels, host sites must be a commercial equine operation that offer a range of functions. Boarding, lesson, or training operations; trail or dude ranch operations, college/university facilities, competition centers, or breeding farms make ideal host sites.

Hosting can be very beneficial in a variety of ways for the host site and its staff. Some of these include allowing a facility's staff to become certified, either free for staff or at a greatly reduced cost; allows a facility to have a private EFM Clinic if desired; it reduces a facility's overall insurance costs; and the host site could bring in additional income as a result of hosting.

All host sites for CHA Certification Clinics are 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. As the event organizer, host sites are required to do the following: 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.

If you have already been previously approved as a host site, please contact CHA Program Director Polly Barger at [pbarger@CHA-ahse.org](mailto: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](http://cha-ahse.org/store/pages/37/How_to_Host.html). To learn more about the Equine Facility Manager Certification, please visit <http://cha-ahse.org/store/pages/30/Certifications.html#equine>. For further questions, please contact CHA at [info@CHA-ahse.org](mailto:info@CHA-ahse.org) or call 859-259-3399.

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