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Now is the Time to Become a Certified Horsemanship Association Equine Professional

(September 2018) – While the end of the year is fast-approaching, the Certified Horsemanship Association's (CHA) clinic schedule is still full of opportunities for members and others to attend a CHA Certification Clinic and become a CHA Certified Equine Professional. CHA is the largest certifying organization in North America, and current clinic opportunities are offered in Alberta, Canada, and eight U.S. states- Alabama, California, Iowa, Kentucky, Minnesota, Tennessee, Texas, and Washington State. Most clinics take place in the spring, and at this time there will be CHA clinics in most states and provinces.

The All Discipline Standard Instructor Certification means instructors can be certified in English and/or Western disciplines and both. These multi-day 40 hour clinics are held at CHA program member sites that have been approved as host sites within North America. Each clinic has workshops and hands-on demonstration lessons for attendees to show off their knowledge.

Attendees are tested by two CHA Clinic Instructors for proficiency in five areas: safety, horsemanship knowledge and ability, teaching techniques, group control, and professionalism. Attendees must pass written tests and have their lessons evaluated to receive CHA Certification.

Level 1 allows instructors to teach beginners at the walk and trot/jog. Level 2 allows instructors to teach up to the canter/lope, along with pre-jumping exercises, western patterns, and trail riding. Level 3 instructors can teach basic jumping and more advanced horsemanship maneuvers such as simple lead changes, along with more horsemanship theory and horse care. Level 4 instructors can teach jumping, dressage, reining, and other performance events, advanced horse management and horsemanship theory. CHA Master Instructors have been certified to teach both English and Western at Level 4.

There are currently two Standard Instructor Certification Clinics in Alberta available in November 2018 and April 2019. In the United States, this certification clinic is available in Alabama in September 2018, California in April 2019, Iowa in October 2018, Minnesota in

May 2019, in Tennessee in November 2018 and May 2019, and Washington State in October 2018.

The Equine Facility Manager Certification is a 20 hour clinic for attendees to showcase their knowledge in equine facility management. Attendees can advance through the levels (Stable Worker, Stable Manager, and Herd Manager), on up to Level 4 (Equine Facility Manager) within one clinic if they can demonstrate competency in all four levels.

There are Equine Facility Manager Certification Clinics currently scheduled in California in February 2019, Kentucky in December 2018, and Texas in October 2018.

If you can't make it to these certifications, please check the CHA clinic schedule online often since new clinics are scheduled throughout the year. Or sign up to receive CHA monthly E-Newsletters at www.CHA.horse

To see all offered clinics, visit <http://cha-ahse.org/store/clinics.php>. For more information on CHA Certifications, visit <http://cha-ahse.org/store/pages/30/Certifications.html>.

CHA is looking for new host sites. If you are a camp, lesson barn, college, university, or boarding stable, that would like to host a CHA clinic, please contact the CHA office at office@CHAinstructors.com for more information on becoming an official host site. In addition, please visit http://cha-ahse.org/store/pages/37/How_to_Host.html.

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 or call 859-259-3399. To find a certified horseback riding instructor or accredited equine facility near you, visit www.CHAinstructors.com.

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