



**“Ride With The Best” Clinics at Equine Affaire
November 13–16, 2008
Eastern States Exposition in W. Springfield, MA**

Equine Affaire, Inc. will be accepting completed applications for all of the sessions and then forwarding the applications on to the respective clinicians or their designated representatives so that they may make their own selections. Once selections have been made, those applicants who are chosen will be notified by phone. Applicants who are not selected will receive notification by mail along with their returned clinic payment(s).

To ensure that you are considered for a clinic, your application must be received by September 12, 2008. **Please send your application with support materials and clinic fee check to:**

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If you have any questions, please contact Nicole at (740) 845-0085, ext 123, or via email at ntaylor@equineaffaire.com.

What you need to know about applying for and riding in a clinic at Equine Affaire . . .

1. Clinics are designed to cater to a broad spectrum of horsemen and women. While some clinicians are seeking equestrian competitors with specific skills, others are seeking any riders interested in improving their general relationships with their horses. Each clinician has specific ideas about the horses and/or riders he/she would like to use to demonstrate a particular skill or training process. Do not hesitate to apply because you think that you might not be selected. You might be just what the clinician has in mind! If you are not selected as a participant, we encourage you to come and learn by attending the clinic as a spectator. Everyone will benefit from the experience.
2. A fee is charged for each clinic. The clinic fee includes admission to Equine Affaire on the day of the clinic(s) for the rider or handler and 24 hours of stabling (either the night before or the night of the clinic(s)) for the horse. Participants in two-day clinics receive admission to Equine Affaire on both clinic days and 48 hours of stabling. If stalls are available, additional nights of stabling may be purchased for \$40/night. Participants are responsible for bringing or purchasing their own feed and bedding. (Straw and shavings may be purchased on site.) Clinic fees of accepted clinic participants are non-refundable. Exhibitors already contracted to exhibit in the Breed Pavilion or Horse & Farm may discount the clinic fees by 50%, but they will not receive complimentary admission or stabling.
3. **To be considered to ride in any of the clinics you must submit a video with your completed application and clinic fee.** This video must show you and your horse either in competition or in training as requested in the clinic descriptions. The clinician or his/her representative will use the video to evaluate you and your horse. **All videos must be DVD or standard VHS format. If you send a smaller sized video camera tape, you must submit it with a VHS adapter tape or your application will not be considered.** Videos should be brief (no more than five minutes) and marked with your name and address. Videos may not be returned; we recommend that you not submit footage that you must have back.
* ONE VIDEO MUST BE SUBMITTED PER CLINICIAN.*
4. The clinics at Equine Affaire offer a unique and invaluable opportunity to “ride with the best.” However, you should be aware that the clinics will be conducted in large arenas where there are likely to be large crowds in attendance. Opportunities to warm up in the actual clinic arenas may not be available. If you and/or your horse cannot function well in such an environment, we cannot encourage you to apply.
5. All horses brought to the Eastern States Exposition are expected to be free of illness and infectious disease.
 - **Each horse transported to the show must be accompanied by a negative test result for equine infectious anemia (Coggins Test) dated within one year of November 16, 2008.**
 - **Each horse transported to the event from outside the state of Massachusetts must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health papers) issued within 30 days of the date on which the horse arrives at the event.**
 - **Each horse transported to the event from within the state of Massachusetts must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health papers) dated January 1, 2008, or later**

While not required, it is strongly recommended that all equines be vaccinated for rabies, tetanus, EEE/WEE, and Flu/Rhino within one year of the event. **All horse owners will be expected to present the required health papers to the show veterinarian upon check in.**

“Ride with the Best” Clinic Sessions

Each clinic includes 24 hours of stabling unless otherwise noted.

Barrel Racing with Charmayne James

With your application and clinic fee, please submit a video and a written description of your riding experience and your horse's training and competitive history. Please include your training goals for the horse and why you would like your horse to be considered for the clinic. For more information about Ms. James, visit www.charmaynejames.com.

- 1. THU 11/13/08 • 9:30am–11:00am • The Basics of Working Your Barrel Horse: Establishing Proper Body Position & Controlling Your Speed in the Turns**
Ms. James will be accepting 3-4 horse & rider combinations for this clinic. Horses must be able to stop and back-up on command, lope circles, and correctly pick up both leads. Ms. James would like novice, intermediate & advanced level riders for this clinic. **Fee: \$75**
- 2. THU 11/13/08 • 1:30pm–3:00pm • Running the Perfect Barrel Pattern: Drills & Exercises to Create a Better Barrel Horse**
Ms. James will be accepting 3-4 horse & rider combinations for this clinic. Horses must be able to stop and back-up on command, lope circles, and correctly pick up both leads. Ms. James would like advanced level riders for this clinic. **Fee: \$75**
- 3. FRI 11/14/08 • 9:30am–11:00am • Correcting Common Barrel Racing Rider Errors: Making Tight Turns & Keeping Barrels Up**
Ms. James will be accepting 3-4 horse & rider combinations for this clinic. Horses must be able to stop and back-up on command, lope circles, and correctly pick up both leads. Ms. James would like novice, intermediate & advanced level riders for this clinic. **Fee: \$75**

Centered Riding® with Donna Snyder-Smith

With your application and clinic fee, please submit a written summary of your riding & competition experience and your horse's training. Brief videos schooling or showing your horse should be included. For more information about Ms. Snyder-Smith, visit www.donnasnydersmith.com.

- 1. SAT 11/15/08 • 5:45pm–7:00pm • Ground & "In Hand" Tools for the Amateur/Owner Trainer or Rider: Creating a Supple, Balanced & Focused Horse**
Ms. Snyder-Smith will accept up to three horse and rider combinations. Two of the three participants should have some lunging experience. **Fee: \$65**
- 2. SUN 11/16/08 • 11:30am–12:30pm • Centered Riding®: Improving Straightness & Balance in Both Horse & Rider**
Ms. Snyder-Smith will accept up to three horse and rider combinations. This session will examine some of the factors which can cause or contribute to a horse traveling in an unbalanced manner, especially in turns and on a curve. Horses and riders of any discipline (English, western, dressage, hunt seat, etc.) and any ability level are encourage to apply. **Fee: \$65**
- 3. SUN 11/16/08 • 1:30pm–3:00pm • The Five Rein Effects—Leading, Direct, Indirect, Neck Rein, etc.: Understanding the Uses, Biomechanical Effects & Successful Rider Application Techniques for Each Type of Rein**
Ms. Snyder-Smith will accept four horse and rider combinations. One candidate will have a basic English background, one will have dressage background second level or above, one will have a basic western background and be presented in a snaffle bit, and one will have intermediate western background and be presented in a curb or spade bit. **Fee: \$65**

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“Ride with the Best” Clinic Sessions (cont’d.)

Dressage with Lendon Gray

With your application and clinic fee, please submit a video of you and your horse schooling or competing. Please include a description of your and your horse’s dressage background as well as any show experience (if applicable).

1. **THU 11/13/08 • 11:30am–1:00pm • Overcoming Schooling Problems Commonly Experienced by Dressage Horses & Riders**
Ms. Gray will accept up to four horses and riders schooling or competing at training, first, or second level. **Fee: \$75**
2. **THU 11/13/08 • 3:30pm–5:00pm • Dressage: Creating a Harmonious Pair—Helping the Rider to Improve the Horse’s Elasticity**
Ms. Gray will accept up to four horses and riders schooling or competing at training, first, or second level.
Fee: \$75

Dressage with Courtney King

With your application and clinic fee, please submit a video of you and your horse schooling or competing, including a dressage test. Please include a description of your and your horse’s dressage experience. For more information about Ms. King, visit www.courtneykingdressage.com.

1. **FRI 11/14/08 • 11:30am–1:00pm • Upper Level Dressage: Improving Your Test Scores by Riding More Precisely**
Ms. King will accept up to two horses and riders for this session. Horses and riders should be schooling or competing at third level or above. Horse and rider pairs will work individually with Ms. King for 45-minute segments. **Fee: \$85**
2. **FRI 11/14/08 • 3:30pm–5:00pm • Using Dressage Movements to Improve the Horse Rather than Focusing on the Dressage Movements Themselves**
Ms. King will accept up to two horses and riders for this session. Horses and riders should be schooling or competing at third level or above. Horse and rider pairs will work individually with Ms. King for 45-minute segments. **Fee: \$85**
3. **SAT 11/15/08 • 11:30am–1:00pm • Exercises to Create a More Responsive Dressage Horse: Third Level & Above**
Ms. King will accept up to two horses and riders for this session. Horses and riders should be schooling or competing at third level or above. Horse and rider pairs will work individually with Ms. King for 45-minute segments. **Fee: \$85**
4. **SAT 11/15/08 • 5:30pm–7:00pm • Getting the Most Out of Your Dressage Test: Tips to Help You Showcase Your Horse to Your Best Advantage**
Ms. King will accept up to two horses and riders for this session. Horses and riders should be schooling or competing at third level or above. Horse and rider pairs will work individually with Ms. King for 45-minute segments. **Fee: \$85**

Driving with Craig Kellogg

With your application and clinic fee, please submit a video of you and your horse schooling or competing. Please include a brief description of your and your horse’s driving background as well as any show experience (if applicable).

1. **SAT 11/15/08 • 4:30pm–5:45pm • Starting the Driving Horse: Segueing from Ground Work & Long Lines to Hitching to a Cart or Driving Rig**
Mr. Kellogg is seeking one horse and driver of any driving discipline to help demonstrate the beginning stages of driving. Horse and driver should have some driving experience. Horse should be able to stand quietly. **Fee: \$75**
2. **SUN 11/16/08 • 11:30am–1:00pm • Driving Basics: Essential Techniques for the Elementary Driver**
Mr. Kellogg is seeking one horse and driver of any driving discipline. Any level of driving experience is welcome. Horse should be able to stand quietly. **Fee: \$75**

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Driving with Craig Kellogg (continued)...

3. SUN 11/16/08 • 3:30pm–5:00pm • Tips for Becoming a More Proficient Driver

Mr. Kellogg is seeking one horse and driver of any driving discipline. Any level of driving experience is welcome. Horse should be able to stand quietly. **Fee: \$75**

Easy Gaited Horses with Elizabeth Graves

With your application and clinic fee, please submit a video of you and your horse schooling or competing. Please also include a written description of your and your horse’s training history. For more information about Ms. Graves, visit www.lizgraves.com.

1. THU 11/13/08 • 11:30am–1:00pm • Taking the Mystery Out of Gaits: Learning the Gait Continuum—Which Gaits Are Easy & How They Look, Feel & Sound

Ms. Graves will accept up to five horse and rider combinations. All gaited breeds are welcome. Candidates may be of any level. Horses must be safe under saddle and sound. **Fee: \$60**

2. THU 11/13/08 • 5:30pm–7:00pm • The Hows & Whys of Gaits: Understanding Structure as It Relates to Gaits & Gaited Horse Biomechanics

Ms. Graves will accept up to five horse and rider combinations. All gaited breeds are welcome. Candidates may be of any level. Horses must be safe under saddle and sound. **Fee: \$60**

3. FRI 11/14/08 • 10:00am–11:00am • Dressage for Gaited Horses: Using the Seat, Legs & Hands Effectively in Lateral Work

Ms. Graves will accept up to five horse and rider combinations. All gaited breeds are welcome. Candidates may be of any level. Horses must be safe under saddle and sound. **Fee: \$60**

4. FRI 11/14/08 • 2:00pm–3:15pm • Get Great Straight Gaits: Understanding Straightness & How to Achieve It for Success in All Gaits for Gaited Horses

Ms. Graves will accept up to five horse and rider combinations. All gaited breeds are welcome. Candidates may be of any level. Horses must be safe under saddle and sound. **Fee: \$60**

Eventing with Jan Byyny

With your application and clinic fee, please submit a video of you and your horse schooling or competing. Please also include a written description of your and your horse’s training history. For more information about Ms. Byyny, visit www.surefireeventing.com.

1. FRI 11/14/08 • 1:30pm–3:00pm • Eventing –Title TBA

Ms. Byyny is seeking up to four horses and riders who have competed at Training level or higher. **Fee: \$75**

2. SAT 11/15/08 • 9:30am–11:00pm • Eventing –Title TBA

Ms. Byyny is seeking up to four horses and riders who have competed at Preliminary level or higher and wish to improve their strategy and control over fences. **Fee: \$75**

3. SAT 11/15/08 • 3:00pm–4:30pm • Eventing –Title TBA

Ms. Byyny will accept up to three horses and riders training at Preliminary level or higher. Applicants should be competing successfully and pursuing goals of higher levels of competition. **Fee: \$85**

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General Training with Chris Cox

With your application and clinic fee, please submit a description of your horse’s training to date and why you would like your horse to be included in this clinic. Please include a brief, recent video of your horse in-hand and/or under saddle depending on the nature of the clinic(s) you are applying to. For more information about Mr. Cox, visit www.chris-cox.com.

- 1. THU 11/13/08 • 11:30am–1:00pm • A Simple Straightforward Approach to Starting a Young Horse—A Gentle Start to Last a Lifetime**
Mr. Cox will accept one horse for this clinic. Ideal candidate is a 2-3 yr. old un-broke horse that is halter broke but has never been bitten, saddled, or mounted. All breeds will be considered. **Fee: \$100**
- 2. THU 11/13/08 • 5:15pm–6:45pm • Building the Rider’s Confidence Through Seat Position: Basic Techniques to Safely Build Balance in the Saddle & Gain Control of Your Horse**
Mr. Cox will accept two horse & rider combinations for this clinic. Ideal riders will be dealing with some confidence issues. Riders will work at a walk, trot, and canter and will learn how to ride with a balanced seat and more confidence. All breeds and disciplines will be considered. **Fee: \$85**
- 3. SAT 11/15/08 • 1:15pm–2:45pm • Achieving Natural Headset through Vertical Flexion & Rein Management**
Mr. Cox will accept two horse & rider combinations for this clinic. Horses that throw their heads work best. Ideal candidates are horses that are currently being worked with a tie down. All breeds and disciplines will be considered. **Fee: \$85**
- 4. SUN 11/16/08 • 11:30am–1:00pm • The Leading Edge In Ground Control**
Mr. Cox will accept one horse with which he will work during this session. The ideal horse will be hard to control and have poor ground manners. All breeds and ages will be considered. **Fee: \$100**

General Training with Julie Goodnight

With your application and clinic fee, please submit a video and photograph of your horse as well as a description of your horse’s experience and why you would like to be considered for Ms. Goodnight’s clinic. For more information about Ms. Goodnight, visit www.juliegoodnight.com.

- 1. THU 11/13/08 • 4:00pm–5:30pm • The Natural Ride: Finding Balance & Rhythm with Your Horse—Correcting Common Riding Errors**
Ms. Goodnight is seeking one English or western horse which she will ride during the clinic. She will also accept one English or western horse and rider of any ability level who struggles with position and rhythm when riding. All breeds will be considered. **Fee: \$85**
- 2. FRI 11/14/08 • 5:15pm–6:45pm • The Natural Ride: Using Your Natural Aids in a Connected & Coordinated Fashion to Improve Your Communication & Control from the Saddle**
Ms. Goodnight is seeking one horse which she will ride during the clinic that is a well-trained western horse, preferably a reining or cutting horse. She will also accept one English horse and rider of any level, novice to advanced. All breeds will be considered. **Fee: \$85**
- 3. SAT 11/15/08 • 1:30pm–3:00pm • Canter Departures & Lead Problems: Using Proper Cues to Achieve Smooth Canter/Lope Departures & Correct Leads**
Ms. Goodnight is seeking one horse which she will ride during the clinic that is a well-trained western horse, preferably a reining or cutting horse with good flying lead changes. She will also accept one English or western horse and rider of advanced ability, with difficulty taking its leads correctly. All breeds will be considered. **Fee: \$85**
- 4. SUN 11/16/08 • 9:30am–11:00am • How to Ride School Figures Correctly, Precisely & with Style**
Ms. Goodnight is seeking one well-trained western horse, preferably a reiner, which she will ride during the clinic. She will also accept one English horse and rider of any ability level who struggles with riding ring figures accurately. All breeds will be considered. **Fee: \$85**

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Hunters & Jumpers with Linda Allen

Please submit a video of you and your horse schooling or competing. Along with your application please include a brief written explanation of your goals for you and your horse as a competitive team.

1. **THU 11/13/08 • 9:30am–11:00am • Presenting Your Hunter to Impress the Judge: Tips to Prepare & Ride to Your Best Advantage**
Ms. Allen will accept up to four horse & rider combinations that are competing at 3’0” or above. **Fee: \$75**
2. **THU 11/13/08 • 1:30pm–3:00pm • Starting a Green Horse or Novice Rider Over Fences: Confidence Building Exercises for Jumping**
Ms. Allen will accept up to four horse & rider combinations who are competing at any level. **Fee: \$75**
3. **FRI 11/14/08 • 9:30am–11:00am • Effective Riding of Jumper or “Medal Type” Equitation Courses: Tips for Walking the Course & Navigating the Turns & Riding Bending Lines**
Ms. Allen will accept up to four horse & rider combinations who are competing in equitation or jumpers at the 3’6” level. **Fee: \$75**

Reining with Matt Mills

With your application and clinic fee, please submit a video of you and your horse. Please also include a description of your horse’s training. For more information about Mr. Mills, visit www.mattmillsreining.com.

1. **THU 11/13/08 • 2:30pm–4:00pm • Reining Concepts for the Novice Reiner: Riding Your First Reining Pattern**
Mr. Mills is seeking up to two horse and rider combinations that are at or above an intermediate level of reining. **Fee: \$85**
2. **THU 11/13/08 • 5:30pm–7:00pm • Reining Maneuvers: Tips for Improving Your Circles, Spins, Sliding Stops & Rollbacks**
Mr. Mills is seeking up to two horse and rider combinations that are at or above an intermediate level of reining. **Fee: \$85**

Re-Training the Off-the-Track Thoroughbred with Ryan Gingerich

With your application and clinic fee, please submit a video and photograph of your horse as well as a description of your horse’s experience and why you would like to be considered for Mr. Gingerich’s clinic. For more information about Mr. Gingerich, visit www.connectivehorsemanship.com.

1. **THU 11/13/08 • 1:00pm–2:30pm • Re-Training the Off-the-Track Thoroughbred: Making a Smooth Transition**
Mr. Gingerich is seeking one English or western horse which he will work with during the clinic. Ideal horse should have previous race track experience and be working on transitioning to a new career as a show or pleasure horse. **Fee: \$85**

Western Pleasure with Tim Gillespie

With your application and clinic fee, please submit a video of you and your horse. Please also include a description of your horse’s training. For more information about Mr. Gillespie, visit www.gillespieshowhorses.com.

1. **SAT 11/15/08 • 9:30am–11:00am • Strategies for Working the Western Pleasure Horse at Home & at Shows**
Mr. is seeking up to three horse and rider combinations that have competed at any level of western pleasure. **Fee: \$75**
2. **SAT 11/15/08 • 3:30pm–5:00pm • Techniques for Finishing the Western Pleasure Horse**
Mr. Gillespie is seeking up to three horse and rider combinations that have competed at any level of western pleasure. **Fee: \$75**

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