



**“Ride With The Best” Clinics at Equine Affaire
January 29–February 1, 2009
Fairplex • Pomona, CA**

Many of the clinicians who will be featured at the 2009 Equine Affaire will be accepting horses and riders for some or all of their sessions. Enclosed is a list of the clinic sessions for which riders may apply. 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).

Applicants will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. To ensure that you are considered for a clinic, your application must be received no later than December 8, 2008. **Please send your application materials 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 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/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. Additional nights of stabling can 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 may discount the clinic fees by 50%, but they will not receive complimentary admission or stabling.
3. **To be considered to ride or drive 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 standard DVD or 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. We are unable to guarantee that your submission will be sent back to you. 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 Fairplex are expected to be free of illness and infectious disease.**
Any horse transported to the show from outside of the State of California must be accompanied by:
 - a negative test result for equine infectious anemia (Coggins Test) dated within six (6) months of January 29, 2009
 - a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health papers) dated within 30 days of January 29, 2009; health papers must include the following statement regarding Vesicular Stomatitis: "The animals represented on this health certificate of veterinary inspection have not originated from a premises or area under quarantine for vesicular stomatitis (VS) or a premises on which VS has been diagnosed in the past 30 days. I have examined the animals and have found no signs of VS." (For information about Vesicular Stomatitis, please visit: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/nahss/equine/vsv/index.htm>.)

“Ride with the Best” Clinic Sessions

All clinics include 24 hours of stabling unless otherwise noted.

Barrel Racing & Pole Bending with Marlene McRae

With your application and clinic fee, please submit a video of you schooling and/or competing as well as 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. McRae, visit www.marlenemcrae.com.

1. THU 1/29/09 • 9:30am–11:00am • Barrel Racing: Horsemanship for Speedsters— Establishing the Important Fundamentals for Horses Used in Speed Events

Ms. McRae will accept up to four horse and rider combinations for this clinic. Horses and riders should have little to no barrel racing experience. Horses should be less than six years of age. **Fee: \$75**

2. THU 1/29/09 • 1:00pm–2:30pm • Barrel Racing: Exercises for Improving Your Barrel Horse's Performance

Ms. McRae will accept up to four horse and rider combinations for this clinic. Horses and riders should have intermediate or advanced barrel racing experience. Horses may be of any age. **Fee: \$75**

3. FRI 1/30/09 • 9:30am–11:00am • Pole Bending: Practice Makes Perfect—Confirming Your Relationship with Your Horse & Increase Your Speed

Ms. McRae will accept up to four horse and rider combinations for this clinic. Ms. McRae would like two horses that do not have any pole bending experience and two horses that are seasoned—one of which is a finished pole bending horse. **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 showing your horse schooling or competing should be included. For more information about Ms. Snyder-Smith, visit www.donnasnydersmith.com.

1. SAT 1/31/09 • 3:00pm–4:30pm • Centered Riding: Improving Straightness & Balance in Both Horse & Rider

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 2/1/09 • 11:00am–12:30pm • Centered Riding®: Basic Rein Effects—Understanding the Biomechanical Effects of Different Bits and Rider Hand Positions

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: \$55**

Distance Riding® with Donna Snyder-Smith

1. SUN 2/1/09 • 2:30pm–3:30pm • Distance Competition Clinic: Balance Equals Energy - Five Arena Exercises to Help Improve Carriage & Balance in Trail & Competitive Distance Horses

Ms. Snyder-Smith will accept up to six horse and rider combinations. Ideal candidates will be involved with endurance and/or competitive trail riding at any level. **Fee: \$65**

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Donkeys & Mules with Steve Edwards

With your application and clinic fee, please submit a detailed description of your donkey or mule’s training to date and why you would like to be included in this clinic. Please include a brief, recent video of you with your donkey or mule under saddle. For more information about Mr. Edwards visit www.muleranch.com.

- 1. FRI 1/30/09 • 1:00pm–2:15pm • Trail Riding Your Donkey or Mule with Confidence: Building Your Donkey or Mule’s Trail Skills**
Mr. Edwards will accept up to one donkey and rider and one mule and rider for this session. Participants may be of any level of training. Ideal donkey/mule candidates will be at least three years of age. This clinic will utilize foundation training for donkeys/mules which will help riders better communicate with their equines on the trail. **Fee: \$75**
- 2. FRI 1/30/09 • 4:30pm–6:00pm • The Art of Communicating with Donkeys & Mules: Using Voice, Hands, Legs & Seat to “Ask, Tell, or Make”**
Mr. Edwards will accept up to one donkey and rider and one mule and rider for this session. Participants may be of any level of training. Ideal donkey/mule candidates will be at least three years of age. This clinic will utilize foundation training for donkeys/mules which will help riders better communicate with their equines. **Fee: \$75**
- 3. SAT 1/31/09 • 6:00pm–7:00pm • Why Does Your Donkey or Mule Do That?: Understanding Donkey & Mule Behavior & Thought Processes**
Mr. Edwards will accept up to one donkey and rider and one mule and rider for this session. Participants may be of any level of training. Ideal donkey/mule candidates will be at least three years of age. This clinic will utilize foundation training for donkeys/mules which will help riders better communicate with their equines. **Fee: \$75**

Driving with Diane Kastama

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.

- 1. SUN 2/01/09 • 9:30am–11:00am • Combined Driving: How to Walk a Hazard & Plan Routes for Different Turnouts**
Ms. Kastama is seeking up to three horse and driver combinations to help demonstrate the process of negotiating a hazard. Minis, singles, pairs, and tandems are welcome to apply. Horse and driver should have some driving experience. Horse(s) should be able to stand quietly. **Fee: \$75**
- 2. SUN 2/01/09 • 3:30pm–5:00pm • Driven Dressage: How to Drive a Dressage Test with Precision & Accuracy**
Ms. Kastama is seeking up to three horse and driver combinations to help demonstrate a dressage test. 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. Owners of any easy gaited breed including, but not limited to, Missouri Fox Trotters, Tennessee Walking Horses, Mountain Horses, Racking Horses, Spotted Saddle Horses, etc. are invited to apply. For more information about Ms. Graves, visit www.lizgraves.com.

- 1. SAT 1/31/09 • 11:15am–12:45pm • 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: \$65**
- 2. SAT 1/31/09 • 6:00pm–7:30pm • 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: \$65**

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General Training with Craig Cameron

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 under saddle. For more information about Mr. Cameron, visit www.craigcameron.com.

- 1. THU 1/29/09 • 12:45pm–2:15pm • Problem Solving: Slowing Down the Quick or “Chargy” Horse**
Mr. Cameron will accept one horse for this clinic. Ideal candidate is a horse that is quick or rushes under saddle. The rider should have difficulty slowing the horse down when riding. All breeds will be considered. **Fee: \$125**
- 2. FRI 1/30/09 • 9:30am–11:00pm • Using the Horse’s Flexibility to Develop Your Reining Techniques**
Mr. Cameron will accept one well trained reining horse for him to ride during this clinic. The ideal horse will have shown in reining competitions. **Fee: \$85**
- 3. FRI 1/30/09 • 3:00pm–4:30pm • Hobble Training for Safety & Obedience**
Mr. Cameron will accept one horse for this clinic. The ideal candidate is a horse that has never been hobbled in the past. Horses of any age, breed, and discipline will be considered. **Fee: \$100**
- 4. SAT 1/31/08 • 2:45pm–4:15pm • Preparing Your Horse to Negotiate Extreme Obstacles**
Mr. Cameron will accept one horse for him to ride as well as two horse and rider combinations for this clinic. The ideal candidates will be interested in improving their ranch work and obstacle skills. **Fee: \$85**

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) for which you are applying. For more information about Mr. Cox, visit www.chris-cox.com.

- 1. FRI 1/30/09 • 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 bitted, saddled, or mounted. All breeds will be considered. **Fee: \$125**
- 2. SAT 1/31/09 • 11:30am–12:45pm • Achieving Natural Headset through Vertical Flexion & Rein Management**
Mr. Cox will accept two horse & rider combinations for this clinic. Horses that throw their heads, brace against or run through the bit work best. Ideal candidates are horses that are currently being worked with a tie down or draw reins. All breeds and disciplines will be considered. **Fee: \$85**
- 3. SUN 2/1/09 • 11:30am–1:00pm • 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 as a result of a fall, injury, or past bad experience. Riders will work at a walk, trot, and canter and will learn how to ride with a balanced seat and more confidence in a round pen. All breeds and disciplines will be considered. **Fee: \$85**

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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. **All videos for Julie Goodnight must be on a disk and viewable via DVD player or computer.**

- 1. THU 1/29/09 • 9:30am–11:00am • 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. THU 1/29/09 • 2:30pm–4:00pm • 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**
- 3. FRI 1/30/09 • 1:15pm–2:45pm • 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**
- 4. SAT 1/30/09 • 4:30pm–5:45pm • 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**

General Training with Mark Rashid

With your application and clinic fee, please submit a video of you and your horse. Please include a detailed description of your horse's experience and why you would like it to be considered for Mr. Rashid's clinics. For more information about Mr. Rashid, consult www.markrashid.com.

- 1. THU • 01/29/09 • 11:00am- 12:30pm • Learning & Understanding How to Sit the Trot**
Mr. Rashid will accept up to three horses and riders for this clinic. The ideal participants will be beginner to intermediate level horses and riders. **Fee: \$75**
- 2. THU • 01/29/09 • 4:15pm- 5:45pm • Troubleshooting: Pinpointing & Solving Problem Behavior**
Mr. Rashid will accept up to three horses and riders for this clinic. The ideal participants will demonstrate some type of problem behavior, either on the ground or under saddle. **Fee: \$75**
- 3. FRI • 01/30/09 • 12:45pm- 2:15pm • Developing & Understanding the Role of Collection in Everyday Training**
Mr. Rashid will accept up to three horses and riders for this clinic. The ideal participants will be intermediate to advanced horses and riders with a desire to improve their collection work in daily training. **Fee: \$75**
- 4. SAT • 01/31/08 • 4:30pm- 6:00pm • Achieving Effortless Transitions: Understanding the Correct Aids**
Mr. Rashid will accept up to three horses for this clinic. The ideal participants will be intermediate to advanced horses and riders. **Fee: \$75**

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Hunter/Jumper Training with Liz Denny

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. For more information about Liz Denny, consult: <http://lizdennyshowstables.com>

- 1. SAT • 1/31/09 • 9:30am –11:00am • Applying Hunter Equitation to Riding Jumpers: The Importance of Form to Function**
Ms. Denny will accept up to four horses and riders for this clinic. The ideal participants will have hunt seat background and also be doing some jumpers. Horses and riders must be competent jumping 3’3” - 3’6”. **Fee: \$75**
- 2. SAT • 1/31/09 • 1:00pm–2:30pm • Schooling Exercises for Jumpers: Improving Your Jumper’s Performance with Useful Gymnastics**
Ms. Denny will accept up to four horses and riders for this clinic. The ideal participants will have solid background in jumpers and be competent jumping 3’6” - 3’9”. **Fee: \$75**

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