



# LCHA Roundup

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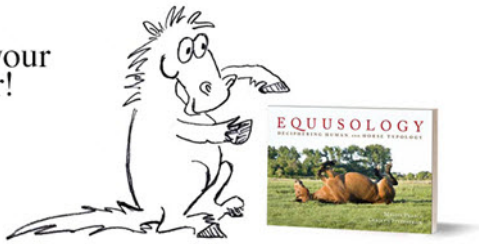
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**Bring yourself even if you don't bring your horse. This program is well worth your time.**

## Get To Know Your Horse Better

Ever thought to yourself; "Why does my horse act like that?" or "I wonder how my horse is going to react to ....."

Get to know your horse better!



We all have a basic understanding of the language of horses, especially if we have the chance to watch them interact with one another at liberty. And if you have been around more than two horses, you already understand that no two horses are alike: they each have individual likes and dislikes; can be "hot" or mild-mannered. Each horse (and human) has their own personality, things they are good at and things they enjoy, and they certainly do not react the same way to new stimuli.

What if you knew your horse's personality and temperament? Could your life be easier or safer? How nice would it be to find the correct horse for you the first time? Come out to LCHA's May Educational meeting and learn all about your horse's typology.

This demonstration is designed to be an interactive experience ~ a fun and exciting (and maybe new?) way to get to know more about your horse ~ and ways to establish a stronger partnership between the two of you. Understanding your horse's personality and temperament is helpful to interpret your horse's communication.

*See "For Real?" on page 1*

### *For Real?*

Is this for real? Yes, they even wrote a book about it! **Equusology: Deciphering Human and Horse Typology**, the art of human-equine relationship.



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Note



## PLEASE NOTE:

(1) We have room/time for four horses to participate in exercises "in-hand." Please let me know if you are interested in bringing your horse – limited to four.

(2) May LCHA Education meeting moves to

**Saturday, May 4th**

**9:30 - 12:30**

**Please bring a lunch and hang out after the demo if you like.**

(3) It will be held at Annette's

**Dragonfly Farm in Platteville.**

**15575 County Rd 25,**

**Platteville, CO (20 minutes south of Greeley off Highway 85)**

(4) Please RSVP so we can make a packet for you.

Annette Price and Brenda Moberly are trained Certified Equusology Trainers; trained with the authors of the book ***Equusology***, by Melisa Pearce and Carolyn Fitzpatrick.

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Article by Annette Price

*See "Still Need" on page 2*

Still Need

## Editor's Note:

We still need 1 more horse to participate in this program. Contact Annette at 970-785-9090 if you will bring a horse (and yourself, of course).

**Remember: Bring yourself even if you don't bring your horse. This program is well worth your time.**

## Don't Miss Out

This is a fun, but serious, opportunity to learn and have fun at the same time. Speaking as one who attended this program last year, it is a great time to watch, learn, and analyze together with our friends and colleagues among horse owners.

## Calendar of Events May and June



### May

#### **SATURDAY, MAY 4 – Educational Meeting, *Equusology***

Annette Price  
Dragon Fly Farm, Platteville

What if you knew your horse's personality and temperament? Could your life be easier or safer? How nice would it be to find the correct horse for you the first time? Come learn more at the May educational meeting at Dragonfly Ranch.

See the article "Get To Know Your Horse Better" in this issue.

*See "Bobcat" on page 3*

*Bobcat*

**FRIDAY, MAY 10 – Trail Ride, Bobcat Ridge Natural Area**

**Details:**

Arrive 10:00 AM,  
Ready to Ride 10:30 AM  
Walk/Trot/Gait  
Bring lunch



Bobcat Ridge Natural Area continues to be a favorite area for riding, with its variety of trails, scenes, and beauty. The mostly packed earth trails sometimes include bridges or water crossings, and meander across open grasslands or through trees. Come see this natural area in the Spring.

Contact Susan Kurzweil at 970-619-0966

**SUNDAY, MAY 26 – Trail Ride, Sundance Trail Guest Ranch**

**Details:**

Arrive 10:30 AM, Ride 11:00 AM  
Walk/Trot/Gait  
Sundance serves lunch

On May 26 (Sunday), we have the privilege of riding on this beautiful property and the national forest land it adjoins. Ride through open space grasslands and wooded trails of Arapahoe National Forest, occasionally catching glimpses of the snow-capped mountains to the west. Perhaps you will see deer or bear or smaller wildlife as you follow the winding, up and down trail..

*See "Sundance" on page 4*

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If you have ideas, comments, or questions about LCHA, horses, the horse industry in Larimer County, or this newsletter, send them to the editor.



*Sundance***Details**

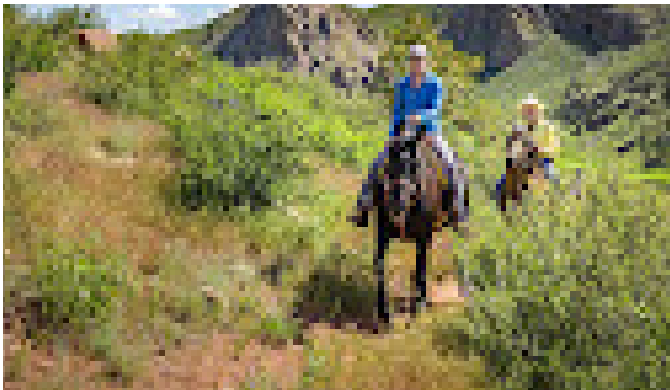
Sundance Trail Guest Ranch  
 Sunday, May 28 (Memorial Day)  
 Arrive at 10:30 AM  
 Be ready to ride at 11:00 AM

See the article, "Trail Ride at Sundance," in this issue.

Contact Bonnie May at 970-217-1113

**June****FRIDAY, JUNE 7 – Trail Ride, Eagles' Nest Open Space, Livermore**

Arrive 10:00 AM, Ride 10:30 AM  
 Walk/Trot/Gait  
 Bring lunch



Contact Karen Finfer at 303-928-9973

See "Eagles Nest" on page 4

*Eagles Nest***SATURDAY, JUNE 15 – AM Clinic, Saddling and Bridling Safely, Including Saddle Fit Ravens' Roost Ranch, Wellington**

Arrive 9:30 AM, clinic starts at 10:00 AM  
 Bring horse and tack  
 Clinician: Joe Andrews

For more information, see the article "June 15" in this issue.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15 – PM lunch and meeting Potluck Lunch after clinic - 1:00 PM Annual Meeting after lunch Ravens' Roost Ranch, Wellington**

Contact Susan Kurzweil at 970-619-0966 or Bonnie Templeton at 970-622-0982 for clinic, lunch, annual meeting, or all three.

Rain date for lunch and annual meeting Saturday, June 22.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 21 – Trail Ride, Ramsay-Shockey Open Space**

Arrive 10:00 AM, ride 10:30 AM.  
 Walk/Trot/Gait  
 Bring lunch



Limited Parking, Trailer pooling recommended

Contact Susan Kurzweil at 970-619-0966

**SATURDAY, JUNE 29 – Trail Stewardship, Lion Gulch Trail, near Estes Park**

Arrive 8:30 AM, start at 9:00 AM

We provide tools. Bring lunch.

Contact Hugh Templeton at 970-800-1750

See "Chicken Fried Trail Ride" on page 5

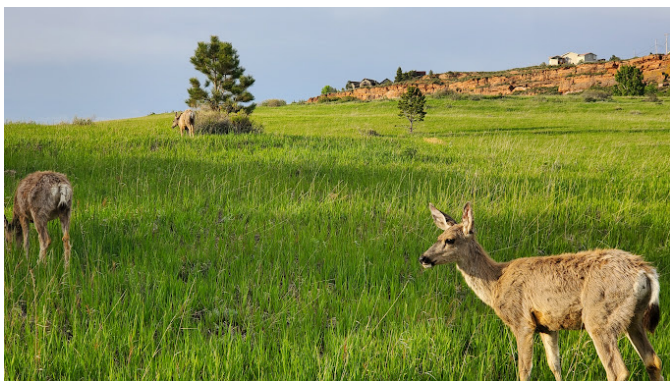
### *Chicken Fried Trail Ride*

#### **SUNDAY. JUNE 30 – Chicken Fried Trail Ride, Soderberg Trail Head**

Arrive 4:00 PM, Ride 4:30 PM.

Walk/Trot/Gait

Fried chicken provided, bring potluck sides.



Contact Susan Kurzweil at 970-619-0966

### *Ride with Friends*

And what better way to ride in such a wonderful setting than to ride with friends:

#### **Sundance Trail Guest Ranch**

**Sunday, May 26**

**Arrive at 10:30 AM**

**Be ready to ride at 11:00 AM**

## **Riding**



You can ride your own horse;; shoes or hoof boots recommended.

Or you can ride a Sundance Trail horse. Their horses are very well trained, and they know how to take care of all levels of riders. If you want to ride a Sundance Trail horse, please sign up for the ride at least two weeks before the ride: Monday, May 13.

## **Ride Sundance Trail - 2024**



Sundance Trail Ranch sign visible from CR 74E - Red Feather Lakes Road

If you have not ridden at Sundance Trail Guest Ranch, you have missed a fabulous ride. If you have ridden there before, you will agree that it is a splendid place to ride.

*See "Ride with Friends" on page 5*

## **Sundance Waiver**

If you would like to ride a Sundance Trail horse, the ranch has the following request:

**"Here is our riding profile and waiver form: <https://www.sundancetrail.com/waiver/> We are requesting guests to complete it before arrival. This helps us to pick the right horse for you."** (Copy this link into your browser.)

No matter whose horse you ride, the ride will be approximately 2 hours. After the ride we will meet up for lunch: Sundance Ranch will serve a delicious lunch.

*See "Costs" on page 6*

*Costs***Costs**

Ride your own horse	Bring your own lunch	\$12 trail access fee
Ride your own horse	Buy a Sundance lunch -- \$12	Total \$24
If you ride a Sundance horse	\$55 to ride the Sundance horse + \$12 to buy Sundance lunch	Total \$67

You can ride and have a Sundance lunch, or ride and bring your own lunch. You can also join us for lunch without riding.

Any way you choose to come, it is well worth it.

**Sign Up**

The LCHA contact person for this ride is Bonnie May (970-217-1113). **Be sure to sign up at least two weeks before the ride; that is, sign up no later than Monday, May 13.**

Why? 2 Reasons”

- Sundance Trail needs to know in advance how many horses to have available. They also need to know in advance how many lunches to fix, and if anyone has a dietary need; for example, gluten free.
- LCHA needs to know who plans to come so that, in case of dire circumstances that requires us to cancel the ride, we can inform all those who signed up before they drive to Sundance Trail.

**Directions to Sundance Trail Guest Ranch**

- Take I-25 to Exit #269 (Route 14).
- Go west on Rt 14 into Ft. Collins until it feeds into Route 287 North.
- North on Route 287 about 20 miles to County Road 74E – Red Feather Lakes Road.
- Turn left at the Forks onto County Rd 74e – Red Feather Lakes Road. (Landmarks are the Livermore Post Office and what used to be the Forks Restaurant)

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*Gate*

- Drive 17.8 miles. Our sign and gate are on the left hand side.
- Our gate is kept closed for the horses. Come on in, and please close the gate behind you!

When you arrive, come through the red gate. (Please close the gate behind you.) Follow the sign pointing left to the lodge.

**Time To Renew Membership**

**Our Membership Year Starts on June 1 and goes to May 31.**

**Already a Member? We Want You Back**

And it is time for renewal.

Yes, it's true for the Larimer County Horseman's Association (LCHA).



The LCHA membership year runs from June 1 to May 31. Therefore, your dues cover the period from June 1 through May 31. Since many organizational years coincide with the calendar year, we tend to forget that the LCHA year differs. We also forget to renew our membership in May or June.

That is why LCHA sends a post card to members reminding them to renew their membership and continue to enjoy the many benefits of LCHA membership. Check out the list below.

You don't really want to miss all the benefits of membership, do you? We don't want you miss them, either. We want you back. Renew your membership.

*See “Special Note” on page 7*



## Special Note

You can pay your renewal dues online with your credit card. See the article *Option to Pay Membership Online* in this issue.

## New Members



What a great time to recruit some new members. I'm sure most of us know folks who have horses, and who are not yet LCHA members. Why not ask them to join us? After all, LCHA offers a lot of benefits to members:

- Network with Horse People!
- Trail Rides (geared toward all levels of riders)
- Annual Picnic, Parades, Play

Day, Camp Out, Christmas Party, Christmas Caroling on Horseback!

- Programs, Seminars, Training Activities
- Monthly Newsletter, "The LCHA Roundup," Online or in print
- Discounts with local businesses (see the Business Members list on the web site)
- Exposure for Business Members
- Trail Maintenance. Provide good stewardship of the trails we ride.
- Large Animal Emergency Evacuation Team.
- Temporary Shelter.

Note: For both the emergency evacuation team and the temporary shelter program, LCHA works with Northern Colorado Back Country Horsemen.

You can take this list with you or add some positive points. Let folks know what you like about LCHA, and tell of a great experience you have had with us. Remember, it is only \$24 per year for an individual or \$36 per year for a family – well worth it for anyone.

Ask your friends. Ask your neighbors. Ask anyone.

Let's get some new members.

See "Business Members" on page 7

## Business Members

There is an exception. LCHA is, as officially formed, a 501C3 business. When dealing with business members, we will no longer send a post card reminder. Instead, we will send an invoice (many businesses respond only to invoices) so that both LCHA and its business members can maintain records of the transaction.

## Renewing Membership

The LCHA membership year runs from June 1 to May 31. **It is time to renew your membership for the 2023-2024 membership year**

## Payment Options

Members have options for paying membership dues:

### Pay by Check

- Download and print the form from the LCHA web site at [www.larimerhorseman.org](http://www.larimerhorseman.org)
- Write your check.
- Send your check (for the amount listed on the form) with a membership form (A.K.A. "application form") to LCHA, P.O. Box 270375, Fort Collins, CO. 80527-0375 You can also bring your check to a meeting or the annual picnic or give it to a Board member.

### Pay Online

- Go to the LCHA web site at [www.larimerhorseman.org](http://www.larimerhorseman.org)
- Click **JOIN** (on the top of the page)
- Then click **PAY ONLINE**
- Click **Tickets**
- Fill out the information form and click complete order

See "Questions Button" on page 8

*Questions Button*

- You will see a button for additional questions. Please click the button and answer the questions so that we have complete information for your membership.

LCHA does not have the capability to process payments and provide security for your credit information. A third party company provides that service, for which it will add a small service charge. If you want to avoid the service charge, you can still pay by check or cash.

But don't forget. **We want you back.**

## June 15: Three Important Events

### First Event: Clinic – Saddle Fit and Bridling

#### **Come. See. Learn. Enjoy**

We have all seen it. White spots or dry spots under the saddle. Horse crankiness. Back pain. or several other signs that the saddle does not fit the horse.

**EVERYBODY THINKS “MY SADDLE IS JUST FINE.” REALLY? IS IT? HOW WELL DOES YOUR SADDLE FIT YOUR HORSE?**

Be certain that your saddle is a good fit, and that your horse is comfortable and relaxed while you ride. Learn how to identify signs of a poor fitting saddle.

#### **Saddle Fit**

In this clinic, a professional will show how to have a good look at your saddle and horse. He will show a good way to saddle your horse for its maximum comfort and your safety. He will also talk about the bit you use and how to use it, again for comfort and safety.

*See “Participate or Audit” on page 8*

*Participate or Audit*

**You Can Participate** – bring your horse, blanket, saddle, and bridle. To sign up, contact Bonnie Templeton at 970-622-0982 or Susan Kurzweil at 970-669-0966.

**Or Audit** – come to gain some great information.

#### **Details**

10:00 AM to Noon

Our speaker is Joe Andrews.

Donation for participating with horses– \$15. We divide the donations into three parts: \$5 to the presenter, \$5 to our gracious hosts for their expenses, and \$5 to LCHA.

You may audit this clinic for free.

The location is Ravens' Roost Ranch, 16687 N County Road 9, Wellington, CO.

### Second Event: Potluck Lunch

#### **Eat. Enjoy. Have a good time.**

Yes, a potluck lunch. Some of the best food is part of potluck meals. The club provides the meat and members bring side dishes and desserts. This year Gary Sibert is cooking barbequed ribs.

So enjoy.

Oh, and by the way, there will be some spectacular desserts.

*See “Special Desserts” on page 9*



*Special Desserts***Special Desserts  
and Silent Dessert Auction**

*Brownies, pies, cookies, and more -- some of the best homemade desserts you can dream of.*

One of the new ideas we are trying this year is to turn the dessert table into a mini-fund-raiser by having a **Dessert Silent Auction**.

We are asking members to bring their special desserts for the dessert table. Each dessert will have a sheet of paper beside it with the name and description of the dessert and a starting bid.

Bidders can then write their bid for the dessert on the paper. At the conclusion of lunch, we will announce the winners. The winner of each dessert has the choice to take the dessert home or to share it with the assembled membership.

**Details**

1:00 PM to 2 PM

Sign up and let us know what you'd like to bring for the potluck. We need to know how much meat to cook. To sign up, contact Bonnie Templeton at 97-622-0982 or Susan Kurzweil at 970- 669-0966.

LCHA will bring non-alcoholic and adult beverages. LCHA will also provide plates, cups, and utensils.

*See "Third Event" on page 9*

*Third Event***Third Event: Annual Meeting**

**Attend. Discuss. Vote.**



Yes, we have an annual meeting. Yes, we need to elect our Board of Directors for 2024-2025. And yes, attendees will

- Hear about a budget for 2024-2025
- Hear about a fund-raiser on July 17 that should be really fun
- Talk about other suggestions from last Fall's survey
- Suggest topics/information for educational programs, and different locations for some educational meetings

LCHA needs your input, and your help in implementing new ideas and supporting different programs.

**Details**

Meeting starts immediately after dessert – around 2:00 PM,

The location is still at Ravens' Roost Ranch, 16687 N County Road 9, Wellington, CO.

Editor's Note: You can attend one, two, or all three events. If you want to attend the saddle fit clinic, or the Potluck lunch, sign up with Bonnie Templeton at 970-622-0982 or Susan Kurzweil at 970-669-0966.

## 2024 Ballot

The LCHA Bylaws require that we hold an Election of Officers at the Annual Meeting. This year the election is on June 15. As Vice President, it is my job to create the ballot.

The way the election works is that we directly elect 4 offices: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. All other board members that we elect are Members-At-Large of the Board of Directors.

I will be creating a ballot that will show the nominees for officer positions. There can only be 1 winner for the President, VP, Secretary, or Treasurer positions, and it looks like we will have a choice to make there.

There can be as many as 16 Members-At-Large, so those are not contended positions.

I will be sending the ballot out before the meeting, but we will also take nominations from the floor.

It is important that you vote. Why? We have come up with some new ideas and events to try this year. In order for LCHA to continue to grow and try new things, we need to have people willing to work on these ideas..



By the way, if you want to vote but absolutely can't attend the meeting, you can vote by proxy. How? According to our Bylaws:

"At any meeting of members, a member entitled to vote may vote by proxy.

- The proxy must be in writing.
- The member or his duly authorized attorney-in-fact must write, date, and sign the proxy. No proxy shall be valid after the meeting for which it was executed."

So, write that you want Joe Friend to be your proxy when voting, date it, sign it, and give it to the Secretary at the meeting BEFORE we vote. It goes without saying (but I am going to say it anyway) be sure you give your proxy to someone who will vote as you want them to vote.

Many hands make light work. We need more people – more hands. If you are willing to serve, or wish to

nominate someone else, please contact Bonnie Templeton, templetb@gmail.com, 970-622-0982.

The Board meets once a month, often by Zoom. We usually meet in the evening of the second Tuesday of the month.

LCHA has been making a difference for more than 50 years. You can help keep it going.

## Exciting and New for 2024 Save the Date!

**What:** A Judged Obstacle Trail Challenge consisting of an in-hand event (leading your horse) in the arena and an in-saddle event outside the arena. You can chose to enter the in-hand event of 8 obstacles, the in-saddle (riding) event (with 8 other obstacles), or both events. You can also choose to take the novice, intermediate, or advanced path over each obstacle. Do one event or both – whatever is fun and comfortable.

**When:** July 27th 2024.

**Where:** Raven's Roost Ranch, Wellington, Co.

**Why:** Fund Raising Event for LCHA.

**Who:** LCHA and horse-loving public.

**What's needed now:** Volunteers to make this event fun, a time to learn, and a fundraising success.

If you can help, please contact Sherry V. at 517.852.3458 or at sherryevaughn@outlook.com. We need help organizing: directing parking, registering folks and horses, judging, with lunch, and other details.

## Why Trail Work?

There are several reasons for equestrians to build or maintain trails:

- It is the right, responsible thing to do.
- We ride the trails. We want to continue enjoying the outdoors while traversing through nature. Life is richer through experiencing trails.
- As trail users, we need to help keep these pathways through nature safe and fun, not only for us but also for generations to follow. We do it by building the next trails, or by maintaining trails, some of which were built a long time ago.
- Local and national agencies have provided any miles of trails in this area, keeping them available for horseback riders like us. We need to support these agencies by doing our fair share of the work to maintain the trails. Both county and Forest Service are short of staff to provide the attention trails need: Our trail work supplements theirs.
- It takes us only a small time commitment: 3 days out of 365 days of a year. (one day per month in each of the summer months).

## Why Lion Gulch?



*The first bridge is for hikers. Don't worry, horses cross the river in a nearby ford.*

*See "Why Lion Gulch" on page 11*

### *Why Lion Gulch*

**First:** It is a good trail to ride. It is mostly packed earth with some sections of rock (shoes or boots recommended). It includes some water crossings – the first is a ford of the river and the others are crossings of a small stream – and two wood bridges. Also, at nearly 7000 feet elevation, it tends to remain about 10 degrees cooler than at lower elevation.

Some short, steep grades and some switchbacks, also add a little fun to the ride.

**Second:** It is beautiful and usually peaceful. It is extremely rare to encounter mountain bikers on this trail.

**Third:** It is, as already mentioned, an historic trail to Homestead Meadows. On the trail and in the meadows, you can imagine what life was like in the late 1800s and early 1900s. You can feel the history.

**Fourth:** LCHA adopted this trail more than 25 years ago, and has performed maintenance on it nearly continuously since then. We maintain it to keep it safe and sustainable for people, wildlife, and habitats.

However, LCHA and the USDA Forest Service have found sections of the trail that are very challenging, or not safe. This summer, we will work with other organizations to make this trail safe and easier to ride or hike. We want to make it enjoyable and beautiful once again. So we will have 3 days of trail work on Lion Gulch: June 29, July 13, and August 3.

## Our First 2024 Trail Work Day -- Saturday, June 29

**Time** -- Arrive at 8:30 AM

**Work Day** -- We will work until 2:30 PM or 3:00 PM, depending on when we complete the task at hand.

Note: the approach of a thunderstorm signals the end of the work day.

**Wear** -- Good work shoes or boots (no open-toed foot wear), seasonal clothing, gloves.

Note: The USDA Forest Service requires that we wear safety hats: LCHA provides safety hats for up to 12 people.

**Bring** -- Water, your lunch, rain gear, snack food (if desired) for breaks, insect repellent, sunscreen,

**What not to bring** -- tools (LCHA provides the tools), pets, any alcohol beverage.

*See "Need More People" on page 12*



### *Need More People*

LCHA would like to see more members come out and help with trail maintenance. The more people power we have, the more we can get done.

Are you a new member (within the previous 2 or 3 years)? Come on out and give it a try. There's no need to be strong, fast, or experienced to come and help out. We receive training while on the trail.

SO, please join us for the trail maintenance on June 29. RSVP to me at 970-622-0982 or [hughtmpltn@gmail.com](mailto:hughtmpltn@gmail.com). We would really, really, appreciate your help. Find out what trail stewardship is all about, and learn more about the LCHA mission: **Promote the welfare, use, and enjoyment of horses through advocacy, community, and education.**

For more information, please feel free to e-mail or call me.

See you on the trail.

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## Sign Up for Your Event

**Please! Please! Please! Sign up for events in advance (especially events that involve riding):**

- For any weekend ride, sign up by the end of Thursday before the ride.
- For any week day ride, sign up at least two days in advance.
- For some events, earlier sign-up may be required.

## Why?

If we need to cancel an event, your ride leader can get in touch with you to let you know before you drive to the location. You won't use gasoline or time waiting for an event that isn't going to happen. Also, your event leader needs to know if anyone is coming: If no one signs up, the leader may cancel or reschedule the event.

And, if you have any special concerns or circumstances (for example, it is your horse's first ride with a group), your leader can plan to deal with the situation in the best possible way.



**No matter how you do it, sign up**

## What's the Deal with "Limit"?

Wilderness areas, properties owned by the city of Fort Collins, and Red Mountain Open Space have a "12-heartbeat rule": a group cannot include more than 12 heartbeats when using trails in these areas.

When riding our horses, the rule limits our groups to 6 riders (plus 6 horses with hearts) to meet the 12-heartbeat rule. However, if we have significantly more than 6 riders who want to ride, we can split them into 2 or more groups, each group including 6 riders (1 ride leader plus 5 others).

The second group must leave the trail head 20 to 25 minutes after the first so that they do not merge with the first group.

When "Limit" is 4 horse trailers, it means that the parking space can hold only 4 horse trailers (tightly packed). However, we encourage "trailer pooling" if more than 4 people want to go on the ride. Actually, we encourage "trailer pooling" for any ride. The benefits are obvious.

For all rides except the Christmas Caroling on Horseback, bring your lunch (unless your ride leader tells you otherwise). You will have lunch somewhere on the trail.

*See "Educational Programs" on page 14*

## *Educational Programs*

### LCHA Educational Programs

LCHA offers a program meeting on the First Thursday of each month, except June, July, August, and December. Occasionally, program meetings occur on different days, at different times, and at different locations. All members are invited, and the public is invited, to any program meeting. We meet at the McKee 4H Building at The Ranch.

Programs involve in-person meetings. We also try to present the programs in Zoom, but cannot guarantee that viewers will see items shown by a presenters: we recommend attending these programs in person,

Program meetings typically run from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Before each educational meeting the LCHA newsletter, *LCHA Roundup*, will publish program details.

### LCHA Board Of Directors Meetings

The Larimer County Horseman's Association Board of Directors meets on the second Tuesday of every month, except December. The 2023 Annual meeting was on June 17. All Board meetings are open to all LCHA members and to the public.





## JUDGED OBSTACLE TRAIL CHALLENGE

LARIMER COUNTY HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION AT RAVEN'S ROOST RANCH, WELLINGTON

**SATURDAY JULY 27, 2024**

**About the Venue:** Raven's Roost Ranch is conveniently located right off I-25 at 16687 North County Road 9, Wellington, Colorado, with gorgeous views of the mountains. Ample trailer parking. Plan for great fun!

**Event Details:** One day of obstacle challenges. In-Saddle first, then In-Hand/In-Saddle combo, then In-Hand.

**In-Saddle Obstacle Course:** a mounted event in the riding ring and fields. A saddle and headstall with reins are required. All riding disciplines are welcome.

**In-Hand:** A dismounted event in the arena. Halter and lead rope preferred. All equines welcome-any size, breed, and age.

**The Terrain:** A little bit of everything-arena sand, gravel driveway, prairie grass with small prickly pears. Protect those feet.

**Meals:** Breakfast and lunch items for purchase (Cash/check only). Available at your leisure.

**Awards:** Beautiful ribbons 1-6 place for Novice, Intermediate, Advanced.

**What to bring:** Sense of fun, water, sun protection, riding helmets, chairs. Spectators welcome.

**What to leave at home:** pets, liquor, firearms, cigarettes, tie-downs, martingales.

**Directions:** I-25 Owl Canyon Road exit to County Rd 9. North on County Rd 9, then 5 miles to 16687 North County Rd 9. West side of Road with LCHA signs at driveway. Buckeye Exit alternate route if construction.

**TO REGISTER:** [Larimer County Horseman's Association \(larimerhorseman.org\)](http://larimerhorseman.org)

### Agenda

8:30 AM Mountain Time: Participant Check-in (Check-In closes at 11 AM)

9:00 AM Mountain Time: In-Saddle Riders Begin, followed by In-Hand/In-Saddle combo.

9:30 AM Mountain Time: In-Hand Event Begins (approximate time)

Awards after Course Completion

# LCHA Roundup



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