

# EVENTING 101

“Riding well outside of the arena is proof that the work  
inside the arena is correct.”

Alois Podhajsky



# EVENTING 101

The basics for prospective eventers.

Camie Stockhausen  
[www.camstock.net](http://www.camstock.net)

# EVENTING 101

- \* “Eventing” is a misnomer. What most people do is “Horse Trial.” But...



# EVENTING 101

- ❖ “Eventing” is a misnomer. What most people do is “Horse Trial.” But...
- ❖ A horse trial is a three phase event that includes dressage, xc, and showjumping

# EVENTING 101

- ❖ “Eventing” is a misnomer. What most people do is “Horse Trial.” But...
- ❖ A horse trial is a three phase event that includes dressage, xc, and showjumping
- ❖ Dressage must be first

# EVENTING 101

- \* “Eventing” is a misnomer. What most people do is “Horse Trial.” But...
- \* A horse trial is a three phase event that includes dressage, xc, and showjumping
- \* Dressage must be first
- \* Good marks are subtracted from 100 and expressed as penalty points

# EVENTING 101

- \* A usual Horse Trial Format

# EVENTING 101

- \* A usual Horse Trial Format
- \* Competitors arrive on Friday night



# EVENTING 101

- ✦ A usual Horse Trial Format
- ✦ Competitors arrive on Friday night
- ✦ Saturday morning dressage, usually upper levels first



# EVENTING 101

- ✦ A usual Horse Trial Format
- ✦ Competitors arrive on Friday night
- ✦ Saturday morning dressage, usually upper levels first
- ✦ XC starts around 10 a.m., upper levels first



# EVENTING 101

- \* A usual Horse Trial Format
- \* Competitors arrive on Friday night
- \* Saturday morning dressage, usually upper levels first
- \* XC starts around 10 a.m., upper levels first
- \* Saturday night competitor's party

# EVENTING 101

- \* A usual Horse Trial Format
- \* Competitors arrive on Friday night
- \* Saturday morning dressage, usually upper levels first
- \* XC starts around 10 a.m., upper levels first
- \* Saturday night competitor's party
- \* What happens on the road...

# EVENTING 101

- ✦ Can usually walk the showjumping course Saturday evening



# EVENTING 101

- \* Can usually walk the showjumping course Saturday evening
- \* Can walk again Sunday morning.



# EVENTING 101

- \* Can usually walk the showjumping course Saturday evening
- \* Can walk again Sunday morning.
- \* Upper levels go first



# EVENTING 101

- ✦ Ribbon ceremony after each level, complete with victory gallop.





# HOW TO GET THERE

- ✦ Dressage is the basis for everything (So you have that going for you already!)



# HOW TO GET THERE

- \* Dressage is the basis for everything.
- \* Next, work on showjumping and do a Combined Test
- \* A Combined Test is a competition with dressage and showjumping, um, combined



# HOW TO GET THERE

- ✦ Next, work on showjumping and do a Combined Test
- ✦ A Combined Test is a competition with dressage and showjumping, um, combined
- ✦ Repeat until it is easy!



# YOUR FIRST EVENT

✧ Choose a schooling Event

# YOUR FIRST EVENT

- \* Choose a schooling Event
- \* Catalpa Corner, Wind's Reach, Heritage Park

# YOUR FIRST EVENT

- \* Choose a schooling Event
- \* Catalpa Corner, Wind's Reach, Heritage Park
- \* Go with an experienced eventer