Your Invitation to the 2027 Idaho Sidesaddle Clinic

Hello! Because you completed an interest form, you are receiving **priority registration through October 8, 2026**, before registration opens to the general public on **October 9, 2026**. Registration is now open, and rider registration is limited to 12 participants.

PRINTING RECOMMENDED: For the easiest review, we recommend printing and reading this complete packet before beginning registration.

What to Expect in 2027

The 2027 Idaho Sidesaddle Clinic welcomes riders of varying experience levels for **three days of Western and English mounted sidesaddle instruction, education, history, and community**, centered around the art and tradition of riding aside.

DATES	LOCATION	RIDER CAPACITY
April 23-25, 2027	**Birt Arena - Nampa, Idaho**	**Limited to 12 riders**

THURSDAY, APRIL 22	Plan to arrive Thursday, April 22, for introductions, an interactive orientation, and intention-setting for the weekend.
FRIDAY, APRIL 23	Mandatory saddle-fit day for both horses and riders, setting everyone up for success throughout the clinic weekend.
MONDAY, APRIL 26	Move-out day for the barn and shared house; departure time is to be determined.

Registration at a Glance

Registration	Standard Rate	Early Bird Rate
Adult Rider	**$675**	**$607.50**
Youth Rider (age 16 and under)	**$400**	**$360**
Auditor	**$200**	**$180**
Support Companion	**$75**	**$75**

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE	Register by **February 14, 2027** to receive 10% off Adult Rider, Youth Rider, and Auditor registration. Support Companion registration remains $75.

Support Companion Registration: Intended for the non-riding companion of a registered attendee. Support Companions may accompany and assist their attendee throughout the clinic, including being present in the arena when appropriate. This registration does not include mounted participation, instruction, or hands-on clinic activities. Guests whose primary purpose is to observe the clinic's instruction and educational programming should register as an Auditor. Shared-house lodging and meals require a separate $360 housing reservation.
Payment-processing fees are additional and will be shown during registration.

Registration changes: If you are unable to attend, please contact the Idaho Sidesaddle Association. Registrations may not be independently resold or reassigned. Any approved transfer or replacement will be coordinated by the Association, including through the clinic waitlist when applicable.

More Than Mounted Instruction

Education and History	Auditors and Give It a Go
	
The weekend will feature educational presentations from internationally recognized sidesaddle ambassadors, sharing their expertise, history, traditions, and perspectives with our clinic community.	Auditors may observe mounted instruction, attend presentations, and participate in Give It a Go - a brief, supervised opportunity to experience riding aside, as horses, time, and scheduling allow.

Escaramuza Demonstration



We hope to welcome **Escaramuza Reinas Del Valle** back for their sixth consecutive clinic demonstration. Their participation cannot be confirmed until closer to the event because of a competition conflict. If available, we also hope participants can experience riding some of their beautifully trained Escaramuza horses.

Thursday Introduction Night: Resonance Repatterning

Anita Riesinger

GUEST PRESENTER - RESONANCE REPATTERNING

Anita first began riding sidesaddle more than 40 years ago and now serves as a director of the Idaho Sidesaddle Association, with a focus on education and the study of antique saddles. A certified Resonance Repatterning practitioner and founder of Pebble & Pulse, she returns after introducing the practice at the 2026 clinic. Her interactive opening-night experience will offer a grounded introduction and help participants begin the weekend with greater calm, clarity, confidence and connection.



2027 CLINICIANS



Stacey Rusic

Stacey is an internationally experienced rider, competitor, instructor and educator with more than 13 years devoted to sidesaddle. She now holds the Side Saddle Association A Level Instructor Qualification and is also an International Side Saddle Organization Instructor. Experienced in both English and Western sidesaddle, she brings particular expertise in saddle fitting and emphasizes confidence, correct foundations, comfort, balance and safety for horse and rider.

Heidi Opdyke

Heidi has dedicated nearly five decades to sidesaddle instruction. She holds the Side Saddle Association A Level Instructor Qualification, is an International Side Saddle Organization Instructor and is a qualified equitation judge, respected internationally for her knowledge and commitment to the discipline. She teaches riders from their first lesson through high-level competition, emphasizing correct seat, safety, confidence, balance and harmony.





Kate Hopkins

Kate has ridden sidesaddle for more than 20 years and owns KH Equine, specializing in sidesaddle fitting, flocking, construction and repair. Her training includes modern construction with Rob Jenkins and traditional techniques with Keith Brian and Laura Dempsey. She blends history, science and practical fit to make sidesaddle approachable for riders and comfortable for horses.

Susan Oakes

A world-record holder in sidesaddle high jumping, Susan has extensive experience riding and competing aside across a variety of equestrian disciplines. She welcomes riders from their first sidesaddle experience through advanced performance, emphasizing correct position, independent balance, confidence, clear communication and safety. Her practical, encouraging approach helps each horse-and-rider partnership develop balance and harmony without force. Susan is also expected to offer a presentation at the shared clinic house; scheduling details will be announced when confirmed.



FEATURED PRESENTER



Erica Munkwitz

A lifelong equestrian and award-winning historian, Erica researches women, sport and empire in modern Britain. Her book, Women, Horse Sports and Liberation (Routledge, 2021), was shortlisted for the Lord Aberdare Prize. Her work explores how women used equestrian sport to challenge convention, build independence and reshape ideas about gender and social status. She brings this history to life through engaging presentations that connect the traditions of riding aside with the women who helped shape them.

SIDESADDLE FITTING, REPAIR & SHOPPING

Friday Saddle-Fit Foundation
Friday is a mandatory saddle-fit day for every rider and horse. Clinicians will evaluate fit, balance and rider position before mounted instruction so each partnership begins the weekend with a safer, more comfortable foundation.

Jacquelynn Holly

WESTERN SIDESADDLE REPAIR - HOLLY SADDLERY



Founder and saddler behind Holly Saddlery and an experienced sidesaddle rider for nearly 14 years, Jacquelynn rehabilitates, restores and rebuilds Western sidesaddles while preserving their history and making them safe for continued use. Her work emphasizes correct fit, balance, comfort and safety for both horse and rider. Repair scheduling and costs are to be determined separately. Please include all sidesaddle repair details in your registration.



Kate Hopkins

ENGLISH SIDESADDLE REPAIR - KH EQUINE

Through KH Equine, Kate specializes in English sidesaddle fitting, flocking, construction and repair. Her training spans modern construction with Rob Jenkins and traditional techniques with Keith Brian and Laura Dempsey, combining skilled craftsmanship with careful attention to fit, function, comfort and performance. Repair scheduling and costs are to be determined separately. Please include all sidesaddle repair details in your registration.

VENDORS & SIDESADDLE SHOPPING



Vendor booth space is available during registration. Come prepared to browse specialty sidesaddle goods, attire and treasures - and consider leaving room in your suitcase for the trip home!

SUNDAY RAFFLE BASKET DRAWING



Raffle baskets will be drawn on Sunday as part of the clinic's closing-day activities.

THE CLINIC EXPERIENCE BEYOND THE ARENA

Photographs feature moments from previous Idaho Sidesaddle Clinics.



A Welcoming Home Base and Community

The shared clinic house offers a comfortable place to relax between activities and connect with fellow sidesaddle enthusiasts. Clinicians, presenters, and attendees with the **$360 shared-house reservation** may enjoy the food served at the house; clinic-day lunches remain each attendee's responsibility.

Evening Presentations and Social Time

The experience continues after the arena closes, with presentations, conversation, social dinners, and time to exchange stories and knowledge in an informal setting. These gatherings are where many lasting clinic friendships begin.





Interest From Across the Country - and the World

Sidesaddle enthusiasts have contacted us from **18 U.S. states, Australia, and the United Kingdom**.
California | Colorado | Idaho | Kansas | Minnesota | Montana | Nebraska | Nevada | North Dakota | Oregon | Tennessee | Texas | Utah | Virginia | Washington | West Virginia | Wisconsin | Wyoming

Professional Photography Included

Professional clinic photography and finished images are included with registration. Costumed or dress-up portraits may also be available; participants must provide their own costumes.



PLAN YOUR REGISTRATION

Services and Accommodations

Limited shared housing, hireling horses, equine stalls, group transportation, RV hookups, dry camping, and sidesaddle rentals may be selected during registration. The registration form will show current availability and will prevent an option from being selected once it reaches capacity.

Priority registration: Interest-form respondents may register through **October 8, 2026**, before registration opens to the public on **October 9**. Register by **February 14, 2027** for eligible early-bird rates. Rider registration is limited to 12 participants.

Payment Plan

Riders may reserve registration with a **minimum initial payment of $175**. Auditors selecting the payment plan must pay a **minimum of 25%** at registration. Additional payments may be made at any time.

25%	50%	75%	100%
by Dec. 15, 2026	by Feb. 1, 2027	by Mar. 1, 2027	by Apr. 1, 2027

Registrations submitted after a milestone has passed must meet the current cumulative payment requirement at registration. **Failure to meet a required payment milestone may result in cancellation of the registration and loss of the reserved spot.** All payments are nonrefundable and will be applied toward the total clinic balance.

PRIORITY REGISTRATION UPDATE

Interest-form respondents have received the registration packet and priority-registration access by email.

Public registration opens October 9, 2026.

RIDER REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO 12 PARTICIPANTS.