



# LCHA Roundup

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## How Does Your Horse Move,



## and Why Do You Want to Know?

So that you can ride more safely and more comfortably, and your horse can carry you more comfortably.

### Presenter, Megan Sorentino

Hi LCHA Members! I am Megan Sorentino, head trainer at Classical Horsemanship.



We are a barn in Northwest Fort Collins that specializes in a very old style of French Classical Dressage.

Even though we use dressage as a foundation for our teachings, the work we do can benefit any horse. Especially horses that have soundness issues, my favorite thing is rehabilitating lame horses. In many cases we are the last chance for these horses.

*See "Foundation" on page 1*

### *Foundation*

Dressage can be a great foundation for trail work. The reason dressage was invented was to keep horses fit in a small space yet ready to be ridden in war, out in the country. This is because nobility had to keep the horses in the castles, where they were safe, but also be prepared for long days out on the trails at any moment.

For our education of riders, we have a strong focus on a good seat and learning aids that are in harmony with the horses' movement. This sets our horses up for success as long-term, happy, healthy riding partners.

Thank you and looking forward to hitting the trails with you all soon. ?

## LCHA April Program Thursday, April 4 7:00 to 9:00 PM McKee 4H Building The Ranch

Does Megan know something you don't know? Maybe this dressage stuff is good for all of us trail riders. Come and find out. See you there.

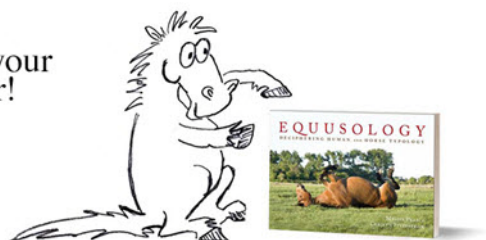
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# Get To Know Your Horse Better

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.



See "Demonstration" on page 2

## Demonstration



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.

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

## 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)**

See "RSVP" on page 3

*RSVP*

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

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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.

## Horse Loading

### OOPS -- Not The Usual Horse Loading A Special Event Instead

Another training session for evacuation team members has typically been **Horse Loading**. However, this year we have invited Code 3 Associates of Longmont to present a different event to replace Horse Loading. A few LCHA members attended a similar Code 3 Associates event last Autumn, and were **very** impressed with it.

This event will involve two sessions:

#### Session 1 -- Zoom

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12 – 7 PM to 9 PM.** A two-hour zoom presentation on awareness and safety.

Bonnie will send the Zoom invitation to all Evacuation Team members. She will also send a Zoom invitation to any non-evacuation team member who signs up in advance.

#### Session 2 -- Hands On

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH – 9 AM to 2 PM.**  
**Longhorn Outdoor Arena, The Ranch**

See the Directions below.

The hands on portion of the class.

- Fundamentals of doing equine physical evaluations, in order to communicate with veterinarians
- Some basic haltering and restraint techniques for emergencies.
- Exercises moving horses through some obstacles as well as trailer loading. These exercises will be done without touching the horses using the horses' natural pressure point and natural behaviors.

There will also be some written materials handed out to the participants as reference materials.

**It is very important for ALL our evacuation team members to attend both the Zoom class on April 12 and the Hands On exercises on April 13.**

**Contact Hugh Templeton, 970-800-1750 or hughtmpltn@gmail.com to register (sign up).**

*See "Lunch" on page 4*

### Lunch

Bring your own lunch and water.

Both sessions are open to any non-evacuation team members from LCHA or from Northern Colorado Back Country Horsemen.

## Registration

You **MUST** register (sign up) to attend the class.  
**Contact Hugh Templeton, 970-800-1750 or**  
**hughtmpltn@gmail.com.**

## Horses Needed

We will need 4 to 6 horses. If you can bring a horse, contact Hugh at 970-800-1750 (first come, first served, but you can enter a wait list).

See "Directions" on page 4

### Directions

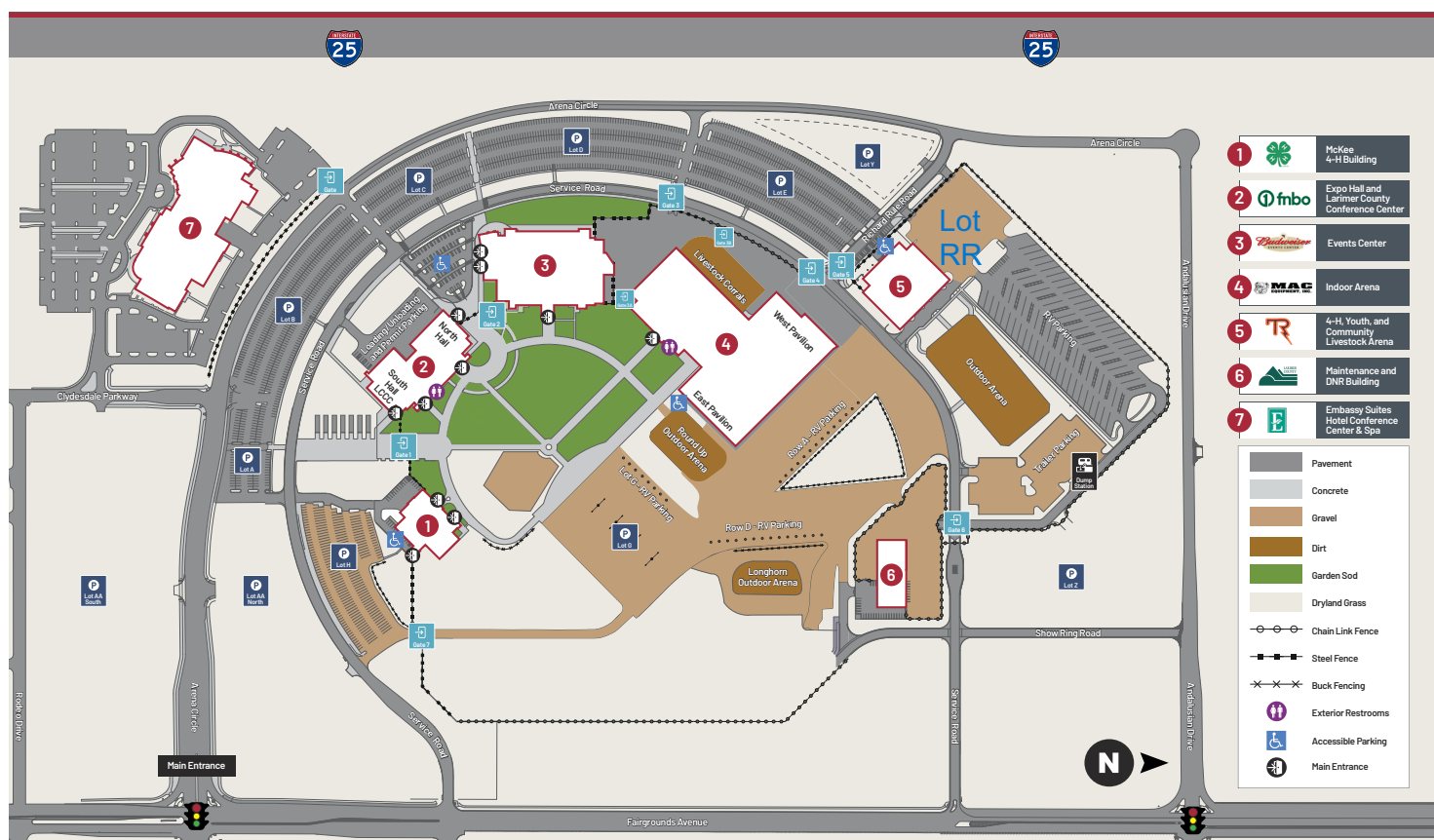
## Directions

The best way to access the Longhorn Arena:

- Enter from the North at Andalusian Drive (traffic light at the intersection),
- Turn left on Show Ring Road
- Follow Show Ring Road to the end until it turns to a dirt road
- The arena will be on your left.
- Parking and trailer parking should be in the dry grass areas around the arena, **not** in the RV camping spots since we have a horse show happening that weekend.



## EVENT COMPLEX MAP



You can access the restrooms in the MAC Equipment Building or McKee Building that day.



# Calendar of Events

## April and May

### April

**THURS, APRIL 4** – Educational Meeting, *Principles of Equine Movement*,

Megan Sorentino

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Fort Collins Room

McKee 4H Building, The Ranch

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12** – Evacuation Team  
**Special Training, Session 1**

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Zoom

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13** – Evacuation Team  
**Special Training, Session 2: Hands-on**

9:00 Am to 2:00 PM

Longhorn Outdoor Arena,  
The Ranch

All Evacuation Team members should attend.  
Any other LCHA or Northern Colorado BCH member of who is interested is invited. You must register (sign up) to attend. Contact Hugh Templeton at 970-800-1750.

**Don't miss this opportunity!**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20** – Trail Ride Leader Meeting,  
Review of Training and Discussions

11:000 AM

Contact Bonnie May at 970-217-1113

Me Oh My Coffee & Pie, Laporte.

Must RSVP.

Meeting In Person Only

*See "May" on page 5*

*May*

### May

**SATURDAY, MAY 4** – Educational Meeting,  
**Equisology**

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](#)" on [page 2](#)" in this issue.

**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

*Notes of Interest*

### 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 trail 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..



### 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

*See "Notes of Interest" on page 6*

## Notes of Interest



### Hall Ranch

#### Major Construction Scheduled for Hall Ranch Trail Head:

March 11 – April 4: Full Main Trail head Closure

The entire trail head will be closed for construction.

Visitors can walk or bike through designated areas at the trail head. No parking will be available at the upper or lower parking areas.

March 11 – June 13: Equestrian Parking and Shelter Closed

There will be no horse trailer parking. The shelter will be closed.

April 4 – June 13: Upper Parking Area Closed

The lower parking area will be open but the upper parking area will remain closed.

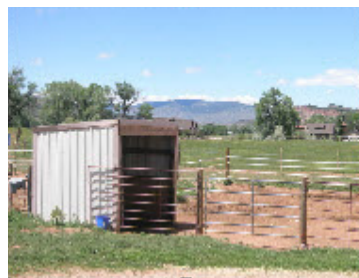
June 13 – July 18: Lower Parking Area Closed

The upper parking area will be open but the lower parking area will be closed.

### If You Want To Board a Horse

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# 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.

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.

*See "Sundance Horse" on page 7*

## Sundance Horse

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.

## 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.

## 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

*See "Reasons To Sign Up" on page 8*



### Reasons To Sign Up

- 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)
- 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.

## Exciting and New for 2024 Save the Date!

**What:** A Judged Obstacle Trail Event consisting of an in-hand event (leading your horse) in the arena and a riding event outside the arena. Choice can be made to take the novice, intermediate, or advanced path over each of 16 obstacles. 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](mailto:sherryevaughn@outlook.com). We need help organizing: directing parking, registering folks and horses, judging, with lunch, and other details.

Please volunteer soon, as we'd like to start meeting in the near future to work on details.

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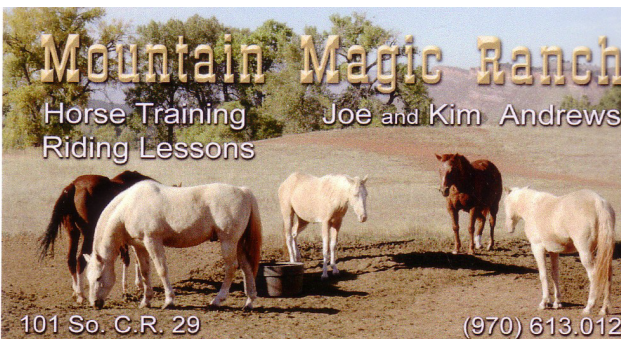
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## Sign Up for Your Event

**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).

*See "Limit" on page 11*



### *Limit*

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.

## **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.

## **Laugh a little**

*I wasn't born in a barn but  
I got here as fast as I could.*

Behind every good horse...  
is a human cleaning up!

**“When you work with  
horses for a living,  
sometimes you THINK  
about taking a day off  
but usually, that’s  
as close as you get.”**



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