



FREE HORSEMANSHIP CLINIC

Showmanship — Horsemanship — Trail

Featuring: Trainers Dan and Jill Bergstresser

Saturday May 1, 2010 • Niagara County Fairgrounds, Lockport, NY

Free to 4-H Members

Limit 10 horses/riders in each segment

4-H Members Can Sign Up Free Until April 1. Current 4-H membership required.

Registration is for each segment — you can do 1, 2 or 3 segments. If clinic is not full by April 1, then entries will be taken from non 4-H members for \$25 for each segment.

Auditors: Up to 50 auditors will be allowed — free to 4-H members until April 1. If auditing spots are not full by April 1 then reservations will be taken from non 4-H members for \$5/each.

Schedule:

8:30 am—10:30 am Showmanship at Halter

This clinic segment is designed for those exhibitors and horses who have some knowledge of the Showmanship class, but need to perfect their skills. If you compete in Showmanship but don't consistently win, Dan and Jill will help you learn how to practice at home so you can quickly and efficiently perform the Showmanship patterns with promptness, smoothness and precision. This clinic is NOT designed for total beginners in Showmanship — you must have the basic ability to set up your horse, walk and trot with your horse in circles and straight lines, back up, and do at least a rudimentary 360° turn. Dan and Jill will explain what it takes to win in Showmanship, help you correct common mistakes, and teach you how to practice at home and perfect the Showmanship maneuvers.

11:00 am—1:00 pm Western Horsemanship

This Western Horsemanship class is designed to demonstrate the rider's ability to execute a set of horsemanship maneuvers prescribed by the judge with precision and smoothness. This Horsemanship clinic is designed for exhibitors who need to learn how to perform the Horsemanship patterns with poise and confidence, while maintaining a balanced, functional and correct body position. This clinic is NOT designed for beginning riders — you must have the ability to walk, trot and lope your horse in circles and straight lines, stop, back, and perform at least a rudimentary 360° turn. Dan and Jill will take you through the typical horsemanship maneuvers, help you correct common mistakes and teach you how to practice at home to become a competitive Horsemanship exhibitor.

2:00 pm—4:30 pm How To Train and Show Your Horse In TRAIL (Trail beginners allowed)

Horses competing in today's modern Trail classes are required to perform over obstacles laid out in a specific Trail Course. The Trail horse is judged on accuracy in executing the prescribed pattern, rhythm, movement, smoothness, transitions, and willingness to execute the maneuvers with a willing attitude. This clinic is designed for those horses and riders who are beginner to intermediate in the Trail class. If you are a competent rider but want to learn how to compete in the Trail class, this clinic is for you. Dan and Jill will provide an overview of the Trail class and explain how to start your horse in Trail, how to practice at home, and how to perfect your skills on the Trail obstacles.

To Sign Up, call Susan Winters at 716-308-4228 or email her at KRFQH@aol.com.

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