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MSU Horse Management 101: Ranch Horse Series

Horse Management 101 is a program aimed to provide horse interested persons with the management and training skills necessary to promote successful practices. Topics will be discussed in a lecture setting and complimented with hands-on riding and training techniques. Lecture topics will address numerous aspects of equine businesses, while training topics will cover the basics needed to promote effective communication between horse and rider.

Objectives:

- To provide equine enthusiasts with education in the areas of equine management, training, and horsemanship,
- To promote effective communication and comradery between equine interested persons and professionals throughout the state of Mississippi, and
- To develop a volunteer network for the 4-H horse program.

Cost: Entire program (lecture and riding sessions, with personal horse; limited to 15 total) or entire program without a horse (can still listen to riding lectures; no limit on number of participants) is \$200 (includes meals, jacket, and lecture materials).

MSU Horse Management 101 Schedule

Lee County Agri Center
Verona, MS

April 11

Session 1

Lecture topic: *Proper feeding and nutrition practices for the horse*

Tim Mays, Equine Sales Territory Leader, Cargill Animal Nutrition

Training topic: *Basic control and guiding*

Dr. Clay Cavinder, MSU Horse Extension Specialist; Associate Professor

April 18

Session 2

Lecture topic: *Selecting the equine athlete*

Ms. Emily Ferjak, MSU Assistant Horse Judging Team Coach, Graduate Assist.

Training topic: *Effective horsemanship: Establishing control and developing rhythm in the ride*

Ashley Shiffler, MSU Horse Unit Manager and Equestrian Team Coach

April 25

Session 3

Lecture topic: *Health management: Parasite control and equine dentistry*

Dr. Kevin Walters, DVM, Mississippi State University

Training topic: *Developing softness and suppleness for ranch riding*

Dr. Clay Cavinder, MSU Horse Extension Specialist; Associate Professor

May 2

Session 4

Lecture topic: *Safety with Horses*

Training topic: *Maneuvering ranch trail obstacles*

Dr. Clay Cavinder, MSU Horse Extension Specialist; Associate Professor

May 9

Session 5

Lecture topic: *Hoof Anatomy: A practical approach to hoof care*

Dr. Terry Swiderski, Magnolia Equine Service

Training topic: *Putting it all together! Riding reining patterns*

Rob Huddleston, Professional Performance Horse Trainer; Pontotoc, MS

May 16

Session 6

Lecture topic: *The science of exercise and conditioning the equine athlete*

Training topic: *Working cows: position for optimum control*

Dr. Clay Cavinder, MSU Horse Extension Specialist; Associate Professor

Graduation and Presentation of Certificates

All sessions will be held between 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (6-7: classroom; 7-9: riding arena)

Cost: \$200 (riders limited to first 15 to sign up). Unlimited spots for non-riding participants.

Instructors and topics are subject to change.



**MSU Horse Management 101 Program - Verona
Registration Form**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Riding Experience _____

Skill Level ___ Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced ___ Expert

Riding Interest ___ Pleasure ___ Cattle Events ___ Colt Starting

___ Speed Events ___ Trail Riding ___ Hunter ___ Other

Specify _____

What would you like to learn from this program? _____

Cost- \$200 - make checks payable to: MSU Animal and Dairy Science

The mailing address is: Horse Management 101 Program
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 Mississippi State, MS 39762

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