



*Fun with  
functional  
horsemanship!*



**ATM**  
INTERNATIONAL  
HORSEMANSHIP

*May 24-26, 2019*



\* Riding instruction with Texas A&M University  
Professors and Student Instructors

\* Discipline specifics, problem solving, tack,  
nutrition, and MORE!



**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**  
**~ 3-DAY HORSEMANSHIP CLINIC ~**

These clinics are designed as day schools with instruction from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. The below schedule can be altered to accommodate individual clinics.

**First Day**

A.M. Introduction of Instructors by Agent

Opening comments by the Instructors (group introductions, goals, summary of topics to be covered)

Riding Sessions to assess and begin development of functional horsemanship skills

- Emphasis on adjustment of equipment-saddle and bridle fit
- Safety expectations
- Riding position-strength exercises
- Communicating with your horse-correct use of body, leg and rein aids
  - Bits and biting
- Gaits-walk, jog/trot, lope/canter and extension of gaits
- Leads

Lunch Informational presentation on subject of interest i.e. nutrition, health management, saddle fitting, training aids etc.

P.M. Showmanship at Halter - emphasizing safety from the ground, ground training for leading, turning around, etc.)

Riding Sessions to begin training maneuvers

- Responding to bit pressure
- Moving the horse's body such as hips, shoulders, and whole body to execute a turn on the forehand, pivot/spin, and side-pass
- Collection-developing self-carriage in the horse

**Second Day**

A.M. Short Review of Training Maneuvers

Riding Sessions to develop advanced maneuvers

- Lateral movements-side pass, two-track
- Pivots, spins, rollbacks

Lunch Informational presentation on subject of interest i.e. nutrition, health management, saddle fitting, training aids etc.

P.M. Riding Sessions

- How the horse learns
- Use of artificial aids - training equipment
- Lead changes - simple and flying changes

## **Third Day**

A.M. Short Review of Maneuvers

Riding Sessions to fine tune control and execution of maneuvers

- Speed control
- Upward and downward transitions
- Stopping and backing

Lunch Informational presentation on subject of interest i.e. nutrition, health management, saddle fitting, training aids etc.

P.M. Riding Sessions based on participant specific needs

Troubleshooting (work on individual problems and solutions)

Mock horse show with classes that implement learned maneuvers