

CHA REGION 5 CONFERENCE

Friday and Saturday: March 15-16, 2024

Houghton University Equestrian Center, 9823 School Farm Road, Houghton, NY 14744

The goal of this conference is to help instructors and other horse professionals improve teaching techniques, develop an educated eye, and run a successful equine facility. Some workshops will be classroom based and others will provide some riding opportunities. CHA certified instructors may use the conference for continuing education credit hours. The conference will run 6:00-9:00 p.m. Friday and 9:00 am-4:30 pm Saturday.

Conference Fees: The use of horses, tack, indoor arena, etc. included.

\$115 for full participation both Friday & Saturday with lunch

\$45 Friday only

\$85 Saturday only with lunch

Housing is available for those coming from a distance but is not a part of the registration fee. You must set up your own housing. Some options include:

- The Inn at Houghton Creek. 585-567-8400 (Arrangements and payment made directly with the Inn)
- VRBO and AirBnB options
- Oakes Oramel Inn: 8403 NY-19, Belfast, NY 14711 / Phone: (716) 353-1981 ext. 0

PRE-REGISTRATION is REQUIRED for attendance. Enclose your registration fee (based on how much of the conference you will be attending) with the registration form below. Make checks to HOUGHTON UNIVERSITY. Housing, breakfast and dinner are NOT included. Mail to: Kathie Hilsher, 7570 Tucker Hill Rd., Houghton, NY 14744. Questions: email Kshilsher@gmail.com

Name _____ Phone(_____) _____ - _____

Address _____ state _____ ZIP _____

Email _____

Current CHA Instructor Certification, if any _____

Days I plan to attend Friday () Saturday ()

Do you hope to ride in a workshop? _____ English or Western (circle Preference) Level 1, 2, 3, 4 (Circle CHA riding level)
If you are there on Friday evening, would you be willing to teach a practice lesson & get feedback? Yes No (Circle one)

Tentative Schedule of Workshops: We are still working on workshop titles & will email them out once they are set

Friday 6:00-8:30 Certification Style Practice Lessons (Come and participate in either practice teaching or role play as students then join the conversation after each lesson to brush up on teaching skills and glean new teaching ideas.)

Friday 8:30-9:00 Hot Cocoa/Tea & Cookies and a Round Table discussion of pet peeves, tricks of the trade, and rider issues. Come ready to share, network, and socialize!

Saturday
9:00 - Susan Berger (CHA Instructor of the Year) mounted workshop geared at improving teaching skills
10:00 - Mary DeBonis (<https://mustangvalleysanctuary.com/>) Reading & Partnering with your horse
11:00 - Grace McDonald (Graceful Stride Massage) Horse Massage
12:15 - Lunch at Houghton University
1:00 - Lynn Bliven (CHA Certifier and) Pasture Management
1:45 - Larissa Ries (CHA Certifier) Mounted workshop geared to improving teaching skills
2:45 - Jo-Anne Young (CHA Certifier) Unmounted Lesson: Developing balance/connection/feel in students
3:15 - Susan Berger (CHA Instructor of the Year) mounted workshop geared to improving teaching groups
4:15 - Conference wrap up & Regional information

BONUS! Western New York's Equifest is happening Sunday in Hamburg NY

(<https://www.the-fairgrounds.com/p/calendar/wny-equifest>). You can make a whole weekend of horsing around and earning continuing education credits!