



CLINIC APPLICATION

Thank you for considering a Higher Ground Horsemanship Clinic. We sincerely appreciate your time to review the content of this application. To be sure that this Clinic experience is positive and rewarding, it is essential that you read and fully understand the information contained in this application. By signing and initialing the following pages you are acknowledging that you completely understand all that is expected of you and what you can expect from a Higher Ground Horsemanship Clinic. We look forward to serving you and your horse.

Please Mail in each FULLY COMPLETED page (14 TOTAL)

APPLICANT INFORMATION: Complete a Separate form for each applicant. Limited to 1 horse per clinic.

Name: _____
First Last

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Alt. Phone _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____

E-Mail _____

HORSE INFORMATION: No Stallions Allowed

Name _____ Age _____

Sex _____ Breed _____

* Valid Health Certificate Required (Issued 7 – 10 days prior to clinic)

*Current Negative Coggins (If traveling from out of state or greater than 150 miles from Montrose)

Clinics I am Interested in Attending: 50% of Fees are due upon application review, approval and acceptance

<u>Clinic Dates Attending:</u>	<u>Clinic:</u>	<u>Price:</u>
__ / __ / __	2 Day "Grounded"	\$250
__ / __ / __	2 Day "Gaining Ground"	\$250
__ / __ / __	Practical Application Day	\$125

*** Note: The practical application day may be divided into two half days depending on weather. It may include on the trail training, cow work, obstacle course, trailer loading etc.

***To attend a **"Gaining Ground"** clinic or **Practical Application day**, completion of a **"Grounded"** clinic and or sufficient lessons from HGH to make sure you are at this level, is required.

***Lunch **will** be provided for all two day clinics. Lunch **will not** be provided for the Practical Application day(s). Be sure to bring a sack lunch or food and drink that you can easily bring with out to BLM land or away from HGH facilities.

***Please be sure to mark the Clinic that you want to attend by writing in the scheduled date in front of the corresponding clinic.

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POLICIES

Personal Photos:

Photos are meant to be for your personal use only, not for commercial purposes or public viewing. You are not authorized to publish or display any photos taken of Higher Ground Horsemanship, Kerry, anyone else or anything else without the written permission of Higher Ground Horsemanship and the person (or people) in the photo.

Other Policies:

No dogs permitted. No Stallions, Mules or Donkeys allowed. Appropriate footwear is required at all times during your clinic.

Payment Policy:

50% of fees are required upon receipt and acceptance of your completed clinic application. Clinic must be paid in full on the clinic start date or your reservation may be given to the next person on the waiting list.

Cancellation Policy:

Higher Ground Horsemanship reserves the right to cancel a clinic due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control. Such decisions will be made at least three days before the scheduled clinic date. If a clinic is cancelled by Higher Ground Horsemanship, you will be entitled to a full refund or the option to transfer to another date.

Refund Policy:

- Cancellation prior to 20 days before the clinic: 50% deposit refunded. {Higher Ground Horsemanship will review cancellations
- Cancellation 10 - 20 days before clinic: 25% deposit refunded. on an individual basis and may waive the refund
- Cancellation 7 days or fewer before clinic: No refund. restrictions for emergency circumstances.}

Spectators/Auditors:

Allowed on a limited basis at the discretion of Higher Ground Horsemanship: Please call in advance to make arrangements (\$25.00/person/day)

Helper Policy:

Each clinic participant is allowed to have one helper with them throughout the clinic. Your helper should be a suitable age and should be someone who can encourage you in your horsemanship needs and goals. They can assist during the clinic by helping prepare you or your horse and offer you support (i.e. tacking, grooming, bringing you water). Your helper **may not** work with or ride your horse at any time during the clinic.

The same horse and rider combination who sign up for the clinic is the only horse and rider combination to participate in the clinic. If you decide not to participate in the clinic, or are unable to complete any portion of the clinic, no one else can replace you and participate in the clinic with your horse unless approved by HGH. This rule is in place to ensure that all clinic participants receive the best, most complete instruction possible. Kerry will be available to help overcome any difficulties encountered during the clinic.

You are not permitted to bring anyone else with you except your helper, unless otherwise agreed upon by Higher Ground Horsemanship. If agreed, additional people will be charged a spectator fee of \$25.00/person.

Approval Policy: Acceptance is subject to application review and approval.

By signing here I acknowledge and agree to the above policies.

Signature_____

Date_____

Requirements and Checklist

Important Note: If you do not meet the clinic requirements, you may be asked to sit out certain portions of the clinic.

My Personal Details:

I understand that this is a physically demanding clinic. I am healthy and able to participate in the clinic.

I will be responsible for the health, care, and well-being of my horse throughout the entire clinic. This includes cleaning of my horses stall and feeding.

I understand this clinic is a physically demanding experience that will require me to be outside on my feet for several hours a day doing strenuous activity such as walking and running across the arena, rotating my arms in many circles, maintaining my balance in the saddle, etc. It's a long day, followed by caring for my horse (grooming, saddling, unsaddling, feeding, cleaning his stall, etc.).

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If you have a bad back, weak knees or any sort of medical condition that will prevent you from keeping up with the demands of the clinic, it would best to schedule a private lesson with Kerry Christopherson so she can help you with your individual needs.

I am confident riding my horse on a loose rein at the walk, trot and lope in a small group setting. **See Note*

*You should be confident riding the horse you plan to bring to the clinic on a loose rein at the walk, trot and lope. If you cannot walk, trot and lope the horse you're bringing to the clinic on a loose rein without grabbing a hold of the saddle horn or any part of the saddle, gripping the horse's sides with your legs or keeping your reins in constant contact with your horse's mouth while moving forward, you may not be ready to participate in a Higher Ground Horsemanship Clinic. **These clinics are not designed for those brand new to riding** learning how to develop balance and a secure seat. You should have a good independent seat at the walk, trot and lope. An independent seat means that you don't need the reins or your legs to stay in the saddle. The best way to develop an independent seat and gain confidence in riding on a loose rein is experience. Experience is a product of spending many hours in the saddle on as many different horses as possible. If you're not able to walk, trot and lope on a loose rein, then Kerry highly recommends scheduling a private lesson to help you reach your goals, build confidence and develop a secure seat.*

**Not checking this box does not exclude you from participating in the clinic but it may limit or exclude your participation in some portions of the clinic. While riding at the lope is not a requirement, it is strongly recommended so that you will be able to get the most out of the clinic.*

I am confident riding my horse on a loose rein in a group setting with 5 -10 other horses. **See Note*

You must be confident riding in a group setting with up to 10 other horses on a loose rein. If you or your horse gets extremely nervous or upset if a person rides near you, you may not be ready for a Higher Ground Horsemanship Clinic. Higher Ground Horsemanship highly recommends private lessons to help improve you or your horse's ability to handle these types of situations.

**Again, not checking this box does not exclude you from participation in the clinic, but is highly recommended so that you can benefit from all aspects of a Higher Ground Horsemanship clinic. If you cannot confidently ride your horse on a loose rein in a group situation, you may be asked to sit out certain riding portions of the clinic.*

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Requirements and Checklist

My Horse's Ability:

I am participating with a horse, NOT a donkey or a mule.

My horse IS a mare or gelding.

My horse is NOT a stallion.

Higher Ground Horsemanship highly recommends that your horse has received 60 rides within the last 90 days, with you in the saddle. If your horse was ridden one year ago, but you haven't ridden him since, he may not be ready for the clinic. It's important for your safety, other participants' safety, and your horse's well-being that the horse you bring to the clinic is well-prepared. Having a horse that is well-prepared both physically and mentally is also critical to your education and a successful clinic experience.

My horse is reasonably manageable, both on the ground and under saddle.

*In other words, if your horse exhibits extreme harmful or dangerous behavior including but not limited to: biting, kicking, striking, rearing, bolting, bucking, dragging you off, **OR** biting, or kicking at other horses while being handled or ridden, then your horse is not ready for a Higher Ground Horsemanship Clinic environment. Remember, you will be riding and handling your horse in a group of 5 -10 other horses and clinic participants. If you or your horse become easily frightened or nervous riding in a group or your horse displays acts of dominance (biting, striking or kicking) while being ridden with other horses, then you are NOT ready for a clinic environment and you will be endangering yourself and others around you. **If you are unsure as to the preparedness of you or your horse for a successful clinic experience, please take advantage of Higher Ground Horsemanship's free consultation/evaluation service to help you make an informed decision.** Higher Ground Horsemanship recommends individual lessons from Kerry if you are experiencing any of these extreme behaviors from your horse before participating in a clinic.*

I understand that Kerry or another helper will not be able to spend extra time with my horse to the point of disrupting/delaying the rest of the class.

Keep in mind that there are up to 10 other participants in the clinic who are there to learn from Kerry and advance their horsemanship skills. Kerry cannot stop the clinic to give a private lesson to one person who is having extra difficulty with certain exercises or portions of the clinic. While Kerry may have assistants at the clinic to help her assist everyone, her job is to spend her time as evenly as possible between 5 - 10 participants. Be honest with yourself when you're assessing your abilities and the horse you plan to bring to the clinic.

(Out Of State or Greater than 150 Miles) I agree to bring with me a **photocopy** of my horse's current negative **Coggins test**. This copy will be retained by Higher Ground Horsemanship permanently.

I agree to bring with me a **photocopy** of my horse's current **Health Certificate**.

I agree to bring proof of current spring and/or fall vaccinations. *(If self-administered, receipts will suffice)*

Important Note: There will not be a photocopier at the clinic. Please have your horse's documentation copied prior to the clinic.

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Required Equipment

I understand that I will need to bring / rent the following equipment to participate in the clinic.

[] Proper footwear. Appropriate boots or shoes for the groundwork portions of the clinic. Appropriate riding BOOTS for the riding portions of the clinic. No wide soles or heavy tread that will not come out of a stirrup easily. (NO flip flops, slippers, or open toed shoes will be allowed in the horse training area.)

[] Rope Halter and 12' - 14' Lead Rope *(May be available for rent from Higher Ground Horsemanship)*
The best rope halters are made of thin (approx. 1/4") rope with knots across the noseband to affect pressure points
Lead Ropes made out of yachting rope are best. This type of rope adds weight and durability, better feel and energy than other lead ropes. Cotton leads are too thick, cumbersome and usually not long enough. They will not be permitted for use during the clinic. Lead ropes must have a sturdy, detachable clip.

[] Stick and string *(May be available for rent from Higher Ground Horsemanship)*
The stick must have a place to attach your string on the end
Most sticks should be about 4 ft. long. Strings should be about 5 ft. long and have a leather tail on one end

[] Bridle with a Snaffle Bit and chin strap (NO SHANK OR CURB BITS) *Mecate reins with a spanker are highly recommended, but split reins or loop reins will be permitted (a crop can be useful as well, especially with loop reins that have no length to use as a spanker)*

[] Appropriate, well-fitting saddle for horse and rider, comfortable saddle pad and correctly sized girth.
Please be sure your girth has enough adjustment to tighten or loosen as needed
Please be sure that your saddle and all other tack are in good order and not in need of replacement or repair

Note: *For more details, information or places to purchase required equipment, please refer to our website:*
www.highergroundhorsemanship.com , or call us @ (970) 252-8076

By signing here I certify that I have read, understand and agree to all the requirements and information presented to me by Higher Ground Horsemanship. I understand that Kerry Christopherson will be teaching the entire clinic and may have additional helpers to assist throughout the duration.

I understand that any false or misrepresented information given may result in my suspension from a portion or the entire clinic without a refund.

SIGNATURE _____ **Date** _____

Waiver, Release Of Liability, And Indemnity Agreement

Read Carefully Before Signing

I agree to the following agreement with Higher Ground Horsemanship LLC., Including but not limited to its owners, employees and volunteers (referred to in this document as "HGH") as a condition for its allowing me, and persons identified below, to attend and/or participate in one or more clinics or instructional activities with HGH, be near horses or ponies, handle horses or ponies, ride horses or ponies, receive instruction or guidance (directly or indirectly) in riding, working with, or handling of horses or ponies at any time and at any location under the direct or indirect supervision of HGH; and/or use equipment (including, but not limited to, halters, lead ropes, headstalls, mecate reins, bits, and stick & string, or other equipment) on or near horses or ponies before, during, or after the clinic or instructional activity. (All of these activities, individually and collectively, will hereafter be referred to in this document as "The Activities.")

Name of Contracting Party: _____

Address of Contracting Party: _____

Phone: [Home] _____ [Business] _____ [Cell] _____

I also make this agreement on behalf of the following, who is/are my child/ren or legal ward(s):

1. _____ Age: _____ 2. _____ Age: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____ Child's Date of Birth: _____

All parts of this agreement shall apply to me, and the children/legal wards listed above. [We will collectively call ourselves "I," "me," or "my" throughout this agreement.] This Waiver, Agreement, and Release of Liability is intended to be valid and binding at all times, now and in the future, when HGH or its staff permit me (directly or indirectly) to engage in any or all of The Activities at any location.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. I have voluntarily requested to engage in any or all of The Activities.
2. *Consideration/Binding Effect.* I am signing this Waiver, Agreement, and Release of Liability in consideration for being allowed to engage in any or all of The Activities. This Waiver, Release of Liability, and Indemnity Agreement is intended to be valid and binding at all times, now and in the future, when HGH permits me (directly or indirectly) to engage in any or all of The Activities at any time and at any location.
3. *Risks of Equine Activities.* I understand that anyone riding, handling, or even near a horse or pony (these animals will hereafter be referred to as "equines" in this document) can suffer bodily and other injuries. Among other things, equines are unpredictable by nature. For example, when frightened, angry, or under stress, the natural instincts of an equine are to jump forward or sideways, back up quickly, or run away from danger by trotting or galloping. Equines are also known to kick, buck, rear up, spin around, strike, or bite. I know that equines can do any of these things without warning. I also understand that all equines, even if they have no history of inflicting injury, are powerful and have the potential to be dangerous to people and animals that are on, near, or around them.

Further, I understand that riding, handling, or even being near an equine can expose me to numerous hazards, which could include, for example: (a) the propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in personal injury or death to a person on or around it; (b) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to a sound, sudden movement, or an unfamiliar object, person, or other animal; (c) certain land conditions and hazards, including surface or subsurface conditions; (d) a collision with another equine, animal, or object; and/or (e) the potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or another, including failing to maintain control over the equine or not acting within the participant's ability.

I understand that these risks and dangers inherent in equine/farm animal activities can occur with or without negligence on part of HGH, and I expressly agree to assume them. I also understand that these are some of the risks, and I agree to assume others that are not mentioned here. I am not relying on HGH to list all possible equine-related risks for me in this document or at any time, now or in the future.

WARNING

Under Colorado Law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to section 13-21-119, Colorado Revised Statutes

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Waiver, Release Of Liability, And Indemnity Agreement – (continued)

4. WAIVER AND LIABILITY RELEASE/RECOGNITION OF RISKS. As lawful consideration for HGH allowing me to engage in any or all of The Activities, now or in the future, at any location, and with full knowledge and appreciation of the inherent risks of equine activities, I freely and voluntarily agree to assume the risks involved in any aspect of The Activities at any time. I agree to assume full responsibility for any and all bodily injuries or damages which I or my minor children/legal wards may sustain at any time when engaging in The Activities or while participating of and from all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action (whether they occur now or in the future, and whether they are known or unknown), resulting from either the ordinary negligence of HGH or of others associated with HGH, or a violation by any of them of any provision of the Colorado Equine Activity Liability Act (except if injury or damage was directly caused by HGH's gross negligence, carelessness or willful and wanton misconduct).

I, for myself and for my heirs, administrators, personal representatives or assigns, release, discharge, hold harmless, and agree not to sue Higher Ground Horsemanship LLC., Kerry Christopherson, Brian T. Christopherson and their respective helpers, members, employees, agents, assistants, representatives, assigns, and others acting of and from all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action (whether they occur now or in the future, and whether they are known or unknown), resulting from either the ordinary negligence of HGH or of others associated with HGH, or a violation by any of them of any provision of the Colorado Equine Activity Liability Act (except if injury or damage was directly caused by HGH's gross negligence, carelessness or willful and wanton misconduct). *It is my intention to release and hold harmless Higher Ground Horsemanship LLC., Kerry Christopherson, Brian T. Christopherson and their respective helpers, members, employees, agents, assistants, representatives, assigns, and others acting on their behalf, to the fullest extent allowed under Colorado law.*

WAIVER AND LIABILITY RELEASE PERTAINING TO EQUINE(S). In addition, with respect to each equine that I own, lease, ride, handle, use, or provide for any of The Activities (whether or not I am the one who is working with the equine), I agree to release and discharge Higher Ground Horsemanship LLC., Kerry Christopherson, Brian T. Christopherson and their respective helpers, members, employees, agents, assistants, representatives, assigns and others acting on their behalf, of and from all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action (whether they occur now or in the future, and whether they are known or unknown), resulting from ordinary negligence of Clinician or of others associated with Clinician. This waiver and release is intended to apply at all times before, during, or after The Activities take place at any location that may result in injury, loss, or damage to this/these equine(s) and that may accrue from any cause whatsoever, including accidents, illnesses, theft, running away, and/or injuries that may occur before, during, or after any of The Activities (except if injury or damage was directly caused by HGH's gross negligence, carelessness or willful and wanton misconduct).

5. INDEMNIFICATION. I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless Higher Ground Horsemanship LLC., Kerry Christopherson, Brian T. Christopherson and their respective helpers, members, employees, agents, assistants, representatives, assigns and others acting on their behalf against all liability, claim, loss, action or expenses which are sustained, suffered, or incurred by any third person(s) that I may cause (directly or indirectly) while engaging in any or all of The Activities at any time and at any location in connection with my attendance or participation in the clinic or instructional activity with HGH. ["Third persons" are any and all people who are not parties to this Agreement and includes, but is not limited to, my relatives, guests, other clinic participants, spectators, or visitors, etc.]. The indemnification shall include reimbursement of HGH's reasonable attorney fees.
6. *Helmets/Safety*. I agree to be responsible for my own safety. Wearing a helmet is my choice; HGH has advised me that I should consider purchasing and wearing properly fitted and secured ASTM-standard (F 1163)/SEI-certified protective equestrian headgear when riding, handling, or when near equines. I am NOT relying on HGH or anyone affiliated with HGH to provide a certified equestrian helmet for me, to check any helmet or helmet strap that I may wear, or to monitor my compliance with this suggestion at any time – now or in the future. If I choose to wear an ASTMstandard/SEI-certified equestrian helmet and headgear, or if I choose not to, this is my decision alone.

7. *Emergencies*. Person(s) to Contact in Case of Emergency:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Phone No.: _____ Cell Phone No.: _____ Pager No.: _____

8. *Health and Physical Conditions*. Many physical conditions or disabilities pose special physical risks to the participant during exercise. Horseback riding, handling horses, and equine activities are exercise. I understand that HGH recommends that I seek the advice of a physician before participating in any of the Activities. Also, I want HGH to be aware of the following physical conditions I have that may affect my ability to ride an equine, handle an equine, be near an equine, and/or attend or participate in a clinic, program, or educational event: _____

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Waiver, Release Of Liability, And Indemnity Agreement – (continued)

9. *Use of Photographs or Videotapes.* By my signature below, I also irrevocably grant full permission for HGH or others affiliated with and authorized by HGH, to use and publish any photographs, videotapes, or electronic recordings taken of me, even if such use and publication is for commercial or promotional purposes.
10. This Waiver, Release of Liability, and Indemnity Agreement is governed by Colorado law and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as Colorado law permits. This document can only be modified in writing and signed by me and Kerry Christopherson (and/or Brian T. Christopherson). Should any clause conflict with Colorado law, only that clause will be null and void and the remainder of this document shall stay in full force and effect at all times, now or in the future. Should I breach this Waiver, Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement (or any part of it) I agree to pay the attorney's fees and court costs related to such breach incurred by HGH and/or persons directly affiliated with HGH. It is also mutually agreed that any disputes arising under this Waiver, Release of Liability, and Indemnity Agreement, or any activities that are undertaken pursuant to this document, shall be litigated in a State or Federal Court of proper jurisdiction located in or nearest to Montrose County, Colorado, where HGH, Kerry Christopherson and Brian T. Christopherson reside and transact business, and I agree that this is a convenient location.
11. Also, I represent that (check each box below):
- I am at or over 18 years of age;
 - I am of sound mind, and not suffering from shock or under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or intoxicants;
 - I have read this entire waiver, agreement and release of liability (all three pages), and I fully understand it;
 - I am aware that this document is legally binding and that by signing it I am giving up certain legal rights and/or Remedies;
 - I intend for this waiver, agreement and release of liability to be valid and binding today and at all times in the future; and the information I have provided in this waiver, agreement and release of liability is true and accurate.

Signature Of Contracting Party: _____ Date: _____

Signature - HGH
(Or HGH's Authorized Representative): _____ Date: _____

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Safety Helmet Statement

PRINT NAME OF CLINIC PARTICIPANT: _____

I, for myself and/or on behalf of my child or legal ward, have been fully warned and advised by Higher Ground Horsemanship LLC. (hereafter, "HGH") that I should purchase and wear properly fitted and secured ASTM-standard / SEI-certified protective headgear (helmet and strap) that is designed for use by equestrians when riding or near horses or ponies in order to reduce the severity of some head injuries and possibly prevent death from happening as the result of a fall or other occurrences. I am not relying on HGH or anyone affiliated with HGH to provide a certified equestrian helmet or headgear for me, to check any helmet or strap that I may wear, or to monitor my compliance with this suggestion at any time – *now or in the future*.

I understand that HGH or anyone affiliated with HGH may not wear protective headgear during equine activities and I will not let that influence my decision to wear / not wear protective headgear during equine activities.

If I choose to wear an ASTM-standard/SEI-certified helmet and headgear, or if I choose not to, this is my decision alone.

I HAVE READ THIS STATEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

SIGNATURE:

CLINIC PARTICIPANT: _____

DATE: _____

Release for the use of Photo, Name, and/or Information

I consent to the use of my picture, videotaped image or likeness and/or name and any related narrative by Higher Ground Horsemanship in any story, publication, video, material or advertising of any kind or in any manner in which Higher Ground Horsemanship may decide to use it.

I am 18 years of age or older and am competent to sign in my own name or sign for a minor in my custody or care. I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

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Additional Information

Clinic Check In:

Higher Ground Horsemanship recommends you arrive the day before the clinic start date especially if you are coming from out of town or wish to familiarize yourself and your horse with our facility. At a minimum you should check in ½ hour prior to the expected start time for each day of the clinic. All clinic participants may keep their horse at Higher Ground Horsemanship the night before, during and after the clinic. Reminder: grain and hay **will not** be provided. Hay may be purchased from Higher Ground Horsemanship if needed. For overnight stays all horses will be provided with an individual pen, clean water and salt / mineral block. Please bring with you, copies of your current valid Health Certificate for your horse (*Coggins if out of state or greater than 150 miles*), and proof of current vaccinations; Higher Ground horsemanship will permanently keep them for their records.

If you are running late and do not have sufficient time to prepare your horse we will still begin the clinic as as close to the scheduled time as possible. We will not delay the start of the clinic because you are running late or do not have your horse prepared on time.

You will receive a detailed email, in advance, laying out specifics pertaining to the Clinic you are participating in. Below is a general idea of how each day will look.

Basic Schedule: Times and format are general and could change without notice. Weather and seasons are a factor in start and end times each day. *(This basic schedule applies only to 2 day Clinics. Practical application days will have a lot more flexibility in times and exercises involved.)*

Day 1

Morning Session: Ground work

Approximate Start Time: 8:00 AM

Lunch Provided: 1 to 1 ½ hours starting around 12:00 PM

Afternoon Session: Ground work

Approximate Start Time: 1/1:30 PM

Approximate End Time: 4/5:00 PM

Day 2

Morning Session: Ground work/Riding

Approximate Start Time: 8:00 AM

Lunch Provided: 1 to 1 ½ hours starting around 12:00 PM

Afternoon Session: Riding

Approximate Start Time: 1/1:30 PM

Approximate End Time: 4/5:00 PM

Kerry and Brian will be available daily after each clinic day for additional instruction and to answer your questions.

This is extra time for you to get help if you feel like you're falling behind, need more specific help with a certain exercise or would like more critiquing. This can help prepare you to be more comfortable going into the next day of instruction. Kerry wants to ensure that you get as much time as you need to be confident with what you are learning. We want to be sure that your clinic experience exceeds your expectations. We make it our policy to be the last ones out of the arena to ensure everyone got the help they needed.

Other Important Information & Facility Policies:

- **Weapons** - No firearms of any kind are allowed at the Higher Ground Horsemanship facility (Law Enforcement exempt)
 - **Feed** - Grain will not be provided. Hay will not be provided but is available for purchase.
 - **Gaited Horse** - Your gaited horse will be asked to lope during the clinic.
 - **Pets** - No dogs or other pets are allowed at the ranch (*even our dog will be kept from the training area during clinics*).
 - **Videotaping** – Videotaping will be allowed for personal use only. We understand that videotaping ones experience at our clinics can be beneficial for continued learning at home. We ask that no photos or videos be published without written permission from Higher Ground Horsemanship.
 - **Smoking** –Higher Ground Horsemanship is a smoke-free facility - Due to the extreme fire danger and health concerns for all persons present, if you are found smoking, you will be asked to leave. No refunds will be given.
- Alcohol** - Higher Ground Horsemanship is also an alcohol –free facility. No alcohol is permitted. If you are found with alcohol or are suspected of intoxication during the clinic, you will be asked to leave. No refund will be given.
- Drugs** – Prescription drugs that may cause impairment are prohibited. If you are suspected of impairment due to drug use (prescription or otherwise), you will be asked to leave. No refunds will be given. No illicit drugs allowed EVER.
- **Spectators** – Spectators will be allowed on a limited basis and at the discretion of Higher Ground Horsemanship. Please call in advance to make arrangements. (\$25.00 / Person / Day)

Each participant is allowed one helper (of adequate age) who will be admitted free of charge to the clinic.

- The same horse and rider combination are required throughout the duration of the clinic, unless prior permission is obtained.

Clinic Success Tips

Take advantage of the success tips listed below to ensure that you and your horse have the best possible clinic experience.

You will spend a lot of time desensitizing your horse to the Stick and string throughout the clinic. Before you arrive, practice rotating your arm in large circles and spanking the ground many times, several days before the clinic.

Practice riding your horse on a loose rein at the walk, trot and lope every day for several weeks before coming to the clinic.

Be realistic about your horse's level of training and your riding ability. If you are a beginner, just learning how to ride, you may not be ready for a Higher Ground Clinic. Our Fundamental Level Clinics are not designed for those brand new to horses. If you're a beginner, contact us to arrange private individual lessons so we can help you and your horse feel prepared for a successful clinic experience.

Remember, the more prepared you and your horse are, the more progress you'll experience.

Take advantage of our free consultation service prior to the clinic you want to attend. Kerry can watch you work with your horse, give advice and let you know if you are ready for the clinic.

If possible, ride your horse several days in a row prior to the clinic. Consistency is critical to your horse's mental and physical preparation.

