

## Horsin' Around! Calendar

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Horsin' Around! Calendar is a free e-mail calendar for the Bay Area Equestrian community inviting you to learn about area clubs and organizations and their activities. Join a club, find an event or activity, maybe try a new equestrian sport, and at the same time, meet and support your fellow horsemen and women.

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Sunday, April 1 - BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN'S RENDEZVOUS, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tehama County Fairgrounds, 650 Antelope Blvd, Red Bluff, CA. All trail enthusiasts welcome, free, open to the public, there's something for everyone. Come and enjoy the backcountry experience; there will be trainers, (Barry Krohn & Jerry Tindell), classes (navigation on horseback, trail maintenance, natural hoof care, equine dentistry, saddle fitting, stock emergency first aid, pasture and manure management, farm accounting, packing, dutch oven cooking, trailer safety, gentle use on the trail); contests (CSHA trail trials, dutch oven cookoff, odd load packing contest), demonstrations, vendors, kids' activities and classes; dinner dance, (\$25) 7 p.m. Saturday; cowboy poetry, auction, raffle, Western Art Show, Cowboy Church on Sunday, all taking place at an old Historic Victorian town with homes and livery stables built in 1600 to 1900. Visit the reconstructed adobe of Wm. B. Ide, the only President of the California's Bear Flag Republic, a state historical monument. Make a trip of it, have an enjoyable weekend learning about horses, trails, and having fun in the outdoors. For information contact Larry ([\(530\) 527-8907](tel:5305278907)) or ([\(530\) 526-0590](tel:5305260590)) or e-mail: [Lshuman62@gmail.com](mailto:Lshuman62@gmail.com). (Off Hwy 5, take Hwy 36, Antelope exit) [www.bchcalifornia.org](http://www.bchcalifornia.org).

Sunday, April 1 - GOLDEN GATE ARABIAN & HALF ARABIAN HORSE SHOW, Lytle Cow Palace, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa, CA. Approved USEF & AHA Class A Show. Qualify for National, Region III & Pacific Slope Championships. Contact show secretary Nancy Goertzen ([\(559\) 625-2631](tel:5596252631)) or [goertzenarab@gmail.com](mailto:goertzenarab@gmail.com) or Debbie Wiegmann, Manager: ([\(707\) 321-7060](tel:7073217060)).

Sunday, April 1 - CARLA BAUCHMUELLER CENTERED RIDING CLINIC, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Hossmoor, 1151 Bear Creek Road, Briones, CA. Limited to 4-8 participants, all levels and disciplines welcome. Carla is a Level 3 Centered Riding Instructor and Trainer A of the German National Federation (highest trainer level in Germany) and Yoga instructor. Carla uses mounted and unmounted techniques for the rider, ground exercises and body work for the horse (Linda Tellington Jones' method) and video analysis, \$150 for 6-7 hours of teaching, both theory and practice. Learn the four basics of Centered Riding, soft eyes, breathing, centering and balance. Auditors welcome, no fee. Contact Carla ([\(510\) 423-0644](tel:5104230644)) or e-mail: [cb@cb-riding.com](mailto:cb@cb-riding.com) to enroll. [www.CB-riding.com](http://www.CB-riding.com). Or e-mail: [Cowgirlinc@earthlink.net](mailto:Cowgirlinc@earthlink.net).

Sunday, April 1 - INTRODUCTION TO MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION FOR EQUESTRIANS, 1-5 p.m. Bear Creek Meditation Center, 315 Bear Oaks Lane, Briones, CA. Half-day introduction session to mindfulness and meditation. Need not own a horse

to attend, just bring your interest in developing intuition, presence, and maximizing the bond between yourself and your horse, or your family, friends, etc. Start developing peace in your daily life. Session will be developed into an ongoing course. Sitting and walking sessions, presentations, and snacks. Join in to learn more about the Mindful Riders program and open a door to improved quality of life - for you, for your horse. Tempel Smith, co-founder and Dr. Joanna Robson, DVM., [www.InspiritusEquine.com](http://www.InspiritusEquine.com). \$50. For information call (707) 738-7110 or e-mail: [info@mindfulriders.com](mailto:info@mindfulriders.com). Register online at [www.mindfulriders.homestead.com](http://www.mindfulriders.homestead.com).

Sunday, April 1 - SPRING STAMPEDE WINERY TRAIL RIDE REGISTRATION IS OPEN - meandering trail ride through private land in Livermore vineyards to three local wineries for food and wine tasting. Winery stops are about 35 minutes to sample wine, nibble snacks and buy wines that you like; wine purchasers will have their wine picked up and delivered to the wine ride check-in table. Approximately 3 ½ hours, walk only, flat trail, but be sure your horse will tie, not pull back or kick when tied. Bring a halter, lead rope and rain gear, if needed, there will NOT be a rain date and there are NO REFUNDS. Not for beginners or people who don't ride regularly. must be 21 years old or older to participate. Limited space, usually a sell-out, register early. No stallions, no schooling, no ponying. Applications, entry forms online at: <http://www.springstampe.info>

April 1 - HISTORIC NELSON RANCH PLAYDAY, 10 a.m. Historic Nelson Ranch, 41070 County Road 18C, Woodland, CA. Classes: Barrels, poles, single stake, \$10 each; potluck class (fun class drawn day of event), \$5; goat tying (must pre-enter), break-away roping, \$20; roping practice (if time/participation allows). All day fee, \$50/per rider/division. Pre-entry required for all day fee & goat tying. Riders fastest time in each class counts for year-end and daily class awards. Rain or shine. Dry camping and stalls available, limited RV hookups, contact Brenda at: (530) 304-0140 or by e-mail at: [Brenda@historicnelsonranch.com](mailto:Brenda@historicnelsonranch.com). Next dates: May 12, June 10, July 22, August 18, Sept. 23, Nov. 4, Dec. 8. (dates may change in case of conflicts). Check website for updates at: [www.historicnelsonranch.com](http://www.historicnelsonranch.com). To register contact Teresa (707) 318-5933 or [gssinfo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gssinfo@sbcglobal.net).

April 2-6 and April 9 to 12 - SPRING RIDING CAMPS AT FOLGER STABLE, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Folger Stable, Wunderlich County Park, Woodside, CA. Camps include 5 days of fun horseback riding, learning horsemanship and arts and crafts. Your child will work with the same horse throughout the week and ride every day, including on the trails of this beautiful county park. Come join in for a week of western riding suitable for ages 7-16. \$400 per week or \$100 per day. Call (650) 446-1414 or go to [www.folgerstable.com](http://www.folgerstable.com).

April 2 to 7 - FIRST EVER WORLD CLASS HORSEMEN'S RE-UNION, California Mid-State Fairgrounds, Paso Robles, CA. The greatest assembly of World Class Horsemen together - in one place - at one time. Clinton Anderson Chris Cox, Martin & Wade Black, Bryan Jimmy & Luke Neubert, Pat Parelli, Joe Wolter, and more. Chat and autograph sessions with speakers, Cowboy Poetry, Country Music, Chuckwagon Cook Off, Trade Show and Wine Tasting, and Horsemen's Re-Union Horse Sale. For tickets

and more information go to: [www.horsemensreunion.com](http://www.horsemensreunion.com) or call [805-440-4693](tel:805-440-4693).

Tuesday, April 3 - SIGN UP DEADLINE - EQUINE EVENT MANAGEMENT ONLINE INFORMATION SESSIONS; UC Davis extension and US Equestrian Federation (USEF) jointly offer online educational programs. This is an introduction to a new Professional Concentration in Equine Event Management. Enroll to find out what online learning is about, preview USEF Horse Show Secretary and Horse Show Management courses and take advantage of an opportunity to receive help in selecting future courses. Section 113EEM100. No fee. Enroll any time through April 3.  
[http://extension.ucdavis.edu/unit/online\\_learning/tech\\_reqs.asp](http://extension.ucdavis.edu/unit/online_learning/tech_reqs.asp)

Wednesday, April 4 - TRI CITIES HORSEMEN'S ASSN. MEETING, 7 p.m. Lefty Gomez Rec Hall, 470 Parker Avenue, Rodeo, CA. Junior meetings begin at 7 p.m., general meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. (from Hwy 80 or Hwy 4, take Willow Ave./Rodeo exit. Turn west on Willow Ave. into town, just past where it becomes Parker Avenue, the rec hall is on the left in the parking lot at the ball fields.) First Wednesday each month. For information e-mail: [tricityshrsmn@hotmail.com](mailto:tricityshrsmn@hotmail.com). Do you shop at Shepler's Western Wear online? Do your shopping through the Tri-Cities Horsemen's website and the club receives a 5% commission on your purchases. <http://www.tricityshorsemen.org/salebarn.html>

Wednesday, April 4 - BERRYESSA SNOW MTN. NATNL. CONSERVATION AREA INFORMATION MEETING, 7-9 p.m. Carnegie Building, 1360 Oak Avenue, St. Helena, CA. (across from Napa Valley Coffee Roasting) The proposed conservation area is easily reachable from Sacramento and the Bay Area, providing an escape to the great outdoors, with abundant opportunities for hiking, boating, camping, fishing, horseback riding, mountain bicycling and legal OHV use. Protection will provide well-managed recreation opportunities and outdoor education, and safeguard the area's conservation legacy, natural beauty, sensitive areas, wildlife and rare plants for existing and future generations. The Informational Meeting will give you an opportunity to learn more about this special place. Short panel presentation and discussion, along with Q & A. Tuleyome staff will discuss talking points and hand out fact sheets. Not necessary to RSVP but will help to know how many people to expect. Call: [\(408\) 512-6941](tel:408-512-6941) or e-mail: [amartinez@tuleyome.org](mailto:amartinez@tuleyome.org).

April 6, 7 & 8 - DR. RICHARD MILLER DENTISTRY CLINIC, 9255 Tesla Road, Livermore, CA. Dr. Miller will bring his mobile office, a large horse trailer converted into a Dental facility on wheels. Your horse is asked to load into a trailer and Dr. Miller will show you hands-on and explain what should be done. Only work you approve will be completed and is reasonably priced. Dr. Miller is very thorough, patient, and knowledgeable. Limited to eight people per day. Check out Dr. Miller's web site: <http://richdent.com> Contact info: Cell [\(408\) 858-0909](tel:408-858-0909), Home [\(925\) 449-6699](tel:925-449-6699) and e-mail is [jdcowgirl@att.net](mailto:jdcowgirl@att.net).

April 6 & 7 - ALL ABOUT THE GIRLS WEEKEND, 6 p.m. First Annual Sargent Equestrian Girls Retreat, Sargent Equestrian Center, 15757 E. Sargent Road, Lodi, CA.

Friday night, potluck dinner and tack swap/exchange; Saturday, Play day, group lessons, horse swap lesson, cones - driving, and evening dinner and party. For information call: (209) 727-0200 or e-mail: [info@sargentequest.com](mailto:info@sargentequest.com) <http://www.sargentequest.com/>

Saturday, April 7 - EQUESTRIAN CENTER OF WALNUT CREEK HORSE FAIRE, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. following the Easter Egg Hunt at Heather Farm Park. Celebrating the Wild West, wear your cowboy hat and join in! Demonstration of horse breeds and riding disciplines, vaulting, drill teams, dressage, miniature horses; crafts, games and petting animals, snacks & treats for children, delicious Western Tri-Tip barbecue, (\$10) cowboys, gunslingers, gold panning, booths for information. For those who want to learn about horses, different types of riding, where to go to learn to ride. Admission is free. To volunteer, contact Mary at: [maryrobinada@aol.com](mailto:maryrobinada@aol.com), <http://www.ecwc.org/horsefaire.htm>

Saturday, April 7 - U. C. DAVIS EQUINE SYMPOSIUM-EQUINE EMERGENCIES AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 8:30 a.m. Gladys Valley Hall, U.C. Davis, CA. Equine Medicine Club Symposium. Learn everything you ever wanted to know about what to do in the face of an equine emergency, and how to manage infectious diseases at your barn. Morning vet lectures on eye wounds, wound management, laminitis and penetrating foot wounds, infectious upper respiratory tract disease; afternoon wet labs on bandaging and wound care, infectious disease control and practical barn/horse management. \$50/symposium; Fundraising barbecue for the Veterinary Emergency Response Team (VERT) Equine Rescue, \$30/BBQ. Raffle, First Aid kits for sale, Proceeds help fund student labs, equine medicine club and dentistry and farriery wet labs; helps to send students and clinicians to GEVA, local horse rescue to perform routine dental care. For information, call (510) 409-4744 or e-mail: [ucdequinemedicineclub@gmail.com](mailto:ucdequinemedicineclub@gmail.com). To register go to the website: <http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/clubs/emc/index.cfm>.

Saturday, April 7 - CERRO VISTA HUNTER/JUMPER SCHOOLING SHOW, 8:30 a.m. Rancho Cerro, 9300 Tesla Road, Livermore, CA. Jumping classes start at 8:30 a.m.; walk/trot classes start no earlier than 11 a.m. Hunter classes start no earlier than noon. Leadline and walk only classes through 3'6" jumpers. Food available on grounds. Next in the series, May 5, August 4, Sept. 8, and Oct. 6. Call Cathy (925) 518-4740 for overnight stabling. E-mail: [cathy@ranchocerro.com](mailto:cathy@ranchocerro.com). Entry forms and show information on the website at: [www.ranchocerro.com](http://www.ranchocerro.com).

Saturday, April 7 - CONCORD MT. DIABLO TRAIL RIDE ASSN. POTLUCK DINNER, 6 p.m. CMDTRA clubhouse, 1600 Trail Ride Road, Clayton, CA. (off Russelman Road) General membership meeting and potluck dinner. Bring a potluck dish to share that will feed 8-10 people and whatever meat you would like to grill. Host will provide garlic bread and hot coals for barbecuing. For information, contact [CMDTRA@yahoo.com](mailto:CMDTRA@yahoo.com).

Saturday, April 7 - VOLUNTEER DAY AT RUSH RANCH, 3521 Grizzly Island Road, (two miles south of Suisun City, CA.) Meet at the courtyard, help Solano Land Trust maintain the Ranch with litter removal, trail maintenance, construction and other improvement projects. Bring a backpack with water and snacks, heavy work gloves,

boots or sturdy closed-toe shoes with tread for rough, steep or slippery terrain, long, sturdy pants and layered clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. (volunteer days, 1st Saturday of every month). RSVP requested but not required. Contact Ken [\(707\) 580-6277](tel:(707)580-6277) or e-mail: [ken@solanolandtrust.org](mailto:ken@solanolandtrust.org).

Saturday, April 7 - WILL PENNEBAKER COW HORSE CLINIC, Pennebaker Performance Horses, 9893 Tavernor Road, Wilton, CA. Reining & Horsemanship in the morning, Cow Work in the afternoon. \$150/per rider; \$25/audit fee. Limited space available. Contact Will at [\(805\) 801-0769](tel:(805)801-0769) or e-mail: [will@californiacowhorses.com](mailto:will@californiacowhorses.com). [www.californiacowhorses.com](http://www.californiacowhorses.com)

April 7 & 8 - LOW COST GELDING CLINIC, This gelding clinic is a collaborative effort between National Equine Resource Network and Pioneer Equine Hospital (PEH) veterinarians & staff who will volunteer their time to bring affordable castration services to horse owners in our community. Requirements: - Openings are limited. Appt required. Call [209-847-5951](tel:209-847-5951) - Paperwork & \$50 deposit required - Horses must be between 4 months - 4 years - Horses must be halter broke, in good health, with 2 descended testicles [\(209\) 847-5951](tel:209-847-5951) <http://nationalequine.org>.

April 7 - NELSON RANCH HUNTER/JUMPER SHOW, Historic Nelson Ranch, 41070 County Road 18C, Woodland, CA. For information contact Teresa [\(707\) 318-5933](tel:(707)318-5933) or e-mail: [gssinfo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gssinfo@sbcglobal.net). Contact Brenda [\(530\) 304-0140](tel:(530)304-0140) or send e-mail to: [Brenda@historicnelsonranch.com](mailto:Brenda@historicnelsonranch.com). Additional dates: 5/19, 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 9/15, 11/3.

Sunday, April 8 - CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HORSEMEN'S EASTER SUNRISE RIDE, meet at 6 a.m., ride out at 6:30 p.m. Easter service at 8 a.m., breakfast 9 a.m. Adults \$5; kids 12 & under, \$3. Egg hunt at 10 a.m. 3119 Grant Street, Concord, CA. For information contact Terry at: [\(925\) 209-8387](tel:(925)209-8387) or e-mail: [tadpolew3frogs@yahoo.com](mailto:tadpolew3frogs@yahoo.com).

Sunday, April 8 - NO. CA. REINED COW HORSE ASSN. SHOW, Ferguson Ranch, Red Bluff, CA. Additional show dates, Saturday, May 19, Ferguson Ranch; Saturday, June 9, Ferguson Ranch; Saturday & Sunday, July 7 & 8, McArthur. For information contact Christie at: [\(530\) 517-1000](tel:(530)517-1000) or e-mail: [cacowgirl@acninc.net](mailto:cacowgirl@acninc.net). [www.ncrcha.org](http://www.ncrcha.org).

Wednesday, April 11 - METROPOLITAN HORSEMEN'S ASSN. MEETING, 7 p.m. Metropolitan Horsemen's Clubhouse, 10060 Skyline Blvd., Oakland, CA. [\(510\) 531-5449](tel:(510)531-5449). <http://www.mhaoakland.org/>

April 9 to 11 - SPRING BREAK RIDING CAMP FOR BEGINNERS, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Three Horse Farms, Tassajara Road, Pleasanton, CA. Three days of instruction, providing a head start in horses, includes how to get a horse ready to ride, how to lead, horse behavior and safety around horses. In the saddle, students will learn basic control of their mount in walk and trot, arena safety, and games on horseback. Educational games and activities centered around horses. \$300, instructor Crystal Forsell, USDF bronze medalist. [www.saddle2ride.com](http://www.saddle2ride.com). For information, call 858-3933 or e-mail: [crystal@saddle2ride.com](mailto:crystal@saddle2ride.com). [www.topline-training.com](http://www.topline-training.com)

April 9 to 13 - SPRING BREAK HORSE CAMP, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Hillcrest Farms, 5358 Sheridan Road, Sunol, CA. Learn safety, basic horsemanship, grooming, saddling, horse care, how to have fun and learn to ride a horse. Games and crafts and other fun things to do while enjoying horses. For age 8 and up. \$395/week. Call [\(510\) 651-7208](tel:(510)651-7208) or e-mail: hillcrest [farms@aol.com](mailto:farms@aol.com). <http://hillcrestfarms.net>.

Wednesday, April 11 - TRI VALLEY TRAILBLAZERS POTLUCK DINNER MEETING, 6:30 p.m. Livermore Farm Bureau, 638 Enos Way, Livermore, CA. potluck dinner, followed by general meeting, 7 p.m. [www.trivalleytrailblazers.com](http://www.trivalleytrailblazers.com).

April 11 to 15 - AHA COWBOY ACADEMY SIX YEAR ANNIVERSARY, V-6 Ranch, 66450 Parkfield Coalinga Road, Parkfield, CA. Come celebrate the life of the cowboy at the V6 Ranch, 20,000 acres in the middle of the picturesque Diablo Mountain Range, half-way between Los Angeles and San Francisco. Join legendary Arabian breeder and clinician Sheila Varian for 5 days of a true working ranch experience. Enjoy a family trail ride, experience working cattle, (gathering, cutting, sorting & roping), lakes, swimming, fishing, evening campfires; enjoy life in the old west style. Accommodations at V6 Ranch Lodge. Rental horses available, stalls if you bring your own. Campers, trailers, tents, RVs welcome, shower and bathrooms, portable pipe corrals available or bring your own. \$1,200 for two; \$550 for each additional family member; \$450 non-riders, limited to 8 families. Fee includes camping, all meals from Wednesday dinner through Sunday lunch, horse, lodging, and all activities. For information call [\(805\) 463-2493](tel:(805)463-2493). Information about the ride at: <http://www.ahareg2.org/v6ranchride.htm>. To register, call Kathleen, [\(818\) 371-3464](tel:(818)371-3464) or e-mail: [kvgreen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kvgreen@sbcglobal.net). <http://parkfield.com> or [www.varianarabians.com](http://www.varianarabians.com).

Thursday, April 12 - WEEKLY COW SORTING PRACTICE, 6:30 p.m. Marsh Creek Stables, 24670 Marsh Creek Road, Brentwood, CA. Cow sorting this season will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Starts at 6:30 pm - please come early to register & warm up. Call, [\(925\) 200-0799](tel:(925)200-0799) or e-mail: [info@marshCreekStables.com](mailto:info@marshCreekStables.com). <http://www.MarshCreekStables.com>.

Friday, April 13 - TOLAY LAKE REGIONAL PARK DAY USE PERMIT ORIENTATION, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Stone floor barn, Tolay Lake Regional Park, end of Cannon Lane, (off Lakeville Highway), Petaluma, CA. Permit required for horseback riding in this beautiful park, headwaters for a watershed (dry lakebed during summer). Open Saturday & Sunday. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Nestled in a valley between two ridgelines with spectacular views; from the east ridgeline you can see all the way to San Francisco Bay, to the north see Mt. St. Helena and the entire Petaluma Valley. Permit, map and Park rules & regulations provided. Additional Orientation date, Sunday, April 29 - 3:30-4:30 p.m. For information, call [\(707\) 565-2041](tel:(707)565-2041).

Friday, April 13 - DEADLINE FOR COMPETITION MANAGEMENT HORSE SHOW SECRETARY ONLINE CLASS, UC Davis Extension class, enroll through April 13, and complete the course by June 8. This course will examine the role of the Horse Show

Secretary - from planning and operation of shows, to finance, recordkeeping, creating show bills and prize lists, to entries and reporting. Learn to work with governing bodies, interpret rules and manage people. \$625, requires USEF Rulebook, [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org). 2 quarter units academic credit. Enroll in Section: 114EEM102.

[http://extension.ucdavis.edu/unit/business\\_and\\_management/course/description/?type=A&unit=BM&SectionID=161447&prglist=EQI&utm\\_campaign=Equine\\_Event\\_Mgmt&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_source=Arial&utm\\_content=114636\\_Equine](http://extension.ucdavis.edu/unit/business_and_management/course/description/?type=A&unit=BM&SectionID=161447&prglist=EQI&utm_campaign=Equine_Event_Mgmt&utm_medium=Email&utm_source=Arial&utm_content=114636_Equine)

April 13 to 15 - MONTEREY BAY EQUESTRIANS SPRING POKER RIDE & CAMPOUT, North Shore Lake San Antonio, Los Robles Group Area Horse Camp, past King City, near Bradley, CA. Have a fun filled weekend riding the park's beautiful 14 miles of trail over gently rolling hills speckled with wildflowers, offering spectacular views of the lake. Make new friends, eat great food, and help raise funds to preserve and protect trails and equestrian facilities. Includes Friday & Saturday BBQ dinner, Saturday & Sunday breakfast, vegetarian meals available on request. Bathrooms, flush toilets and hot showers available. Rain or shine. Contact Patti at [\(831\) 663-5377](tel:8316635377) or e-mail:

[pattihgarcia@yahoo.com](mailto:pattihgarcia@yahoo.com). Flyer:

[http://montereybayequestrians.org/file\\_download/28/2012\\_pr\\_flyer.pdf](http://montereybayequestrians.org/file_download/28/2012_pr_flyer.pdf)

April 13 to 15 - V-O-CAL WORK/CAMP WEEKEND, Henry Coe State Park, the largest state park in No. CA, east of Morgan Hill and Gilroy, recently in danger of being closed due to budget cuts. Thanks to Pine Ridge Association and local support, the park remains open, but needs volunteers to help with trail work in order to keep it open. Volunteers will re-route the Jim Donnelly trail to make it a sustainable multi-use trail to help relieve pressure on other routes that are overused and eroding. Come for a day or the entire weekend, camping open to volunteers from Friday at 5 p.m. and food provided Saturday and Sunday through lunch. Bring your own water, sun hat, sunglasses & sunscreen, work gloves, sturdy hiking shoes/boots, day pack, insect repellent, change of clothes for each day. Questions, call [\(650\) 298-9774](tel:6502989774) or e-mail: [info@V-O-CAL.org](mailto:info@V-O-CAL.org). To register, visit the Volunteers for Outdoor California website: <http://www.v-o-cal.org/projects/2012/henry-coe.html>

Friday, April 13 - CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HORSEMEN'S ASSN. MEETING, (every second Friday of the month at the Adobe clubhouse) 3119 Grant Street, Concord, CA. 6:30 p.m. social; board meeting 7 p.m. general meeting 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome, come check out the club and enjoy meeting everyone. For information, contact Terry at: [\(925\) 209-8387](tel:9252098387) or e-mail: [tadpolew3frogs@yahoo.com](mailto:tadpolew3frogs@yahoo.com).

April 14 - MONTANA DE ORO STATE PARK EARTH DAY RESTORATION & CLEANUP, 8:30 a.m. (Hwy 101 to Los Osos Road, turn west, becomes Pecho Valley Road), Volunteers are needed at Montana de Oro State Park for the California State Parks Foundation's 15th Annual Earth Day Restoration and Cleanup presented by PG&E. Projects include trail tread maintenance, grading and drainage repairs, restore native vegetation, repair bluff safety fence in Islay campground. To register, visit [calparks.org/earthday](http://calparks.org/earthday) or call Marygrace at: 1-888-98-PARKS. Bring a signed waiver. <http://calparks.force.com/servlet/servlet.FileDownload?file=00PA0000004SU3iMAG>.

Work from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. For information contact Michael [\(805\) 471-5004](tel:8054715004) or e-mail: [mbeauchemin@hearstcastle.com](mailto:mbeauchemin@hearstcastle.com). (Mt. Diablo and Redwood Regional parks volunteer teams are full.)

April 14 - GYMKHANA PLAYDAY - BUCKLE SERIES, Marsh Creek Stables, 24670 Marsh Creek Road, Brentwood, CA. 8 timed events, must participate in all to qualify for daily high point. This is the first of five in the buckle series. Call, [\(925\) 200-0799](tel:9252000799) or e-mail: [info@marshCreekStables.com](mailto:info@marshCreekStables.com). <http://www.MarshCreekStables.com>.

Saturday, April 14 - FOX 'N HORN APRIL HORSE SHOW, Thorsen Indoor Arena, (double covered arenas) Morgan Hill, CA. Show will be held rain or shine. 8 Daily & Show Champion Divisions from walk only for the very beginner rider to 3'. Tons of flat classes to choose from in the morning followed by jumping all afternoon. Great first place prizes for all class winners and show champion prizes for all champions. Next dates, May 19 & June 16-17. Email [show@foxnhorn.com](mailto:show@foxnhorn.com) for more information. [\(831\) 277-0531](tel:8312770531) or visit the website at: <http://www.foxnhorn.com>.

April 14 & 15 - WESTERN COW HORSE ASSN. CLINIC & SHOW, 9 a.m. Historic Nelson Ranch, 41070 Country Road 18C, Woodland, CA. Start with Art Grunig, how to be good turn back, herd help, cutting instruction, - great for the beginner interested in cutting. \$90/limited to 12 riders. 1 p.m. Dry and fence work with Brian Gruenig, refine your reined work and fence work skills. Beginners welcome. \$60/limited to 12. Both sessions \$130. Auditors \$20. Practice what you learned by attending the show the following day. For information contact [gssinfo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gssinfo@sbcglobal.net) or call [\(707\) 318-5933](tel:7073185933). [www.westerncowhorse.net](http://www.westerncowhorse.net).

Saturday, April 14 - CSHA WINTER BLING #3 GYMKHANA SERIES, 9 a.m. Robertson Park, Livermore, CA. The Winter \*Bling\* Series is back and \*\*\*blingier\*\*\* than Ever! Daily High Point & Reserve \*bling\* awards for all 8 divisions! Series \*bling\* awards too! (Best 3 of 4, final in the series, April 28). No membership required. Rain or Shine, covered arena, Registration starts at 8, show starts at 9. GREAT for families & beginners! For information contact [Js3Appys@aol.com](mailto:Js3Appys@aol.com), or visit the website: <http://region5gymkhana.webs.com> <http://www.csharegion5.org>.

April 14 - CSHA TRAIL TRIAL CLINIC, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Skyline Wilderness Park, Imola Avenue, Napa, CA. Come and learn about Trail Trials. Learn how horse and rider are evaluated as they negotiate natural obstacles on the trail with common sense & safety in mind. Trail Trials is not a timed event, and any horse, pony or mule may be ridden. Come join the fun as you learn what the judges are looking for, which rules apply to an obstacle, learn about new 2012 rules, and how judges use the score card. Help you and your horse become a more competitive team. Park entrance fee \$6/rig or \$5/car. Email for entry form. Lunch will be provided. Bring your horse, a chair, clipboard and pen and all your questions. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Rider w/horse \$45. Auditor (no horse) or junior, \$25. To order lunch, please rsvp by April 11. For additional information, contact Claudia: [707-815-2273](tel:7078152273), or Sue e-mail: [sue@thelazydranch.com](mailto:sue@thelazydranch.com) [www.trailtrials.com](http://www.trailtrials.com).

April 14 - COW HORSE BASICS CLINIC, Loomis Basin Horsemen's Assn. arena, Loomis, CA. Basics clinic with cattle, half day sessions, beginner horse/rider or advanced; \$65 per half day session. Contact: [lbha@vfr.net](mailto:lbha@vfr.net) or Tim at (530) 889-8676. <http://www.garlic.com/~lbha/>

April 14, 15 - RICHARD WINTERS HORSEMANSHIP CLINIC, KISS Horse Center, 10576 Arno Road, Galt, CA. A "what to do when" clinic, helping us in our journey: when we get to the trail head, when we get to the show grounds, when we get to the exhibition. What next? Cost is \$400, limited participants. Auditing fee: \$25/day, \$40 for both days, unlimited auditors. [www.wintersranch.com](http://www.wintersranch.com) Contact Anita at (916) 591-2481 or e-mail: [kiss\\_horses@aol.com](mailto:kiss_horses@aol.com). <http://www.kisshorses.com>

Saturday, April 14 - SUSTAINABLE HORSEKEEPING WORKSHOP, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Train Depot, 110 Higgins Canyon Road, Half Moon Bay, CA. (off Hwy 1 at Higgins Purisima Road turnoff). Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County, in partnership with Ecology Action, hosts Jane Myers, an internationally-recognized expert on environmentally sustainable practices for horse farms. This visual, entertaining and extremely informative presentation will include: horse grazing behavior, horse and pasture management, water and vegetation management, chore-efficiency and effective property planning. For information contact Angie at: (831) 464-2950 ext. 22 or e-mail: [astuart@redsantacruz.org](mailto:astuart@redsantacruz.org). Light snacks will be provided, bring your own lunch. <http://livestockandland.org>.

Sunday, April 15 - CSHA SANCTIONED REGION ONE TRAIL TRIAL, 8:30 a.m. Lynch Canyon Open Space Preserve, off Hwy 80/American Canyon/Hiddenbrooke Pkwy. Trails will be fire roads and single track. Water near staging area and along the trail for horses only. Bring your own for human consumption. 5-6 miles, approx. four hours, with some climbs and rocky areas. Horses should be in good trail condition. Trail lunches available for purchase with your entry. For entry and further information, visit [www.trailtrials.com](http://www.trailtrials.com), click on event calendar and scroll on down. Sign up Today! Hope to see you out on the trail. Rain date May 6. Parking fee per rig. Ride for points, \$50/rider, \$35/junior. Schooling (no points) \$35; companion rider, (not judged) \$15. Box lunch \$8. Entry form at: <http://www.trailtrials.com/1Entry4-15-12.pdf> Pre-register by April 12, or day of event admission \$15 more. For more information call (707) 326-2467 or e-mail: [loricleveland@yahoo.com](mailto:loricleveland@yahoo.com). <http://www.trailtrials.com>.

Sunday, April 15 - E WA TOM LIH KINH APPALOOSA CLUB HORSE SHOW, All Four One English/Western Show, Clements Buckaroos Lakeside Arena, 25230 E. Highway 12, Clements, CA. CSHA Region 5 approved, Appaloosa and All Breed Show. Halter, Showmanship, English flat, English over fences, Western, Trail and Reining classes offered. for more information e-mail: [ewaappaloosa@yahoo.com](mailto:ewaappaloosa@yahoo.com). Download Show Premium and Class list at: [http://region5ew.webs.com/All\\_Four\\_One\\_Premium.pdf](http://region5ew.webs.com/All_Four_One_Premium.pdf)

April 14-15 - SPRING FLING AND TUNE UP, Cowgirl Up Ranch, Burson, overlooking the South shore of Lake Camanche. Start the riding season off right with a weekend

away, bonding with your horse and making new friends or reconnecting with camp buddies from seasons past. Bring a friend for 10% off each of your tuition fees. Bunkhouse style cabins, for information contact [cowgirlUpRanch@aol.com](mailto:cowgirlUpRanch@aol.com), or [1-877-789-6797](tel:1-877-789-6797). <http://www.cowgirlupranch.com> or <http://www.horsespeak.com>

Sunday, April 15 - WESTERN COW HORSE ASSN. SHOW, 8 a.m. Historic Nelson ranch, 41070 County Road 18C, Woodland, CA. Judge: Bill Sanguinetti. Classes include Ranch cutting, working cow horse, reining. Pre-entry by Monday, April 9, required for Cutting and Working Cow Horse classes. Limited overnight stabling available, call Brenda [\(530\) 304-0140](tel:530-304-0140) or e-mail: [Brenda@historicnelsonranch.com](mailto:Brenda@historicnelsonranch.com). For information, contact Teresa [\(707\) 318-5933](tel:707-318-5933) or e-mail: [gssinfo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gssinfo@sbcglobal.net)

Sunday, April 15 - FORT ORD WARHORSE DAY, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Marina, CA. WWII warhorse demos and exhibits. Field artillery section (six-horse hitch as seen in War Horse, the movie) Army muletrain packing with Backcountry Horsemen of California, Steinbeck Country Unit, high-tech saddlepack demo, leave-no-trace trail use talk, SaddleTech 3D saddle-fit gauge for your horse. Free. Meet Sgt Allan MacDonald, enlist with California Historical Artillery Society to become rider/reenactor. Hamburger lunch \$8. (From Hwy 1, exit R on California, park at 9th St, Marina)

April 16 to 18 - WILD HORSE/BURRO ADOPTION, Santa Clara County Horsemen's Assn., 20350 McKean Road, San Jose, CA. Friday preview, 2-5 p.m. Saturday Adoption, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Silent bid adoption Saturday, 9 a.m.-10 a.m. Afterward, first come, first served. 30 horses and 10 burros available for adoption. BLM 'Gentled & Adopted' Mustang and Burro parade, Flea Market & Tack Sale (Rent-a-space, \$15); Horse Camping Clinic by Bonnie Davis, Dutch Oven Cooking demonstration, Pot luck dinner on Saturday, 6 p.m. (bring a hefty side dish, chicken bbq provided). Questions contact Becky, [\(408\) 367-9253](tel:408-367-9253) or Sandie [\(408\) 327-8647](tel:408-327-8647). [Wildhorseandburro.blm.gov](http://Wildhorseandburro.blm.gov).

Saturday, April 17 - JACK BROOKS CAMP WORK DAY, Sam McDonald County Park, 9500 Pescadero Creek Road, Loma Mar, CA. Join the Back Country Horsemen of California, Ohlone Riders, to help maintain the beautiful trails and restore habitat in the Park. Contact Kathy Woods, [ksmithwoods@yahoo.com](mailto:ksmithwoods@yahoo.com), or [\(650\) 678-8070](tel:650-678-8070)

April 18 - CLOSING DATE FOR DRESSAGE IN THE ALMONDS, May 5, Mar Val Stables, 816 Lucas Road, Lodi, CA. Dressage Schooling show, tests from Intro thru 4th level, Western Dressage tests, plus other fun classes within the dressage court. For more information, call [\(209\) 368-7731](tel:209-368-7731) or [\(209\) 327-2265](tel:209-327-2265). Entry form: <http://dressageinthealmonds.com> <http://www.Marvalstables.com>

Friday, April 20 - SAN RAMON HORSEMEN'S ASSN. DINNER, 6 p.m. Alamo Women's Club, 1401 Danville Blvd, Alamo, CA. Speaker on Horse Camping/Sierra Adventures. Rsvp to Denise, [\(925\) 820-0843](tel:925-820-0843).

Saturday, April 21 - JOHN MUIR EARTH DAY/BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. John Muir Home, 4202 Alhambra Avenue, (at Hwy 4) Martinez, CA. Live

music, exhibitors, recycled fashion show, silent auctions, self-guided tours of the 1882 historic home and California Native Plant Garden, and visit by “John Muir” impersonators, sharing stories of his adventures. Food and beverages available for purchase. Access Adventure wheelchair accessible horse drawn carriage rides. Rain or shine, dress for the weather. Admission and parking are free. (parking at Alhambra High School and Martinez Adult Education; shuttles provided.) [\(925\) 228-8860](tel:9252288860).  
[jma@johnmuirassociation.org](mailto:jma@johnmuirassociation.org). [www.nps.gov/jomu](http://www.nps.gov/jomu).

Saturday, April 21 - CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HORSEMEN’S ASSN. WINE & EQUINE SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER, 4-7 p.m. Contra Costa County Horsemen's Association Club House, Fernando Pacheco Adobe, Grant Street, Concord, CA. CCCHA will be hosting a Wine Tasting and Silent Auction including donated items as well as wine tasting and prepared gourmet foods from three of the finest Contra Costa County Wineries during the social hour. Benefit for the club and for Rehab Ranch. Tickets \$20. For information, call [\(925\) 209-8387](tel:9252098387). <http://www.ccchorseclub.org>.

Saturday, April 21 & 22 - BLM WILD HORSE & BURRO ADOPTION, Santa Clara County Horsemen's Association grounds, 20350 McKean Road, San Jose, CA. There will be about 40 animals available for adoption to a good home. Come see the Mustang Parade showing off mustangs that have been adopted and turned into great riding horses. Enjoy a pancake breakfast and shop at the Tack Sale. Spaces available for rent for Tack Sale vendors. For information contact Sandie Quinones [\(408\) 927-6647](tel:4089276647).

Sunday, April 22 - KMT TRI-VALLEY CLASSIC HUNTER/JUMPER SCHOOLING SHOW, Robertson Park, Livermore, CA. First Hunter/Jumper show of the season, offering 5 shows with great year-end awards and a KMT Medal Final Series. Great prizes from local vendors and glorious ribbons, medals and neck sashes to Medal Finals Winners. Come join us for our 2012 series! Class list and entry form at <http://www.bayequest.info/pdf/events/kmt-list-4-22-12b.pdf> For information contact Alison at [\(831\) 224-2727](tel:8312242727) or [aeprides70@gmail.com](mailto:aeprides70@gmail.com) or visit the website at: <http://kellymaddoxtraining.com/kmtSchoolingShows.html>

April 22 - RANCH SORTING COMPETITION, 9 a.m. Historic Nelson Ranch, 41070 County Road 18C, Woodland, CA. RSNC and HNR classes will be offered. 50% payback in all classes. All levels welcome. RSNC Entry Fees include a \$3/entry RSNC sanctioning fee. Settle 1st herd at 7:30 a.m. Sign ups start at 8 a.m. 1st class, 9 a.m. sharp. For information contact Teresa [\(707\) 318-5933](tel:7073185933) or e-mail: [gssinfo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gssinfo@sbcglobal.net). Limited dry camping and stalls available, contact Brenda [\(530\) 304-0140](tel:5303040140) or [Brenda@historicnelsonranch.com](mailto:Brenda@historicnelsonranch.com).

Sunday, April 22 - VAULTING AT THE VINEYARD, SPRING BENEFIT & EXHIBITION, 12-2 p.m. AT Historic Garrod Farms, 22645 Garrod Road, Saratoga, CA. Enjoy a Ranch-style barbecue with live music and Silent Auction from 12-2 p.m. Lunch also includes some fabulous wine tasting from award-winning winery Cooper-Garrod. The expo/vaulting performance starts at 2 p.m., and participants include several world medalists. \$35/adult; \$10/children 10 and under. Live Auction/Kids’ Raffle, 3-3:30 p.m.

A chance to experience vaulting, 3:30-4 p.m. Vaulting is the sport of gymnastics and dance performed on the back of a moving horse. Mt. Eden Vaulting Club is the oldest and largest vaulting club in the U.S. It's a great sport for athletic youth who love horses but do not have the opportunity of owning one of their own. For more information contact Marianne (408) 867-1789 or e-mail: [marianne@mariannerose.net](mailto:marianne@mariannerose.net).  
<http://www.mtedenvaulting.net>

April 21 - NCRCHA 1st SHOW OF 2012 (rescheduled from March 31) (Northern California Reined Cow Horse Assn.) Ferguson Ranch, 15610 Evergreen, Cottonwood, CA. (exit Bowman Road, off I-5) Limited Two-Handed Cutting, Herd work, First Year Rider - Stock horse (Dry work only); Stock Horse, All ages; Open Bridle Horse, Non-Pro Bridle Horse; Junior and Non-Pro Junior Working Cow Horse; Two Rein Working Cow Horse; First Year Fence-Working Cow Horse; Green Working Cowhorse; First Year Boxing-Working Cow Horse; Limited (Rookie) Working Cow Horse Boxing; Rein/Box & Drive. Pre-entries close Monday prior to show. Call (707) 318-5933 or e-mail: [gssinfo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gssinfo@sbcglobal.net). [www.ncrcha.org](http://www.ncrcha.org).

April 26 to 29 - V6 RANCH SPRING CATTLE DRIVE, join the fun on an authentic cattle drive. Ride an experienced ranch horse selected to your riding ability, or bring your own; enjoy the beautiful scenery, delicious ranch style food, and plenty of cattle work. Help drive the cattle to different locations on the ranch as part of rotational grazing. Camp out at Mustang Camp, meals included, unlimited riding, campfire entertainment. From Thursday night at 8 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, age 8 years and up. \$750 per person. For more information call (805) 463-2371 or (805) 463-2493.

April 26 - CLOSING DATE FOR DRESSAGE IN THE ALMONDS, Show May 6, Mar Val Stables, 816 Lucas Road, Lodi, CA. Dressage Schooling show, tests from Intro thru 4th level, Western Dressage tests, plus other fun classes within the dressage court. For more information, call (209) 368-7731 or (209) 327-2265. Entry form: <http://dressageinthealmonds.com> <http://www.Marvalstables.com>

April 27 to 29 - WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT RETREAT AND HEALING WITH HORSES, Cowgirl Up Ranch, Burson, overlooking the South shore of Lake Camanche. Relax, Rejuvenate, Renew, Rejoice. An equine facilitated learning experience. Workshops that will topple your self-limiting beliefs. Learn to harness your positive energy, discover the power that is within you. Learn from your animal guides. No previous experience with horses required., riding is optional. Bunkhouse style cabins, limited to 12. \$389. For information call 1-877-789-6797 or e-mail: [CowgirlUpRanch@aol.com](mailto:CowgirlUpRanch@aol.com) or visit the website at: <http://www.cowgirlupranch.com> or <http://www.horsespeak.com>

April 27 to 30 - BUCK BRANNAMAN CLINIC, 9 a.m., Tehama District Fairgrounds, Pauline Davis Pavilion, Red Bluff, CA. Colt starting, 9 a.m.-12 noon; horsemanship, 1-4 p.m. Riding spots are full but there is room for spectators, \$25, no reservation needed; kids under 12 & seniors free. RV parking, food available to purchase. Questions, call Tina Cornish, [athenamjames@yahoo.com](mailto:athenamjames@yahoo.com) or call (530) 892-9816.

April 28 & 29 - CSHA REGION 5 SPRING STAMPEDE, Livermore, CA. 19th Annual Spring Stampede at Robertson Park in Livermore. Two days of fun and excitement with horses! Gymkhana, English/Western Horse Show, Stock Events, and ever popular Winery Trail Rides! Check out website. Updates will be posted as made available.  
<http://www.springstampede.info> [www.csharegion5.org](http://www.csharegion5.org).

April 28 & 29 - TACK SWAP & SALE AT THE SPRING STAMPEDE, benefit for Region 5 Horsemastership Program. \$20 for a booth all weekend. Collect all your no longer fitting tack, equipment, bring it to the stampede to swap or sell. Bring your own table and whatever you want to sell for a space in Vendor's Alley. For more information and to reserve a space, contact Judi Materne at [\(209\) 763-5627](tel:2097635627) or e-mail her at: [drenalinejunkie@aol.com](mailto:drenalinejunkie@aol.com). <http://www.springstampede.info>

April 28 and 29 - CALIFORNIA STATE HORSEMEN'S ASSN. REGION 5 SPRING STAMPEDE, Livermore Rodeo Grounds, 3200 Robertson Park Road, Livermore, CA. The Stampede brings people together for a weekend of fun with horses and a variety of special events. Open to the public, spectators free and welcome. Come on out for a rootin', tootin', good ol' time. There's something for everyone! If you're not riding, come out and watch the competitions, stroll through Vendor Alley where everything from arts & crafts to tack and trailers will be available to purchase, along with a variety of food and drink. Gymkhana on Saturday, Stock ranch events, winery trail rides and English/Western Horse Show on Sunday. New this year, Ken Brown Memorial Trail Challenge, in honor of Ken Brown, former Region 5 President.  
<http://www.springstampede.info>

Saturday, April 28 - CSHA REGION 5 WINTER BLING #4 GYMKHANA, at the Spring Stampede, 9 a.m. Robertson Park, Livermore, CA. No membership required. Rain or Shine, covered arena, Registration starts at 8, show starts at 9. GREAT for families & beginners! For information contact [Js3Appys@aol.com](mailto:Js3Appys@aol.com), or visit the website: <http://region5gymkhana.webs.com> <http://www.csharegion5.org>.

Saturday, April 28 - TEAM PENNING AT THE SPRING STAMPEDE, 3 on 3 Team Penning, 2 p.m., \$160/per team, 20 team limit, ride twice, change 1 partner. Check Spring Stampede website for more info and registration forms.  
<http://www.springstampede.info>

Saturday, April 28 - RUSH RANCH OPEN HOUSE, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Rush Ranch, Grizzly Island Road, Suisun, CA.(2 miles south of Hwy 12) Live music & square dancing, horseshoeing & blacksmithing demonstrations, Native American weaving, spinning and carving demonstrations; art show, silent auction, raffle, guided marsh discovery hike, ranch and farm equipment on display, kids' art activity station, farm animals, and snack bar/grill. Wheelchair accessible horse drawn Carriage rides provided by Access Adventure. [\(707\) 432-0152](tel:7074320152). [www.rushranch.net](http://www.rushranch.net) or call [\(707\) 422-4491](tel:7074224491).

Saturday, April 28 - RIDGE TO BRIDGE - BAY AREA RIDGE TRAIL

FUNDRAISER, come out on foot, mountain bike, or horse to experience some of the most spectacular trail anywhere, on the Ridge Trail through Marin. Spectacular views of the Pacific coastline, Marin Headlands, the Bay, S.F. and, and - in honor of its 75th anniversary, - across the Golden Gate Bridge (for cyclists and hikers!) Camp out at the Rob Hill Campground in the Presidio the nights before and after (camping registration is separate.) Choose your trail and level of challenge. Hike with a shuttle to the start in Marin for a one-way hike back to the Presidio Main Post. Equestrians have a 9-mile plus ride. \$115 hike or bike, \$65 equestrians. Register early, this event fills fast. Add \$10 after April 2. Fees are separate from fundraising and include shuttle for hikers and cyclists, gourmet catered lunch, snacks and water, guides, maps, a t-shirt and more. Participants can make up teams to collect donations for the Ridge Trail. Prizes for individuals and teams who collect the most donations. Registration information on the website: <http://www.ridgetrail.org>. If you don't want to hike or ride, you can volunteer to help. Contact [volunteer@ridgetrail.org](mailto:volunteer@ridgetrail.org).

Saturday, April 28 - PASTA PALOOZA FOR THE PARKS, the Solano Regional Parks Foundation throws its own shindig to support Annadel and county parks. Enjoy the music of local band Cahoots, dinner by the Pasta King, dessert from Worth Our Weight, wine from Barefoot Wine & Bubbly and beer from Lagunitas Brewery. Auction prizes include special outings, trips, winery experiences and dining and spa packages. Reserve a VIP table for eight for \$500 or purchase single tickets for \$30 each at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/230112](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/230112).

April 28 & 29 - LONE TREE FARM CROSS COUNTRY CLINIC, Lone Tree Farm & Vista Del Rio, 23806 Yosemite Blvd., Waterford, CA. More than 100 cross-country jumps in a 100-acre gorgeous river bottom setting. Come school your horse, even bring your trainer, or your students, schooling is still only \$25. For information visit the website at: [www.lonetreefarm.net](http://www.lonetreefarm.net) or call (209) 874-3401 or cell (209) 985-3354 or e-mail: lone [tree.ca@gmail.com](mailto:tree.ca@gmail.com).

Sunday, April 29 - KEN BROWN MEMORIAL TRAIL CHALLENGE, 8:30 a.m. check-in; rides begin 9:30 a.m. New this year at the Spring Stampede! Robertson Park, Livermore, CA. Proceeds benefit Region 5 TRAP & Trails programs. Join in and have fun on a Trail Obstacle course judged by Charles Wilhelm. Pre-register by 4/23, adults \$30/per rider; juniors, \$20. After 4/23 or day of event, add \$5. All riders under age 18 must wear a helmet. For more information and rules, see the Spring Stampede website at: <http://www.springstampede.info/> to download registration entry form go to: [http://www.californiastatehorsemen.com/Region\\_05/csharegion5/springstampede/2012ss\\_trail\\_challenge\\_entry.pdf](http://www.californiastatehorsemen.com/Region_05/csharegion5/springstampede/2012ss_trail_challenge_entry.pdf)

Sunday, April 29 - SPRING STAMPEDE ENGLISH/WESTERN HORSE SHOW, 8 a.m. Robertson Park covered arena, 3200 Robertson Park Road, Livermore, CA. Double points CSHA approved Region 5 show. Classes in Halter, Showmanship, Lead Line, English flat, Western, Ranch horse and Reining. Judge TBA. Discount class fees for CSHA Members! Ribbons to 6th place, High point awards. Become a class sponsor! (925) 354-6514. [www.region5ew.webs.com](http://www.region5ew.webs.com) <http://www.springstampede.info>. Download

Class List and Entry form at:

<http://region5ew.webs.com/2012StampedeShowPremium.pdf>

Sunday, April 29 - STOCK SORTING AT THE SPRING STAMPEDE, 8 a.m. Youth cattle sorting, 12 & under, \$20/per team/buckle to first place, awards to all youth participants. Limited to first 15 youth teams; 2 man cattle sorting approx. 9 a.m., 30 team limit, \$45/per rider. Ride up to 3 times, changing partners. Buckles to winners. For rules & registration form, contact Lenny by e-mail only at: [lennynadeau58@gmail.com](mailto:lennynadeau58@gmail.com). Registration form online: [www.springstampede.org](http://www.springstampede.org).

April 28 - AMERICAN RIVER CLASSIC AERC 25/50 MILE ENDURANCE RIDE, Auburn, CA. Ride along the Pioneer Express Trail, Robie Trail & Olmstead Loop, one of the prettiest rides in the West. From limited distance riders to ambitious 50-mile riders, this ride will challenge and engage all comers. Fun ride with excellent management and trail marking, a beautiful trail, great awards and a sumptuous Saturday night barbecue. Head vet: Melissa Ribley. For information, contact Paul [\(916\) 663-1814](tel:9166631814) or e-mail: [paul\\_klentos@yahoo.com](mailto:paul_klentos@yahoo.com), or Erin [\(916\) 712-1651](tel:9167121651).

April 28 & 29 - VARIAN ARABIANS SPRING FLING, 1275 Corbett Canyon Road, Arroyo Grande, CA. Visit the Varian Arabians ranch, see presentations by Sheila Varian and special guest speakers, presentation of breeding stallions and sale horses under saddle and at liberty. Enjoy food and fun surrounded by beautiful horses. Saturday only, \$20; Sunday only \$15; both days, \$25. Summer Jubilee, August 3-5, will include clinician Eitan Beth-Halachmy as he shares his style of horsemanship known as Cowboy Dressage, along with Western Music Association's three time Entertainer of the Year, Dave Stamey. [\(805\) 489-5802](tel:8054895802), [varianarab@aol.com](mailto:varianarab@aol.com). Vendor spaces available, contact Angela for vendor information at: Varian [off@aol.com](mailto:off@aol.com). For information, to rsvp or for lodging information, visit the website at: <http://www.VarianArabians.com>.

Sunday, April 29 - SONOMA STATE EQUESTRIAN TEAM WINE FUNDRAISER, 1-4 p.m. The Green Music Center, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA. Benefit for the Sonoma State Equestrian Team There will be: -Wine Tasting -Hors d'oeuvres -Silent Auction -Raffle -Music Tickets at the door: \$35 for guest 21 and over \$25 for guests under 21. Please RSVP by April 20th to: [Michelledavis87@gmail.com](mailto:Michelledavis87@gmail.com) 408-421-2447 [www.ssuequestrian.com](http://www.ssuequestrian.com) .cash or check, credit cards will not be accepted. If you can't attend, visit the website for details on how to donate! <http://ssuequestrian.com>

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!! - COMING UP IN MAY!!  
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Wednesday, May 2 - TRI CITIES HORSEMEN'S ASSN. MEETING, 7 p.m. Lefty Gomez Rec Hall, 470 Parker Avenue, Rodeo, CA. Junior meetings begin at 7 p.m., general meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. (from Hwy 80 or Hwy 4, take Willow Ave./Rodeo

exit. Turn west on Willow Ave. into town, just past where it becomes Parker Avenue, the rec hall is on the left in the parking lot at the ball fields.) First Wednesday each month. For information e-mail: [tricityshrsmn@hotmail.com](mailto:tricityshrsmn@hotmail.com). Do you shop at Shepler's Western Wear online? Do your shopping through the Tri-Cities Horsemen's website and the club receives a 5% commission on your purchases. <http://www.tricityshorsemen.org/salebarn.html>

May 4 & 5 - NATRC COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE, Concord Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Assn., 1600 Trail Ride Road, Clayton, CA. (at the end of Russelman Road). Registration begins at 1 p.m. Friday afternoon, May 4. Vet checks begin 3 p.m., end at dusk; ride will be Saturday, May 5. Not a race, riders will be judged on horse's condition and soundness and rider's handling of their horse in-hand and under saddle. Divisions group riders by different distances and experience levels. Ride through Back Canyon Trail on Mount Diablo, through state park land, private ranches and other property not usually accessible. Veterinarians and horsemanship judges monitor horse and evaluate rider along the way and give riders written reports with observations. Barbecue and awards follow the ride. Camping available by reservation. For information or to register, contact Ellen Pofcher, (925) 672-3733 or e-mail: [mtnoaks@earthlink.net](mailto:mtnoaks@earthlink.net). Download entry form on the website at: <http://cmdtra.org>. To learn more about NATRC rides, go to [www.NATRC.Org](http://www.NATRC.Org).

May 4 to 6 - VINEYARD CLASSIC COMBINED DRIVING EVENT, Woodland Stallion Station, 34270 County Road 20, Woodland, CA. Terrain has moderate hills and the soil is rocky, shoes are recommended. Camping available on the grounds, \$35. Volunteers camp for free. No hookups, no showers. Lunch available for purchase, dinners must be purchased in advance. Entries close April 9. <http://www.vineyardcde.com/>

May 5 - DRESSAGE AT HOSSMOOR, Hossmoor, 1151 Bear Creek Road, Briones, CA. USEF/USDF/CDS approved, Judge: Sandy Howard. Closing date: April 21. Limited stabling, \$35/night, (925) 228-5790 or e-mail: [cowgirl@hossmoor.com](mailto:cowgirl@hossmoor.com). Classless show on Sunday, May 6. Entry forms online at [EquestrianEntries.com](http://EquestrianEntries.com), or [Hossmoor.com/events](http://Hossmoor.com/events). Questions, Laurie (510) 672-3260 or [ldsonhorse@aol.com](mailto:ldsonhorse@aol.com).

May 5 - TACK SWAP AND GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER, Contra Costa County Horsemen's Assn. Fernando Pacheco Adobe, 3119 Grant Street, Concord, CA. For information, check the web site at: <http://www.ccchorseclub.org>

Saturday, May 5 - CONCORD MT. DIABLO TRAIL RIDE ASSN. POTLUCK DINNER, 6 p.m. CMDTRA clubhouse, 1600 Trail Ride Road, Clayton, CA. (off Russelman Road) General membership meeting and potluck dinner. Bring a potluck dish to share that will feed 8-10 people and whatever meat you would like to grill. Host will provide garlic bread and hot coals for barbecuing. For information, contact [CMDTRA@yahoo.com](mailto:CMDTRA@yahoo.com).

Saturday, May 5 - 2ND ANNUAL EQUINE HEALTH FAIR, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Circle Oak Equine, 909 Mustang Court, Petaluma, CA. A free, information-packed event including equine and sports medicine and rehabilitation lectures, hands-on demos,

information booths, raffles and more. This year we will have three venues operating simultaneously. Check our Facebook page for schedule and updates. We'll even be live-streaming the Kentucky Derby! For information call [\(707\) 766-8760](tel:7077668760)

<http://www.circleoakequine.com>,

<https://www.facebook.com/circleoakequinesportsmedicineandrehabilitation>

Saturday, May 5 - HORSE EXTRAVAGANZA/TRAIL OBSTACLE/TACK SWAP FUNDRAISER, Oakdale, CA. Benefit for Rehorse Rescue Ranch, Jamestown, CA. Test your skill on the trail obstacle challenge, (pre-entry only); sell or swap all your unwanted tack; shop for jewelry, t-shirts, portraits & gifts in the Vendors; demonstrations of shoeing, pack mules, Dutch Oven Dessert sampling, face painting, prize drawings, La Salsa Fresh Taqueria food for purchase. Animal communicator Charles Peden demonstration. For information call [\(209\) 345-7450](tel:2093457450) or visit the website at: <http://rehorserscue.org>. Once rescued, horses are restored with veterinary care and nutrition, then rebuilt with love and training and finally rehomed to approved forever homes.

Sunday, May 6 - CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HORSEMEN'S ASSN. ENGLISH/WESTERN HORSE SHOW & BBQ, Don Fernando Pacheco Adobe, 3119 Grant Street, Concord, CA. CSHA Region 5 approved, show one of three. Other dates July 8 and August 5. For information call [\(925\) 209-8387](tel:9252098387). Check out the web site for the latest information at: <http://www.ccchorseclub.org>

Sunday, May 6 - HOSSMOOR "CLASSLESS" DRESSAGE SCHOOLING SHOW, Hossmoor, 1151 Bear Creek Road, Briones, CA. Judge: Renee Johnson. You choose the class (including Western Dressage) and ask for the time you want to ride (first one to ask, gets it). Food available all day. Limited stabling, \$35/night, [\(925\) 228-5790](tel:9252285790) or e-mail: [cowgirl@hossmoor.com](mailto:cowgirl@hossmoor.com). USEF, USDF, and CDS approved shows on May 5, and Sunday, Sept. 30. Entry forms online at EquestrianEntries.com, or Hossmoor.com/events. Questions, Laurie [\(510\) 672-3260](tel:5106723260) or [ldsonhorse@aol.com](mailto:ldsonhorse@aol.com).

Sunday, May 6 - HUNTER PACE, Lone Tree Farm & Vista Del Rio, 23806 Yosemite Blvd., Waterford, CA. Ride over a cross-country course trying to match the speed of a foxhunt using a pre-set speed. Ride by yourself or with a friend, just for the fun of it. You'll be scored on your pace (time) only. If you don't have a partner to ride with, we can find one for you. Additional Pace dates: August 5, October 28 Final High Point event. For information or application, visit the website at: [www.lonetreefarm.net](http://www.lonetreefarm.net) or call [\(209\) 874-3401](tel:2098743401) or cell [\(209\) 985-3354](tel:2099853354) or e-mail: lone [tree.ca@gmail.com](mailto:tree.ca@gmail.com).

May 11 to 13 - DRAFT FEST 2012 & FRIENDS, a Draft Horse Gathering, Sargent Equestrian Center, 15757 E. Sargent Road, Lodi, CA. Gerard Paagman Clinic on Friday, Driving show, Saturday Night Gala, elegant turnout classes start at 5 p.m, catered dinner and live auction 6:30 p.m. Mother's Day Brunch, Vendors, raffle & Live auction, all packed into three days of incredible fun. Gala tickets available from Cheryl Pritchett [\(408\) 482-4594](tel:4084824594), or [cherpritt@yahoo.com](mailto:cherpritt@yahoo.com). To register or for more information contact Jeanne Williams, [\(209\) 727-0200](tel:2097270200) or e-mail: [Jeanne@sargentequest.com](mailto:Jeanne@sargentequest.com)

June 9 to 12 (Saturday through Tuesday) MUSTANGS: A LIVING LEGACY HORSEPACKING TRIP, meet at Benton Hot Springs B&B, 55137 Hwy 120, Bishop, CA. Track wild horses and relive the Old West in the seldom visited Pizona area of the Inyo National Forest. From a central meadow camp, riders track mustangs in their natural pinyon forest habitat. Observe and photograph mustang herds and wildflowers. Learn the social behavior of the horses and their current struggle. Enjoy spectacular sunsets of the Sierra and White Mountains while the cook prepares dinner over an open fire. Evening campfires. Instructors, Craig London, DVM and Janet Roser, Ph.D., professor with the Dept. of Animal Science, U.C. Davis. \$900, includes horse, saddle, meals and instruction. (3 quarter units academic credit.)

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HELPING OTHERS:

NURSE MARE NEEDED: Thoroughbred foal born March 26, needs a nurse mare. Reputable breeding farm. Will pick up and deliver. [916-685-4965](tel:916-685-4965), Elk Grove, CA. <http://www.daehlingranch.com>

HORSES FOR HEROES: Circle E Therapeutic and Healing Center now offering sessions for veterans given by a veteran & certified instructor & Reiki practitioner. Learn to ride, vault, or use the equine as a therapeutic tool (hippo-therapy) and opt to receive Reiki treatment while doing it. Destiny Oaks Equestrian Center, 5870 Bruce Drive, Pleasanton, CA. For information, call: [925-789-0217](tel:925-789-0217), cell [925 789 0217](tel:925-789-0217), or [info@circleeriding.com](mailto:info@circleeriding.com). <http://circleeriding.com>

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Day before Easter, (April 7) Horse Faire at Heather Farm, volunteers are needed to help with games for children, be gate keepers, work in craft booths, supervise children grooming miniature horses, deposit raffle tickets, help in the kid's activity corral, -- there are jobs for everyone, contact Mary: [maryrobinada@aol.com](mailto:maryrobinada@aol.com) or call [\(925\) 323-9352](tel:925-323-9352).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Equi-Ed Therapeutic Equestrian Program needs volunteers to help Special Needs Students connect with Horses! Volunteers begin by helping around our barn during lesson days. Once an 18 hour training has been completed, they can help directly in lessons with students. Volunteers will be expected to make a weekly commitment to come out for our spring and summer lesson sessions. The 18 hour training covers horse handling, tack, disabilities, role playing of lessons, history of therapeutic riding, volunteer duties and much more. [www.equi-ed.org](http://www.equi-ed.org). Call to schedule a visit to see if Equi-Ed is the right fit for you. [707-546-7737](tel:707-546-7737), <http://www.equi-ed.org>

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EQUESTRIAN ISSUES:

From a fellow equestrian comes the following message: The New York Times recently featured a shocking front page article exposing the lack of regulations and oversight in the racing industry that's killing horses and jockeys. The paper devoted 3 full pages to the story. More than 1,200 horses die in US race tracks every year--(estimated 24/week). The article makes clear that this is only a fraction of what's really going on because few horse-racing deaths are reported. There are federal laws aimed at curbing the well-known abuse in the industry, but enforcement is state-by-state. California is number 2 in the nation (New Mexico is in first place) in horses dying at the tracks. The Times found that most deaths are related to doping.

As animal lovers and horsemen and women, we are the most likely ones to face this problem and take action. One way to do so is to send the article to your state assemblymen and women and state senators. Boxer and Feinstein also should hear from us. They need to know that California's 2nd place status in the nation is a grim record. You can send your representatives a message and the link to the article via their websites. You also can share this story with others who may also be moved to take action.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/25/us/death-and-disarray-at-americas-racetracks.html?\\_r=1&scp=2&sq=horse%20racing&st=cse](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/25/us/death-and-disarray-at-americas-racetracks.html?_r=1&scp=2&sq=horse%20racing&st=cse)

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AG ALERT:

The March 14 issue of AgAlert, the weekly newspaper for California agriculture, has an article about the proposed rule released by the US Dept. of Labor that would not allow kids to do chores or work with livestock or on farms that are not owned by their parents. This might also include stables and barns in some places where horses are considered livestock and might even include some things like operating gas lawnmowers and weedwhackers that might be considered hazardous. Some members of the House and Senate have called for the rule to be withdrawn. The Farm Bureau is working toward getting it repealed. For those who are concerned about the restrictiveness of this ruling, it might be worthwhile to contact your house and senate representatives to encourage their help in getting it withdrawn.

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NON-PROFIT NEEDS:

CHANGE PROGRAM NEEDS HORSE BLANKETS: The Sonoma County CHANGE Program is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that assists Animal Control with abandoned and neglected Equines. Due to a recent seizure of senior horses, CHANGE is in need of waterproof blankets in the sizes of 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, especially the higher neck "European cut." Donations are tax deductible. Please call Jane Mesics at [707-478-7983](tel:707-478-7983). <http://sonomachangeprogram.com/> Petaluma, CA.

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR SONOMA HORSE RESCUE: Equine tack and supplies needed for Sonoma Equine Rescue, Rehab and Adoption, (Glen Ellen, CA) a 501(c)3

non-profit organization that assists with abandoned and neglected equines due to foreclosures and job losses. Due to recently surrendered horses, SERRA is in need of waterproof blankets in the sizes of 64 to,76, especially the higher neck "European cut." Need soft rope halters, long lead marine ropes, bandages, medications, feed, hay, a stock trailer for hauling, and of course, volunteers. Donations are tax deductible. Please call [\(888\) 883-0868](tel:8888830868). <http://www.serraequinerescue.org>

THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM NEEDS TRI-VALLEY SITE: Wildhorse is teaching therapeutic riding in Walnut Creek, but needs to add one day, preferably a Saturday, for students who live closer to Pleasanton, Sunol and Fremont. We will need to lease a horse and tack for that one afternoon only. We have trained volunteers, and invite you to browse our web site, [www.freewildhorse.com](http://www.freewildhorse.com). Will barter English or Western

WANTED: HALTERS & LEAD ROPES: Used halters and lead ropes needed for Santa Clara Co. Large Animal Evac teams through the county Office of Emergency Services. We are collecting used halters & lead ropes for horses and other large stock animals that will be distributed among the teams and made available in case of fire or other disaster. If you have any safe, usable halters or lead ropes that you would like to donate to the SCCLAE teams, please call for the shipping address. They can also be dropped off at California Stables in Gilroy. If you are at a larger stable, it would be awesome to put a barrel out and collect halters & leads for this project. [408-686-0535](tel:4086860535)

STALL MATS NEEDED: Kids Equestrian Non-Profit Needs Stall Mats. Victory Ranch added horses and needs additional mats. Please consider a tax-deductible donation. Call [415-215-9763](tel:4152159763), we can make arrangements to pick them up. Victory Ranch provides disadvantaged kids with a bonding and positive learning experience with their new special buddy, a horse. Looking for a small ranch to lease/option that has a house, barn for at least eight horses, and an arena. We are looking all over the Bay area for this property and are open to a donation Please visit us at: [www.victoryranchinc.com](http://www.victoryranchinc.com).

AUSTRALIAN SADDLE SOUGHT FOR THERAPY HORSE: Australian saddle sought for therapy horse with high withers, will Barter. An Aussie saddle has a great advantage for therapeutic riding in that the English-type stirrup is far more forgiving than the normal Western saddle, stirrup and fender arrangement. Donation requested; or barter of Centered Riding-inspired lessons on our wonderful Big Red (QH). Call [\(510\) 860-8188](tel:5108608188) [www.freewildhorse.com](http://www.freewildhorse.com)

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LOOKING FOR:

SONOMA RENTAL THAT ALLOWS PETS: Looking for a rental in Sonoma County within 20 minutes of Santa Rosa. I have horse (stall cleaning, grooming and working) experience. I also have pet experience (grooming, sitting) I do not mind some work exchange I am looking in the \$900 range/ utilities included. I have well behaved dogs and references. If you have something available or know of someone who does I would love

to hear from you. Call [707-328-5214](tel:707-328-5214).

PONY NAMED PRINCE: I am looking for a horse/pony I owned when I was 13 years old. My parents and the barn I was with sold him without my knowledge and I never really got a chance to say goodbye and make sure he was going to a safe home. His name was Prince, (show name was My Prince Charming.) He was a red/bay with black mane and tail, a white star and snip that were kind of side ways on his face and two white socks on his hind legs. He is a Quarter Horse/Pony and was somewhere between 14 and 15 hands. He was sold to someone in 2005 and since then I have been searching. If you know anything or have any clues call [510-408-8642](tel:510-408-8642).

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#### ADVERTISEMENTS

SEC VAULTING 'PLUS', Sargent Equestrian Center, 15757 E. Sargent Road, Lodi, CA. Adults only, Thursdays at 6 p.m., \$30/class, 1-1.5 hours depending on the group. \$25/class if you sign up and pay for five or more. Includes Basic Vaulting (with a little yoga and stretching thrown in) - designed to improve overall fitness, balance, flexibility, strength, timing, rhythm, coordination, control, confidence; will help develop your seat for riding; fun and rewarding for all levels. Group rotates time on horse so you have the chance to practice and observe. Walk, trot and canter as ability improves. SEC provides horses and equipment. Safety standards followed, fun guaranteed! Registration contact: [Jeanne@sargentequest.com](mailto:Jeanne@sargentequest.com), (209) 727-0200. [www.sargentequest.com](http://www.sargentequest.com).

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<http://bayequest.info/Event/#club>