



## Stepping Stone Lodge

On-site lodging, meals,  
workshop and clinic facilities

Stepping Stone Lodge is set on an historic working farm, originally settled in 1754. Nestled in the beautiful Monadnock Region of New Hampshire, the farm combines rural New England charm with modern day convenience, easy to travel to but somehow very far away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

The farm is the home of **Pony Farm**, well-known riding school and residential summer riding camp. The farm is also home to **Horse Power**, one of the largest professional therapeutic riding programs in the U.S. The huge barn, stone walls, trails and pastures of grazing horses provide a perfect country setting for peaceful walks and a relaxing stay.

Our goal is to make your stay enjoyable, comfortable and memorable.

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## CHA Instructor Certification Clinic

13 Pony Farm Lane  
Temple, NH 03084



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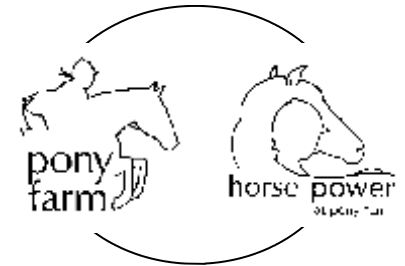
Certified Horsemanship Association

### June 8—12, 2009

### Clinicians

Heidi Potter

Christina Mattsson



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Ideal for Instructors at:  
Camps  
College Programs  
Group Lesson Situations  
Group Hacking or Trail Rides  
Therapeutic Riding Programs



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CHA Certification Clinic, includes all program, meals and lodging, required manuals, CHA membership and certification fees.  
Monday, June 8th — Friday, June 12th 20079 .....\$700.<sup>00</sup> per person

Please reserve on-site lodging (meals on your own) for me at \$50.<sup>00</sup> a night for: Sunday, 6/7 or Friday, 6/12 (circle one or both)

*Please register by May 1, 2009. \$400 deposit due on registration, \$300 balance due by May 1.  
Cancellations received prior to May 1 will be refunded except for \$100 of the total fee. Cancellations received after May 1 will not be refunded.*

**Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*Make checks payable to Pony Farm. Mail to Pony Farm, 13 Pony Farm Lane, Temple, NH 03084 603-654-6308  
Thank You!*

They must be able to mount, dismount and ride at the walk, trot and canter/lope on the correct lead, with good form and control in a group, in the arena and in the open. Instructor candidates must be able to ride above the level that they will be certified to teach (for exceptional circumstances, see Special Considerations under "Instructor Competency Guidelines" in the CHA Clinic Instructor's Manual).

CHA offers Certification at approved clinic sites across the U.S., Canada and England for several types of instructors. The Clinic offered at Pony Farm is the **Standard Instructor Certification**, which offers certification for Western and/or English instructors at four horsemanship levels, and also addresses short trail rides. Instructors are evaluated in five areas: safety, horsemanship knowledge and ability, teaching technique, group control, and responsibility and professionalism. See [www.cha-ahse.org](http://www.cha-ahse.org) for more details.

CHA certification clinics involve teaching at least four practice lessons, a riding evaluation, a written test and participation in workshops on risk management, teaching techniques, professionalism and herd management. Certification is awarded at the end of the clinic and the level of certification attained (if any) is the sole discretion of the two CHA Clinicians conducting the clinic. Certification is valid for three years from the certification date; the instructor must maintain annual individual membership in CHA. Instructors may recertify at the end of the three-year certification period by providing documentation of at least 25 hours of continuing education and work within the industry. The only way to raise the level of certification is to attend another CHA certification clinic.

**What to expect at a certification clinic:** Candidates will teach at least 4 brief demonstration lessons on topics assigned by the clinic staff, according to the candidate's ability level. When not teaching, the candidates will ride in lessons, role-playing as a student. All candidates will give oral evaluations of their own lessons, as well as the lessons given by other candidates. Clinic staff will also give oral and written evaluations of lessons for safety, group control and effectiveness. Candidates will also be evaluated throughout the clinic on their professionalism, including appropriate dress, attitude and demeanor. Expect long days and evening classroom sessions. Participants may also be expected to help with horse chores.

**Clinic Cost: \$900.<sup>00</sup> per person**, includes all program, meals and lodging, required manuals, and certification fees. Upon registration, participants will receive required manuals, a course syllabus, packing list and additional information to help prepare for the clinic.



## **What is CHA and Why Certify?**

CHA, **Certified Horsemanship Association**, is a not-for-profit, membership based organization founded in 1967. CHA certifies instructors and trail guides, accredits riding facilities and provides resources to programs and instructors in the form of published industry standards for group riding programs, student horsemanship manuals and instructor manuals.

Their mission statement is to promote excellence in horsemanship safety and education internationally, for the benefit of individuals and group riding programs. CHA's certification process has been continually monitored and refined for more than 30 years, in order to meet the needs of a changing horse industry.

The purpose of CHA clinics is to evaluate the existing knowledge and skill level of the clinic participants and to grant certification at the level that each participant is able to demonstrate his/her proficiency throughout the clinic, not to teach participants how to become an instructor or trail guide.

**The Benefits of CHA certification** are numerous and effect not only the individual instructor, but also the employer, program manager and the riding student. Certification is a validation of the individual's knowledge and ability and demonstrates to employers and customers that the instructor has been proven against a respected standard, under independent evaluation. Certification means the instructor is committed to professional standards and is proven to be safe, knowledgeable and effective. Additional benefits of CHA certification are insurance discounts, marketing/advertising advantages, increased employment opportunities and the experience of a "hands-on" program that offers critique by teaching experts and the opportunity to network with peers and colleagues.

**CHA's minimum certification requirements:** Instructors must be a minimum of 18 years old on the date of certification (no exceptions). A candidate for certification must have sufficient experience with horses and people to assume responsibility for the safety and well being of groups of less experienced riders. Instructor candidates must have strong organizational skills and communicate clearly. Instructor candidates must be able to demonstrate the ability to catch, lead, groom, tack and generally handle and care for horses without assistance.