

How-to-Host

Forms And AHA Faculty Listing



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How to Host and Organize AHA, Inc. Approved Hippotherapy Courses

Locating and deciding on the Faculty

- American Hippotherapy Association, Inc. (AHA) Faculty are the only instructors authorized to teach the AHA approved hippotherapy courses.
- Each course requires at least one AHA Inc Approved Faculty Coordinator.
- Once you decide on which AHA Faculty Coordinator you would like to teach your course you should contact them directly.
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- AHA has Faculty Coordinators which encompass Physical and Occupational Therapists and Speech Language Pathologists.
- Several AHA Faculty Coordinators may be contacted to determine their daily rates, expenses and availability before one is selected to teach the course.
- AHA also has Associate and Adjunct Faculty who may assist with the course. They set their daily rates and expenses as well and the AHA Faculty Coordinator will assist you with these details.
- NOTE: If your course is predominately from one discipline, check if the AHA Faculty Coordinator is experienced with that discipline.
- AHA also has Apprentices for Associate Faculty who assist in the courses, they do not charge a fee, however, the host facility may provide meals, travel and/or lodging for the Apprentices.

Budgeting and Organizing the Course

Before you can set the fees for participants make certain you have accounted for the following course costs:

- Faculty's fees – to include fee to conduct the course, travel expenses, accommodations and meals
- Arena rental – if you need to secure an indoor arena which you normally share with other professionals
- Telephone – long distance calls
- Participants manuals – Photocopying and loose leaf binding for each manual
- Brochures advertising the course – preparation and postage
- Local advertising
- Participant Fee – to be paid per person/per course. i.e. An individual takes Level I Treatment Principles *only*, the fee would be \$30.00. An individual takes Level I Equine Skills and Treatment Principles (both courses being offered) the fee would be \$50.00 (See the Payment form following.)
- Catering - to include a morning snack of coffee, tea, juices and foods along with snacks and bottled water during the day and lunch
- Staff or volunteers you will have on hand to assist the faculty

Facilities & Amenities

- Preferably an indoor or covered ring, in case of bad weather. The ring should be of sufficient size for participants and horses to work safely in mounted and un-mounted practicums
- Cones, poles, jump standards available in the arena; halter and rope lead with tack and grooming kits; stall available for each horse in course
- Some faculty members prefer a PA System with a wireless microphone if teaching in a large arena. Check with the selected faculty member for requirements.
- Large area to cross or single tie the horses with quick release, for daily un-mounted awareness, grooming and handling practicums
- Mini trampoline and/or Therapy/Gym balls, a Therapy Mat or Room , Vaulting Barrel
- A variety of surcingles, saddles, pads and bridles; long lines, lungeing lines; lungeing and dressage whips and bats.
- Mounting Ramp and Mounting Blocks
- On-site stabling and/or horses available for use in the course
- On-site washroom
- Nearby reasonably priced restaurants and hotels, if you anticipate out-of-town participants
- Classroom or meeting room with tables and chairs for participants and faculty. Meeting room large enough to allow for movement practicums of participants.
- Presentation equipment requirements to include a TV/VCR & DVD player, Flip Chart with paper and markers.

Course Application for Hosting An AHA Approved Course

Name of Sponsoring Program/Agency: _____

Facility Contact Person: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Day Phone: (____) _____ Evening Phone: (____) _____

Fax: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Name of Course:

Date(s) of Course: _____

From the list of Approved AHA Faculty notate the faculty who are teaching this course:

AHA Faculty Coordinator: _____

AHA Associate Faculty: _____

AHA Adjunct Faculty: _____

• **Please include a copy of your Course Brochure *(Not required for In House or HPCS Review Course)**

• **Attach a Certificate of General Liability Insurance Coverage** (obtained by the host site for this course). You will be required to provide proof of insurance coverage specific to the course.

Supporting Documentation enclosed:

Please place a check next to each and then either email, fax or mail to the AHA Inc. Office Details below

____ • **Completed Course Application for Hosting Form**

____ • **Certificate of General Liability Insurance Coverage**

____ • **Course Brochure** – Brochures should include dates and times of course, target audience, course objectives, updated registration deadline if used, cost of course, method of payment refund policy, faculty bios, please contact AHA Inc. office or website for the latest updated faculty bios which should be included on the brochure, transportation/lodging information, site contact information and address. See website for templates and brochure prototypes.

Return all documentation either by mail to:

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Attn.: How To Host

Or

Fax to (317) 872-3234 or email to: *AHA, Inc. at shanisutton@americanhippotherapyassociation.org Inc.*

For AHA, Inc., use only:

AHA, INC. Education Chairperson has reviewed this application and supporting documentation and has approved the following as an AHA, Inc. Approved Course:

Name of Education Chair _____

Date and Name of AHA Approved Course _____

Hosting Facility: _____ **Signature:** _____

Date Approved: _____

American Hippotherapy Association Inc. Payment Form

Name of Sponsoring Program/Agency: _____

Name & Date(s) of Course: _____

Facility Contact Person: _____

Day Phone: (____) _____ Evening Phone: (____) _____

AHA Coordinating Faculty Member: _____

Calculated Participant Fee:

One day courses: \$15.00 per participant

The **COMMUNICATION CONNECTION: Maximizing Communication for the non SLP**

The **CORE CONNECTION: The Link Between Hippotherapy and Core Control**

HPCS Review Course

Two day course: \$25.00 per participant

The **BUSINESS CONNECTION :Business Aspects of Hippotherapy- How to set up a Private Practice incorporating Hippotherapy**

The **SENSORY CONNECTION: -Sensory Concepts, Theory and Applications in Hippotherapy**

Two and a half day course: \$30.00 per participant

The **HORSE CONNECTION: Long Lining: Maximizing your horse's potential**

Four day courses: \$30.00 per participant for one course or \$50.00 if both taken- _____ PLEASE CIRCLE APPROPRIATE COURSE

Level I Equine Skills Level II Equine Skills

1. Total Number of Participants: _____ x \$ __.00 = \$ _____

Level I Treatment Principles Level II Treatment Principles

1. Total Number of Participants: _____ x \$ __.00 = \$ _____

2. Total Course Fees: \$ _____

3. Deduct AHA Gift Certificates: (deduct from #2) \$ _____

(Participant must surrender the **original** AHA Gift Certificate)

4. Total Course fees due AHA \$ _____

NOTE: Payment and Course Discount Certificates are to be given directly to the AHA Faculty Coordinator at the end of the course along with copies of the Course Evaluations and Liability Release Forms. The original copy of this form and full payment must be sent by the AHA Faculty Coordinator to the AHA Office no later than 7 days following the conclusion of the course.

**American Hippotherapy Association, Inc.
Approved Hippotherapy Course
Liability Release Form**

I, _____, the undersigned, state that I am a
(name)

Participant at an educational course hosted by _____.

I understand that as a participant this educational course it involves activities using horses which have an inherent risk.

As the undersigned, I hereby forever release, discharge, and hold free and harmless _____ and all faculty, staff, directors,

(Sponsoring Organization)

officers, agents, employees, volunteer personnel, and successors and assigns, for any and all claims, demands, or damages of any and every kind and nature which I, the undersigned, may have now or in the future against the above named organization or persons. This release includes but is not limited to claims of wrongful death or personal injury to me, the undersigned.

I have read and I understand the above paragraphs. I understand that **NO LIABILITY** (*initial here: _____*) can be accepted by any of the above organizations or persons associated with this course in the event of any accident or problem concerning me. This includes, but is not limited to, work with or around the horses, travel associated with the course, and experiences involving treatment on a horse.

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Witness

Date

American Hippotherapy Association, Inc. Approved Hippotherapy Course Liability Waiver Form

I, _____, the undersigned, state that I am a
(Name)
 participant/ parent or guardian of a participant for a (please check one) ___Level I ___Level II
 American Hippotherapy Association, Inc educational course as part of the demonstration
 practicum on _____, at _____.
(Date (s) of Practicum) (Name of Hosting Facility)

I understand that as a *(check one)*: ___participant, ___parent/ guardian of participant that the following conditions are agreed:

1. I knowingly and willingly allow The American Hippotherapy Association, Inc. and (name of facility) to utilize above stated person or myself in a learning situation.
2. I will not be billed for services rendered by the continuing education facility or organization.
3. I will receive 100% supervision by the facility staff.
4. I have been given full informed consent and I understand my rights as a human subject in a learning environment.
5. I have been advised of the risks in participating in this course and that Physical/ Occupational/Speech Therapy which incorporates Equine Assisted Therapy/Hippotherapy involves using horses, and that these activities may involve an inherent risk.

As the undersigned, I hereby forever release, discharge, and hold free and harmless The American Hippotherapy Association, Inc. and _____
 and all faculty, staff, directors,
(Name of Hosting Facility)

officers, agents, employees, volunteer personnel, and successors and assigns, for any and all claims, demands, or damages of any and every kind and nature which I, the undersigned, may have now or in the future against the above named organization or persons. This release includes and is not limited to claims of wrongful death or personal injury to me, the undersigned.

I have read and I understand the above paragraphs.

I understand that **NO LIABILITY** *(initial here: _____)* can be accepted by any of the above organizations or persons associated with this course in the event of any accident or problem concerning me. This includes, but is not limited to, work with or around the horses, travel associated with the course, and experiences involving treatment on a horse.

(check one): ___Participant ___Participant’s Parent or Guardian of a Participant

 Signature of Parent/Guardian /Participant Relationship to participant

Date: _____ Signature of Witness: _____

**American Hippotherapy Association, Inc.
Approved Hippotherapy**

Photo Release Form

I hereby consent to and authorize the use of and reproduction of any and all photographs and any other audiovisual materials taken by:

(name of sponsoring organization(s))

for promotional printed material, educational activities, exhibitions or for any other use for the benefit of the organization(s).

Signature

Date

(check one) Participant Patient

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if patient is under age 18)

Date

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Liz is a PT and HPCS whose involvement in hippotherapy began in 1986. In 1987 she studied hippotherapy at the Rommel Klinik in Wildbad, Germany, and is a current Legacy Member, Founding Member and Past President of the AHA. Liz has taught at many American and International Conferences over the past fifteen years, notably Denmark, Brazil and Japan; she organized and presented, in both Brazil and Japan, week long adapted versions of AHA's original Introduction to Hippotherapy. She has been extensively involved with NARHA as a Board member, Executive Vice President, and Health and Education Committee Chair from 1987 2000. In 2000, Liz was the recipient of NARHA's most prestigious award, The James Brady Professional Achievement Award. Liz has been with Greenlock Therapeutic Riding Center, in Rehoboth, MA, since its inception in 1989; she also continues to practice hippotherapy with her Wrentham Developmental Center clientele.

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Terri, a Colorado licensed physical therapist, graduated from the University of Texas Medical Branch with a BS in physical therapy and has served as adjunct faculty for Texas Women's University. She was part of the team of therapists selected to attend the Advanced Hippotherapy Training in Wildbad, Germany. A founding board member of the American Hippotherapy Association, she has developed and taught curriculum on hippotherapy for over twenty years. Additionally, she has served as AHA vice president and as education chairman. While serving on the NARHA education committee, she assisted in the development of curriculum for Therapeutic Riding Instructors.

Terri presented on hippotherapy at the World Physiotherapy Pre-conference in London, England and has given a lecture tour through out England and Scotland, which was sponsored by the Riding for the Disabled Association. A frequent speaker at the

National NAHRA conferences, she was also a speaker at the International Therapeutic Riding Congress.

Terri began and implemented three different programs in Texas that incorporated hippotherapy. She began a pilot program affiliated with a state institution and over the course of two years was able to build a million dollar facility and develop a program that many of the 1000 residents could utilize. Terri then began work on developing a hippotherapy program that was a partnership between a physical therapist and a neighboring horse facility. Later, Barnes Therapy was formed in 1992 as a private practice that incorporated the use of hippotherapy for PT's, OT's, and SLP's.

Currently Terri, a PT for the Colorado public school system, is in the process of developing a summer hippotherapy program. Besides having a clinical specialty in hippotherapy, she has a strong background in NDT and developmental manual therapy, which she incorporates in her treatments. Terri is a recognized leader in the field of hippotherapy.

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Joann practices PT in the Los Angeles area, specializing in applications of Hippotherapy and Feldenkrais(R) for children and adults. She directs the Therapy Services at Ride On, a NARHA premiere accredited center, and maintains a practice working in Early Intervention. She is a Board Certified Hippotherapy Clinical Specialist and a NARHA Registered Therapist. She has taught hippotherapy internationally, and has worked with the AHA faculty committee in developing the Hippotherapy curriculum. She was a founding member of the AHA and served on the Board of directors, as Secretary. She enjoyed a long tenure with the NARHA Health and Education Committee as the PT representative. She currently serves on the American Hippotherapy Certification Board and is an International Classifier/Instructor for the Para Equestrian division of the USEF and FEI (Federation Equestrian International).

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Bonnie is a licensed Physical Therapist in the states of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. She holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Arts in Physical Therapy and Master of Public Administration. Bonnie is a NARHA Registered Therapist, a NARHA Certified Riding Instructor and Certified as a National Assessor for riders interested in competing in National Events and the Paralympics. Bonnie is a Board Certified Clinical Specialist in hippotherapy, Coordinating Faculty for the American Hippotherapy Association, has taught internationally and presented at national conferences. Bonnie is practicing hippotherapy as part of a therapeutic riding program and in private practice. She has just completed her term as President Ex-Efficio of American Hippotherapy Association, Inc. Bonnie is currently the Executive Director of the AHA.

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Ruth is a speech/language pathologist and professional horsewoman involved in hippotherapy since 1978. She owns Skyline Therapy Services, an outpatient clinic specializing in the transdisciplinary applications of hippotherapy. Ruth has published research, presented at numerous conferences and workshops and was a featured speaker at the Ninth International Therapeutic Riding Congress in Denver, 1997. She served on the Board of Directors of the American Hippotherapy Association and is a consultant to the NARHA Health and Education Committee. She is regarded as a leader in the field of hippotherapy as a treatment tool.

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Lori Garone, PT, HPCS is a physical therapist, licensed in New York, New Jersey and California. She is a board certified Clinical Specialist in Hippotherapy.

A 1990 graduate of Touro School of Health Sciences, Lori holds a Bachelor of Science in Community Health and a Masters Degree in Physical Therapy.

She presently is on the American Hippotherapy Association Board of Directors and holds the office of Vice President. She serves as Chairperson for the Education Curriculum Development and is Chairperson for the Nominating Committee. Lori is also a Registered Therapist and Registered Instructor with the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association.

Lori has previously served on the AHA Board of Directors from 1999 -2005 as well as Education Committee Chairperson from 2001- 2005 and Practice and Standards Chairperson from 2001- 2008

Lori has a private practice on Long Island, New York since 1990, Physical Therapy In Motion, and incorporates hippotherapy into her patients plan of care. She also helped develop as Clinical Director at SDTC, Sullivan Diagnostic and Testing Center, The Center for Discovery's, Milligan Hill Equine Assisted Therapy and Activity Program which incorporated hippotherapy into patients plan of care as well as Equine Assisted Therapy and Activities incorporating the environment of the horse for residential patients, daycare program and work related experiences.

From 2005-2007, Lori served as Interim Executive Director and Program Director at The National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy.

Lori was one of two therapists chosen to represent the United States in 1991 at the First Symposium of Physiotherapists and Riding Instructors which took place in Surry, England. Lori has trained successfully up to Fourth Level Dressage and is a life long horsewoman

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Mary Helene is licensed in RI and MA as a physical therapist. She has a B.S. in physical therapy is a NARHA Registered Therapist, and is a Board Certified Hippotherapy Clinical Specialist.

She has been a member of NARHA and AHA since 1998. She is also RI state AHA liaison since 2003.

Mary Helene has been utilizing hippotherapy in her physical therapy practice since 1998 at Greenlock Therapeutic Riding Center in Rehoboth, MA. She continues to practice there, year round, 3 days per week with a primarily pediatric population from age two through adolescence. Mary Helene teaches for the American Hippotherapy Association, primarily at Greenlock. She frequently mentors and supervises therapists seeking hands on experience utilizing hippotherapy for their NARHA Registered Therapist Status as well as for the AHA Inc educational prerequisites.

Mary Helene is currently working as a consultant to a human service agency providing Early Intervention PT services, as well as PT support to home based staff and families of school age children with developmental delays and to adults with developmental delays living in group homes in the community.

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Carol is a 1978 PT graduate from the University of Florida, She is NDT certified and has worked primarily with pediatric clients. Carol attended her first NARHA Workshop in 1982. She volunteered at a therapeutic riding center for several years, then developed her own hippotherapy practice in her backyard "It's GREAT!" (Gainesville Riding through Equine Assisted Therapy). Carol then co-founded Horses Helping People, Inc., a not-for-profit organization. Carol serves as a clinical instructor for physical therapy and assists students from a variety of programs around Florida. She is a NARHA Registered Therapist and Riding Instructor and a Hippotherapy Clinical Specialist.

She is the new Chairperson of the American Hippotherapy Certification Board as of 2008.

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Pippa is a Physiotherapist specializing in Pediatrics. She works as a consultant in the school district and infant development programs. She was instrumental in developing Valley Therapeutic Equestrian Association, where she treats adults and children using hippotherapy. She is an examiner for the Canadian Therapeutic Equestrian Association (CANTRA) and is a member of the CANTRA Medical Committee. She has been active in therapeutic riding since the early 1980's. Pippa has taught workshops in the UK, New Zealand, Australia and in the USA, as well as most Provinces in Canada. Pippa is a founding member and board member of the American Hippotherapy Association and attended the Rommel Klinik, in Germany. In 1990 she produced a video "Analysis of Horse & Human Movement" which has sold internationally and won first prize for research in the 1997, 2nd Festival du Film Hanid Cheval in France.

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Karen has a Master's in Occupational Therapy and is Director of Therapy for SIRE, Inc., near Houston, Texas. She is a Hippotherapy Clinical Specialist (HPCS), NARHA Master Instructor and Driving Instructor. She practices pediatric and aquatic therapy at the TEAM Approach and is an adjunct professor for the OTA Program at Tomball College. Therapy interests include sensory integration and neurodevelopmental techniques. She is a member of AOTA, TOTA, Houston Area Carriage Association, Lone Star Dowsing Club, Clear Gem and Mineral Society. Karen is a past President of American Hippotherapy Association, Inc.

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Claudia has a Master of Health Education degree in Occupational Therapy with more than 20 years of experience in Occupational Therapy which includes direct service, academic teaching and consultation. She is currently employed at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, Georgia as Manager of Occupational Therapy. Claudia is a NARHA Certified Riding Instructor, an AHA Registered Therapist and a member of NARHA since 1980. Claudia has been providing hippotherapy and therapeutic riding experiences for children with special needs in the Augusta area since 1982 and is founder and President of Blue Ribbon Riders, Inc. Claudia attended the Classic Hippotherapy Course held in Wilbad, West Germany in 1987 and participated in the development of the hippotherapy curriculums including the Introductions to Hippotherapy and the Intermediate Hippotherapy Course for the American Hippotherapy Association. Claudia has experience with teaching all three levels of the curriculum. Ms. Morin is a charter member of AHA and served on the Board of Directors as President, Vice-President, Newsletter Editor, Pre-Conference Planning Chairperson, and Certification Task Force; most recently as a member of the Hippotherapy Certification Board. Over the years, Claudia has served NARHA as a member of the Accreditation Committee, On-Site Accreditation Task Force and the Medical Committee. In 1991, Claudia received the James Brady Professional Achievement Award from HARHA. Claudia uses a variety of

teaching strategies in her workshops and encourages active involvement of the participants. Her years of involvement with AHA and NARHA add depth and a more global understanding of the therapeutic riding industry to her workshops. In addition, Claudia adds the occupational therapy perspective to the clinical reasoning aspects of the course content

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Nancy is a licensed physical therapist with an advanced master's degree in neurologic physical therapy. She has worked in a variety of clinical settings, including acute care, rehabilitation and private practice, and has been using hippotherapy in her practice for 25 years. She completed hippotherapy training at the Rommel Klinik in West Germany in 1987. A founding member of the American Hippotherapy Association (AHA), she was the first President of AHA and a member of the AHA Board of Directors. Nancy is presently chairperson of the American Hippotherapy Certification Board and Director of Therapy Services at Therapeutic Riding of Tucson.

Nancy has served as faculty for AHA hippotherapy workshops as well as NARHA national and regional workshops. She has presented papers at state, national and international conference on hippotherapy research and theory, therapeutic riding, and motor learning. Her equestrian background includes English and western riding, and she is a dressage enthusiast. Nancy received the American Hippotherapy Association 'Therapist of the Year' Award in 2004 and the Woman of Distinction Award, 2004 from Soroptomist International of Desert Tucson for work in the field of therapeutic riding, hippotherapy, and hippotherapy research. Nancy is presently doing clinical research on cerebral palsy in conjunction with the University Of Arizona Department Of Pediatrics. Two of her hippotherapy research studies have been published in scientific journal.

AHA ASSOCIATE FACULTY

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After graduating from Auburn University with a BS in Animal Science, Lisa received two degrees from the University of Kentucky: an MS in Vet Science, specializing in Equine Biomechanics and an MS in Physical Therapy. She has published an article on Equine Biomechanics in the Journal of Veterinary Science, and has presented in the US and Canada material from her MS Thesis. Lisa and her colleagues presented their MS PT Research Project comparing a human walking to sitting on a horse at the walk at the Ninth International Therapeutic Riding Congress in Denver in 1997. She currently practices physical therapy in an outpatient, private practice setting in Georgetown, Kentucky. She served on the AHA Board of Directors for 7 years as the Research Chair and the editor of HIPPO THERAPY. She is a Hippotherapy Clinical Specialist and a NARHA Advanced Therapeutic Riding Instructor. Lisa initiated and coordinates the NARHA accredited hippotherapy program at Central Kentucky Riding for Hope which is partnered with Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital. She teaches a hippotherapy lab each year at the University of Kentucky. Lisa is a graduate 'A' pony clubber. She has Evented through the Intermediate Two Star Level and has coached young riders through Preliminary Level.

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Lesley is the founder and former Executive Director of TherAplay. She earned her Master of Science degree from the University of Indianapolis and spent seven years in the industrial rehabilitation setting where she developed two work reconditioning programs for CARF accreditation. Lesley has also worked extensively in upper extremity rehabilitation and pediatrics, focusing in the area of sensory integration. She has been an active equestrian for over 20 years and was a ten year member of the Hamilton County 4-H. Lesley has also competed successfully in the areas of hunter and dressage. She is a North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA) advanced instructor. Lesley has been incorporating the use of the horse as a tool in therapy for seven years. She has been involved in the therapeutic riding industry since 1984. Lesley was responsible for incorporating the special needs riders into the Hamilton County 4-H Horse and Pony project which successfully completed its first year in 1999. She has

participated in the Governor's Council for Infants and Toddlers and is active with Indiana Therapeutic Riding and Driving Committee through the Indiana Horse Council.

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Steve McKenzie has a Master of Science in Physical Therapy from Columbia University and is a Hippotherapy Clinical Specialist as well as a NARHA Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor. Steve is a staff therapist at Little Bit Therapeutic Riding Center in Woodinville, WA and also works part time at Cascade Children's Therapy in Mill Creek, WA. He currently serves as the Chair of the NARHA Health and Education Committee, AHA Washington State Representative, and Co-editor of the Horse, Humans, and Health Department of Palaestra Magazine. Steve enjoys going on trail rides, team penning, and playing soccer.

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Bethany is a licensed physical therapist and founder of Bethany's Equine and Aquatic Therapy Services, Inc. (BEATS). An equestrian and swimmer since childhood, she found a natural fit in combining her love of these activities with her career as a therapist.

Bethany has been practicing hippotherapy and aquatic therapy since graduating from the Master's program at Ithaca College in New York in 1995. She is a Hippotherapy Clinical Specialist. Bethany is the founder of the Georgia Hippotherapy Club, an organization that promotes education and networking among therapists practicing hippotherapy in Georgia. She is the Georgia state liaison to the American Hippotherapy Association, Inc., a Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor, and a classifier for disabled riders.

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Becky is a Speech Language Pathologist for 13 years, the owner of Speech Therapy Associates of Northwest WI. She has developed and founded Nature's Edge Therapy Center, Inc., a nonprofit rehabilitation center utilizing Hippotherapy, Animal-Assisted and Horticulture Therapy in a ranch setting.

She is a Hippotherapy Clinical Specialist, a NARHA Registered Therapist & Instructor, Animal-Assisted Therapy Instructor, Team Evaluator and Pet Partner through the Delta Society, a member of PAN-People and Animals & Nature. She has presented at the International Conference of ASHA, and at NARHA and locally specializing in Augmentative Communication, Dementia/Alzheimer Communication Building and leading at a 15 member Stroke Club.

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Judy is a lifelong equine professional, receiving her British Horse Society Assistant Instructorship from Crabbet Park, England. She has managed a variety of different show barns and given riding instruction for over thirty-five years. Judy has trained and shown in many different disciplines including dressage, hunter/jumper and western events. For the past twelve years she has been president of the Four Corners Horseman Association and is on the New Mexico Quarter Horse Association board. Her students frequently qualify and compete at the youth and amateur select Quarter Horse World. Besides teaching and training, Judy is recognized judge for open and breed shows, which reflects the respect of Judy in the equine world.

Judy presented her equine flexibility exercises at the International Delta Society conference. At the AHA pre-conference in conjunction with the NARHA National conference, she presented on desirable conformation qualities for the therapy horse. She has been published on her suppling exercises to improve movement and longevity for the therapy horse. For the past sixteen years Judy has assisted in teaching a variety of courses for numerous hippo-therapy and therapeutic riding programs across the country. As a strong supporter of AHA, Judy looks forward to her involvement in the growth of AHA.

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