

How-to-Host Forms And AHA Faculty Listing



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

- **Locating and deciding on the instructor**

American Hippotherapy Association, Inc. (AHA) Faculty are the only instructors authorized to teach the AHA approved hippotherapy courses. Each course requires one AHA Coordinating Faculty Member. Once you decide on which AHA Coordinating Faculty Member(s) you would like to teach your workshop you should contact them directly.

- Each AHA Coordinating Faculty member sets their daily rates and expenses. Most will include travel, lodging, meals and a fee to conduct the workshop.
- All AHA Faculty includes Physical and Occupational Therapists and Speech Language Pathologists.
- Several AHA Coordinating Faculty members may be contacted to determine their daily rates, expenses and availability before one is selected to teach the workshop.
- AHA also has Associate and Adjunct Faculty who may *assist* with the workshops. They set their daily rates and expenses as well and the AHA Faculty Coordinator will assist you with these details. NOTE: If your workshop is predominately from one discipline, check to make sure that the AHA Coordinating Faculty 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 and lodging for the Apprentices.

- **Budgeting and Organizing the Workshop**

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

- Faculty's fees - to include fee to conduct the workshop, 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 workshop – preparation and postage
- Local advertising
- Participant Fee – to be paid per person/per course. i.e. An individual takes Equine Skills – Level I *only*, the fee would be \$25. An individual takes Equine Skills and Treatment Principles – Level I (both courses being offered at the workshop) the fee would be \$40. (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
- 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 workshop
- 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 and 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 workshop
- 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. Presentation equipment requirements to include a TV/VCR, Flip Chart with paper and markers. Meeting room large enough to allow for movement practicums of participants.

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Liz is a PT practicing in Massachusetts primarily with children and adults with developmental disabilities. She has served as Vice President and was a member of the Board of Directors of the American Hippotherapy Association when it was a section of the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA) and chaired the NARHA Health & Education Committee. Liz coordinates the hippotherapy program at Greenlock, Therapeutic Riding Center in Rehoboth, MA. She has presented numerous papers at national and international therapeutic riding conferences.

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Terri is a licensed physical therapist certified in the neurodevelopmental treatment approach. She grew up on a ranch and showed horses both Western and English, including dressage and hunter/jumper. Terri was selected to be on the North American Team to study Advanced Hippotherapy in Germany. She is a founding member of the American Hippotherapy Association and past vice-president. Ms. Barnes has directed three different programs utilizing Hippotherapy as part of her patient treatment plan. She is presently the director of Barnes Therapy Associates, where she incorporates a variety of techniques including hippotherapy, manual therapy and neurodevelopmental treatment. Terri greatly enjoys teaching and is an international lecturer on hippotherapy.

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Joann practices PT in the Los Angeles area, specializing in hippotherapy and Feldenkrais. She has taught hippotherapy international, and as worked with the AHA faculty committee in developing the hippotherapy curriculum. She current serves on the NARHA Health and Education Committee, the American Hippotherapy Certification Board and is an International Classifier for the International Paralympics Equestrian Committee. She is a past Secretary of the American Hippotherapy Association, a member since its inception.

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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 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.

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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 has a long list of notable experience in the field including her private practice in Long Island, Physical Therapy In Motion, where she incorporated Hippotherapy over 15 years. She also developed a Hippotherapy program at SDTC, The Center for Discovery, Milligan Hill Equine Assisted Therapy Program and was the Director of The Milligan Hill Equine Assisted Therapy Program until September 2004. She is an NARHA Registered Therapist and Coordinating Faculty for AHA, Inc. She served on the American Hippotherapy Association, Inc. Board of Directors and chaired the Educational Committee and was co-chairperson for the Standard & Practice. Recognized for her work in the field, Lori was honored as one of two therapists chosen to represent the United States at the First International Symposium of Therapists and Therapeutic Riding Instructors, she is also listed in New York State Empires Who's Who for her work in Hippotherapy. Lori is a graduate of Touro College of Physical Therapy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Health and Master of Arts in Physical Therapy. Lori is a NARHA Certified Instructor, Special Olympics Equestrian Coach as well as a Fourth Level Dressage Rider.

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Barb is an Australian physiotherapist with an extensive background in training horses and riders to advanced levels in dressage and 3-day eventing. She was the Executive Director of the National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy (NCEFT) in Woodside, California, 1990-2000, and as a past president of AHA. Further, Barbara has served as a clinical instructor for physical therapy students from around the US and internationally. Barbara's special interest is in the selection, training and conditioning of therapy horses. She has conducted workshops around the world on the subject of the hippotherapy horse and is currently the national consultant for RDA Hippotherapy in Australia.

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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 Workshops 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 HOPT – 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.

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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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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 journals.

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Linda is a practicing clinician and educator, who has been involved in the AHA Curriculum Development since its inception in 1987. She has taught PTA and PT students at Community College and University levels and conducted numerous continuing education courses in various aspects of pediatric therapy as well as hippotherapy. A Founding member of both AHA, a section of NARHA and AHA, Onc., she is the former chairperson of the AHA Education Committee, having served on the Board of Directors for more than ten years. She and her retired eventing pony reside at Skydances Farm in Vero Beach, FL, where she co-owns and operates Peds & Carrots Therapy Services, Inc., with a primary focus of Early Intervention, pediatric home health and Animal Assisted Therapy, including hippotherapy and aquatics.

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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 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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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, currently serves on the Board of Directors for the American Hippotherapy Association and is active with the Indiana Therapeutic Riding and Driving Committee through the Indiana Horse Council.

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Molly has been involved with therapeutic riding since 1984 and has been treating clients using hippotherapy principles for 15 years. In 1987, she studied Hippotherapy at the Rommel, Klinik in Germany. Molly was an active participant in the Hippotherapy Curriculum Development Committee and was a founding member of the American Hippotherapy Association (AHA) and currently serves on the AHA Board of Directors as Treasurer. In 1988, she began teaching "Introduction to Hippotherapy" and had the opportunity to lecture in the United States, Canada and Australia. Molly has been a member of NARHA since 1982 and has served on its Accreditation Committee. She has been treating clients using hippotherapy principles at the Equi-Kids Therapeutic Riding Program since 1997. A graduate of Boston University's Sargent College of Allied Health Professions, Molly has worked in a variety of clinical settings. Currently she is the manager of four Rehabilitation Departments for Sentara Hospital Systems.

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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. She loves her husband John, driving her horse Pete and Mexican food, usually in that order. Karen is currently the President of American Hippotherapy Association, Inc.

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Course Application for Hosting An AHA Approved Hippotherapy Workshop

Name of Sponsoring Program/Agency: _____

Facility Contact Person: _____

Street Address: _____

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

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

Fax: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Level & Name of Workshop:

Equine Skills – Level I _____ Treatment Principles – Level I _____
Equine Skills – Level II _____ Treatment Principles – Level II _____
Equine Skills – Level III _____ Treatment Principles – Level III _____

Date(s) of Workshop: _____

From the list of Approved AHA Faculty notate the name of the faculty member who has *agreed* to conduct this workshop. Remember Level II requires two (2) Faculty Coordinators:

AHA Faculty Coordinator: _____ AHA Faculty Coordinator: _____
or,

Ⓢ check here if assistance is required to secure the AHA Faculty:

AHA Faculty Coordinator: _____

AHA Associate Faculty: _____

AHA Adjunct Faculty: _____

(Equine Courses can have an Adjunct Faculty assist the Coordinating Faculty)

- **Please include a copy of your Workshop Brochure**
- **Attach a Certificate of General Liability Insurance Coverage** (obtained by the host site for this workshop). You will be required to provide proof of insurance coverage specific to the workshop.

Supporting Documentation:

- Completed **Course Application for Hosting Form**
- A **Certificate of General Liability Insurance Coverage**
- **Workshop Brochure** - Sample Brochures for Equine & Treatment Principles Levels I and II Courses can be downloaded from the AHA website for your use in creating your own brochure.

Return all documentation to:

**AHA, Inc.
136 Bush Road
Damascus, PA 18415
Attn: How To Host Committee**

AHA, Inc. use only:

AHA has reviewed this application and supporting documentation and has approved the following as an AHA Approved Workshop:

(Name of Host Facility) (Date and Name of AHA Approved Workshop)

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Date Posted to the website: _____

Payment Form

American Hippotherapy Association Inc.

Name of Sponsoring Program/Agency: _____

Name & Date(s) of Workshop: _____

Facility Contact Person: _____

Day Phone: (_____) _____

Evening Phone: (_____) _____

AHA Coordinating Faculty Member: _____

Calculated Participant Fee:

1. Total Number of Participants: _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____

(Participants who took **one** course)

Workshop Name : _____

2. Total Number of Participants: _____ x \$40.00 = \$ _____

(Participants who took **both** courses)

Workshop Name: _____

3. Total Workshop Fees: (Add #1 and #2) \$ _____

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

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

5. Total Workshop fees due AHA \$ _____

Payment and Course Discount Certificates are to be provided to the AHA Faculty Coordinator at the end of the course along with copies of the Course Evaluations and Photo Release Forms.

NOTE: 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 workshop.

Liability Release Form

American Hippotherapy Association, Inc. Approved Hippotherapy Course

I, _____, the undersigned, state that I am a
(name)
Participant at an educational workshop hosted by _____.

I understand that as a (check one): participant patient guardian of patient, this workshop involves activities using horses, and that these activities may be of a high-risk nature.

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 workshop 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 workshop, and experiences involving treatment on a horse.

Signature

(check one): Participant Patient

Date

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

Date

Signature of Witness

Date

Photo Release Form

American Hippotherapy Association, Inc. Approved Hippotherapy Course

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

(check one): Participant Patient

Date _____

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

Date _____