



# COURSE 1: Intro To Liberty & Riding Essentials

October 9-11th, 2021 ~ Blackfalds, Alberta

*There's power in the art of play and this course is full of fun & fascinating exercises to build a stronger connection between you and your horse. By understanding how to better read & respond to your horse in any given moment, you'll fine-tune your communication online in preparation for liberty, as well as under saddle. This is the beginning of developing the ultimate riding horse and liberty partner!*

## OVERVIEW

- Introduction to the fundamentals concepts of Liberty Training by fine-tuning online first.
- Learn to accurately read your horse and respond appropriately using drive/draw concepts.
- Begin the steps to liberty with "follow me", "follow my shoulder", and blend into a liberty circle program
- Improve your feel and timing both online and undersaddle to build your horse's confidence & trust in you as a leader.
- Learn how to stretch your horse mentally to create a stronger connection with your horse.
- Become a more precise and balanced rider as you fine tune your rider position & equitation to help your horse find healthy relaxed movement.

\* Each clinic has a different dynamic of people and horses. Some lessons may be focused on more than others, including some not mentioned here. If one of these goals is important to you, please mention so at the beginning of the clinic.

## RIDER / HORSE REQUIREMENTS

- Your horse must be 3 years old or older, have at least 40 rides and be ride-able at the walk, trot and some canter. This is NOT a colt-starting clinic.
- You must be comfortable riding at the walk, trot and some canter on the horse you bring.
- Some introductory knowledge of the Jonathan Field Horsemanship program and principles would be helpful- eg: you have read "The Art of Liberty Training for Horses" book and/or have watched Ground DVD 1 from the Natural Foundation Home Study Program.
- Stallions NOT permitted.
- Contact the Host with any questions or concerns.

## COST

Riders	Spectators
<b>\$820</b> /rider (tax incl) ~ includes 3 FREE spectator tickets. **Stabling NOT included	<b>\$30</b> /person/dayor <b>\$75</b> for 3 days (tax incl) * Must pre-register with Host **Children 16 & under spectate for FREE.

## FACILITY & ACCOMMODATIONS

**Horse In Hand Ranch** ~ Hwy #2, NW of Blackfalds overpass ~ Map & directions [HERE](#)

Indoor arena ~ heated, bring your own chair and blanket for comfort. Full washrooms with showers available.  
Food ~ NOT available onsite. Bring your own or travel 10 min for restaurants  
Pets ~ NOT permitted onsite. Thank you!

**Indoor Boxstall \$150 for 3 days** (+GST) - includes 2 bags of shavings OR **Outdoor Pen \$90 for 3 days** (no shelters).  
Self Board. Bring your own water bucket, hay/feed, muck buckets & fork. Please pre-book with Host.

**Onsite Camping** ~ \$20/night (+GST) includes power/sewer hook-ups. Please pre-book with Host.

**Hotels Nearby** ~ [Microtel Inn & Suites](#) (Blackfalds) 403-885-9797 ~ [Best Western Lacombe](#) 403-782-3535



## **WHAT TO BRING**

Horsemanship equipment will be available to purchase/borrow during the event (helmets not included - bring your own).

- Rope Halter
- 12' Lead Rope
- Horseman's Stick
- 6' Horseman's String
- Saddle Pad
- Saddle
- Snaffle-type Bridle and/or Rope Hackamore
- Safety Helmet (Riders under 18 MUST wear a helmet)
- Notepad & pen
- Chair
- Your own muck bucket & fork
- Hay/feed & water bucket for your horse

## **DAILY SCHEDULE**

8:00-9:00 AM	9:00 AM SHARP	10:00 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	4:30-5:00 PM
Plan to arrive & settle in at the facility	Clinic Starts - meet in arena WITHOUT horses (bring a chair)	Morning instruction with horses	Approximate one and a half hour break for lunch	Afternoon instruction with horses	Approximate end time each day

## **PICTURES & VIDEO**

Video or audio recording of any kind is NOT PERMITTED. Please pass this information on to friends/family that may be attending to watch. Photos of clinic participants are for your personal use only and may not be used for public display or commercial purposes. You may not publish, post, or display any photos of Jonathan Field, the Jonathan Field Horsemanship Centre or any member of the Jonathan Field Horsemanship team without their written consent.

## **PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY**

Payments accepted by cash, cheque, Etransfer, Visa/Mastercard, or PayPal.

A **\$400 deposit** is required to confirm your spot in the clinic. Deposits are non-refundable, non-creditable and non-transferrable. No exceptions.

**Remaining balances are due 60 Days before the clinic** (including stabling/accommodations). Balance payments are non-refundable and non-transferrable, and can only be applied to a credit.

**CANCELLATION:** If you cancel out of the clinic at any time, the \$400 Canadian Deposit is forfeited - NO EXCEPTIONS. Your balance payment will then be applied to a Jonathan Field Horsemanship Credit, less a \$50 cancellation fee.

IF we are able to fill your clinic spot with another rider, then both your deposit and balance will be applied to a Jonathan Field Horsemanship Credit (less the \$50 cancellation fee). Credits are valid for one calendar year and can be used to purchase Jonathan Field Horsemanship DVDs, equipment, or applied to another clinic or camp if space allows.

**COVID STATEMENT:** We are committed in our efforts to keep everyone safe while providing the opportunity to continue your horsemanship study.

We will continue to implement regionally-recommended health protocols at ALL of our events.

This includes social distancing, sanitization procedures, minimizing onsite contact points, abiding by local health recommendations/restrictions and potentially adjusting our event format to make these measures possible. This may include reducing participant numbers and/or changing to a smaller group format. Participants will be notified of any & all event changes.

***When planning to attend a clinic, please ensure you have not had COVID-19 symptoms (even mild ones) and/or been in contact with anyone who has been ill or tested positive for COVID-19.***

***If you need to cancel out of your clinic due to COVID-related reasons, please let us know as soon as possible.***

An exemption to our standard cancellation policy will be available in this circumstance.