



ATRA ON THE TRAIL

February 2019 Newsletter

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ATRA was established in 1973 for people interested in recreational riding & driving.

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ATRA is a non-profit family oriented organization that encompasses a variety of equestrian activities that promote safe horsemanship, ongoing education and responsible use.

February 21 General Meeting - Linda Finstad



March 21 General Meeting

Guest Speaker: Jennifer Woods - Trailer Safety.

Jennifer is a livestock handling specialist based out of Blackie, Alberta, Canada. Jennifer obtained her undergrad degree in Animal Science at Colorado State University and her masters degree in Veterinary Preventative Medicine from Iowa State University. While studying at Colorado State University, one of Jennifer's professors was Dr. Temple Grandin. This was the beginning of a relationship that has continued with Dr. Grandin for over 20 years as a mentor, colleague and friend.

ATRA meets 7pm the 3rd Thursday of the month Jan-Apr/Sept-Nov

upstairs at Kirk United Centre, 13535-122 Avenue, Edmonton.

Visitors are welcome at any meeting. Website: www.atra.ca

Membership for the calendar year is \$20 single, \$35 family.

Riding members must have current ATRA and AEF memberships.

2019 Spring Clinics

Please note there are several line-up changes due to external Forces.

Trailer Safety Course with Jennifer Woods-Saturday March 23 at Graminia Hall 51101 RR 270 (west of Hwy 60), max 30 participants 9-4pm, bring your lunch. Cost: \$40. **Register by February 21.** This interactive course includes a handbook and covers: trailer design, animal behavior & handling, handler safety, biosecurity, horse comfort, accident response, transport/insurance requirements, manifests/permits. Clinic is for new & experienced horse people.

Trail Ready Spring Sessions (2 Locations) with Greg Czech at Sturgeon Ag Society Arena (Cardiff), max 10 riders. Tuesday Apr 23, Wednesday May 1, 8, 15 from 6-9pm Cost: \$130. **Register by March 26.** Contact: Sharon B 472-6212 rafterbk@telus.net

Trail Ready Spring One Day clinic with Greg Czech at Sturgeon Ag Society Arena (Cardiff), max 10 riders. Saturday Apr 27 from 9-4pm Cost: \$85. **Register by March 30.** Contact: Sharon B 472-6212 rafterbk@telus.net

Trail Ready Spring Sessions (2 Locations) with Greg Czech at Thorsby Haymaker Arena, max 8 riders. Thursday May 2, 9, 16, 30, June 6, 13 from 7-9pm Cost: \$165. **Register by April 4.** Contact: Cindy 587-986-1535 dich@telus.net

***Greg Czech** of KC Training has done many clinics for ATRA over the years in 5 locations. He raises Tennessee Walkers and works with all breeds and disciplines.*

4 Week Series Horsemanship, Obstacles, Barrel Racing, Flag & Buffalo work with Dustin Grams: 23524B Hwy 623, Leduc County, max 8 riders. Wednesdays May 8, 15, 22, 29 from 1-3pm Cost: \$120. **Register by April 3.** Contact: Lisa 780-237-7587 lisa_f@mailcan.com
***Dustin** has trained performance horses in various disciplines such as barrel racing, team penning and two man sorting since 1984. He taught this series last spring for ATRA also.*

Lavern Schmidt Two Day Trail Skills and Obstacles Clinic May 25-26 9-4pm at Sun-West Equine Services, near Onoway, max 10 riders. Cost: \$120 includes lunch & snacks each day & Campfire/potluck supper Saturday night. Overnight camping/pens are available Sat. They have some other accommodations too if you contact them or haul in each day. **Register by April 27.** Map: www.sunwestequine.com. Contact Laurie: 780-902-3379 lpgaboury@gmail.com
***Lavern Schmidt** has been training horses and coaching students for over 40 years. They host competitive trail events, shows and clinics,. ATRA had clinics with him 2 years ago.*

2019 Spring Clinics

1 Day Obstacle Course with Bob Klassen on June 14 or 15 or 16 from 9—4pm, at Courier Park Equine Centre, 21569 Wye Rd (Sec. 630) just east of Laughing Llama on south side of Wye Rd., max 10 riders each day. Cost: \$70 includes wiener roast at end of clinic. **Register by May 17 & indicate your day preference.** Contact: Doug 780-916-7474 or king519@telus.net

Bob has done many of these clinics over the years for ATRA. This is great for every horse & rider, to teach your horse how to confidently deal with many common trail & riding obstacles

ATRA 2019 Clinic Registration Form

Send payment & form to Cindy Hanas, 25 Linden Street South, Spruce Grove, AB, T7X 2G6 or email form info below and payment by e-transfer to **abtrailriding@gmail.com**. Please make your security question the Club Name Abbreviated (ATRA).

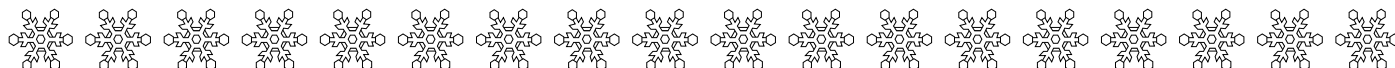
Clinic spots are 1st come, 1st served until filled., based on payment received and current ATRA/AEF memberships. To see if there is space before mailing cheque or sending e-transfer, please call/email Cindy at dich@telus.net or 587-986-1535



Name , Location, Date of Clinic: _____

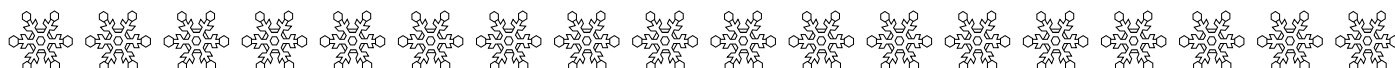
Participant Name: _____ Total Registration Fee: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Your registration is not confirmed until your payment has cleared & both AEF & ATRA memberships have been verified. AEF not required for non-riding clinics. No post-date cheques or spots held without full payment. No refunds after registration deadline unless a vacancy can be filled. We appreciate horses attending are healthy and up to date worming, shots and farrier. Please withdraw if your horse is sick or has been in contact with sick horses within 3 weeks prior to clinic. Waivers are required at most facilities. Unless otherwise noted: no charge for spectators at riding clinics, no food is provided so bring your own lunch, and any clinic not 80% filled by deadline will be cancelled.



 **NOTE: FAMILY DAY SLEIGH RIDE HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED DUE TO EXTREME COLD. RESCHEDULED FOR MARCH 3. Call Shirley 780-662-4747 TO REGISTER .** 



Events Calendar: See details on website: www.atra.ca

DATE	LOCATION	Details Contact
Feb 21	ATRA General Meeting-Linda Finstad - Equine Body Language	Page 1
Mar 3	ATRA Family Day Sleigh Ride - Rescheduled due to extreme cold! Don't forget to Register....	Shirley 780-662-4747
March 17	ATRA Trail Ride - Blackfoot Waskahegan Staging Area. Ride out at 11am sharp! Cancelled if colder than -10° No Dogs , drinking, smoking on the trail.	Allison 780-910-4639
March 21	ATRA General Meeting-Jennifer Woods -Trailer Safety	Page 1
April 18	ATRA General Meeting - Fred Tyrell	To follow
April 20	ATRA Trail Ride - TBA	
Apr 26-28	Mane Event Expo 2019 Red Deer -*Volunteers needed*	Maggie 780-464-0986
May 11	Cancer Ride at Able Ranch, North of Bon Accord	Allison 780-910-4639
May 17-20	ATRA Fort Assiniboine Sandhills - Wierenga Flats	Allison 780-910-4639
Jun 23-Jul 1	Hummingbird Mountain Camping and Maintenance	Rita 780-720-4341
Jul 5-8	Writing-On-Stone, Milk River Camping Trip	Lisa 780-237-7587
Jul 8-14	Cypress Hills Camping Trip	Doug 780-916-7474
Aug 1-11	Yaha Tinda Mountain Camping Trip	Allison 780-910-4639
Aug 18-25	Kananaskis Mountain Camping Trip: Blue Rock	Lisa 780-237-7587
Aug 30-Sept 2	Drayton Valley Riverside Trails Camping Trip	Cindy 587-986-1535
Sept TBA	STARS Trail Ride at Ministik Bird Sanctuary	Vicki 780-922-2227

If you have an event we should know about, call Allison 780-910-4639 or down-er387@gmail.com For insurance purposes, each member joining our rides/clinics is required to hold a current **AB Equestrian Federation** membership. Renewal forms are available: www.albertaequestrian.com

All riders ride at your own risk. We recommend helmet use for all riders & **STRONGLY** encourage it for those under 18 during ATRA events. For the safety of all members, ATRA's policy on riding with dogs is: On single day rides or weekend rides with a large group, no dogs are permitted. On longer overnight trips, dogs may be permitted if all riders in your group are in agreement.