Texas AgriLife Extension
Equine Hoof Care and Shoeing Short Course
January 3-6, 2011

Sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension, Department of Animal Science, and College of Veterinary Medicine
Pierce Pavilion, George Bush Drive, Texas A&M University

Instructors: Dr. Dennis Sigler, Jason Wilson-Maki, and Pat Burton

This course is designed as a comprehensive hoof care and introductory shoeing course. It will not, in itself, qualify you to become a competent farrier. It will provide the basic knowledge necessary to appreciate the skills and practice required to properly care for horses’ feet.

Monday, Jan. 3, 8 am

Continental Breakfast, Introduction and Pre-test

Basic Anatomy and Physiology of the Foot, Dr. Kent Carter, CVM
Dissection of the Foot and Leg, Dr. Lynn Ruoff, CVM

Hoof Care and Management 101, Dr. Dennis Sigler, Dept. An. Sci.
Trimming Tools and Techniques, Pat Burton, Professional Farrier

Trimming Practice
Corrective Trimming – Separating Fact from Fiction, Pat Burton

Tuesday 8 am

Variations in Foot Flight Patterns Demonstrated on the High Speed Treadmill, Dr. Sigler

Nutritional Strategies for Healthy Hooves, Dr. Dennis Sigler

Basic Cold Shoeing – Demonstration and Practice, Pat Burton
Wednesday 8 am

Advanced Cold Shoeing, Jason Wilson-Maki, CVM

Use of Ready-Made Clips

Specialized Ready-Made Shoes

Demonstration of Basic Forge Work and Therapeutic Shoeing, Jason Wilson-Maki

Additional Shoeing Practice

Update on Management of Foundered Horses

Wrap up and Post-test

Thursday, Jan. 6

AFA Certification Exam (for those interested). (Additional cost of $125 for test material and cost of test administration).

Cost = $300 (includes lunches, refreshments, handout material, shoes, nails, and other supplies)

Attendees must furnish own basic tools (available from vendors on site, if needed). Basic tools must include nippers, rasp and handle, hoof knife, shoe pullers, driving hammer, and shoeing apron. Optional tools are clinchers, clinch cutter, rounding hammer, pritchel, and foot stand.

Attendees must be in shape and physically prepared to get under numerous horses and work!

Short Course may be audited for a fee of $85, including noon meals all three days. Those auditing will be able to observe and learn from all lectures and demonstrations, but will not receive hands-on practice or individual instruction.

To register, return form on next page to the Department of Animal Science.

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Registration Form

Name__________________________________________________________
Farm or Business Name________________________________________
Address________________________________________________________________________

Email ____________________ Phone __________ Fax __________

I wish to sign up for:                                                                 Totals

 ___ Full participation Course $300 ________
 ___ AFA Certification Exam $125 ________
 ___ Audit Course Only $ 85 ________
 ___ I need to purchase basic tools

TOTAL ________

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