

BISHOP MULE DAYS CLINICS

At Mule Days we want to give you the best opportunities to learn about mules, packing, safety, and livestock issues. While here be sure to attend our many informative and entertaining clinics.

TUESDAY: May 23rd

LOCATION: TALLMAN PAVILION:

2 – 3 pm: Care and Wound Bandaging: Dr. Nicki Milici D.V.M., Bishop Veterinary Hospital

Practicing for nine years in Bishop, Dr. Milici is well versed in backcountry emergencies. She will cover small wounds, eye injuries, colic, and provide a bandaging demonstration. She will host an interactive session involving the audience in finding solutions to possible emergency scenarios. Equine Emergency Kits will be available for \$150. Great for the trailer or barn. Those attending this clinic will receive a 20% discount on the micro-chipping service immediately following this clinic.

LOCATION: MULE DAYS ROUND CORRAL:

3 - 4 pm: Micro-Chipping: Dr. Nicki Milici D.V.M., Bishop Veterinary Hospital

Immediately following the Care and Wound Bandaging Clinic Dr. Milici will offer microchipping for equines. The AVID brand chip will be implanted for \$60 each or \$48 each for those who attended the Care and Wound Bandaging Clinic. Cash preferred. Priceless for a lifetime of identity protection.

WEDNESDAY: May 24th

LOCATION: MULE DAYS ROUND CORRAL:

10 – 12 pm: Where did those Long Ears Come From?: Nate Medcalf, Rockin' NT Mules

Focus on helping people understand mules while becoming a better person for their mules, Nate will share his much respected knowledge on breeding high quality saddle mules and pack mules.

2 – 4 pm: Being Safe and having Fun: Techniques for Youth: Linda Laird, Double L Ranch

After coaching at many notable riding schools in Southern California, Linda partnered with her mother, Diana, in 2000 opening the Double L Ranch. Proud to call Bishop home, Linda is excited to be discussing mulemanship techniques such as the ever important “whoa” and moving through gaits for young riders. Keeping young riders safe and having fun at the same time is the Double L motto!

LOCATION: EAST ARENA:

2 - 5 pm: Working Equitation: Sue Watkins, Executive Director of the United States Working Equitation Association

Working Equitation is one of the fastest growing riding competitions and oldest riding disciplines in the world. A multifaceted equestrian sport whose fundamental purpose is to promote using traditional styles of working cattle from horseback used in different countries while displaying a high degree of training, and unity between horse and rider. Sue will explain the main requirements of Working Equitation necessary for this popular competition.

THURSDAY: May 25th

LOCATION: MULE DAYS ROUND CORRAL:

9 - 11 am: Those Amazing Donkeys: JoDe Collins, Double C's Performance Mules and Donkeys

Donkey trainer, breeder and enthusiast, and long standing Mule Days contestant JoDe Collins show how to be successful with the highly intelligent donkey. Demonstrating training techniques to encourage a content, willing and obedient working donkey. Learn how to communicate with your donkey in a way they understand. Donkeymanship at its finest!

11 - 12:30 pm: Better Communication between Mule and Rider: Lou Moore Jacobsen, One Moore Training Stable

With more than 40 years of experience training and sowing both horses and mules including more than 20 world, stat and reserve championships from the American Paint Horse Association, American Quarter Horse Association and American Mule Association, Lou will demonstrate how to have a better and more fun relationship with your equine when you learn to gain their respect and cooperation. She will discuss cues and aids she uses with her mules to get the best performance they have to offer both in the show ring and out on the trail.

1 – 2:30 pm: Characteristics to look for in Breeding Quality Mules: Nate Medcalf, Rockin' NT Mules

Rockin NT Mules is an Arizona based mule company specializing in breeding high quality mules, Nate will go into great detail on the most desirable qualities and characteristics when breeding for mules. His approach is always focused on safety for mule and owner.

4 – 6 pm: Groundwork Basics: Ty Evans, TS Mules

Ty and Skye with their daughters Ellie and Swayzee spend nine months a year on the road traveling the country teaching mulemanship and confidence building clinics. Starting with groundwork, preparing the mule to respond with respect and look to the rider as a leader. Then moving to the saddle practicing multiple exercises for rider and mule become handy. Softness and suppleness is one of the major goals of groundwork and saddle. Ty and Skye emphasize helping people and their mules get along better. “Helping people with mule problems and mules with people problems”.

FRIDAY: May 26th

LOCATION: MULE DAYS ROUND CORRAL:

8 - 9 am: Safer Mule Handling: Dr. Robert Miller D.V.M.

From his first visit to Mule Days almost a half century ago, Dr. Miller has been involved with mules from breeding, training to showing. In this clinic, Dr. Miller shows the safety techniques learned during his 40-plus years as an equine veterinarian, and a lifetime as a horseman. Information is given about why and when handling equines may be risky, and how to minimize these risks by simply utilizing the rules of Safer Horsemanship. The clinic covers safety while performing routine health care such as taking temperatures, examining ears, medicating eyes, worming, cleaning hooves, and sheath and udder cleaning, as well as safety while catching, tying, tacking and untacking, riding, horse housing, and handling.

Packing Clinics

9 - 10 am: Saddle & Pack Animal Safety: Michael Morse & Lee Roeser, USFS Region 5 Packers

This session will discuss methods veteran packers use to keep themselves, their animals and others safe while performing their job in the backcountry. Some of the topics will include: You, what you wear, the equipment you use, what you take with you and your animals. This class will also include: causes and actions of accidents.

10 - 11 am: Decker & Sawbuck Packing: Brian Kaiser & Tyler Knowles, Rock Creek Pack Station

Demonstration will discuss the differences between packing with Decker and Sawbuck pack saddles. Gear will be packed will be packed using each method and then discussed.

11 am - 12 pm: Beginning Packing Demonstration: Phillip Easley, Easley Ranch

Get started in packing: what goes into planning and preparing a weekend pack trip for two people. Basic camp gear and equipment will be displayed. Learn Hitches and tips of the trade. Correctly leading pack mule demonstration.

5 – 6 pm: Large Animal Rescue Techniques: Patti Williams, FEMA Large Animal First Responder

Following serving as a large animal specialist in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Patti became certified with FEMA as a first responder. Do you have a plan? Having a plan ahead of an emergency is the key to getting your animal to safer grounds in the event of a disaster. Range of topics from planning, transportation, and evacuation will be covered.

SATURDAY: May 27th

LOCATION: MULE DAYS ROUND CORRAL:

2 – 4 pm: Throwing a Rope: Pat Puckett, The Disciplined Ride

After forty years of working ranches all over The West, Pat will be sharing his knowledge of the California spade bit and roping with a riata. Pat has a no-nonsense style of teaching often described as “getting a drink from a fire hose!” Pat will certainly bring his knowledge and passion about throwing a rope to the clinic.

4 – 5 pm: Large Animal Rescue: Patti Williams FEMA Large Animal First Responder

As a first responder in New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Patti will share her experiences in large animal rescues. She will walk through the process of emergency preparedness and key components of keeping your equine safe during a disaster or emergency.

SUNDAY:

LOCATION: MULE DAYS ROUND CORRAL:

10 - 11 am: Introduction to the Masterson Method: Loni Langdon, Masterson Method Certified Instructor

Meet Mule Days many year competitor Loni as she presents the Masterson Method of equine body work. This an integrated, multi-modality method of equine massage and body work that allows the equine to release deep accumulated pain and tension in muscle and connected tissue.

12 - 1 pm: Getting the Whoa: Pat Puckett, The Disciplined Ride

Pat's affinity for the classical origins of the Californio Bridle Horse Heritage have given him a unique viewpoint and the ability to communicate effectively with equines and riders of all disciplines. The most key command for any equine and rider is the "whoa". Pat will help you learn the safest and best ways to put a stop on your mount. Prevent runaways, run offs and gain control in dangerous situations.

4 - 5 pm: Mulemanship in the Saddle: Ty Evans, TS Mules

Ty continues to share his mulemanship knowledge moving from ground work in his previous clinic to demonstrating the best mulemanship techniques while in the saddle. Learn how to communicate properly with your mule and avoid the most common mistakes riders make while in the saddle.