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Education Day:
Free Ulcer Scopings,
Horsemanship,
Saddle Fit, & Equine
Massage Demos,
Free Tri-tip BBQ
by Merial**

2009 SCHEDULE HEATS UP AT MMR IN JACKSON, CA

Activities Ramp up at MMR

The schedule at Miracle Mountain Ranch is ramping up in 2009. Boarding is available with use of the arenas and trails. And, clients will find a broad range of clinics and private training opportunities at MMR in Jackson, CA.

In addition to 2 and 3-day Clinics, Trainer/Instructor Julie Carpenter once again has a Women's Camp, a Gaited Clinic and Harry Whitney. Also new this year, MMR is hosting two Balanced Riding Clinics. Read more about these upcoming clinics below:

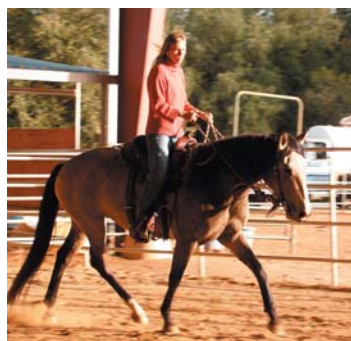
Spend time with Harry Whitney

On February 25-26 and February 28 - March 4th, participants and auditors alike will learn as much as they care to absorb by watching Harry work with seven horses and riders in two clinics. Seasoned clinician Harry Whitney works "From The Horse's Point of View."

Harry's combination of understated simplicity and humor are both enjoyable and helpful to



Harry Whitney helps desensitize this young colt, Zee. Here Zee is learning to give to a rope on his leg. Very quickly, he learned to lead by a rope on any leg.



Julie works on helping Zee stay balanced while working at the trot and canter. He is in training with Julie so she can finish him for his new owner. Zee is also the same horse pictured in the photo above. Now age five, Zee will see Harry Whitney again in the Feb. clinic.

horse and rider. Julie rides with Harry at least once a year to continue advancing her skills. "Harry is good for everyone," Julie says. "We are happy to have him here at MMR again."

The five day Harry Whitney Clinic is full. But there are two spaces left in the Two-Day Clinic on Feb. 25 & 26. Auditing is available in both clinics.

Gait On Down the Trail

Julie has raised and trained easy gaited horses for many years. Although gaited horses are trained the same way as non-gaited horses, sometimes it is easier to develop their smooth intermediate gaits when riding with other gaited horse owners. This Spring Julie has designated a Gaited Clinic.

"Gaited horses are still horses," Julie says. "Some are better gaited than others. And the rider has to learn how to ask for their gaits correctly." Participants benefit from watching other horses and learning to identify different gaits both under saddle and from the ground.

This newsletter is produced and distributed quarterly. Its mission is to share news & happenings and to supply continuing knowledge to help everyone improve their equine partnership skills using Horsemanship From the Heart.

Please let us know what you think of our content and what else you would like to see. Contact Newsletter Editor Susan Hartje at ACTSusan@earthlink.net or 209-245-3789 or contact Julie at MMRI@MiracleMountain.com or 209-296-2114.

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2009 MMR CLINICS (CONTINUED)

ReBalance Your Seat!

MMR hosts two 3-day clinics dedicated to educating your seat. "Balanced riding is the foundation of all riding skills," Julie says. "It really helps to take time periodically to focus only on those skills."

Whether you ride trails, show dressage or rope cattle, excellence starts with the horse & rider in balance. Without it, the horse will not use himself correctly nor perform to his potential. Without balance, he will break down physically before his time.

With balance, the rider and horse move together in unity. You stop fighting gravity. Everything gets easier.

On Day One: Instructor Zsuzu Illes will walk the group through a variety of exercises on the ground to give students a feel for how to fine tune your balance to help you ride in harmony with your horse.

Then riders each have a 45-minute lesson in which Zsuzu will help each develop a better feel for how correcting posture can allow the rider to get the desired responses more easily than by pulling on the horse's head.

"As horse lovers and riders we want to ride a happy, willing horse. Most people just need help learning what in-balance with their horse should feel like," says Zsuzu, who trained with world famous rider & author Charles De Kunffy. "As we become more balanced, our requests can be much smaller, easier and resistance free. *We do less*, and the horse is happy to respond *more fluidly*."

Yet balance can only occur if the adapter between us and the horse - the saddle - actually fits both the rider and the horse.

Before riding, participants' saddles will be evaluated for fit for both horse and rider. Throughout the clinic,



Zsuzu Illes, ReBalance Instructor, explains why sitting correctly balanced feels strange at first.

the saddle experts of **Saddles That Fit!** will make fine tuned changes to a rider's saddle to help improve the rider's balance. Riders also will have the opportunity to ride in any of the 50+ saddles in the **Saddles That Fit!** mobile fitting trailer.

Combining rider improvements with saddle adjustments can enable major advances on your path towards true harmony in your riding relationship.

Women's Camp

Imagine spending the last week of May 'roughing it' *Julie-Style* with your horse on 300 acres in the Sierra foothills of Pioneer. Participants can bunk in the ranch house or bring their own trailer or tent.

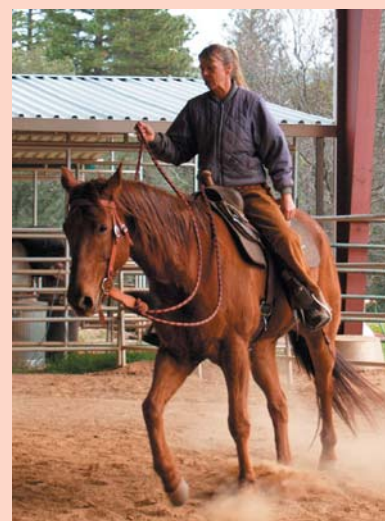
Breakfast, lunch and dinner are prepared for you daily. All you have to do is feed your horse -- and RIDE!

"It is wonderful getaway that allows you to learn and play with your horse in real world situations on the trail," says Julie. Or, you can read, meditate, or work in the arena. Oh, bring your swim suit because the river is only a short hike. Just prepare for relaxation, horses and fun!

JULIE AT WORK



(above) Julie works with Cassie on trailer loading. This strong minded mare has never loaded up easily. But half an hour of quiet practice has her loading and unloading like it's no big deal.

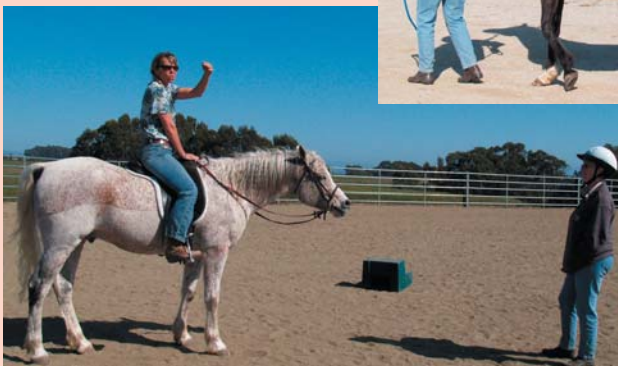


Looking for softness with Doc.

FIRST LOOK



(above) On her first visit with Julie, Allison gets some coaching with her Bay Arabian mare, Savannah, on the ground. She helps Allison develop her timing to be clear with the mare about how close she is allowed to follow.



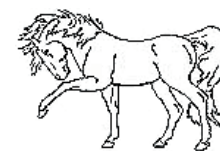
After working on the ground with Allison and her grey Arab, Zain, Julie gets on to check out how much of a tune-up he needs before his owner rides for the first time in awhile. Zain started out tight, worried, and resistant, but quickly finds her requests are clear and polite. So he relaxed very quickly and happily does what Julie asks.

JULIE'S 2009 TRAVELS

Clients will find Julie at home at Miracle Mountain Ranch more this year. However, she will still be traveling to meet client needs in other locations.

"Horsemanship From the Heart" clinics will be held in Napa, Los Altos & Santa Cruz, CA. She also returns to Seattle, WA this Spring. Between her travels and MMR activities, more people than ever can benefit from Julie's clear and supportive direction in creating better equine partnerships.

JULIE'S 2009 CALENDAR



<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Feb. 25 - 26	Harry Whitney Clinic	\$300	MMR: Jackson, CA, One space left; Auditors welcome
Feb. 28 - Mar. 4	Harry Whitney Clinic	\$750	MMR: Jackson, CA, Full, Auditors welcome
March 7 - 12	Individual Sessions		Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Groundwork, seat & riding skills.
March 13 - 21	Off		
March 24 - 26	Three-Day Clinic		Plymouth, CA: Private
March 28 - 29	Two-Day Gaited Clinic	\$300	MMR: Jackson, CA, two spaces left
April 4 - 5	Two-Day Clinic	\$300	MMR: Jackson, CA: Groundwork, seat & riding skills.
April 8 - 9	Two-Day Clinic		Plymouth, CA: Private
April 11th	MMR / Merial Open House & Education Day - FREE MMR: Jackson, CA: Merial Equine Sponsored (details on p.4)		
Apr. 15-16, 20-22	Individual Sessions		Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Groundwork, seat & riding skills.
April 17 - 19	Three-Day Clinic	\$450	Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Building softness & refinement under saddle.
April 24 - 26	Three-Day Clinic	\$450	NAPA, CA: Contact Pat Hyatt, 707-321-3277. Groundwork, seat & riding.
April 29 - 30	Two-Day Clinic		Plymouth, CA: Private
May 1 - 3	Three-Day Clinic	\$450	MMR: Jackson, CA: Groundwork, seat & riding skills.
May 6 - 12	Individual Sessions		Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Groundwork, seat & riding skills.
May 15 - 19	Individual Sessions		Seattle, WA: Groundwork, seat & riding skills.
May 22 - 23	Two-Day Clinic		Plymouth, CA: Private
May 24 - 30	Women's Camp	\$1150	MMR: Pioneer, CA, One space left: Groundwork, seat and riding skills in the arena and on the trails. Includes all meals, camp facilities & a stall.
May 31-Jun. 2	Three-Day Balanced Riding Clinic	\$450	MMR: Jackson, CA: Contact Susan 209-245-3789 (details on p.2)
June 5 - 7	Three-Day Balanced Riding Clinic	\$450	MMR: Jackson, CA: Contact Susan 209-245-3789 (details on p.2)
June 8 - 9	Two-Day Clinic		Plymouth, CA: Private
June 13 - 14	Two-Day Clinic	\$300	Los Altos, CA: Lisa Powell. 650-248-0473. Groundwork, seat & riding skills.
June 15 - 19	Individual Sessions		Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Groundwork, seat & riding skills.
June 20 - 21	Two-Day Trail Clinic	\$tba	Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Seat & riding skills on the trail.
June 22 - 23	Two-Day Clinic		Plymouth, CA: Private
July 3 - 5	Three-Day Clinic	\$450	MMR: Jackson, CA: Groundwork, seat & riding skills.
July 13-20	Individual Sessions		Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Groundwork, seat & riding skills.
Aug. 10-13	Individual Sessions		Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Groundwork, seat & riding skills.
Aug. 14 - 16	Three-Day Clinic	\$450	Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Building softness & refinement under saddle.
Sept. 4 - 6	Three-Day Clinic	\$450	MMR: Jackson, CA: Groundwork, seat & riding skills.
Sept. 14-18	Individual Sessions		Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Groundwork, seat & riding skills.
Sept. 19 - 20	Two-Day Clinic	\$300	Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Groundwork, seat & riding skills.
Oct. 12 - 19	Individual Sessions		Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Groundwork, seat & riding skills.
Oct. 24 - 31	Off		
Nov. 6 - 8	Three-Day Clinic	\$450	MMR: Jackson, CA: Groundwork, seat & riding skills.
Nov. 16 - 23	Individual Sessions		Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Groundwork, seat & riding skills.
DECEMBER	Individual Instruction & Training Julie is available for individual private sessions and for horses coming in for training. Winter is a great time to have Julie tune-up your horse to get them ready for Spring riding.		

*Clinics cost \$150/day plus board (& you bring your hay) unless otherwise noted. **Audit any clinic for \$25/day.** *All Clinics run from 9am - 5pm unless otherwise noted. *Deposits are required to hold your space. If you need to cancel, and we can refill your space, we will refund your deposit. If we cannot fill your space, your deposit is non-refundable. *We maintain a waiting list on all events. * **Check the website for the most up to date details of all events.**



APRIL 11, 2009: MMR OPEN HOUSE & EQUINE EDUCATION DAY

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You won't want to miss this Free Event!

Join owner/ instructor Julie Carpenter for a day of Fun and Education 9:30am - 4pm:



- Gastric Ulcer Syndrome information & Free Ulcer Scopings (\$300+ value) by Merial & Amador Veterinary Services
- Resistance Free Horsemanship demo by Julie Carpenter
- Saddle Fit Essentials & How to Fix your Saddle
- Equine Body work demo - Tri Tip BBQ Lunch by Merial (FREE)
- Raffle to benefit MMR Hearts For Horses



Is your horse Suffering in Silence?

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Is your horse Listening to You? Does your horse need a Massage? Does he need a Saddle Fix?

- Come and learn more about all these subjects during Free Demonstrations!



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