

Educational opportunity to Del Mar Horsepark Oct. 24-25.

The clinic is one of the ways that a trainer can apply to become either a USHJA Certified or Provisional Trainer.

Certified Trainers represent the majority of working trainers in the USHJA. They are hunter/jumper professionals who have been teaching/training for a minimum of three out of the last seven years and who teach/train all levels of riding. Their training proficiency ranges from local to international competition, emphasizing basic skills, horsemanship and safety.

Provisional Trainers have completed the same requirements as Certified Trainers but have worked as hunter/jumper trainers for at least one year but fewer than three years. A Provisional Trainer will have the opportunity to become a Certified Trainer after he has worked as a full-time professional trainer for at least three years.

Julie Winkle and Geoff Teall will teach the clinic and it's open to everyone. Monday will be hunters and equitation with four groups of riders; under 2'6", 2'6" to 2'9", 3'0 and above hunters and 3'0 and above equitation. Tuesday will be jumpers and equitation also with four groups; under 3'0, 3'0 to 3'3, 3'6 to 3'9 jumpers, and 4'0 and above jumpers.

Rider fees are \$150 per section for non-GSDHJA members, \$125 for members. Group sizes will be 4 to 5 riders. Stalls are available for \$40/night and feed and bedding will be available through the Horsepark. Rider fees also include an additional clinic observer (who does not receive TCP clinic credit).

TCP auditor fees are \$150 for both days plus \$50 USHJA fee for a total of \$200. The USHJA fee will be waived for GSDHJA members and includes a continental breakfast and box lunch each day.

Clinic observers (not for clinic credit) are welcome at \$100 for both days or \$55 for one day, which also includes continental breakfast and box lunch. For more information visit www.GSDHJA.org

TCP Application Process

Attend a TCP Clinic or complete the Online Trainer Certification Course.

Submit TCP application, application fee, and supporting documents to the USHJA office.
Supporting documents:

- Resume documenting a minimum of three out of the last seven years of professional experience within the hunter/jumper industry teaching, training and/or riding experience. For provisional trainer applications, resume must document a minimum of one year of professional experience within the hunter/jumper industry.
- Proof of general/professional liability insurance. Applicant's name must be listed on the certificate as insured or a letter from the insurance company must be submitted with certificate stating that applicant is insured under his/her employer.
- Three completed recommendation forms (found on TCP webpage at www.ushja.org) completed by hunter/jumper professionals who are Active members of USHJA. All Certified Trainer references must have known applicant for at least three years. All Provisional Trainer references must have known applicant for at least one year. At least one reference must be from applicant's home zone. Forms must be submitted to the USHJA office directly from the reference.

Applicant will receive a complimentary TCP Manual, which is the exam study guide, upon applying to the program. The applicant does not need to purchase a manual separately.

The TCP Committee meets three times per year to review applications. Upon approval, applicant must remit the \$225 exam/certification fee.

Applicant will receive an email containing the exam log-in code once USHJA has received the

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exam/certification fee. Applicant has two log-in attempts to pass the online exam with a score of 85% or higher within six months of the date the exam email was sent.

Passing the exam grants certification and prompts the trainer's name, location and resume to be posted on USHJA's online Certified Trainers Directory. The Certified Trainer will receive a certificate of TCP Certification in the mail within two to three weeks of becoming certified.