

**Building a Bond & Improving Your Partnership
Working towards Liberty & Bridle-less Riding!
Natural Horsemanship Series
*Instructed by Heidi Potter***

***Join us for 3 Saturdays this spring-May 5th, May 19th & June 2nd.
Two sessions each day-Ground series 10-2:00 & Riding series 3:30-5:00
Choose from either series or bring a lunch & spend the day!***

****Ground Series****

Working towards Liberty Series!

Would you like a partnership where your horse will follow your lead without restraints? If so, this series offers you a great opportunity to improve the connection, trust and partnership you share with your horse. Our goal is that your horse does it because he truly wants to, not because he is being made to.

Saturdays @ Maple Ridge, May 5, May 19 & June 2nd from 10-2:00
\$65/Participant per session (Maximum 6 participants) Unlimited auditing-\$35 per session.
\$25/Horse lease per session (Limited horses available-first come, first serve)

**Developing the Bond-Starting in the Round Pen
May 5th 10-2:00**

Understanding how our mental, physical & emotional state affects our horse's behavior is imperative to being accepted as a confident and compassionate leader. This first session is where a respectful partnership begins and where leadership is established. Participants will learn how to mindfully guide their horses' movement and speed using their own energy, clear intent and a minimum of cues. Develop clear understanding and improve communication with one-on-one guidance in this session.

**Connection Work/Intro to Clicker Training
"Round Pen Continued" Part 1
May 19th 10-1:00**

Bring yourself and your equine partner to the next level in this two-part session. In "Part 1" participants will continue with one-on-one work refining movement and problem solving in the

round pen. The focus will be on reading the horse's body language and improving self-awareness.

“Introduction to Clicker Training” Part 2
May 19th 1-2:30

Positive reinforcement is used in child rearing, dog training, working with adults and marine mammals. However, when it comes to working with 1,000lb flight animals we primarily choose training techniques based on negative reinforcement? While there is certainly a place for both in our training, using positive reinforcement generally gets much quicker and calmer results. Clicker training can transform your relationship with your horse and help to establish a real bond. In this group session participants learn the basics of clicker training and get started on developing a truly wonderful, enjoyable and useful method of communication.

Liberty Work Begins
June 2nd 10-2:00

This final session in the groundwork series will begin with a brief ‘connection’ period in the round pen and then advance to the larger ring. This transition will begin to test the connection that has been established previously and offer the partners a chance to “play” with some obstacles and judge their progression. Participants will leave with a clearer understanding of what their horses are telling them, how to connect and what they need to be successful in enhancing their overall relationship with their horse.

****Riding Series****

Working towards “Bridleless”!
Riding Thru Your Center- Group Riding Sessions

Saturdays @ Maple Ridge, May 5, May 19 & June 2nd from 3:30-5:00
\$65/Participant per ride (Maximum of 6 riders) & Unlimited auditing \$15 per ride

Ever wonder how people get their horses to respond with what appears to be “invisible” aids? The focus of these sessions will be on communicating with your horse thru your center, seat, breath, energy and clear intent. The goal is to get your horse to respond to your most subtle cues and not simply from pressure applied by the reins. Exercises in stop, start, steer and transitions will be included. Transitioning to “reins free” riding in the round pen will happen on an individual basis for those that are ready in the third session.

Payment & Cancellation Policy

Registration and ***non-refundable*** full payment is due in advance of each session. Only 6 participant spots are available, so register early! Participant spot/fees are fully transferrable to another individual of the participants choosing.

Discounts Offered.....

Pay only \$175 when you register and pre-pay for the either Series!

Pay only \$325 when you register and pre-pay for both Series!

Desensitizing/Despooking Your Horse & Building Confidence Workshop

Saturday, April 21st from 11-2:30

Learn how to become the “Leader” that your horse needs! In this workshop participants will learn how to look at things from the horse’s perspective. Every horse is an individual and will need training techniques that are suited to his personality. Participants will explore various techniques using new stimulus and challenging obstacles to help build their horses confidence and establish leadership. All work will be done in a safe, progressive and thoughtful manner. This workshop will begin on the ground and progress to under saddle.

\$65/Participant (Limited to 6) & unlimited auditing \$25.