

The Horsemanship Challenge Frequently Asked Questions

What is The Horsemanship Challenge?

The Horsemanship Challenge is a challenge created by Michael Lyons Horsemanship. Its intent for creation was to inspire riders & equine handlers to spend consistent training time with their horse during some of the toughest months. As trainers, we know what all each person is truly capable with their horse when they are consistent at doing it. So we created this challenge to give as much incentive as possible so that handlers and riders could experience it too.

The Challenge itself is to work with your horse on the ground or undersaddle for a minimum of 60 sessions over a 120 day period. A session is defined as 20 minutes of training either on the ground or undersaddle. The start date is February 1st, 2021

How do you track the progress?

Everyone is asked to download the FREE EquiLab app on their phone. Here you will keep track of your sessions, write notes about them, ect. It tracks each horse if you enter more than more and tracks your time as well. If you are not able to use your data to turn on the app while riding (this method preferred) then you are able to enter manually afterwards. There is a paid version of this app that offers more things, but it is not a requirement.

About every month we will make a post in the Horsemanship Challenge Facebook group asking for updates on sessions. Here you will post a SCREENSHOT of your rides over the past 30 days in the COMMENTS section only. We ask that you don't post a lot of your screenshots in the group itself as it will clog up the feed. You do not need to add Julia as a rider this year.

HOW DOES SOMEONE WIN PRIZES?

Throughout the entire challenge we will be giving away tons of prizes! They all vary in size and monetary value. Each time we give away prizes we will draw names. There will be a couple prizes given at the start of the challenge, so everyone entered will have a shot. We will then give prizes away half way through to those who have stayed on track, and again at the very end as well as giving away a BUCKLE to those who take the second challenge for the 100 sessions in 120 days. As you meet each mark, your name will be put in the drawing for prizes. Everyone who enters has a shot to win something, but only those who hit the milestones are entered for the half way mark, and end of challenge prizes.

Prizes vary from ONLINE Horsemanship learning platforms, lots of different horse tack, apprenticeship program, clinics, horse products, retreats and more! Lots to fit all disciplines of riding!

What is the Buckle Challenge?

The Buckle Challenge takes everything to the next level. You will be entered to win a buckle if you ride or work with your horse for 100 sessions over the 120 day period.

Who can sign up and how much does it cost?

ALL horse people and horses are welcome!! There is no age limit, or limitations for this. You can do it strictly on the ground or undersaddle. It is all at YOUR on discretion, as long as each handler is training with their horse for the required amount of time and days. If someone is not old enough to have a phone or email, we will be willing to accept an alternative proof of riding such as ledger, ect.

It is not required to spend any money when you sign up. So it can be completely free! Or if you choose to do so, you can donate to the challenge. Your donations are able to be done while signing up in increments of ten and goes directly towards putting this challenge on, MORE PRIZES, and shipping them out. Anything is appreciated, but not required!

MULTIPLE horses are welcome. However you do not need to sign up multiple horses. Just yourself on the link. We will add in extra horses later. Each horse MUST hit the 60 session requirement, however. Which will also give each handler more chances at prizes.

How do I keep up with all announcements and updates?

The Facebook group called the HORSEMANSHIP CHALLENGE is the best way to do this. But you have to use it right to be able to find the answers. Anything important from us a MLH will always be under the ANNOUNCEMENTS tab of the group. You can also go under the FILES tab to find more information on rules, regulations, and prizes, As well as use the search bar to find key workds you are looking for. We will also be sending emails each month with updates.

You can sign up by following the link in the announcements tab of the group, in the about section of the group, or online at MichaelLyonsHorsemanship.com. Right now our group is at 3,000 members and growing everyday! Sponsorships are still being accepted!