



Rocking Heart Ranch Youth and Lady Weanling Challenge and Sale

Information:

This is a friendly contest aimed at giving youth and ladies an opportunity to grow as a horse trainer. Successful applicants will have 2 (two) randomly drawn Rocking Heart Ranch weanlings loaded into their horse trailer for approximately 3 weeks of halter training at the applicant's home that must be completed with a partner that is also part of the competition. The event will showcase the training accomplished by each pair of trainers and their equine partner with an aggregate score of the duo compiled to determine the winner of the challenge.

- Youth trainers ages 15-17 and ladies ages 18+ will be accepted for the challenge.
- Weanling pick up will be at Rocking Heart Ranch on October 17th, 2021.
- Partnerships can include two youth, two ladies, or a lady and a youth (they would compete in the ladies division)
- Participants must provide trailering for pick up and to the event.
- Participants must fulfill all requirements of care for the horse, trailering, feed, and shelter.
- Weanlings will be randomly selected and loaded two at a time. Having 2 weanlings together will make it much less stressful on the weanling and a more positive experience for everyone.
- Participants must have previous horse experience and understand how to properly handle a young horse.
- The competition will be held at the Midnight Stadium in Fort Macleod on November 6th, 2021
- Each competitor will be given 10 minutes to complete an obstacle course. Once completed spare time within the allotted 10 minutes can be used for freestyle to try for extra points.
- The course will consist of obstacles like walking over poles, loading in a trailer, and walking across a tarp just to name a few. A surprise element will be added the day of the event.
- Additional points will be awarded for presentation of your colt and freestyle components of the routine.
- Extra props will be allowed for Freestyle as long as they are deemed to be safe and cleared with Jim Garner.
- Exhibitors are not allowed to sit on the weanlings or place a saddle on them at any time. These are just babies!
- Horses are not allowed to pull any items.
- All participants will be required to sign a waiver when the horse is picked up at the ranch. (Youth need to be accompanied by a legal guardian who will be required to sign a waiver). Horses will not be released otherwise.
- Each participant will be paid \$150; \$75 at horse pickup, and \$75 after the event is finished.
- Two qualified judges will judge the event and award the prizes. Prizes include a cash prize of \$200 for each of the division winners plus assorted tack and swag for second and third place.
- Some weanlings may be offered for sale following the competition and may have a minimum bid.
- Other details surrounding the event will be provided on 'horse pickup day' at the ranch.

This is a great opportunity to build your equine resume for Trainers Challenge's or equine related jobs in the future. Participants in the weanling challenge will be given preference as an applicant in any future Rocking Heart Ranch Colt Starting Challenges and upon signing (along with the legal guardian) the participant will be promoted on the Rocking Heart Ranch website, social media, and other related marketing platforms.

If you have questions, please contact Melody Garner-Skiba at (403) 894-1005

Applications must be in before 3pm on September 21, 2021 to be considered.

Please email applications to rhrcoltstartingchallenge@gmail.com

Youth/Lady Weanling Challenge Application

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Age: (as of Sept 1, 2019) _____ Division: _____ (Youth) _____ (Lady)

Name of Partner who is also entering: _____

If entering youth division, please provide contact information for Legal Guardian:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. Our family is excited that you are considering participating in this friendly contest. The intent is for you to enjoy your time with a weanling and learn a bit along the way. **This form must be sent via email to rhrcoltstartingchallenge@gmail.com and prior to 3pm on Sept. 21, 2021**

1. Tell us about yourself, your family, and where you are from.

2. Explain what prompted you to apply and describe your experience with horses.

3. Let us know if you have any special skills, accomplishments, and/or achievements with horses or in general!

Signature: _____

Date: _____

I authorize Rocking Heart Ranch Ltd to use this information for promotional purposes including the Rocking Heart Ranch LTD website.

Signature: _____

Legal Guardian Signature: _____

References List & Horse Stable Info

Two references are required for each applicant. These should be references that can speak to your ability to care for and train the weanlings. They can include 4-H leaders, neighbors, etc.

Please provide name and phone numbers for two references:

Reference #1:

- Name: _____
- Phone Number & Email Address: _____
- Relationship to Applicant: _____

Reference #2:

- Name: _____
- Phone Number & Email Address: _____
- Relationship to Applicant: _____

Please make sure to notify your reference that they will be contacted to be asked a few questions by our family.

Horse Stabling Information

Please provide us with the address of where our horses will be stabled at as well as contact information if you do not own the premises: _____

Due to the age of these horses, please provide information of how the horses will be stabled. Example, will it be by itself, near other horses, etc. _____

Attached to this application, please provide a picture of the stabling location.

Waiver and Release of Liability Form

(Assumption of Risks, Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement)

By signing this document you will waive certain legal rights, including the right to sue:

On my behalf and on behalf of any minor children participating in these activities, for who I am legally responsible I agree to the following:

Assumption of Risks

I am aware and understand that activities involving horses involve many risks, dangers and hazards, including but not limited to the following:

- 1) Horses, which are powerful and potentially dangerous animals, may change their behavior at any time and may without warning, jump, run wildly, buck, kick, bite or step on people or things;
- 2) Horses may collide with other horses or objects or trip, stumble, or fall even if being led, ridden or attended to;
- 3) Negligence, which means in general terms, a failure to exercise ordinary or proper care or other riders or my child's own failure to ride safely, within my or my child's ability or within designated areas;
- 4) Equipment such as horse tack including saddles, bridles, headstalls, lead shanks, and horseshoes may fail; equipment like livestock handling equipment like gates, chutes, tie rails, doors, and horse trailers and accessories may fail. Training aids like cowboy curtains, barrels, whips and other related extreme trail items might fail.
- 5) Weather conditions can change and sometimes may be dangerous causing the behavior of the horse and/ or the physical conditions like the horses footing to become unstable;
- 6) I am also aware that the risks, dangers and hazards referred to above exist throughout the trail, stable, barn; arena, practice and other areas and many are unmarked. I understand and acknowledge that no amount of caution, experience or instruction can eliminate all of the risks involved and I freely accept and fully assume all such risks, dangers and hazards and the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage and damages of loss resulting therefrom.

Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement

In consideration of the provider providing me or my child with their horse for riding, training, and other services and permitting me or my child's use of their equipment, and other facilities and the Property Owners providing me or my child with the use of their property (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the services"), I hereby agree as follows:

- 1) TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS that I or my child have or may have in the future against Rocking Heart Ranch Ltd and their directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives and volunteers (all of whom are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "RELEASEES") and to release the Releases from any and all liability for any loss, damage, injury or expense that I or my child may suffer, or that my or my child's next of kin may suffer as a result of mine or my child's use of the Services or due to any cause whatsoever, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE INCLUDING ANY DUTY OF CARE OWNED UNDER THE "OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ACT" ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES;
- 2) TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any damage to the property of or personal injury to any third party resulting from mine or my child's use of services;
- 3) This Agreement shall be effective and binding upon my or my child's heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives in the event of my or my child's death or incapacity;
- 4) This agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Alberta; and
- 5) Any litigation involving the parties of this Agreement shall be brought within the Province of Alberta.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS AGREEMENT, AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY CHILD, OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND ASSIGNS MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEES

Signed on this _____ day of _____, 20__:

Rider/Trainer or Legal Guardian Signature

Printed Name

Witness Signature: _____ Witness Name: _