

SIRE, Houston's Therapeutic Equestrian Centers is pleased to announce its Spring, 2012 calendar of educational events for riding instructors and volunteers.

For more information about any of the events listed below please contact Anthony Busacca at anthonyb@sire-htec.org, or (281) 356-7588 ex 208.

SIRE Instructor Training Course: Introduction To Therapeutic Riding

Thursday, January 19th – Thursday, March 8th

Or

Thursday, March 22nd – Thursday, May 10th

- Class will be held each Thursday evening from 6:30 to 9:00 PM for eight consecutive weeks.
- Individual mentoring and practice teaching hours will be arranged for those pursuing PATH Int'l instructor certification.
- Riding lessons are available for an additional fee.

This course is designed for instructor candidates preparing for PATH Intl certification. It is also an excellent refresher course for currently certified instructors. Volunteers not seeking certification will also find the information presented very practical and valuable.

- The registration fee of **\$600.00** will include lecture with handouts, observation, demonstration and hands on practice.

PATH Int'l On-Site Workshop and Certification

- Dates: May 30th – June 2nd
- Fees: Workshop Only **\$400.00** Certification Only **\$300.00** Both **\$650.00**
- We will consider accepting a limited number of Advanced Certification Candidates. Additional fees and requirements will apply.

Communication And Behavior Management Strategies For Riders With Autism Spectrum Disorders Workshop

Date: Saturday, March 17th, 1:00 – 5:00 PM Fee: \$75.00

- Review of normal development vs. delayed development.
- Overview of Autism spectrum disorders ranging from lower functioning, non-verbal students to highly verbal Asperger's clients with social skills deficits.
- Discussion of communication approaches and methods.
- Exploration of strategies to prevent and manage disruptive behaviors.

Conducted by Keith O'Connor, M.A., CCC-SLP and SIRE's staff of Master Level Instructors, Anthony Busacca and Joelle Devlin.