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The Equine Management Training Center, LLC offers a comprehensive certification program sharing the knowledge and skills necessary to become a professional groom and manage all aspects of equestrian life.



## EQUINE MANAGEMENT TRAINING CENTER, LLC OFFERS A COMPREHENSIVE CURRICULUM:

### Professional Groom Certificate Program Classroom Instruction

Biology of the Horse

Basic Anatomy and Physiology Musculoskeletal Structures

Health and lameness

Soft tissue injuries

Treatments

Understanding modalities Medications and injections

Colic and tying up

Vaccinations and worming schedules

Care of teeth

#### Alternative Therapies

Nutrition

Feeds and feeding Interpreting a feed label Digestive anatomy Developing feed programs Supplements

Health of the horse

Identification of problems
Accurate record keeping
- Coggins, passports

Farrier

Basic anatomy and function Basic trimming and shoeing Corrective trimming and shoeing Injuries and problems Alternative shoeing

Farm maintenance

Fencing and turnout Types of buildings and structures Types of equipment and uses Stable management

Record keeping Budgeting Bookkeeping

Communication skills

- Other staff, rider relationships

Hiring/firing

Care of the horse while showing

Scheduling Things to look for

Rehabilitation of the horse

Returning from an injury Care during an injury Rehab schedules and treatments

Ethics and clean showing

USEA/USEF/FEI Rules Drugs (legal and illegal) Doses



### Professional Groom Certificate Program Practical Instruction

Grooming

Basic grooming of the horse Essentials for your grooming box

Haltering/Handling/Turnout

Preparing the horse for turnout Correct use of boots and polos Fly gear - sheets, masks, flyspray

Blanketing

Types of blankets Fitting blankets Blanketing procedures

Stall cleaning

Different types of equipment Different types of bedding

Barn cleaning and care

Feed room organization Tack room organization

Tips for keeping barn clean and organized

Ring Care

Types of footing Watering Types of drags

Groundwork

Basic principles of groundwork

Roundpen work

Tacking the horse

Fitting the tack
Different types of tack
Purposes of tack
Bitting

Dittilig

Caring for tack

Riding

Tacking/different types for type of riding

Hacking Basic flat work Trotting/galloping

Conditioning

Horse and rider

Different programs for different breeds Different programs for different levels Getting horses fit in different places Clipping

When What type Procedure

Show turnout

Rider turnout

Horse turnout and products

Braiding Tails

Tricks of the trade

**Boots** 

Different types and uses Alternative protection

Studs

Different types and uses How to use them

Aftercare

Basic vet care

Detecting lameness Wound care Wrapping

Different types and when

Vet kit contents

First aid

Administering shots Emergency care

Trailering/traveling with a horse

How to prepare to ship a horse and trailer

Loading

Driving a trailer - two horse and six horse

Care during travel Flying with horses Packing for a flight Paperwork

Care of trailer
Show set up and scheduling

Horse care at a show

What to pack Stall set up Tack room set up A day at a show



## EQUINE MANAGEMENT TRAINING CENTER, LLC SUPPORT

"The Eventing Riders Association of North America looks forward to continuing to work with the Equine Management Training Center. The ERA of NA is committed to assimilating and leveraging the collective voice of North America's riders, Equine Professionals, and owners in pursuit of enhancing and growing the sport of eventing in North America and we believe that our on going partnership with the EMTC will assist in bettering the sport in North America.

-- HELEN MURRAY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVENTING RIDERS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

"The key to any professional competitor's program is their relationship with the person helping to take care of the horses. The relationship between their horses and a groom is as important as any in the team. Samantha Henley has the experience of being on international teams and has put together a program that is vital to all professional horsemen no matter the discipline. There is no other program like this in the country. All professionals will be better off knowing that their employees have been taught by the best. The program is comprehensive between classroom and hands on experience. Sam was with me during some of my most successful campaigns. Those successes were in large part because Sam was part of my team. Learn from the best."

-- DAVID O'CONNOR

"One of the hardest positions to fill in the equestrian world is that of a top-class groom. The array of equine management skills, horsemanship, and leadership required is extraordinary. It is also remarkably rare because most of it is truly only gained from the experience of working with horses under the watchful eye of someone very educated in that role. As a result, we are an industry of mostly "on-the-job" training, which is both time consuming, wasteful and inefficient, and contributes to the devaluation of the "groom" position as an occupation. What the training center for Grooms could do for the professional horse industry, by providing an educated, certified, ready-to-hire equine management practitioner, cannot be understated. It would allow countless people who dream of a job working with horses to learn and acquire the skills necessary to do so, all the while providing horse business owners or hobbyists with a steady supply of reliable candidates for grooming positions in their barns. It would satisfy an enormous need in our growing industry."

-- WILL COLEMAN

"Being a groom you need to be selfless, confident, patient, aware, flexible, and always ready to learn. It is a lifestyle, not a job. The hours can be very long, but the rewards are very high. Sometimes it's not the big competitions that are your favorite moments, it's the quiet time at the barn that rocks your heart. A good groom is the backbone to any successful program, our job is to make sure when that rider gets on, all they worry about is riding."

-- MAX CORCORAN, USEA PRESIDENT

"As a professional, the most important part of my program are the grooms. No matter how well you ride or train, the horses can't perform their best without the never ending care and attention they receive from our grooms. Every tiny detail matters and the best grooms in the business have spent years and decades mastering the craft. The Professional Equine Groom School is a fantastic program and necessary for anyone aspiring to be a top groom or wanting to learn as much as possible about caring for an equine athlete."

-- LAUREN KIEFFER

"Sam and Suzanne have developed a thorough and challenging classroom and practical curriculum for their Professional Equine Groom School. This program will provide an outstanding service to the sport of eventing by developing individuals with profound horsemanship skills."



### EQUINE MANAGEMENT TRAINING CENTER, LLC STAFF

**Suzanne Martin Lacy** is a teacher by education and equestrian through heartfelt passion. She started her career with horses at a very early age. Suzanne shares her knowledge of horses with students of all ages through lessons, eventing, coaching, and caring for animals.

Suzanne's goal is to provide a place where all from 8 years to 85 plus can come and learn to ride. Sandy River, now in the 28th year of operation, has 300 acres and 37 horses with 13 school horses that are capable of helping our students compete from competitively through training level. "It is so important to me that everyone who wants to ride is given this opportunity to learn to ride and learn the responsibility of caring for a horse and appreciate what a horse can do for their confidence. Someone has to start our future eventers." Suzanne states enthusiastically!

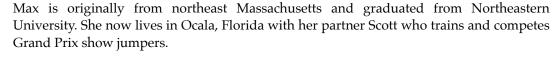


Suzanne is the owner of Sandy River Equestrian Center and has trained with Jim Wofford, Karen O'Connor, Betsy Steiner, Peter Grey, and Virginia Wiseman. She lives on the property with her husband Rusty Lacy, who is in charge of farm maintenance.



Samantha Burton Henley is the Head Trainer and Facility Manager at Sandy River Equestrian Center owned by Suzanne Martin Lacy in Axton, Virginia. Sam came to Sandy River Equestrian Center in 2004 from the O'Connor Event Team, where she was the Competition Manager for the O'Connors and David O'Connor's Head Groom. In that capacity, she has traveled all over the world caring for 4-Star and Olympic level horses. In addition to the experience with the O'Connors, Sam has been a Head Groom for the 2004-2006 Area II NAYRC Teams and the Head Groom for the 2006 Canadian WEG Team. At Sandy River, Sam is an instructor and trainer for many up and coming young horses, young riders and their horses. Sam also works with adults. She assists Suzanne in creating a world class training center at SREC which hosts YRAP camps and O'Connor Event Camps. Sam is the Program Administrator for the Equine Management Training Center, a professional groom training program. Sam resides at Sandy River with her husband, Boe and her daughters, Danni and Riley.

Max Corcoran, Professional Groom and USEA President has been grooming at the highest level for over 14 years for some of the best in the world. She worked for the O'Connor Event Team for 11 years (2001-2012) managing the barn for most of those years and traveling everywhere with Karen; Olympics (2008, 2012), World Championships (2006, 2010), Pan American Games (2003, 2007) and numerous CCI's all over the US and Europe. Since leaving the OCET, Max now free lances, continuing to travel around the world and the US - she most recently served as stable manager for the Canadian Team at the WEG this summer and traveled to Mexico for the Central American Games for Venezuela. She also teaches horsemanship clinics for the USEA, and the USEF developing programs. Additionally Max is a Board Member of the Professional Riders Organization (PRO).





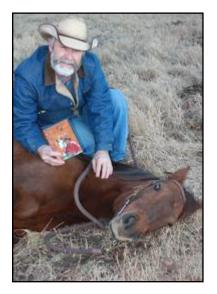


### EQUINE MANAGEMENT TRAINING CENTER, LLC FACULTY



**Rusty Lacy**, Head of Farm Maintenance, is a man of many talents! Rusty is an avid fly fisherman in addition to having his own Evil Knievel style of motor biking on off-road courses and trails. As the maintenance man, Rusty has an arsenal of tools and equipment along with the knowledge and expertise to meet almost any need. Whether it is a repair, or new construction, Rusty is ready to lend a helping hand!

Known to his grandchildren as "G-Daddy", Rusty enjoys playing the guitar and banjo in his free time.



**David Tuggle** has been shoeing for the public since 1992. He went to school at the Eastern School of Farrier Science in Martinsville Virginia in 1994. Upon completion, David went on to get his certification with Brotherhood of the Working Farriers Association. Tuggle Farrier Inc. was established in 1995, specializing in hot, cold and corrective shoeing.

In 1996, David became a Journeyman I Farrier. He then went on to attain the Journeyman II designation in 2010 and became an instructor and tester for the BWFA.

David is known for his kind and gentle nature with the horses and their owners. His lifetime of being a horseman has given him a unique ability to read a horse as well as being able to "see" the foot and know what a horse needs.

Over the past twenty two years David's ability to communicate and teach his trade has given him the opportunity to train multiple young farriers. He has been the President of the Southeastern Farriers and Horseowners Association since 2005.



**Paul Erwin, DVM** is a graduate of Virginia Tech and the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine. He is an owner of Chatham Animal Clinic where he has practiced since 1997. Dr. Erwin has special interests in sport and performance horse medicine and general equine reproduction. He is married to Lucy and has two children, Dixon and Mollie. Dr. Erwin enjoys hunting, fishing, and the outdoors.



### EQUINE MANAGEMENT TRAINING CENTER, LLC FACULTY



**Dr. Mark Wallace** was born in Nova Scotia, Canada and completed his veterinary degree at the University of Prince Edward Island in 1993. After graduation, he pursued a large animal internship in medicine, surgery, and reproduction at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. He remained at VA Tech from 1994-1997 to pursue an internal medicine residency and a Masters degree in research related to colic in horses. In 1997 he became board certified in large animal internal medicine by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. Dr. Wallace has published a number of articles in peer-reviewed journals relating to various aspects of large animal medicine.

Dr. Wallace began working in the Piedmont Triad area of North Carolina in 1997 and is a founding partner of Carolina Equine Hospital. His special veterinary interests include equine lameness, equine nutrition, colic and neurologic conditions but he practices and enjoys all areas of equine medicine. He is also an adjunct professor in the Equestrian Studies Department at Averett University in Danville, VA where he teaches courses in Lameness, Equine Nutrition and Equine Research Methods. He is also a contributing professor in the Southern States Advanced and Basic Feed Equine Feedmaster certification programs. Dr. Wallace performs consultation work for a number of pharmaceutical companies and has participated in clinical trials for a

variety of new equine drugs that are currently on the market. He also finds the time to speak at a number of meetings including the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association annual convention.

**Dr. Marty Adams** is an equine nutritionist for Cargill Animal Nutrition. He was formerly the equine nutritionist and horse feed manager for Southern States Cooperative. Dr. Adams served as an assistant/associate professor at Louisiana Tech University after graduate school, and then was the equine nutritionist for Seminole Feed before taking the position at Southern States.

Dr. Adams has two B.S. degrees from Missouri State University, M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Missouri (Animal Science/Equine Specialty) and an ARPAS Equine (American Registry of Professional Animal Science) certification.





## EQUINE MANAGEMENT TRAINING CENTER, LLC ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### **TUITION**

Tuition is \$2500 for the eight week session including grooming supplies and job placement. A non-refundable deposit of \$250 must be remitted with the application. The tuition balance is due one month prior to the start of classes and may be paid by check or credit card. Credit card payments are subject to a 5% service fee.

Students must have a high school degree or GED and be at least 18 years of age. They must have a valid driver's license, be willing to travel, and comply to a back ground check and drug testing.

#### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The eight week session includes six weeks of classroom and practical, hands-on training and two weeks of internship.

The move in date for each session is the Sunday before classes begin.

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applications may be downloaded from our website, www.EQMTC.com. To ensure personal attention for each student, class size is small -- register early!

#### Housing

On-site bunk style housing is available at Sandy River Equestrian Center. The cost of \$450 per session covers all utilities and laundry facilities. The bunk house is equipped with a full kitchen, bathrooms with showers, a living area, and a bunk room.

#### SANDY RIVER EQUESTRIAN CENTER

Located in Axton, Virginia, Sandy River Equestrian Center is ideally situated on 300 acres of rolling hills, woodland trails, and open fields. This attractive facility is comprised of 3 barns -- a 10 stall border barn, 13 stall lesson barn and a 4 stall training barn. Additionally there is an indoor arena, 2 outdoor arenas, 2 cross country schooling fields, and a marked dressage arena. All areas of the center will be used to convey the program lessons set forth by the Equine Management Training Center curriculum. 2020 will mark the 30th year of service to riders, horses and the equine community for Sandy River Equestrian Center.

#### **CLINICS AND WORKSHOPS**

Weekend workshops and clinics plus continuing education for current grooms cover important subjects for those on a tight schedule. Classes will be offered onsite in Axton, Virginia, or at the location of your choice. Details are available at: www.eqmtc.com.

#### **TEXT BOOKS**

Each student will be responsible for purchasing the required text books available from Amazon.com.

Dr. Chris Colles, BVetMed PhD MRCVS. *Functional Anatomy*. ISBN# 978-1-872119-19-9

Hill, Cat and Ford, Emma. World Class Grooming for Horses: The English Rider's Complete Guide to Daily Care and Competition. 14 April 2015. \$40

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

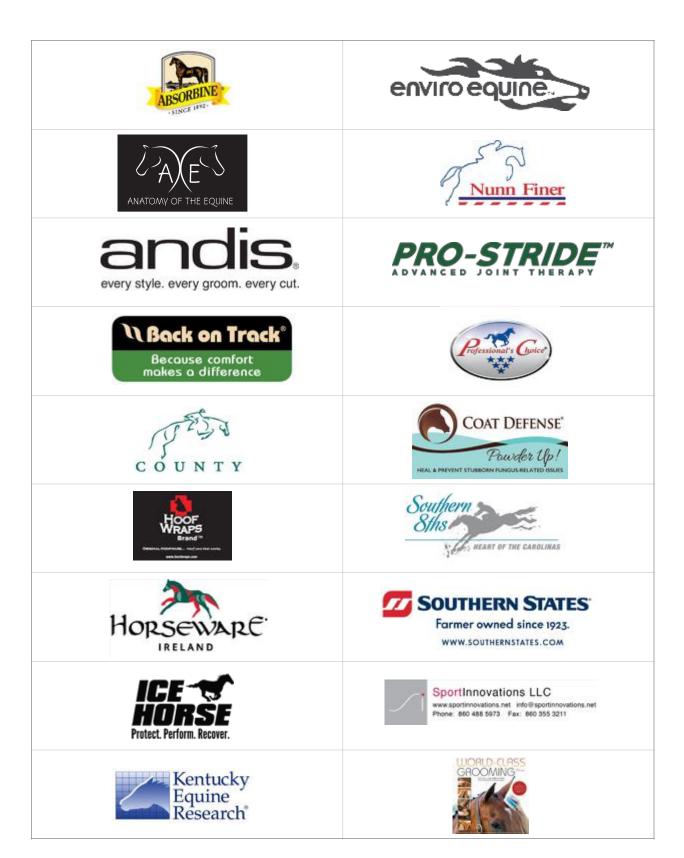
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### APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE EQUINE MANAGEMENT TRAINING CENTER

A non-refundable deposit of \$250 must be remitted with the application. The tuition balance is due a minimum of 30 days before classes begin.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Date of Birth
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Email Address	Phone Number(s)	Country of Citizenship	
Name of Emergency Contact	Relationship to Student	Phone	
EDUCATION	•		
High School	Location	Date of Graduation	
College	Location	Dates Attended	
College Course of Study			
GED Test Site (if applicable)		Date of Test	
RIDING/WORK EXPERIENCE			
Employer	Location	Responsibilities	
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Riding Experience/Work with Horses (May b	pe continued on reverse side.)		

#### **SIGNATURE**

I hereby apply for admission to the Equine Management Training Center at Sandy River Equestrian Center in affiliation with the Professional Riders Organization. I authorize the Equine Management Training Center to obtain a background check and understand random drug testing may be requested at any time. I agree to abide by all rules for program safety, verify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in working with horses, and that I am physically fit to participate in the program. (Please list any physical limitations on the reverse side of this form.) I understand that there are no refunds should I leave the program. The information I have submitted in this application is true.

Applicant's Signature Date



#### **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT**

The Equine Management Training Center, LLC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, or veteran's status in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policy: Suzanne Lacy, Director.