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Cattle Handling/Ranch Sorting Clinic and Competition at CSU March 10

Cattle handling classes are rapidly becoming the most popular event among horse owners. To address these educational needs, a Cattle Handling School and Competition will be held March 10, 2018 at 9 am at the Equine Science and Teaching Center at CSU. In the school, separate adult and youth classes will be held. Cost for riders is \$60 if pre-registered by March 6th. After 60 riders are registered, others may audit on foot for \$25. Other non-horse auditors can attend at no charge.

The sorting class will be the new Western Heritage class, for those who excel in slow and quiet cattle handling. Riders are limited to a trot or slower, and verbal noise directed to influence cattle is prohibited. Western Heritage Sorting follows other standard Cinch Ranch Sorting National Championship rules.

This Cattle Handling/Ranch Sorting Clinic and Competition is organized and conducted by the Cinch RSNC and is for the ranch horse and rider team that wants to become more skilled in working cattle correctly. Note this activity is going on concurrently with the huge, annually held, Introduction to the Sport of Ranch Sorting Program.

School classes on Saturday will include: Riding and Training Horses to Work Cattle (Cody Dawson), Working/Handling Cattle on Horseback (Keith Hill), Performance Horse Health Status Check (Dr. Doug Householder), and Mechanics/Strategies Used in Ranch Sorting (Justin Riley).

After school graduation, at 4:30 PM, there will be the a Western Heritage Ranch Sorting Competition; that will include Beginner, Rookie and Cowboy/Open classes.

Beginner and Rookie classes are \$18 per run with pick/draw partner, and a 50% payback. Maximum of 5 runs. The Cowboy/Open Class is \$25 per run, and a 50% payback. It is open to any rider on any horse. Other rules like Beginner & Rookie apply. 50% payback. The Top Open Team will receive beautiful Dennis Moreland Tack trophy spurs. Buckles will be awarded to the Top Beginner and Rookie Teams. Books open at 8:00 AM on Saturday, and close at 4:00 PM.

Coordinators for the event, in addition to the Cinch RSNC, are CSU Extension 4-H and the Colorado 4-H Horse Advisory Committee.

Sponsors are Total Feeds, Dennis Moreland Tack, the CSU Equine Sciences Program, and other allied horse industry groups.

“The CSU Horse Advisory Committee, a major input resource group, has added two enrichment riding sessions to our core cattle program”, says Dave Wolfe, Cinch RSNC President. “They are a Friday 6-8 pm Horse and Rider Tune Up Clinic, by professional trainer Gene Glenn, and a Sunday 9-12 am 4-H Ranch Horse Clinic. Both are included in the school fee, says Wolfe.” Plenty of overnight stalls are available at the equine complex. The ancillary clinics are included in the Cinch RSNC school fee.

Preregistration can be done by standard mail, e-mail or online process.

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