

Call For Papers

Region 1 Conference, 2012

April 20-22, 2012 Southern Vermont Therapeutic Riding Center, Newfane, VT

Each year the Region 1 Conference and Annual Meeting offers valuable learning opportunities for everyone involved in equine assisted activities, including instructors, program administrators, trainers, volunteers, board members, riders, drivers, therapists and other medical professionals. Not only is there a variety of information shared through workshops, seminars, forums and other conference events, but attendees have the opportunity to network with colleagues from throughout the United States and the world.

Seminars/Demonstrations

Seminars will be offered by colleagues on various aspects of equine assisted activities. Presentations vary and may include, but not be limited to, riding instruction, hippotherapy, equine facilitated mental health, driving, vaulting and administration.

Abstracts

Conference abstracts can be of a practical nature and do not need to be based on research.

Presentation Selection – ABSTRACT DEADLINE

Individuals interested in presenting at the 2012 Region 1 Conference are invited to complete the Abstract Submission Form and submit it to the Task Force Committee by **December 16, 2011**. Abstracts must be received by this date.

The Region 1 Conference Committee will select speakers for the seminar sessions, and equine demonstrations.

Notification

The Conference Committee will review the abstracts and presenters will be notified by January 6, 2012.

Presenters will receive one complimentary conference registration for the day of their presentation. Presenters are required to complete a conference registration form and will indicate complimentary registration for the day of their presentation with a PATHIntl.code provided to you by the Region 1 Representative. Presenters are responsible for their own housing and additional conference meal costs unless otherwise contracted.

Presenters must have all handouts sent to the Task Force Chair electronically or USPS **no later than 1 month prior to conference** date for putting onto a CD for distribution. **(Due Date: March 20, 2012).**

First-Time Presenters

Region 1 is especially interested in receiving abstracts from first-time presenters seeking to share innovative programs, research or other information. The Conference Committee encourages first-time presenters to send in abstracts.

Location

The 2012 location is at the Southern Vermont Therapeutic Riding Center in Newfane, VT and conference hotel site is TBD.

Mail or Email Abstracts to:

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Abstract Review Process

The Region 1 Conference Committee conducts an evaluation of each abstract. Each reviewer evaluates the abstract based on the required format and criteria for abstract submission (see “How to Write Your Abstract” below). Authors whose abstracts are selected for presentation will receive further instructions regarding the presentation. Abstracts will be selected on their educational value to the PATHIntl. membership and community.

How to Write Your Abstract

An abstract is a brief summary of the entire presentation; it allows the reader to survey the contents of the project quickly. A well-prepared abstract can be the single most important part of a presentation.

The abstract should be a Statement of Purpose or Objective of the material being presented. It should be clear, concise, specific and easy to follow.

Abstract should contain:

- A. The name of the presenter/presenters and their biography for use at the conference
- B. The presenters address, phone and email contact information
- C. The setting for the presentation (classroom, arena, or other)
- D. Materials needed (audio-visual equipment, arena set up (cones, poles, etc chairs, tables, etc.)
- E. Statement of Purpose or Objective (this will be used in the brochure, so please be brief)
- F. Outline of the entire presentation and amount of time needed.
- G. Time frame needed

Abstract Selection:

The reviewers will consider whether:

- 1) The topic is original and relevant to equine assisted activities and/or their administration
- 2) The topic makes a significant contribution to equine assisted activities.
- 3) The abstract meets the abstract format criteria.

Abstracts will be evaluated on how well the author provides the following information:

- 1) A statement of the purpose or objective of the material being presented.
- 2) A description or explanation of the presentation’s content, such as the specific program, theories, practices, methods, techniques or data to be discussed.
- 3) The outline of the presentation meets the needs of the audience and follows the STANDARDS set forth in the PATHIntl.Standards Manual.