PATH Intl. Region 6 welcomes you to an educational and fun weekend with your friends and colleagues in wonderful Madison, WI. Your registration fee includes breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, March 14, as well as breakfast on Sunday, March 15.

**CONFERENCE LOCATIONS**

**Friday Sessions**
Three Gaits, Inc.
3741 Hwy 138 W
Stoughton, WI 53589

**Saturday Sessions**
UW Vet School
2015 Linden Drive
Madison, WI 53706

**Saturday Dinner and Region 6 Awards Banquet**
Memorial Union
800 Langdon St
Madison, WI 53706

**Sunday Sessions**
UW Stock Pavilion
1675 Linden Dr
Madison, WI 53706

**UW Vet School**
2015 Linden Drive
Madison, WI 53706

**Lodging**
Best Western Plus Inntowner
2424 University Avenue
Madison, WI 53726

$149.99/night, free hot breakfast, has shuttle to the vet school
Must be reserved by 2/20/20
(608) 233-8778 Option #3, Group Code 1137-1

**PATH INTL. CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

Online registration will be available January 5, 2020, through March 1, 2020. After March 1, 2020, registration will need to be completed on-site.

*IF YOU ARE A PRESENTER OR CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEMBER, DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER WITH YOUR CODE!*

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Refund Policy:

No refunds due to weather unless the conference is canceled.

Written cancellation request is required for refund. Email manderson@pathintl.org.

Deadline for Full Refund – Request received in PATH Intl. office by March 1, 2020.
Deadline for 50% Refund - Request received in PATH Intl. office by March 15, 2020.
Individuals who do not submit a written request to PATH Intl. by March 15, 2020, will not receive a refund.

Education:
This conference satisfies up to 12 hours of annual continuing education requirements.

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AGENDA

Friday, March 13, 2020
Three Gaits, Inc.

12 – 12:30 p.m. Registration & Welcome
12:30 – 1:15 p.m. Tour of Three Gaits, Inc.

Session A

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.
A, Ways to Incorporate Equine Bodywork in Your Program CR All
Equine bodywork is gaining popularity in EAAT programs to improve the welfare of the horse. However, one approach has a secondary benefit to help volunteers, staff and even program participants better understand and connect with their horses when used as a learning activity. The Masterson Method is a unique approach to equine bodywork where the horse actively participates to release tension in their bodies and is being used in EAAT programs at various levels: to help horses be more comfortable in their work and to raise awareness and connection for volunteers, staff and program participants.

Lise Lunde is a Masterson Method Certified Practitioner and a Masterson Method Equine Specialist. She is also involved as an instructor, mentor and coach for Masterson Method Equine Bodywork and in Masterson Method Equine Specialist training. She is a PATH Intl. Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor and Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning.

2:45 – 3 p.m. BREAK

Session B

3 – 4:15 p.m.
B, Long-Lining: Impact and Effectiveness CE
Learn about how long-lining can be incorporated into EAAT sessions and the impact it can have on horse and rider.
Sandra Faust is on staff with Three Gaits Inc. in Stoughton, WI. Sandra is a PATH Intl. Registered Instructor w/ CTRI as well as a PATH Intl. Driving Instructor and Mentor.

Bethany Domoto is on staff with Three Gaits Inc. in Stoughton, WI. She is a board-certified occupational therapist specializing in pediatrics. She maintains a certification as a registered instructor and has additional training in feeding therapy, trauma and sensory processing. Bethany currently lives in Madison, WI, where she enjoys her new part-time work schedule in conjunction with raising her son, Miles.

Saturday, March 14, 2020
UW Vet School

7:30 – 8 a.m. Breakfast, Registration and Welcome

Session C

8 – 9 a.m.

C1, Keeping Horses Serviceably Sound CR All
This session will share the latest research and technology available to keep horses sound including diagnostics and problem-solving from a farrier’s standpoint.

Martin Roche is a lifelong horseman since Pony Club. He grew up in Ireland fox hunting, riding show jumpers and steeple chasers, and training young horses. He spent many years in the United States managing Thoroughbred breeding farms with stallions, mares, young stock, and also rehabilitating laid up horses from the track. Martin started his horse shoeing career at 32 and pursued his education at every opportunity. He has a mixed practice of breeds and disciplines, with his primary focus being on performance, lameness and therapeutic cases. Martin works closely with local veterinarian practices, with very close ties to both Country View Equine Clinic and Lodi Veterinary Care. He is currently the farrier for the UW School of Veterinary Medicine where he sees new cases as well as loyal clients.

C2, Rhythmic Music Equine-Assisted Activity for Autism Spectrum Disorder CE
Rhythm is essential to equine movement and the riding of horses. Music enables participants on the autism spectrum to relax and acquire subconscious elasticity and confidence with focus on simple rhyming musical pieces common to the general population.

Jan L. Easterday was educated in Europe for the craft of horsemanship from an early age. Jan attended the famed Strömsholm Military Academy in Sweden and has utilized advanced teaching skills over the past five decades to teach riders fully and safely and now to address the frequent issue of safe and positive instruction of children on the autism spectrum.

9 – 9:15 a.m. BREAK

Session D

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

D1, The Art and Science of Creative Teaching CR All
Is your teaching falling into a rut? It’s time to get creative! In this presentation, attendees will learn more about the creative process and practical applications of that process in an EAAT setting. Attendees will add to their toolbox of creative activities to incorporate in riding lesson instruction.

Angela Poster is a PATH Intl. Advanced Instructor with CTRI who has been part of the Three Gaits, Inc. crew for 23 years. She is also a Wisconsin licensed educator with middle school teaching experience, a Bachelor’s degree in middle childhood through early adolescence education, and a Master’s degree in curriculum and instruction.

D2, Geriatric Horse Care CR All
As an owner, you play a vital role in the overall health of your horse. Your knowledge and preparedness, along with your horse’s demeanor, can limit or expand the options for their care. Join Dr. Judy Batker to discuss how you can best help your horse as they age. Learn about Cushing’s disease, dental care, exercise, nutrition, quality of life and euthanasia, and aftercare.
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.  
**BREAK**

**Session E**

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**E1, Just Right Approach for Riders with Autism Spectrum Disorder DE**

Utilizing the "just right challenge" approach, learn how to better teach and work with individuals with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder in a therapeutic riding setting.

*Bethany Domoto* see bio in Session B.

**E2, Mentoring the First Two Years After Certification CE**

When an instructor receives their initial certification, their education should not end there. Avoid your instructors (or yourself) from becoming stagnant and continue their education beyond certification. This session will cover attainable professional development strategies for supporting instructors in their pursuit of lifelong education.

*Stefani Viktora* is a PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Instructor, ESMHL, and Interactive Vaulting Instructor. She is also a PATH Intl. Mentor and Site Visitor, and has served on several PATH Intl. Subcommittees. She brings a passion for instructor education and center sustainability.

11:30 – 11:45 a.m.  
**BREAK**

11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Lunch With Region 6 Update and Field Test Standards Hearing**

**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Judy Batker, DVM – “Equitarian Initiative”**

*Dr. Judy Batker* graduated from the UW Madison School of Veterinary Medicine in 1995. In 1999, she co-founded Country View Veterinary Service and transitioned to Country View Equine Clinic in 2017. Since childhood she has been devoted to horses and truly loves spending every day outside with horses and horse people. Reproduction, senior horse care and wellness care are her favorite areas in practice. In recent years she has become very involved with the Equitarian Initiative through teaching a yearly workshop in Costa Rica, as well as organizing and leading projects annually in Haiti and South Dakota on the Pine Ridge Reservation. This nonprofit provides sustainable care to working equids and training for their owners in impoverished nations.

**Session F**

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

**F1, Nonverbal Hand Cues CR Riding**

In many instances, we have riders who are nonverbal due to conditions such as Down syndrome, autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy, a brain disorder, trauma, speech disorders, etc. Nonverbal cues should and can be used in conjunction with classes. Simple communications such as "walk, stop, bathroom, drink or hurt" can help a lesson go more smoothly, horse handlers and side walkers understand the rider, and make a safe, effective and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

*Katherine Lein* has been a Certified Educational Sign-language Interpreter for 10 years. Katherine has been a volunteer with Allied Horsemanship, Inc., for two years and is currently in the process of becoming a PATH Intl. Instructor. While working with EAAT students, she has helped bridge the gap of equine terms and some variations for the riders.

*Shannon Gher* is a PATH Intl. Registered Riding Instructor and executive director of Allied Horsemanship, Inc. Shannon has a Bachelor of Science degree - Equine Emphasis from University Wisconsin - River Falls. Shannon has been teaching equine related lessons for 10 years and EAAT for over three years.
F2, Planning for Disposal of Equines After the Death of an Equine CR All
What do you do with your favorite program horse after they have died while in your center’s possession? Join us for a discussion regarding the various available options for disposal of an equine.

Ken Giske is a PATH Intl. Certified Registered Instructor, PATH Intl. Instructor Mentor, founder and executive director of Walk ON Therapeutic Riding Programs, Inc.

2:30 – 2:45 p.m. BREAK

Session G

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.
G1, Universal Design for Learning in the Riding Arena CR All
The clientele of an organization providing equine-assisted activities and therapies is naturally diverse, and instructors face a variety of challenges to optimize teaching and learning for all. In this interactive session, attendees will explore the Universal Design for Learning framework, an evidence-based set of guidelines for increasing access to and participation in learning.

Jessica TeSlaa has been a riding instructor at Three Gaits, Inc. in Stoughton, WI, since 2013. Before that, she was a volunteer at Three Gaits and other riding programs in Iowa and Michigan, going back to her childhood. In her spare time, Jessica is a faculty associate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she works with undergraduates, graduate students and faculty as a STEM educator, community engagement specialist and instructional consultant. She holds a PhD from the Cellular and Molecular Biology program at UW-Madison.

G2, Removing the Stigma From Equine Burnout CR All
Even the best horses experience burnout with their job at some point. While elimination of equine burnout is not feasible, we advocate for our equine partners mental health by recognizing burnout and giving them a chance at recovery. This presentation will discuss equine burnout and offer some strategies for recovery and mitigation.

Dana Wagner is a PATH Intl. Certified Registered Instructor and equine caretaker at Three Gaits Therapeutic Horsemanship Center. Ms. Wagner has bachelor’s and master’s degrees in animal science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is finishing a PhD in livestock welfare from Colorado State University.

3:45 – 4 p.m. BREAK

Session H

4 – 5 p.m.
H1, Lesson Planning and Goal Writing 101 CR All
This presentation will cover the basics of effective lesson planning – including identifying necessary components of a lesson plan, writing measurable objectives and defining short-term vs. long-term goals.

Angela Poster see bio in Session D1.

H2, Learning to Lead: Discovering the Leader Within You CR All
This presentation will address ways to help youth and adolescents who struggle with mental, emotional, social or behavioral issues by describing an equine-assisted learning program that uses mindfulness and centering activities plus theme-based life-skill lessons to develop leadership skills. Participants will learn about the key components of a successful EAL program that offers both mounted and ground sessions. Participants will also gain knowledge in using pre- and post-assessments and survey data tools to measure the success of the program.

Louise Blankenheim is a PATH Intl. Certified ESMHL. Louise has 35 years of experience in education as a superintendent, principal, curriculum director and teacher. She and her husband, Tom, developed the curriculum for the Learning to Lead EAL program at REINS, Inc. in Sheboygan Falls, WI.

Tom Blankenheim is a PATH Intl. Certified ESMHL and retired educator with over 35 years as a teacher and administrator in special education and alternative education programs for Green Bay Area Public Schools. Tom also has years of experience as an experiential learning and ropes course instructor.
Rachel Fischer is senior therapeutic riding instructor and equine specialist at REINS, Inc., in Sheboygan Falls, WI. Rachel is a certified occupational therapist with six years of experience in both TR and OT. Rachel has extensive knowledge of horse and barn management and has worked at several different PATH Intl. riding centers.

4 – 5 p.m. Region 6 Leadership Team Meeting

5 – 6 p.m. BREAK

6 – 9 p.m. Dinner with PATH Intl. Update, PATH Intl. Region 6 Awards Presentation, Networking Opportunity – Team Trivia!

Sunday, March 15, 2020
UW Stock Pavilion

7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast and PATH Intl. State Meetings

Session I

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. UW Stock Pavilion

I1, Groundwork in Lessons CR All
   Using groundwork in EAAT programs, participants can learn to be better horsemen. The use of groundwork techniques, such as the Parelli 7 Games, opens a way of learning without having to ride.

   Shannon Gher see bio in Session F1.

UW Vet School

I2, Process Improvement 101 CE
   We all know what a process is and usually want them to run as smoothly as possible. This session will review one of the foundational tools of process improvement and how to use it to facilitate incremental, continuous change in an organization.

   Katie Brewer is the president of the board of directors of Three Gaits Therapeutic Horsemanship Center. When not serving on the board, she is the performance improvement director at the Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association, where she coaches and trains in quality improvement.

10:00 – 10:30 a.m. BREAK/Travel Time

Session J

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. UW Stock Pavilion

J1*, Equine First Aid 911 CR All
   Participants will practice hands-on first aid skills for equines by rotating through three stations: Colic, Geriatric Care and Bandaging/Wound Care.

   Dr. Sabrina Brounts, DVM, received her DVM degree from the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands. She then completed a residency and master’s degree in science in large animal surgery at Purdue University in West-Lafayette, IN, followed by a PhD degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She became a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS) as well as the European College of Veterinary Surgeons (ECVS). Due to her interests in the clinic as well as in research in sports medicine, she pursued another certification in equine sports medicine and became a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (ACVSMR). She taught at multiple other schools of veterinary medicine, such as Purdue University and Kansas State before settling at the University of Wisconsin-Madison as a professor. Her research interests include soft tissue surgery (gastrointestinal surgery, such as colics) and sports medicine of the equine athlete (such as lameness and ligament and tendon healing). She has presented her research at national and international meetings as well as received multiple prestigious grants for her research in tendon healing.

   Dr. Howard Ketover, DVM, received his bachelor’s and DVM degrees from Colorado State University before opening Irongate Equine Clinic in 2008. He has received training with the LAR Company, TLAER,
EERU/ASAR, ASPCA, Disaster Animal Response Teams and Wisconsin Animal Response Corp. He has certifications as Large Animal Rescue Technician, Rope Rescue Technician I & II, Confined Space Technician, Boat operations, Static and Swift Water Technician, Animal Ice Rescue Operations, Animal Decontamination Basic Operations and has various certifications from FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security. Dr. Ketover has worked closely with multiple mounted law enforcement agencies to bring emergency rescue principles to the departments. In 2014, Dr. Ketover worked with clinicians from the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine and WLAER board members to develop a novel five-day large animal rescue and patient management course that instructs 20 veterinary students annually. With the university’s assistance he continues to bring emergency animal training and response opportunities to the veterinary students.

Wisconsin Large Animal Emergency Response (WLAER) is nonprofit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to educating emergency response, animal control and veterinary personnel in technical emergency response involving large animals – primarily horses and cattle. WLAER also serves in a support and response role for large animal emergencies.

*Note: Due to availability of supplies for this session, there will be a limit of 45 participants. When registering, please indicate on your form that you’d like to enroll in Session J1 as it will be first come, first served enrollment.

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
UW Vet School
J2, EAAT Care Team Development CR All
Care team (participant + volunteer(s) + horse) development is a carefully crafted and well-balanced process requiring thorough assessment, detailed planning and a collaborative approach. Attendees will define and understand the care team in greater detail; review effective participant assessment methods; brainstorm creative volunteer recruitment, training and retention strategies; and recognize and utilize the unique characteristics the equine partner offers to bring about therapeutic enhancement.

Theresa Zimmerman joined REINS in April 2017 after an extensive career in human resources, consulting and recruitment. As executive director she brings her passion to serve others, expertise in recruitment and retention as well as a clear understanding of the leadership needed to develop and engage all necessary resources. Being well connected to the communities served by REINS provides many opportunities to share the magic of REINS and encourage the involvement of others.

Rachel Fischer see bio in H2.

11:30 – 11:40 a.m. BREAK

Session K

11:40 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.
UW Vet School
K1, Administrative Round Table CE
This round table discussion will be focused on issues affecting PATH Intl. Program Administrators such as leadership, fundraising and the roles of executive directors and board of director members.

Katie Brewer, Facilitator see bio in session I2. Panelists – To Be Announced.

*We look forward to seeing you soon in Madison, WI!*