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### **NARHA Seeking Presenter Abstracts for National Conference in Denver**

**Denver, CO**— March 31 is the deadline for prospective presenters to submit abstracts for their proposed presentations at the 2010 NARHA National Conference and Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado, November 3-6.

Each year the NARHA National Conference and Annual Meeting offers valuable learning opportunities for everyone involved in equine assisted activities and therapies (EAAT), including instructors, program administrators, trainers, volunteers, board members, riders, therapists and other medical professionals. The NARHA National Conference is the largest annual gathering of individuals involved in EAAT. Sessions will be offered by colleagues on various aspects of equine assisted activities and therapies. In honor of NARHA's 41 years of service, the theme for the 2010 conference in Denver is *Standards, Solutions, Sustainability!*

To determine what NARHA is looking for, and to craft an abstract for submission, visit the 2010 conference page on the NARHA website, [www.narha.org](http://www.narha.org), and use the "National Conference Call for Presentation Abstracts" and "Abstract Submission" links. Abstracts may be submitted electronically or as MS Word attachments to emails.

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#### **About NARHA:**

*NARHA was formed in 1969 as the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association to promote equine assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. At almost 800 member centers, a total of 42,000 children and adults find a sense of independence through involvement with horses. These member centers range from small, one-person programs to large operations with several certified instructors and licensed therapists. In addition to therapeutic riding, a center may offer any number of equine assisted activities including hippotherapy, equine facilitated mental health, driving, interactive vaulting, trail riding, competition, ground work, or stable management. Through a wide variety of educational resources, the association helps individuals start and maintain successful equine assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. There are more than 30,000 volunteers, 3,500 instructors, 6,300 equines and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at NARHA centers.*