



“Ensuring excellence and changing lives through equine-assisted activities and therapies”

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PATH Intl. Region Conferences Offer Opportunities on Local Level

Denver—The Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) is made up of nearly 7,500 individual members and 850 center members from all over the world. This vast network is divided geographically into 11 different regions. These regions facilitate communication, networking, educational opportunities and outreach as well as increasing the professionalism and knowledge of the equine-assisted activities and therapies (EAAT) field.

Each year, most of the regions sponsor a region conference to provide networking and opportunities for continuing education on a more local level. Workshop sessions are generally presented by regional experts in the EAAT field and are on a broad spectrum of topics, from horse care and EAAT programs (such as veterans or carriage driving) to marketing, games and research findings on the impact of EAAT on individuals with disabilities. For instance, at the PATH Intl. Region 11 conference in California, attendees will learn how to prevent burnout (in equines, volunteers and staff) or explore the nutritional needs of the senior horse. They will discover new technologies in communication devices or how to create a social media or marketing plan. At the Region 3 conference in West Virginia, attendees will learn how the brain does what it does in an interactive workshop on neurologistics and then perhaps enjoy a panel on human wellness.

While PATH Intl. members may gain the greatest benefit from PATH Intl. Region Conferences, non-members have a wonderful opportunity to learn more about EAAT in a fun and relaxed setting, while meeting long-time members and newcomers. If you have ever wondered what EAAT offers or if it could benefit you or someone you know, find out at a PATH Intl. Region Conference.

[Visit the PATH Intl. website](#) to find a region conference near you.

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About PATH Intl.:

Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) was formed in 1969 to promote safety and optimal outcomes in equine-assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. The association certifies professionals and accredits centers that each year help 56,000 children and adults with physical, mental and emotional challenges find strength and independence through the power of the horse.

Currently 850 member centers offer therapeutic riding, and other therapeutic horsemanship activities including hippotherapy, equine-facilitated mental health, carriage driving, interactive vaulting, trail riding, competition, ground work and stable management. Through a wide variety of educational resources, and under the direction of the PATH Intl. Standards for Certification and Accreditation, the association helps individuals start and maintain successful programs. There are nearly 52,000 volunteers, 4,232 instructors, 7,503 equines and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at PATH Intl. Centers.