

NEWS FROM: THE DOUBLE HORN RANCH



Hello to all of you EXCA Judging applicants!

We are excited to have this great group coming together for the second EXCA International Judges Clinic. (A special welcome to our newest Canadian representatives!) We have put significant time and detail into the clinic format to make sure that we will address topic areas that have been most hotly debated and have shown variability in scoring interpretation across the country. We look forward to this opportunity to work with you all and to offer/create many clarifications.

As the time draws closer, some information about the structure of your days and the details may be helpful. We want to set you up to be well-prepared & comfortable during your stay here at the ranch.

Some of you will opt for the immediate availability of your own shower, etc and internet connectivity by making reservations in town. There may be vehicles going from town to the ranch each morning/evening – in case any of you might prefer a motel – but are unsure of transportation. Many have requested that they be able to stay at the ranch in order to afford coming to this clinic. In our effort to include as many as possible, we have accepted more people to stay at the ranch than is the norm for our riding clinics. Since this is a stretch of our capacity, we felt that good information in advance will set you all up to come prepared to truly enjoy our time together. We hope that you will enjoy our rustic log cabins and our cook-shack that are part of the ambiance of the ranch.

Check-in

3:00 -4:30 p.m.: This should allow all time for all to arrive, settle into their cabins and gather at the cook shack.

The meeting will starts at 5:00 and we will plan to break for dinner by 7:00. *“Bill has made reservations for the group to have dinner in Bluff Dale at 7:30.”* However, if you want something more intimate – there is no requirement that you dine with the group. The 2-day itinerary will be given to you at check-in.

The Bath House

We have separate men's and a women's shower/bathroom facilities. Unless you are great friends, you will likely prefer to use them one at a time. I know each of you will be considerate of others with brief and speedy showers to allow all an opportunity and to stretch the hot water to greatest coverage. Please help us and *"Bring your own bath towels, shampoos, lotions etc"*. Although we are extremely proud of our ranch – western rustic is not like a Marriott and clinic attendees routinely follow this guideline.

The Cabins

Due to our sandy soil and the variations in our temperatures through the year, the floors in our cabins are sanded smooth but are not sealed. So, we ask that you honor our request for *"Please no coolers or food in the cabins"* as leaks and or spills are more the rule than the exception.

"Earplugs" may be useful as all will have roommates and noises in the night time may affect you if you are a light sleeper.

Computers/Internet

If you will need to check e-mail or connect to the internet through a hard-wire, please do make arrangements for a hotel room. With our remote location, *"We do not have any hard wire internet connections available"*. If you work with a media card, you may have luck – although we find that Verizon has the best coverage – and theirs can be quite frustrating.

Dress

Please plan to bring comfortable footwear that will give you appropriate support as we walk the ranch property for different obstacles on the race course. They are spread over many acres. Raingear will be helpful if we have any rainy spring weather but generally, days will be in the 80's with bright sunlight. Sunscreen, long sleeves and hats may be advisable. Also, we had mosquitoes on warm days in January ;) *Our zip code is 76433. You can enter this in your weather browser and get our local forecast. Hopefully forewarned is forearmed!*

Meals

We will do a continental breakfast and lunch on the ranch each day, dinners will be on your own. Bill will also identify restaurants (and make reservations) in Stephenville for dinner on Sunday & Monday evening for those who would like to eat with the group...PARTY☺

Check Out

Check out will be at the close of the clinic at 4:00, Tuesday.

If you have any questions or decide you want to make modifications to your lodging arrangements, please call the office Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. & 5:00.p.m and Barb will be happy to help you (254 728-3082).

We look forward to seeing you!

Craig & Dalene

LIST OF THINGS TO BRING:

- Clip Board, Plenty Of Paper And Many Pens/Pencils
- Bottled Water (for when you are out on the race course)
- Tape Recorders optional- NO VIDEO CAMERAS PLEASE
- Towels & Shampoo, Hair Dryers, Etc.
- Rain Gear-Umbrellas—Our Zip Code Is 76433. Type This Into Your Weather Channel Browser And You Can Get Our 7-10 Day Forecast. Come Prepared!
- Ball Cap for Possibly Windy Conditions.
- Sun Protection / Long Sleeves, Hats, Sun Block
- Walking Shoes For Walking On The Race Course
- Bug Spray - We have something called "No See'Ums". They love ankles and legs and itch like crazy. So, tall boots are to be considered - tall boots and tall socks - even better yet.