

## Registration

Questions on registration? 540-231-9162

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Special Needs? \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check One Topic for Each Session:

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Make Check Payable to:

**The Virginia Horse Council**

Youth/Student (with ID).....\$15.00

VHC Members.....\$25.00

Non-VHC Members.....\$35.00

(Non-member fee includes one year membership)

Late Registration/At the door...\$40.00

Registration includes catered lunch and proceedings from all talks.

Sorry, we cannot make refunds, but substitutions are allowed. Space is limited—register early!

**Pre-registration deadline is March 1, 2008**

Mail registration and payment to:

**The Virginia Horse Council**

c/o Celeste Crisman

Dept. Animal and Poultry Sciences

380 Litton-Reaves Hall (0306)

Blacksburg, VA 24061

## About the Virginia Horse Council

The Virginia Horse Council (VHC) is your voice for the expanding equine industry in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Council is a not-for-profit organization formed by horsemen for Virginia horsemen. The purpose of the VHC is to promote and improve the horse industry in Virginia. Our mission is to serve as the umbrella organization of the Virginia equine community and to serve as the lobbyist on issues affecting horsemen, horsewomen, and horses in the Commonwealth. This is a mission that your VHC Board of Directors takes seriously and is both committed to following and dedicated to fulfilling.

## About Virginia Cooperative Extension

Virginia Cooperative Extension is a cooperation among local, state, and federal governments in partnership with tens of thousands of citizens, who, through local Extension Leadership Councils, help design, implement and evaluate Cooperative Extension's needs-driven programs. VCE is a dynamic organization that stimulates positive personal and societal change, leading to more productive lives, families, farms and forests as well as a better environment. Educational outreach programs are conducted through a partnership with Virginia Tech and Virginia State University.

## Hotel Information

Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center, Staunton, VA, 540-248-6020.

Special Rate for Conference Attendees!

*If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Celeste Crisman, Virginia Tech, 540-231-9162 during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. \*TDD number is (800) 828-1120.*

# Virginia Horse Council's 2008 Annual Meeting and Educational Seminar

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**March 15, 2008**

**8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**Blue Ridge Community College  
Plecker Center  
Weyers Cave, VA**

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# VHC 2008 Annual Meeting and Educational Seminar

## Annual Meeting and Educational Seminar Agenda

- 8:00 a.m. **Check-in and Registration**
- 8:45 a.m. **Welcome and Opening of Program**, Gene Hansen, President, Virginia Horse Council
- 9:00 a.m. **Keynote Speaker: Randel Raub, PhD, Purina Mills, The Stupid Horse!**
- 10:00 a.m. **Concurrent Session 1**
- 10:50 a.m. **Break and Visit Sponsors**
- 11:10 a.m. **Concurrent Session 2**
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch, Annual Meeting, and Awards**
- 2:30 p.m. **Concurrent Session 3**
- 3:30 p.m. **Concurrent Session 4**
- 4:20 p.m. **Questions and Wrap-up**

## Directions to Blue Ridge Community College Plecker Center

The Weyers Cave Campus is located halfway between Harrisonburg and Staunton on Interstate 81. Take Exit 235 off Interstate 81. Turn west at the top of the exit ramp (Route 256). In a very short distance, Route 256 terminates onto U. S. Route 11. Turn left (south) on U.S. Route 11. BRCC Weyers Cave Campus is about a half-mile on the left. Parking for the Plecker facility may be accessed by using the south entrance, beside the Criminal Justice Training Academy.

## Trails Session Options

- 10:00 a.m. **Virginia Trails—2008 and Beyond**, Bob Munson, Department of Conservation and Recreation
- 11:10 a.m. **Developing and Sustaining Relationships with Land Managers**, Rick Potts, National Park Service
- 2:30 p.m. **The Leave No Trace Magic Show—Vanishing Impact Equals Appearing Trails**, Deb Sensabaugh, Back Country Horsemen of America
- 3:30 p.m. **“Just The Facts, Ma’am” - A Guide to Demystify Science, Read for Fact not Fiction, and Promote Your Right to Ride**, Cyla Allison, PhD, EnviroHorse

## Business Management Session Options

- 10:00 a.m. **Legislative Issues Affecting the Horse Industry**, James Hickey, President, American Horse Council
- 11:10 a.m. **Understanding the Virginia Equine Activity Liability Act**, Krysia Carmel Nelson, Nelson and Tucker, PLC
- 2:30 p.m. **Equine Liability Insurance—Who Needs It, When, and Why?**, Tamara Tucker, Nelson and Tucker, PLC
- 3:30 p.m. **So I’m in the Horse Business—Now What? Recordkeeping, Accounting, and Taxation**, Connie Collier, President, Accounting by PC, Inc.

## Nutrition Session Options

- 10:00 a.m. **Feeding the Pleasure Horse 101-What Every Horse Owner Should Know**, Dr. Craig Thatcher and Dr. Scott Pleasant, VMRCVM
- 11:10 a.m. **Feeding the Pleasure Horse 102-Putting the Principles to Work**, Dr. Craig Thatcher and Dr. Scott Pleasant, VMRCVM
- 2:30 p.m. **Body Condition Scoring and Hay Evaluation Labs**, Dr. Craig Thatcher and Dr. Scott Pleasant, VMRCVM, and Dr. Shea Porr, VCE
- 3:30 p.m. **Body Condition Scoring and Hay Evaluation Labs**, Dr. Craig Thatcher and Dr. Scott Pleasant, VMRCVM, and Dr. Shea Porr, VCE

## Youth Session Options

There will be a separate youth track to encompass a variety of age appropriate activities which may include Horse Conformation and Evaluation. Body Condition Scoring, a Tour of BRCC Vet Technician Facility, a Rope Tying/Braiding Clinic, Roping Techniques Clinic, Hay Evaluation, and a Horse Bowl Contest.

Vendor space is available! Please see our website for details:

[www.virginiahorsecouncil.org](http://www.virginiahorsecouncil.org)

