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## United States Para-Equestrian Association



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**Train the Trainer  
April 20 & 21, 2012**



***Held at Carlisle Academy, Lyman, Maine  
Sponsored by USPEA***

***A program for instructors and trainers interested in working with para-equestrian riders, given by the U.S. Para-Equestrian Association.***

The USPEA is putting on a Train the Trainer program for local and regional trainers who would like to increase their skills and knowledge working with competitive and recreational para-equestrians.

- Friday evening, April 20, 5:30 - 7:30, and Saturday morning, April 21, will be classroom and lecture time.
- Saturday afternoon, para riders in all grades will demonstrate riding the test at their grade level. Demo para riders will work with Hanneke Gerritsen.

***Program Fee - \$150***

**FMI, please call Carlisle Academy's office at 207-985-0374 or email Cyndy West, Director of Sports & Education Programs at [cwest@carlisleacademymaine.com](mailto:cwest@carlisleacademymaine.com) [www.carlisleacademymaine.com](http://www.carlisleacademymaine.com)**

**\*\*\*[Please click here to download the Train the Trainer Registration Form \(PDF\)](#)\*\*\***

Hosted by Carlisle Academy Integrative Equine Therapy & Sports, a nationally accredited center leading the northeast in Para-Equestrian Sports. Exceptional Facilities

Carlisle Academy, in Lyman is centrally located in Southern Maine, just 30 minutes from Portland, ME and Portsmouth, NH. Fly into Portland, Manchester or Boston airports. The Academy, located on 150-acre Spring Creek Farm in Lyman, Maine, USA, provides an ideal environment for training. With two indoor arenas, two outdoor arenas, a 60' round pen, a therapy room and classroom, individuals and horses alike will find the space comfortable, peaceful and conducive to a productive learning experience.

## About United States Para-Equestrian Association:

The USPEA is a network of riders, judges, national federation board members, and equestrian enthusiasts. The association gives athletes the ability to get involved and expand their knowledge and experience in the Para-Equestrian sport. The USPEA encourages para-athletes to participate in all disciplines under the para-equestrian umbrella.

The USPEA is a recognized affiliate of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) which serves as the National Governing Body for the equestrian sport. This relationship between the USPEA and USEF is to encourage para-equestrian competitors, leisure riders, coaches, fans and enthusiasts to network and get involved with the entire equestrian sport.

Ultimately the goal of the USPEA is to foster growth in the para-equestrian discipline. From growth in the number of participants to growth as a team, and growth in the experience and knowledge of all involved. From local horse shows to international Olympic Games, the USPEA will provide para-equestrians the knowledge of what they need to succeed. The USPEA connects with the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI), the United States Dressage Federation (USDF), and USEF which provides Para-Equestrians the top equestrian resources.

In June 2010, the USPEA earned its 501 (c)(3) status which has encouraged supporters to help supply funding to the Para-Equestrian Team as a recognized affiliate of the United States Equestrian Federation(USEF).

For more information about the USPEA please visit [www.USPEA.org](http://www.USPEA.org) or contact USPEA President: Hope Hand by e-mail: [Wheeler966@aol.com](mailto:Wheeler966@aol.com) or by phone: (610)356-6481.

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