

Head Heart and Hooves Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA) Level II

Mastering level 1 skills, you have learned to safely ride a horse with confidence. You can use the four “natural aids” to control your horse in the walk, trot, stop, circle and reverse. You have been introduced to approaching, haltering, leading, grooming and tacking your horse.

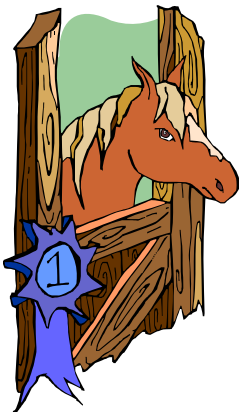


At this level you will learn more about how the natural aids work and how to put them to better use. You and your horse will develop a unique partnership as you better understand his/her nature and develop more balance.

This group of skills will take multiple weeks of camp (previous and/or continued riding lessons) to master.

Specific Skills include but not limited to:

- ❖ Safety check, mounting correctly, correct stirrup length, adjusting stirrups
- ❖ Dismount and prepare to lead
- ❖ Tack check on both sides, tighten girths as needed
- ❖ Ride with good position and balance at a walk/trot: sitting trot, half seat/standing, posting
- ❖ Demonstrate good level 2 control: riding at least twice around the arena at a trot without breaking gait, halt on command without roughness to the horse, keeping the proper distance when riding in a group, Riding at a trot without breaking gait in simple reverses, circles or western patterns
- ❖ Put horse into a lope or canter and ride at least once around the arena with good level 2 seat and control
- ❖ Post on the correct diagonal both directions of the arena(optional for western)
- ❖ Show how to cool a hot horse, proper tie and quick release knot, understand how to clean a stall, stable and do stable chores
- ❖ Verbalize parts, colors and markings of the horse
- ❖ Written Test on horse sense



- ❖ Trail riding requirements: 5 safety rules for trail riding, recognizing and navigating hazards, safe distances on trails, simple obstacles, safety up and down hills
- ❖ Jumping (Is NOT required to pass any level, however riders will need to master the level 2 jumping test before beginning level 3 jumping): demonstrate jumping position at a walk and trot in good balance, ride over practice poles and cavaletti in jumping position at trot, jump a low cross rail (under 1 foot) at a trot showing: good position, balance, correct release, good control