**Four-Day Warrior Intensive Workshops Facilitated by PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Centers**

These Level 2 Workshops will provide a unique experience and challenge in advanced horsemanship skills for Wounded Warrior Project Alumni who have completed a minimum of 1 session (10 lessons) at a participating PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Center.

All workshop, travel, lodging and meal costs for warriors are covered by the Wounded Warrior Project & PATH Intl. Partnership. For questions or for more information, please contact Stefani Viktora-Anderson, PATH Intl. Credentialing Programs Coordinator at sviktora-anderson@pathintl.org or 1-800-369-7433.

**PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Centers participating in the 2015 pilot program:**

- **Rainier Therapeutic Riding:** Yelm, WA
- **BraveHearts Therapeutic Riding:** Harvard, IL

Rainier Therapeutic Riding is proud to be the first PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Center focused entirely on serving our military heroes and families.

Under the auspices of PATH Intl., BraveHearts is currently the largest veterans’ therapeutic riding program in the United States.

**To Apply:**

1. Carefully read all information and criteria in this booklet.
2. Complete the application as thoroughly as possible.
3. Obtain 2 letters of recommendation; one letter must be from your current instructor, please use the included template.
4. Send your completed application and letters of recommendation to Stefani Viktora-Anderson at PATH Intl.
   sviktora-anderson@pathintl.org
   PO Box 33150
   Denver, CO 80221
   Fax: 303-252-4610
5. Application Deadline: January 30, 2015
6. Those selected for the workshops will be contacted by February 28, 2015.
Additional Information

Workshops Available in 2015

Working Cow Workshop-April 30-May 2, 2015
BraveHearts Therapeutic Riding and Educational Center, Harvard, IL

This setting will be your ultimate “cowboy” experience. The working cow clinic will utilize both horsemanship and “cow sense” with team and individual activities. This fast paced clinic will involve high speed maneuvers and promises adrenaline and fun. Veterans will be introduced to all cutting horse maneuvers and training techniques including using a flag along with tracking, pushing, sorting and holding cattle. Both indoor and outdoor work will be utilized during the clinic creating varied experiences for riders, horses, and cattle. Working cattle accelerates your horsemanship and ability to have laughter and purpose all while having fun in the saddle! The information gained with cattle is critical to learning to trust, feel and truly understanding the movement of a horse and the unlimited possibilities.

Pre-Requisites:

The warrior must possess the following traits:
- Mount from a low mounting block and dismount with minimal assistance.
- Weight of 225 lbs. or less.
- Display appropriate decision making, environmental awareness, and communication skills.

The warrior is able to complete the following tasks on the ground:
- Catch and halter a stalled equine with minimal assistance.
- Correctly and independently lead/stop/turn an equine using a lead rope or reins of the bridle.
- Groom an equine safely and independently; saddle and bridle an equine safely with minimal assistance.
- Prepare the equine in any other necessary ways (i.e., boots, martingale, etc.).
- Understand and know equine body parts and sensitive areas on the equine.

The warrior is able to complete the following tasks at the walk/trot:
- Stop the equine correctly and independently; motivate the equine forward, with impulsion.
- Steer in small, medium and large circles; steer over and around obstacles.
- Sitting canter and long trot while displaying midline orientation.
- Understand rein usage and have the capability to hold 100% of the time.
- Comfortable with direct and neck reining skills.
- Consistently display midline orientation.

The warrior is able to complete the following tasks at the canter/lope:
- Motivate the equine to canter/lope independently; maintain for 30 seconds independently.
- Sit the canter/lope while staying in midline, keeping upper body quiet.
- Steer in large circles while maintaining the canter/lope; confidence with fast stops and sudden turns.
- Stop the equine, maintaining good control, at any time during the canter/lope.
Mounted Drill Team Adventure Workshop - June 4-7, 2015
Rainier Therapeutic Riding, Yelm, WA

Join our staff of talented Drill Team Enthusiasts for a 4 day adventure into team pattern riding. During this 4-day workshop you and your 10-rider team will create and ride a drill team performance. Lessons will include how to use specialized drill team equipment, carrying flags while horseback, spacing and exercises from basic nose-to-tail all the way to Pinwheels and interlocking circles. You can expect to grow your comfort level and skills while working with our herd of 14 specially trained mounts. Our facility, located in the scenic Pacific Northwest boasts over 60 acres of trails, indoor and outdoor arenas, round pens and a comfortable barn.

Pre-Requisites:

The veteran must possess the following traits:

- Mount from a low mounting block and dismount with minimal assistance.
- Weight of 300 lbs. or less.
- Display appropriate decision making, environmental awareness, and communication skills.

The veteran is able to complete the following tasks on the ground:

- Catch and halter a stalled equine with minimal assistance.
- Correctly and independently lead/stop/turn an equine using a lead rope or reins of the bridle.
- Groom an equine safely and independently; saddle and bridle an equine safely with minimal assistance.
- Prepare the equine in any other necessary ways (i.e., boots, martingale, etc.).
- Understand and know equine body parts and sensitive areas on the equine.

The veteran is able to complete the following tasks at the walk/trot:

- Stop the equine correctly and independently; motivate the equine forward, with impulsion.
- Steer in small, medium and large circles; steer over and around obstacles.
- Sitting canter and long trot while displaying midline orientation.
- Understand rein usage and have the capability to hold 100% of the time.
- Comfortable with direct and neck reining skills.
- Consistently display midline orientation.
Wild Mustang Training Workshop-June 25-28, 2015
BraveHearts Therapeutic Riding and Educational Center, Harvard, IL

Learn all the training basics for gentling and domesticating wild mustangs with detailed work and ground techniques including round pen and the discovery of the fascinating language of the raw mustang. This discovery starts the most important relationship and fundamentals with the mustang. Mustangs will have been freshly gathered from the wild, making this a unique experience to start a wild animal from the ground up, building together trust, mutual communication, and a bond like no other. Veterans will learn to train mustangs, not only for basic necessities like haltering and leading, but also being able to groom their mustang, accept a saddle, and much more. Throughout this journey together mustangs teach us a wealth of insight all about ourselves. This experience is a once in a lifetime!

Pre-Requisites:

The veteran must possess the following traits:
- Maneuver in packed sand (wheelchair or ambulatory).
- Ability to turn in circles for multiple revolutions (as in working in a round pen).
- Must be able to be working outside in sun for at least two hours at a time.
- Display appropriate decision making, environmental awareness, and communication skills

The veteran is able to complete the following tasks on the ground:
- Catch and halter a loose equine with minimal assistance.
- Correctly and independently lead/stop/turn an equine using a lead rope and halter.
- Groom an equine safely and independently; saddle and bridle an equine safely with minimal assistance.
- Prepare the equine in any other necessary ways (i.e., boots, martingale, etc.).
- Understand and know equine body parts and sensitive areas on the equine.
- Familiarity of equine nonverbal communication and its applications.

The veteran is able to complete the following tasks at the walk:
- Stop the equine correctly and independently; motivate the equine forward, with impulsion.
- Steer in small, medium and large circles; steer over and around obstacles.
- Understand rein usage and have the capability to hold 100% of the time.
- Consistently display midline orientation.
Extreme Mountain Trail Obstacles-August 20-23, 2015
Rainier Therapeutic Riding, Yelm, WA

Join us for a 4-day adventure in Extreme Mountain Trail Obstacles! During this workshop you can expect to learn hands-on how to create basic obstacles, how to “send” your horse through obstacles from the ground, how to teach a horse to accept a new obstacle and for mounted participants, how to ride through a variety of obstacles. Some of the challenges you may encounter are bridges, ditches, teeter-totters, suspension bridges, Texas-Two-Step, water obstacles, logs etc. This course will begin at Rainier Therapeutic Riding and will include several field-trips to local farms with large mountain trail courses.

You can expect to grow your comfort level, trust in the horse and instinct for timing while working with our herd of 14 specially trained mounts. Our facility, located in the scenic Pacific Northwest boasts over 60 acres of trails, indoor and outdoor arenas, round pens and a comfortable barn.

Pre-Requisites:
The veteran must possess the following traits:
- Maneuver in packed sand and over varied terrain (wheelchair or ambulatory).
- Ability to turn in circles for multiple revolutions (as in working in a round pen).
- Must be able to be working outside in sun for at least two hours at a time.
- Weigh less than 300lbs for mounted participation.
- Display appropriate decision making, environmental awareness, and communication skills.

The veteran is able to complete the following tasks on the ground:
- Catch and halter a stalled equine independently.
- Correctly and independently lead/stop/turnd an equine using a lead rope and halter.
- Groom an equine safely and independently; saddle and bridle an equine safely with minimal assistance.
- Prepare the equine in any other necessary ways (i.e., boots, martingale, etc.).
- Understand and know equine body parts and sensitive areas on the equine.
- Familiarity of equine nonverbal communication and its applications.

If participating in mounted work the veteran is able to complete the following tasks at the walk and trot:
- Stop the equine correctly and independently.
- Motivate the equine forward, with impulsion.
- Steer in small, medium and large circles; steer over and around obstacles.
- Understand rein usage and have the capability to hold 100% of the time.
- Consistently display midline orientation.
Today’s Date: ________________________

Name: __________________________________________ Date of Birth: ________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________________ State: ___________ Zip Code: ___________

Email Address: __________________________________ Phone Number: __________________

Preferred Method of Contact (email, phone, time of day, etc): _____________________________

Height: __________________ Weight: _______________ T-shirt Size: ________________________

☐ I am registered with WWP as an Alumni
☐ I have completed 10+ lessons at __________________________ (Center Name)
  Instructor’s Name: ________________________ Instructor’s Email: ________________________
  Instructor’s Phone Number: __________________________
☐ I meet the criteria for the workshops that I am applying for
☐ I understand that I will be asked to fill out additional (site specific) paperwork if selected for a workshop
☐ I agree to allow a workshop site representative to contact me or my current instructor for more information

Horse Experience
☐ ___________ Years of riding experience
☐ ___________ Years of other horsemanship experience

Preferred Discipline:
☐ English
☐ Western
☐ Other __________________________

Please rank the following areas of interest from 1-4 (1 being the most interested, 4 being the least)

*read the criteria carefully; rank only the areas that you meet the criteria for.


_____ Mounted Drill Team Adventure: Rainier, Yelm, WA. June 4-7, 2015


_____ Extreme Mountain Trail Obstacles: Rainier, Yelm, WA. August 20-23, 2015

Signature: __________________________________________ Date: ________________________
Please rate yourself in the following categories: (1 being the best and 5 being the least)

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On a separate page, please answer the following questions. Responses must be typed.

1. Please describe your horse experience in as much detail as possible.
2. What do you hope to gain from this experience?
3. What makes you a good candidate for this workshop?
4. Do you meet the criteria for the workshops you are applying for? If not, please describe.
Dear Warrior/Guest,

We are pleased that you will be participating in the events offered by Wounded Warrior Project (WWP). While attending WWP events, please bear in mind that you are representing yourself, your fellow warriors, WWP, and the volunteers and donors who have given so much to make these events possible.

This program is a Wounded Warrior Project Physical Health and Wellness event and its intent is to promote wellness. By participating you are focused on healthy behaviors and have the intent to continue a healthy lifestyle.

In order to ensure that everyone has an enjoyable experience at WWP events, please review the Code of Conduct at the end of this letter.

By signing below, you understand and agree that as a condition of your participation in the event, you will abide by the following Code of Conduct.

We appreciate your assistance in making WWP events a success!

Sincerely,

WWP Staff

**Code of Conduct**

1. I will wear appropriate attire at all events. I will avoid clothing with crude or inappropriate images and/or words.
2. I will be mindful of the language I am using and avoid excessive profanity and/or inappropriate language.
3. I will be respectful of other warriors, participants, guests, WWP staff, vendors, and volunteers. Should I have any questions or concerns about an event or another participant, I will contact a WWP staff member.
4. I agree and understand that WWP staff, vendors and volunteers do not serve alcohol at any WWP sanctioned activities. I understand that individuals of legal age are permitted to consume alcohol at certain events. I agree that if I do consume alcohol at a WWP event, I will do so in a responsible manner and avoid behavior that is distracting or inconsiderate, or that otherwise interferes with the event.
5. I understand and agree that WWP reserves the right to remove any individual from an event whose behavior and/or actions are deemed, in WWP’s sole discretion, inappropriate, derogatory, or disrespectful.
6. I further agree that I am responsible for the conduct of me and my guest(s). I understand that if I or my guest(s) violate this agreement, I may be subject to a probationary period and will be ineligible to attend any WWP event or WWP sanctioned activities during such probationary period.

By signing below, and participating in any WWP event, I certify that I agree to the terms of this Code of Conduct and will abide by the same.

**Warrior’s Name: ________________________________ Date: ________________________________**

**Signature: ________________________________**
Consent to Release Confidential Information

I, ____________________________________________, do hereby consent and authorize ____________________________ (Name of center and/or instructor) to release any information pertaining to my participation in therapeutic horsemanship at the abovementioned person/center to the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl., BraveHearts Therapeutic Riding and Education Center, and Rainier Therapeutic Riding. The duration of this authorization is until August 23, 2015 or unless otherwise revoked prior to the expiration date.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________

PATH Intl. Liability Release Form

(Participant’s Name) ___________________________________________ would like to participate in the Wounded Warrior Project & Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) Level 2 Warrior Intensive Workshop. I acknowledge the risks and potential for risks of working with and around horses or ponies. However, I feel that the possible benefits to myself/my son/my daughter/my ward are greater than the risk assumed. I hereby, intending to be legally bound, for myself, my heirs and assigns, executors or administrators, waive and release forever all claims for damages against the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International, its board of directors, aides, volunteers and/or employees and workshop/certification faculty for any and all injuries and/or losses I/my son/my daughter/my ward may sustain while participating in the Wounded Warrior Project & PATH Intl. Level 2 Warrior Intensive Workshop.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________

PATH Intl. Photo Release Form

I hereby consent to and authorize the use and reproduction by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) of any and all photographs taken of me/my son/my daughter/my ward for promotional printed materials, educational activities, PATH Intl.’s website, exhibitions or for any other use for the benefit of PATH Intl. and equine assisted activities.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________

For PATH Intl. Records:

Name: ___________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________

City: ____________________________ State: ________________ Zip: ________________

Phone/email: ____________________________
Letters of Recommendation

Two letters of recommendation are required with this application. One letter must be from your most recent or current instructor and use the following template:

Instructor’s Letter of Recommendation

Today’s Date: __________________

Name: ________________________________ Center Name: ________________________________

Email Address: ___________________________ Phone Number: ___________________________

Preferred Method of Contact (email, phone, time of day, etc): ___________________________

In your letter of recommendation, address the following questions, responses must be typed.

1. How long have you been/were the warrior’s instructor?
2. Please describe the warrior’s riding and horsemanship skills.
3. What do you hope the warrior will gain from this experience?
4. What makes the warrior a good candidate for this workshop?
5. Does the warrior meet all of the criteria for the workshops he/she is applying for?