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Horseback coach draws riders to NCTA arena

CURTIS, Neb. – Students and equine enthusiasts will be back in the saddle next weekend in Curtis as professional horse trainer Sherman Tegtmeier coaches them on reining and horsemanship skills.

Mounted in the saddle himself, or demonstrating from the dirt of the arena floor at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, Tegtmeier will share 90-minute sessions in the one-on-one clinic Saturday and Sunday.

“All spots are currently full for the clinic but auditing is free and folks can learn quite a bit from watching,” said Joanna Hergenreder, NCTA assistant professor of animal science and coach of the NCTA Ranch Horse Team, host of the two-day clinic.

Spectators can observe and hear training commentary broadcast over the indoor arena’s public address system during sessions from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tegtmeier wears a headset and microphone to instruct the riders.

“Whether you are just a beginning rider or an advance rider in reining, Sherm can help you train your horse more successfully to get more enjoyment from riding and showing,” Hergenreder said.

Tegtmeier is a horse trainer and financial planner who has worked with NCTA for more than a decade.

“For the past seven years, I have had the pleasure of working with Sherman twice per year to provide clinics for our students and the community. He has been extraordinary to work with in many ways,” Hergenreder explains.

“As a clinician, he is exceptional in meeting the rider, no matter their level, right where they are and building them up in only an hour and a half session,” she notes. “As a trainer, his methods are positive and very much effective.”

Tegtmeier is a certified trainer with the National Reining Horse Association and is well-known throughout the Midwest, said Huntra Christensen, a third-year Aggie student studying equine industry management and agribusiness.

She also manages the NCTA horse barn and arena, rides with the Ranch Horse Team, and was the 2018 Equine Student of the Year.

“We hope students and riders interested in equine classes will attend and visit with members of the Ranch Horse Team about the great opportunities we have as NCTA Aggies,” Christensen said.



NCTA Aggies received customized training in horsemanship and reining during a campus clinic in 2017. Sherman Tegtmeier, second to right, returns to Curtis Feb. 23-24. (NCTA photo)

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