



“Ensuring excellence and changing lives through equine-assisted activities and therapies”

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PATH Intl. Region Conferences Ramping Up

Denver—The Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) is made up of more than 7,600 individual members and 866 center members from all over the world. This vast network is divided geographically into 11 different regions that facilitate communication, networking, educational opportunities and outreach as well as increase the professionalism and knowledge of equine-assisted activities and therapies (EAAT).

Annually, each region conducts a region conference to provide networking and opportunities for continuing education on a more local level. Workshop sessions are generally presented by regional experts in the EAAT field and are on a broad spectrum of topics, from horse care and EAAT programs (such as veterans or carriage driving) to marketing, collaborations and research findings on the impact of EAAT on individuals with special needs. For instance, at the PATH Intl. Region 2 conference this year in Maryland, attendees will learn about business and nonprofit collaboration for a strong hippotherapy program, Special Olympics, equine emergencies and equine law. At the Region 7 conference in Kansas, attendees will learn about chronic pain, chronic fatigue and fibromyalgia; serving veterans; gaining the most from social media; and equine chiropractic care. These are just two of the wonderful conferences offered by PATH Intl. regions; both are offered in March while other region conferences run through August.

While PATH Intl. members may gain the greatest benefit from PATH Intl. Region Conferences (including continuing education units for instructors), non-members have a wonderful opportunity to learn more about EAAT in a fun and relaxed setting, while meeting knowledgeable and dedicated members. If you have ever wondered what EAAT offers or if it could benefit you or someone you know, find out at a PATH Intl. Region Conference.

[Visit the PATH Intl. website](#) to find a region conference near you.

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About PATH Intl.:

The Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International® (PATH Intl®) was formed in 1969 to promote safety and optimal outcomes in equine-assisted activities and therapies (EAAT) for individuals with special needs. At 866 member centers, nearly 62,000 children and adults, including nearly 4,000 veterans, may find improved health, wellness, fun and a sense of pride and independence through involvement with horses. Therapeutic horsemanship at member centers may include hippotherapy, equine-facilitated mental health, driving, interactive vaulting, trail riding, competition, ground work and stable management. Through a wide variety of educational resources, the association helps individuals start and maintain successful EAAT programs. There are more than 55,000 volunteers, 4,666 instructors, 7,672 equines and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at PATH Intl. Member Centers.