



# RIDING BADGE PROGRAM TAMANGUR ICELANDIC HORSES

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## RIDING BADGE PROGRAM

The Riding Badge Program is a clinic series aiming at preparing participants in theory & riding for the Riding Badges. The RBP is an education system based on European programs for riders of all breeds & disciplines that was put in place to provide, ensure & certify a certain level of knowledge & ability among horseback riders. Tamangur's RBP series 2018 is aimed mainly at Icelandic horse riders, but the topics, & especially our guest speakers, will cover interesting aspects for everyone.

There will be required reading before each theory session for the participants interested in taking the Riding Badge test. The reading will cover the topics of keep, feeding, health, hoof care, grooming, tack, riding techniques & gaits. There will be additional reading for participants looking to get higher level badges. The theory sessions will address the chapters shortly in the beginning & answer questions. While the guest speakers' expert information will be highly valuable information any horse owner should know, the discussed content will not be part of the test.

The theory sessions will occur mainly without horses. The dates for riding part of the clinic series are set for fall.

This RBP series 2018 will be offering all levels of badges. The levels are divided into Basic Riding, Competition & Pleasure Riding. It is open to both adults & youth riders. The exam is voluntary, but recommended (additional charge). Participants aiming at taking levels higher than the Basic Riding levels 1 or 2 might want to consider booking additional lessons/theory sessions. Exam date is December 1<sup>st</sup> after the last riding preparation. We will be happy to assist you in finding the right level for you.

We will send out a copy of the RBP booklet to all registered participants.

For more information on the RBP in general visit [www.icelandics.org/Education/riding\\_badge](http://www.icelandics.org/Education/riding_badge).

## SCHEDULE

**Saturday, February 10: NEW DATE** 9:00– 1:00

LOCATION 5775 Best Rd. in Larkspur

This session will cover general knowledge, anatomy of the horse, feeding & health.

Required reading: RBP Chapters General, Feeding, Health

Guest speaker: Holly Colella, DVM

Dr. Holly Colella has been an exceptional vet for Tamangur for many years. In this function, she has encountered many Icelandics & their cases. Dr. Holly will discuss general horse health, but will focus on

topics of special concern to the Icelandic horse owner like the blood profile, problems of easy-keepers, summer eczema, bone spavin & stifle issues.

**Saturday, March 3:** 9:00 – 1:00 LOCATION 5775 Best Rd. in Larkspur

This session will cover horse needs, appropriate keep, horse behavior & training methods

Required reading: RBP Chapters Keep

Guest speaker: Tom Mowery, Horseman

Tom Mowery is a life-long horseman who has worked with many breeds before. Since starting his coaching at Tamangur, he has developed a soft spot for the Icelandics, considering them to be especially sensitive, intelligent & aware, similarly to his beloved donkeys & mules. Tom has a wealth of information to share that will not only benefit Icelandic horse owners. He is a philosopher, expert in horse behavior & understands how to work with horses like few others. Tom will also be available for private lessons at the Tamangur barn after the theory session if requested (Lesson \$60). Lease horses available.

**Saturday, April 7:** 9:00 – 1:00 LOCATION 5775 Best Rd. in Larkspur

This session will cover hoof care, the horse in motion & basic tack fitting.

Required reading: RBP Chapters Hoof, Grooming & Tack

Guest speaker: Linda Browneller, AFA Certified Journeyman Farrier

Linda Browneller is one of the most recommended farriers in our area & the go-to farrier for owners & vets with horses with problematic feet due to conformation, health issues or injury. She will share her extensive knowledge of hoof balance, hoof anatomy & hoof mechanisms. Linda will talk about the connections between hoof conformation & the way horses are trimmed/shoed as well as the effects that this has on hoof balance, hoof structure & horse movement.

**Saturday, May 5:** 9:00 – 1:00 LOCATION 5775 Best Rd. in Larkspur

This session will cover the physiological reasons for a correct riding technique as well as the intricacies of the Icelandic gaits.

Required reading: RBP Chapters Riding Techniques & Gaits

Guest speaker: Coralie Denmeade, FEIF trainer Level 1

In the first part of the session, Coralie Denmeade, resident trainer/instructor at Tamangur, specializing in Icelandics & gaited horses, will look at the physiological aspects of a correct seat & its functionality. The functionality will be illustrated by discussing the correct application of cues by the rider & its effects on the horse. In the second part, Coralie will go into the details of the footfalls & phases of the different gaits as well as faulty movement patterns.

**Saturday, October 20:** 9:00 – 3:00 Location TBA (Monument area)

**Saturday, November 3:** 9:00 – 3:00 Location TBA (Monument area)

**Saturday, December 1:** 9:00 – 1:00, followed by the test Location TBA (Monument)

## **FEES**

<b>Theory Package:</b>	\$195 for all theory sessions (due with sign up before Feb. 2)
<b>Single Theory Session:</b>	\$60 per session
<b>Riding Package:</b>	\$250 (includes exam fee, due with sign up before Oct. 10)
<b>Single Riding Session:</b>	\$80 per session
<b>Exam Fee:</b>	\$50
<b>Audit Riding Session:</b>	\$25
<b>USIHC membership:</b>	\$45 (required for everyone taking the exam)
<b>Riding Badge Package:</b>	<b>\$425 (for theory &amp; riding incl. exam fee)</b>

Please bring a lunch. We will provide water, coffee, tea & something sweet. A microwave is available.

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