

# MARTIN BLACK'S "WESTERN HORSEMAN" SPECIAL SESSIONS

Due to the popular demand of the *Western Horseman* article series that has run this year, we are going to offer the first three weeks in December 2008 and the first three weeks of April 2009, as "Western Horseman" Special Sessions.

These will be patterned after our **Horsemanship School**, however, they will focus on the topics covered in the six articles.

**The Power of Position-** Learn how your weight placement inhibits or enhances your horses movement. How to make things as easy and natural as possible for your horse to understand, and how to achieve the proper level of motivation.

**Cow Control-** Learn how your horse's body position influences the cow. The concepts of "Flight Zone and Balance Point," and how to use cattle as a tool to train your horse.

**On the Offense-** Learn how to teach a horse to track cattle, and tap into their natural instinct to work a cow. What offense is and how to control the cow in an offensive situation.

**Develop a Strong Defense-** Learn how to give your horse the confidence and judgment he needs to cut a cow from a herd and hold it on his own using the A-Pen techniques.

**The Loading Mode-** Learn how to handle cattle in the open, working out of a rodear or loading in the trailer in an open field. These are all jobs that will sharpen your horse as well as your horsemanship and stock handling skills.

**Ranch Roping and Doctoring-** Learn how to efficiently set up shots for different situations, how to work the rope and tie off when working alone or with a partner, and different options for every scenario.

**The Hackamore, Two-Rein and Bridle-** You can take this opportunity to start or advance any of your horses in these traditional methods. These topics will be covered according to students interests.

There will be **no colt-starting** during these sessions, however, if you have young horses you would like to bring to start on cattle or roping, that is encouraged. Horses at all levels are welcome, and the more levels of horses you ride, the more you will learn. **Students can bring 3 of their own horses** free of charge, or there will be extra horses here to use if needed.

**Cost:** Three-week session \$3,500, includes bunkhouse accommodations (bedding, towels and furnished kitchen) provided. Meals and transportation are students responsibility.  
**Deposit of \$500 required to reserve your spot.**

**Duration:**

2008 Session: **December 1-20**

2009 Session: **March 30 - April 18**

*Hurry, only a limited number of participants will be accepted!*

Visit **MartinBlack.net** to register or call 208-337-8438.



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