

How to Sponsor a Martin Black Clinic

Scheduling

Review Martin's clinic schedule for available dates at www.martinblack.net and then send an email to clinics@martinblack.net with your requested dates for a clinic. We will check Martin's calendar for availability then get back to you with a date. **A booking fee of \$500 for a PUBLIC CLINIC and a \$2,500 for a PRIVATE CLINIC will be required upon setting clinic dates.**

Clinic Fees

As a sponsor you have two options for hosting a clinic. The first option is a **PRIVATE CLINIC**, where you, the sponsor are personally responsible for covering Martin's clinic fees. The other is a **PUBLIC CLINIC**, for which deposits from participants are collected prior to the clinic, and the balance upon the start of the clinic. **If the minimum number of deposits is not collected, the clinic will be cancelled.**

PRIVATE CLINIC - Martin charges a flat rate daily rate for a four day clinic regardless of the number of riders or the classes you choose to have him conduct. You can decide how to divide the clinic fees among the riders. If the sponsor provides food and lodging the rate is \$1,500/day, if Martin makes his own arrangements the rate is \$1,700/day. As the host of a private clinic you are personally responsible for the clinic fees, regardless of how many riders participate.

You could divide the cost of all clinic expenses equally among the other riders and ride for free, arena or stall fees will be charged. The clinic host has maximum flexibility in organizing the clinic to fit your area. All livestock fees, lodging or food for riders where applicable, or stall fees will be charged separately from clinic fee and paid directly to clinic sponsor.

PUBLIC CLINIC - Martin will make all his own travel and lodging arrangements. For a public clinic the sponsor has participants mail in deposits in advance of the clinic. A minimum of 20 riders must mail in deposits for the clinic to be held as scheduled.

Participants will mail deposits of \$200 to Martin Black Clinics (PO Box 174, Elbert, CO 80106). Deposits are non-refundable except in extreme circumstances. If the minimum number of deposits have not been collected 90 days prior to the clinic, the clinic may be cancelled by the sponsor or Martin and the deposits returned. If the 20 rider minimum is met, the \$500 booking fee will be reimbursed to the sponsor.

Length of Clinic

All clinics will be four days, clinic hours will be between three and four hours per class depending on numbers in each. Starting times may vary depending on circumstances and will be decided by sponsor and agreed upon by Martin.

Other Considerations

If Martin is traveling out of the country or flying to your clinic due to late booking or incompatibility with his driving schedule you may also be required to also cover the cost of his airfare. This expense can be added to rider fees to recover this expense. **This will be arranged before booking fee is collected.**

Advertising

Sponsor agrees to accept full responsibility to fill the clinic by contacting potential students, responding to student booking inquiries, and advertising in local publications, on the radio and posting promotional material around their area.

Clinician helps to promote clinics by providing promotional information to sponsors for advertising. Clinics are posted on the website (www.martinblack.net) when dates have been confirmed, and email announcements will be sent out to his mailing list.

During the Clinic

Sponsors are required to collect all student and spectator fees each day and to make sure all waivers/releases (provided by Martin Black) are signed by each participant. Checks should be made out to Martin Black. A clinic will not begin until all participant fees and signed waivers/releases are received.

Spectator fee for all clinics is \$25; clinic riders can watch am or pm classes free. **Sponsor receives two spaces in the clinic, one in each class for themselves or a guest.**

Clinician's Horses

Pens or corrals for clinicians' horses must be provided for between 6-10 horses. These pens should be clean and safe with stock water available. Horses can all go in one large pen or pasture, specifics can be discussed and arranged.

Facility

The absolute needs will be determined by the classes you choose. If you want to do a colt starting class you will need a safe round-pen and a larger fenced arena to ride out in. If you are doing a cow working class you will need to secure some cattle and have pens and an arena to work them in. If you are unsure of what is needed for a particular class please discuss your questions with Emily. More details about cattle requirements under class descriptions.

Miscellaneous

Clinic hosts should provide a typed list of each auditor and rider's name, address, phone number and email address for Martin's database to be sent to Emily. If you can also keep track of other people who contacted you for more information about the clinic but did not attend, that would be helpful too.

Please feel free to contact Emily Kitching with any questions. Hosting a clinic is very labor intensive, and is a labor of love. We appreciate your interest in hosting a clinic with legendary horseman Martin Black.

Clinic Sponsor can choose any combination of two classes.
Maximum class size is for paid riders, not including sponsor.**

Classes

Colt starting—for unstarted or very green colts. The owner or their rider will ride the colt. A lot of discussion and demonstration on gentling and preparing horse and rider for a happy, safe and successful future will be the focus of this class. A 50-70 ft round pen is needed. Suggested rider price \$500, 12 colts maximum.

Horsemanship 1- is for novice riders and green horses. Any person that can maintain control of their horse in a group may participate. General philosophy, balance, basic maneuvers, problem solving, questions and answers will be the focus of this class. Suggested rider price \$400/person, 25 rider's maximum.

Horsemanship 2- is for competitive riders and advanced riders and horses. Philosophy, balance, reining maneuvers, advanced body control, questions and answers will be the focus of this class. Suggested rider price \$400/person, 20 rider's maximum.

Cattle Working - for riders that would like to start competing or just gain a better understanding of handling cattle. We will focus on stockmanship-cow and horse psychology, and bringing out the natural ability in the horse to work cattle for ranch, team penning or working cow horse events. Suggested rider price \$400+cattle charge, 15 rider's maximum.

Competitive Cow Working- this is for advanced horses and riders that have experience handling cattle. Offensive position and control with speed for reined-cow horse, ranch horse or team penning events will be the focus. Suggested rider price \$400+cattle charge, 15 rider's maximum.

A-Pen Class- this is for intermediate/advanced riders and horses at any level. The focus is on bringing out the natural ability of the horse to control the cow through defensive maneuvers necessary in any competitive cow event. Suggested rider price \$400+cattle charge, 15 rider's maximum. A-pen required.

Ranch roping- will focus on handling the cattle to set up shots for yourself and others. We will work on position and rate which are very important factors to a successful shot. Also learn shots from every angle and variations of shots you know. Guarantee you will see something new! Suggested rider price \$400+cattle charge, 15 rider's maximum.

Ranch Horse Versatility-** for those who are competing in the ranch horse versatility events, or just want a challenge. Martin will focus on the roping, reining, cow work and sorting aspects of the event. Suggested rider price \$400+cattle charge, 20 rider's maximum.

Cattle Requirements

3 head of fresh cattle per person, for A-pen and Competitive Cow working.

2 head of semi-fresh cattle per person for Cow working.

1 head per person of 400-500 lb cattle needed for Ranch roping, do not need to be fresh.

Sponsors have the option to collect a nominal stock charge from participants in the Cattle working and Roping clinics.

Extras

Demonstrations or Problem horses- must be discussed in advance and appropriate time allowed so it will not interfere with other classes. Suggested fee \$50-\$200.

If you have any other areas of interest not listed as a class please let us know. Martin has started camels in Australia and done jumping clinics in Europe, and would likely accommodate anything in between!

Private clinics are available, length and charges vary.

**** Note:** If you choose to have a Ranch Horse Versatility clinic, this will be your only class, with a maximum of 20 riders. Participants will attend for the entire day, but may be broken into two riding groups if needed.