

MEEKER MUSTANG MAKEOVER 2024

TRAINER APPLICATIONS close Saturday, April 1st, 2024 at 11:59pm

Please Submit to :

meekermustangmakeover1@gmail.com or Shanna Lewis PO Box 1094 Meeker, CO 81641

Questions, please call/text Shanna at 970 846 9834

Mustang Pick-up: Saturday April 27th, 2024 at Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds in Meeker, CO
There will be two Mustang Handling Clinics (Yearling & 3yr old) given by Steve Mantle from Wheatland, Wyoming, the morning of pick up day, followed by a 1 and ½ day hands on day camp for all youth giving training tips and getting to know each other (Saturday April 27, 28). This year's event will also feature a drill team done by youth trainers in hand. It is mandatory for Youth Trainers to attend the Yearling Handling Clinic.

Once again, this year trainers will select their own horses by draw, so plan to arrive on April 26 and depart on April 28 - hotels and campgrounds available (hotels in Meeker around \$100 per night).

Trainer Info Packets: Will be handed out on Pick-Up Day. Updates will be emailed once trainers are selected and announced as of April 15, 2024.

Event Date: Saturday, August 24th, 2024. **Move In Day:** Friday August 23th, 2024 by 3pm at the Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds in Meeker, CO. All families invited to the Mustang Mingle Friday night!

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- Complete and Sign Trainer Application.
- Complete and Sign Photo Release Form and Humane Treatment Policy.
- If the trainer is under 18yrs, parent/guardian must sign application.
- Include 2 Letters of Recommendation (no family please); one from your vet and one from an experienced/professional equine person (4H leader, trainer, stable manager) or a client you have trained for.
- Include a Headshot/Photo of yourself (without a horse) with your Bio. You may include additional photos.
- Include short video: ground handling (for both divisions) + riding (for U/S division).
- Complete attached BLM Adoption Application and submit with MMM Trainer's Application, we will submit it to our local BLM office. If trainer is under 18yrs then parent/guardian must complete the form. Prior BLM applications and approvals are not valid. Trainers are adopting their Mustang, complete section #2 & #3 on the BLM application. IF YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE MMM previously and would like to use your past application, please contact Shanna Lewis, Application coordinator.
- The person listed/signing on the BLM Application Form must be present on Pick-Up Day!
- BLM applications must be filled out every year and; all forms must be current/complete.

BE SURE TO FILL OUT & SIGN ALL SECTIONS!

MEEKER MUSTANG MAKEOVER - TRAINER APPLICATION 2024

Name: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home #: _____ Cell #: _____ Emergency Contact #: _____

Email: _____

Age: _____ Birthdate: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Drivers License: _____ State: _____

Employment Status: Yes/No, By Whom: _____

\$250 Deposit due at pick-up. \$200 of the Deposit will be refunded at completion of the Meeker Mustang Makeover event. Make checks payable to Meeker Mustang Makeover. Refund forfeited if participation ends after 30 days.

Contact information provided below will be shared publicly to encourage adopter communication:

Website: _____ Facebook/Instagram, etc.: _____

Division: In Hand Yearlings, Youth (10-17yrs) _____ Under Saddle/Riding Horse 3yrs & older (15 & over) _____

Questionnaire: All questions must be completed. Please feel free to use additional pages if necessary..

1. How many years have you trained horses? _____ What discipline do you favor? _____

2. Have you ever been accused or convicted of animal or human abuse/neglect/cruelty? _____

3. Are you a professional or have you received compensation for training? _____

4. Have you trained "unhandled" mustangs, if so, how many? _____

5. Do you have any equine related licenses or certifications? _____

6. Do you currently have any "untitled" mustangs at your facility, if so, how many? _____

7. Do you compete in horse related events, if so, which disciplines/breeds do you compete in? _____

8. Have you won awards and/or recognition in these disciplines? _____

9. Will you be participating in any other Mustang events this summer? _____

10. Do you or a family member own the facility where you will be training the Mustang)? Y / N If not what facility (address) will the mustang be trained at? _____

11. Please submit on a separate sheet a trainer bio (may be used in part for promotional purposes) with an explanation as to why you think we should select you as a trainer for this makeover. Also mention your training techniques and some of your favorite trainers and mentors. Please include a headshot/photo of yourself without a horse, you may submit additional photos along with your video(s). Selection committee may request a phone call/video chat/Zoom with the applicant prior to final selection decision.

By signing below, as to specific Meeker Mustang Makeover and BLM requirements, I am stating that I am aware and in agreement that participation in this event is by juried selection; therefore, the Meeker Mustang Makeover Board has the unqualified right to determine eligibility and can, at any time, remove a contestant from Meeker Mustang Makeover competition for any reason. I am also stating that all Application questions have been answered honestly by the trainer applying for this competition. I am stating that I am aware and in agreement that I will assume all responsibility for the care and well-being of the mustang provided.

By signing below, I acknowledge I am required to participate in both the Meeker Mustang Makeover event as well as the auction. As a trainer I will be given the opportunity to buy back my Mustang if so desired. Non-participation will be determined by the Meeker Mustang Makeover Board after advice from a Veterinarian, Medical Professional, or Mustang Training Expert.

By signing below I acknowledge that I am responsible and accountable for promoting my Mustang, via social media, pictures/videos/blogs, etc. I am also responsible for keeping the Meeker Mustang Makeover board informed on a regular basis of my progress in training my Mustang.

I hereby WAIVE, RELEASE and DISCHARGE Meeker Mustang Makeover, Bureau of Land Management, Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds, and their representatives and employees of and from all liability, and any and all possible causes of action in law or equity that may result from an injury to me (including death), my facilities, or anyone in my care caused by the negligence or other actionable conduct of Meeker Mustang Makeover or Bureau of Land Management or Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds, or their representatives or employees.

I further agree to INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS Meeker Mustang Makeover, Bureau of Land Management, Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds, and their representatives and employees for damages, attorney fees and expenses resulting from an injury to me (including death), my facilities, or anyone in my care, even if such injury or damage is caused or claimed to be caused by the negligence or other actionable conduct of Meeker Mustang Makeover, Bureau of Land Management, Rio Blanco County Fairgrounds, or their representatives or employees.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

If Trainer is 17 or under:

Parent or Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Home Phone and/or Cell #: _____

Parent/Guardian address: _____

Parent/Guardian email address: _____

NOTICE: ALL HORSES WILL BE RETURNED AND AUCTIONED OFF AT THE AUGUST EVENT, (provided they meet training requirements and are sound and safe) **NO EXCEPTIONS**. IF THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN ADHERE TO THEN WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN OUR EVENT.

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Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

TRAINER RECOMMENDATION FORM #1

If the individual providing the recommendation would like for the information to remain confidential, please feel free to email this form to meekermustangmakeover1@gmail.com or send it to Shanna Lewis, PO BOX 1094, Meeker, CO 81641. No later than April 1st, 2024. Thank you.

Name of Trainer Applicant: _____

Name of Respondent: _____ Home Phone: _____

Alternate Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

1. How do you know this trainer and for how long have you known them?
2. How often do you see this trainer ride or work horses?
3. Do you feel that their facilities are suitable for working with a wild horse?
4. Do you have any concerns about the animals in the care of this trainer?
5. Would you recommend this trainer to people with unbroken or difficult horses?

Personal Comments: (Regarding skill, work ethic, values, etc.)

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THE MEEKER MUSTANG MAKEOVER PHOTO RELEASE FORM

I hereby grant the Meeker Mustang Makeover, its representatives and all persons/corporations acting with its permission, to use my likeness in a photograph, video, or other digital media in any and all of its publications, including web-based publications, without payment or other consideration.

I understand and agree that all photos will become property of the Meeker Mustang Makeover and will not be returned.

I hereby irrevocably authorize the Meeker Mustang Makeover to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish, or distribute these photos for any lawful purpose. In addition, I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photo.

I have read and understood the above and affirm that I am at least 18 years of age, or, if I am under 18 years of age, I have obtained the required consent of my parent/guardian as evidenced by the signatures below. I accept:

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If under 18, Parent/Guardian:

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Meeker Mustang Makeover Humane Treatment Policy

Every Mustang and all animals shall, at all times, be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion. Any participant using abusive or excessive training techniques or being inhumane to a Mustang in his/her care (determined excessive or abusive by a panel assigned by the Meeker Mustang Makeover consisting of licensed equine veterinarian(s) and/or respected horse industry professionals) may be removed from the program and/or all future contests and training programs. If a participant's animal enters the contest or if the trainer/participant at any time presents an animal with questionable training/care related injuries (determined excessive or abusive by a panel assigned by the Meeker Mustang Makeover consisting of licensed equine veterinarian(s) and/or respected horse industry professionals) the participant may be removed from the contest and/or all future contests and training programs.

The following list includes but is not limited to examples of unacceptable behavior/training techniques:

- No mustang appearing to be emaciated, drawn or injured may be exhibited
- Use of or evidence of inhumane training techniques or methods such as striking animal with objects, excessive spurring and/or excessive jerking of reins.
- Any inhumane treatment that results in wounds.

Additionally, the Meeker Mustang Makeover promotes and encourages the following examples of sound, compassionate, and successful training techniques and handling methods:

- Mustang and trainer exhibiting solid relationship based on respect and understanding
- A calm and willing partnership between Mustang and trainer, regardless of the obstacle or environmental challenge during competition or training phases
- Trainer maintains a credible level of dignity for the Mustang during all phases of training, competition, and repositioning if applicable.
- Trainers are expected to seek and employ methods of horsemanship in order to promote and encourage the positive relationship between Mustang and trainer.
- Training techniques should demonstrate a strong bond between Mustang and trainer

Through my signature below, I certify that I have read and understand the Meeker Mustang Makeover Humane Treatment policy, and agree to abide by these principles as a participant in Meeker Mustang Makeover events. I also understand that should a determination be made (as outlined above) that I have violated any part of this policy, I may lose the privilege of competing at MMM sponsored events, and may also lose the privilege of any future adoptions of Mustangs.

Name of Trainer (please print): _____

Trainer Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(print),if trainer is under 18: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____