

## N.W. Michigan Draft Horse & Mule Driving Clinic 2024



### **Friday: August 16th:** (Schedule maybe subject to change)

- 8:00 Introduction of instructors and students.
- 8:50 Susan- Importance of proper harness fitting and point of draft.
- 9:00 Basic understanding of harnessing and ground driving for novice students for both single and team driving. Safe driving tips and what every driver should carry with them. All teams are required to stay inside south fenced pasture and barn areas open to driving.
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:30(ish) Demonstration- Brandon Morse/ Brent Brophy Logging Demo – Safety gear and more
- 1:00 -4:00 Basic harnessing, ground driving for single and team driving and advance (two-year) students will have a chance to work with each instructor as we start to drive carts and wagons.
- 4:30 Break down and clean up.

### **Saturday August 17th:**

- 8:00 Advanced Students will demonstrate their skills harnessing and driving teams under the guidance of instructors. Novice student will demonstrate their skills harnessing and driving.
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:30(ish) Demonstration- Doug will show how he starts ground driving a young horse.
- 1:00 -4:00: All student will demonstrate their new skills under the supervision of the instructors. Focus will be on the needs of the individual student. Teams can drive but must stay on main trails. Do not go off the property or down the paved road or side of the paved road. Trail Maps will be available and signs on trails.
- 4:30 Break down and clean up

### **Sunday August 18th:**

- 8:00 a.m.- Students will work with instructors on single, double and multiple horse hitching to show the versatility and adaptability of driving.
- 12:00- Lunch
- 12:30- 1:30- Focus will be on the needs of the individual student.
- 2:00- Break down and clean up.

Visitors are Welcome. ALL VISITORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO CHECK IN, SIGN A WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND A GUEST LIST. Come gather with us to watch and ask questions. Instructors will show different approaches to driving and difference in harnesses, and relate to students a wealth of information on the technique of driving.

**Thank you to all the volunteers and teamsters that made this clinic possible!**

**Thank you to Fantail Farm for the use of their facilities!**



**GROUND RULES:**

- 1) No smoking!! If you smoke, please stay out of the barns and away from lunch area, and please take care of your butts with you!! We will have a couple of Butt Buckets (with sand in them) for your butts. Thank you.
- 2) No dogs!!
- 3) No drones!
- 4) Visitors are NOT allowed on horse drawn vehicles.
- 5) No outdoor campfires for those camping. If you have a Solo Stove, that is ok. We have blocks you can put your stove upon if you desire.
- 6) NO HORSEPLAY, ROUGH HOUSING, ETC.
- 7) Do not enter pastures with free ranging horses without permission and unsupervised!

Campers! Please ask for help with the cowboy shower system the first time you use it.

Fences are electrified. Please use caution near them.

There are two handwash areas, at the main barn and near the lunch area.

There are trash cans located in several locations. If you see trash, please help us keep the areas clean, pick it up and dispose of it.

Take as many photos as you like.

If you see a hazard on the trail or anywhere, please bring it to our attention.