



**Tentative Class & Event Schedule  
Washington State Horse Park  
Cle Elum, WA  
July 19 -21, 2018**

**Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**

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| <b>2 pm</b>       | <b>Trainer check in</b>                       |
| <b>3:00pm—6pm</b> | <b>Vet Check and Body Conditioning Scored</b> |
| <b>6:30pm</b>     | <b>Trainer Meeting</b>                        |

**Equestrian Park—Arena #1 East ONLY**

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| <b>9 am</b> | <b>Arena open for warm up</b> |
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**Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Equestrian Park—Arena #3**

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| <b>9 am - 11:30 am</b> | <b>Handling Class—All Divisions</b>          |
| <b>Noon— 1:30 pm</b>   | <b>Youth and Adult In-Hand Pattern Class</b> |
| <b>2:00 pm—3:00pm</b>  | <b>Adult Riding Pattern Class</b>            |
| <b>4:00 pm</b>         | <b>“Meet the Mustangs”</b>                   |

Following the last competitor in the Pattern class, all available mustangs will be in the arena with their trainers. We invite the public to come to the rail and “meet the mustangs” who will be available for adoption. Feel free to ask lots of questions!

**Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Equestrian Park—Arena #1 East ONLY**

**8 am**                      *Arena open for warm up*

**Equestrian Park—Arena #3**

**9:00 am**                      **Obstacles Class**

**1:00 pm**                      **Mustang Education Q & A with Rob Sharp BLM Corral Manager  
Hines, Oregon**

**2:00 pm**                      **Preliminary Awards Presentation—All Divisions**

**2:30 - 3:30/4:00 pm**      **Showcasing the Horses Available for Adoption—Arena #3**  
Join MYWY Staff, trainers and all available mustangs for adoption. They will be showcasing "what they have learned" during the past 100 days in a relaxed style and not during competition. You can ask them To complete a maneuver or whatever else you may be interested in viewing.

**5:00 pm**                      **Freestyle Performances**  
After only 100 days of training, each competitor will perform a freestyle to showcase the versatility, trainability, and doptability of their mustangs! Each trainer has developed a 3 1/2 minute performance set to music.

**Approx. 7:30 pm**          **Adoption-Auction immediately following final awards presentation**  
Staff will be on site the duration of the event to approve interested bidders

JULY 19-21

CLE ELUM, WA

# 2018 MUSTANG

100 DAY WILD MUSTANG CHALLENGE

# MADNESS

WASHINGTON STATE HORSE PARK



 YOUTH IN HAND

 ADULT IN HAND  ADULT RIDING



**APPLY TODAY**

[WWW.MYWY.ORG](http://WWW.MYWY.ORG)

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### **Meet our Nation's Wild Horses at *Mustang Madness*, July 20-21, in Cle Elum, WA**

Are you or your kids “horse crazy?” Turn your love of horses into *Mustang Madness* on July 20-21 at the Washington State Horse Park in Cle Elum, WA (just over an hour's drive from the Greater Seattle area). This annual event, presented by nonprofit Mustang Yearlings/Washington Youth, will showcase through in-hand and riding more than two dozen previously wild Mustangs after only 100 days with their youth and adult “trainers.”

The public is invited to attend all events on both days (*see attached Schedule of Events*) and to learn about these remarkable wild horses, how they are gentled and where they still roam our public lands. There is no cost to attend. Included is a talk and Q&A session by BLM Wild Horse & Burro Specialist, Rob Sharp at 1PM on Saturday. On Friday and Saturday at 4PM, visitors can “Meet the Mustangs” up-close where youth and adult trainers will be available to answer questions and share their stories; a number of the Mustangs will be available for adoption. On Saturday at 5PM, the events will culminate in short performances set to music by each trainer to highlight their horse's versatility and special talents. This will be followed by a live-auction of the Mustangs that are available for adoption through this year's MYWY program.

Lani Salisbury from Sammamish, WA gentled her first Mustang, Confetti, when she was 13 following a difficult period where childhood illness kept her from attending school regularly. “Giving a kid a wild horse is a crazy idea,” she recalls, “But Confetti gifted me my life.” Lani talks thoughtfully about how hard it was as a young teen to go back to a new school following her illness, and compares it to the “hard stuff” her young Mustang had to adapt to “coming in from the wild.” Lani is certain of this, her Mustang “was the reason I healed.”

Now age 18, Lani is participating for a fourth time in the MYWY program with Prince, a stunning young [bay] gelding that she picked up just three months ago from the Bureau of Land

Management horse facility in Burns, OR. “When we unloaded him, I just sat and watched him,” says Lani. “I could just see from observing him how he was going to learn.” Lani’s participation in the program has taught her patience and above all, kindness. She says, “You can’t force these horses to do anything. They teach you to slow down and become grounded.”

Lani will participate with Prince in July’s Mustang Madness events along with 27 other youth and adult trainers. “He’s there to show himself off and I’m there to support him. We’ll be there as a team.” Lani, like many of the trainers, is excited to share her passion for Mustangs with the public during the event. “Mustangs are living legends of the wild west. They’re smart and sturdy; they’re just different...captivating.”

The most common question Lani hears when talking about her passion is, “What? There are still wild horses?” Yes, there are still wild horses and they are yours to discover at the Washington State Horse Park on July 20 & 21. All are welcome.

Those seeking to add one of these remarkable horses to their “herd” should plan to bring their trailer. New adopters must meet BLM requirements and have an approved BLM application which can be requested by emailing [theboard.mywy@gmail.com](mailto:theboard.mywy@gmail.com). BLM staff will be on site to approve applications. Those with pre-approved applications can also bid by phone and proxy.

Mustang Madness is a program of Mustang Yearlings/Washington Youth, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with a mission to promote and facilitate successful adoptions of the Bureau of Land Management wild mustangs through a training program for regional youth. To learn more about Mustang Madness or the organization, visit [www.mywy.org](http://www.mywy.org) or email [theboard.mywy@gmail.com](mailto:theboard.mywy@gmail.com).

The Washington State Horse Park is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with the mission to build, promote, operate and sustain the premier destination for horse activities in the Pacific Northwest. The 112 acre Horse Park opened in 2010 and hosts over 40 English and Western events each season. It is located off I-90 with easy access from all over the state. For more information, visit [www.wahorsepark.org](http://www.wahorsepark.org).

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