



CHA 2026 International Conference “Tentative” Schedule
Cheff Riding Center, Augusta, Michigan

Schedule is Subject to Change

Thursday, October 15, 2026

- 8:00am** ***Breakfast on Your Own (provided w/ hotel room)***
- 9:00am Registration and Vendor Tables Open ~ *(all day beverages served)*
- 10:00am Certifier Networking Brunch *(pre-registration required)*
- 12:00pm** ***Light Lunch Served***
- 1:00pm Roundtable Discussions ~ Beth Powers Moderator ~
 Giving Direction: Linking the Horse & Rider ~ Dr. Bob Coleman
 Things Will Slow Down After Busy Season: But They Don't ~ Celia King
 The Heart of Riding ~ Sanna Roling
 Volunteer: Where to Find Them & How to Keep Them ~ Melissa Howard
 Preventing Falls ~ Lisa Lombardi
 Barrel Racing/Pole Bending Lessons at All Levels ~ Amy Obringer
- 4:00pm** ***CHA Annual Membership Meeting ~ President Jennifer Eaton***
- 5:00pm** ***Regional Member Meetups ~***
- 6:00pm** ***Dinner on Your Own***

Friday, October 16, 2026 *(15 minute breaks between each session)*

- 7:00am** ***Breakfast on Your Own***
- 8:15am Registration & Vendor Tables Open ~ Cheff Riding Center
- 9:00am The Single Biggest Problem in Communication ~ Celia King
 Effective Seat Aids ~ Jo-Anne Young
 Ride With Your Whole Body ~ Holly Hanz-Ax
- 10:30am Treating Navicular ~ Rich Scoval
 Mounting/Dismounting Techniques ~ Tammi Gainer & Team
 Riding the Western Pattern ~ Dustin Boehmer
- 11:45am** ***Lunch Served***
- 12:00pm Keynote: Working Equitation: What Does it Mean: Incorporating into Your Lessons ~ Julie Goodnight
- 1:30pm Friendly.....But Still the Boss ~ Celia King
 Equicize: Mounted Exercises to Improve Rider Fitness ~ Sally Batton
 Canterng: Take the Lead: Change the Lead ~ Ingrid Pearson

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3:00 pm The Fishbowl Effect ~ Daniel Stewart
Improving Transitions ~ Katherine Berg
Saddle Fitting Techniques ~ Darrel Nephew

6:00pm “Boots & Bling” Evening Gathering @ Hotel

Saturday, October 17, 2026 *(15 minute breaks between each session)*

7:00am *Breakfast on your own (provided w/ hotel room)*

8:15am Registration & Vendor Tables Open ~ Cheff Riding Center

9:00am If You Want it Done Right, You Have to Do it Yourself....or Do You? ~ Celia King
Bold Brave Breakfast Bootcamp ~ Daniel Stewart
Therapeutic Riding Lesson: Does it Really Look Different? ~ Emily Fields & Diana Beardsley

10:30am Equine-Related Liabilities & Equine Activity Liability Acts: How They Work & How to Comply with
Them ~ Julie Fershtman
Need for Speed: Good to Gallop ~ Julie Goodnight
Chiropractic & Body Work ~ Dr. Rachel Wright

11:45am *Lunch Served*

12:00pm *Battle Creek Hunt Club Demonstration*

1:45pm Equine-Related Insurance Mistakes to Avoid ~ Julie Fershtman
Correctly Teaching the 3-loop Serpentine ~ Jo-Anne Young
Developing the Power Leg & 2-point Through Exercises ~ Sally Batton

3:00pm Thank you gathering: Raffle Basket Draw (Must be present to win!!)

7:00pm *Dinner on Your Own ~ Enjoy Kalamazoo while visiting with old & new friends!!!*

Happy Trails & Safe Journey Home!!!!