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Public Service Announcement
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Upcoming School for Horse Owners

Northwest Florida Equine Management School

The University of Florida, IFAS Northwest Florida Livestock Extension Agents will be offering a Short Course on horse management in four sessions. The sessions will begin on Mondays September 14 and 28, October 12 and 26, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm central time each night. This program is being offered at 13 sites in Florida and 3 sites in Alabama. The course will be offered as a live interactive video conference and will be available at the Okaloosa County Extension Office, 5479 Old Bethel Rd., Crestview, FL 32536. The registration fee for the course is \$40 per farm (one set of reference books) and \$10 each additional person. The registration deadline is Monday, September 7, 2009.

The course will cover: Signs of a Healthy Horse, Preventive Health Care, Forage That Works Well in Horse Pastures, Nutritional Requirements, Poisonous Weed Control, Weed I.D. in Pastures and Safety for Horses, Equine Emergencies, First Aid, Fencing and Layout of Barns. See the flyer (listing all sites) at <http://okaloosa.ifas.ufl.edu/AgNews/EquineFlyer2009.pdf> and registration form at <http://okaloosa.ifas.ufl.edu/AgNews/EquineRegistration.pdf>. Register at the site most convenient or call the Okaloosa County Extension Office at 850-689-5850 for more details and a registration form. This is a great opportunity to learn from Extension Agents, UF, IFAS Specialists and Equine Veterinarians. Do not miss this opportunity to get some new ideas to use on your operation.

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