

TTouch Training for Horses
Bitterroot Ranch near Dubois, WY
June 11-16, 2018
Teacher: Mandy Pretty



Training location:

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Arrive: Arrival and departure are on Sundays.

Plan to arrive at the ranch before dark on Sunday, June 10. Refreshments are served around 6:30 PM with dinner being served at 7:00 PM.

Departure: Plan your departure after breakfast on Sunday, June 17.

Training Schedule: Monday, June 11 through Saturday, June 16 daily from 9:00 AM until 5:30 PM. We will be in session for six days with one afternoon off for a trail ride.

Tuition: \$855.00 before April 17, 2018 (tuition has to be paid in full), and \$950.00 after. Pay to Tellington TTouch Training.

A **\$300.00** deposit is due at the time of registration to hold a space in the class. The balance is due 30 days prior to the start of the training. **Please note, if you pay your deposit with a credit card, the balance will automatically be charged to the same card 30 days prior to the start of the class unless you request otherwise.*

Three ways to Register:

- Online at www.ttouch.com select *Trainings & Workshops, Register for an Event*
- Mail a check to our office made payable to Tellington TTouch Training and note the course session in the memo line.
- Call our office to pay with your Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover card.

Lodging: \$1,300.00 includes a shared cabin for seven nights, all meals including dinner on arrival day and breakfast on departure morning, and a 10% gratuity for the staff of servers and wranglers. There are a few single accommodations available for an additional \$300. Please contact Bitterroot Ranch to book a single.

Lodging fees are to be paid to: Bitterroot Ranch
PO Box 807
Dubois, WY 82513
or call Hadley at 307-455-2778 hadley@equitours.com

Checks should be made payable to **Equitours**. Visa, Master Card and Discover are accepted. A \$300.00 deposit is required with balance due 45 days before arrival.

Tellington TTouch Training Cancellation Policy: Tellington TTouch Training reserves the right to cancel a session if necessary because of circumstances beyond our control or when enrollment is deemed insufficient. In this case all payments you have made will be refunded – whether deposit only or full tuition amount. We recommend that you purchase flight and hotel insurance for each event for which you register.

Tellington TTouch Training Participant Cancellation Policy: For cancellations made more than 30 days in advance of the training, a refund will be given minus a \$100.00 administration fee. No refunds are possible for cancellations less than 30 days prior to the start of the training. If you have to cancel, \$300.00 is nonrefundable but you may apply the rest of the deposit to another training that must be attended within one year of your cancellation date.

About Tellington Training for Horses at Bitterroot Ranch:

In this hands-on training, participants will learn how to Educate and Re-educate Horses with positive, low-stress tools that can be applied to solve problems on the ground and under saddle. This approach to training emphasizes the development of trust and partnership between horse and rider. For over 25 years this annual event has attracted horse people of all levels, from experienced competitors to newcomers to the horse world. Each participant will work with horses that are appropriate, interesting, and safe for their individual level of experience.

During this week, more experienced participants may have the opportunity to school young horses who are quiet, but have had very little handling. Less experienced participants will learn the techniques on older horses that have their own issues and tendencies that need to be addressed.

You will learn the techniques of the Tellington TTouch Method to teach horses how to quietly navigate the Playground for Higher Learning with plastic, labyrinth, pick-up-sticks, and trotting poles. You will teach them to pick up their feet and stand quietly for grooming and saddling. You will introduce ground driving and lunging. The horses, in turn, learn to accept a rider without bucking or fear. These fundamental skills can be applied to horses of all ages.

This training is not necessarily geared to the professional horse person, but rather to the many horse owners and horse lovers who want to increase their communication skills with these animals. It is an effective, non-confrontational technique, particularly useful when starting a young horse or re-educating a horse. This year's training will be taught by Mandy Pretty.

Mandy Pretty is the daughter of Robyn Hood and niece of Linda Tellington-Jones. She worked at the Bitterroot Ranch for three years as a wrangler and assisted at Starting Young Horse Trainings and then carried on with the training of the young horses at the ranch. Since that time she has assisted Linda and Robyn at many trainings.

Mandy trains and teaches all breeds and disciplines full time incorporating TTEAM-Connect to train young horses and re-school older horses alike. In addition to training at her parents' Icelandic Horse Farm, she is following in her mother's footsteps and is offering her services for clinics organized at other locations featuring Tellington TTouch Training (aka TTEAM) and Connected Riding elements. Besides assisting Robyn throughout Europe, South Africa, Australia, and North America; she has taught independently in Mexico and Australia in addition to various USA states and Canadian provinces.

Her clinics focus on creating a positive experience for horse and rider, while improving performance without compromising physical, emotional, or mental well being. Mandy is an exceptional teacher for both horses and people.

SUNDAY: Arrive at the Bitterroot Ranch in the afternoon. Meet your fellow participants and teachers and enjoy a wonderful meal together.

MONDAY: The group will begin in the cozy lodge for a short introduction of the philosophy and theory behind the Tellington TTouch Method. From there you will meet the horses that you will be working with over the week. A lesson in observation will enable you to see horses with new eyes as you become a detective in uncovering postural tendencies and habits that influence behavior and performance on the ground and under saddle. Begin to learn some of the simple yet powerful Tellington TTouch bodywork techniques that will begin to change these habits by releasing tension, increasing cooperation, and improving trust at the cellular level.

TUESDAY: Add to your repertoire of Bodywork skills and then practice your Groundwork in the Playground for Higher Learning the Tellington TTouch obstacle course that improves, balance, communication, concentration and self-control through simple yet powerful understood exercises.

WEDNESDAY: Learn about the power of the Tellington TTouch Body wraps for horses and riders first hand. Experiment with different configurations on your horses as well as yourself to experience the power of enhanced proprioception in reducing pain, increasing mobility, and improving body awareness. Continue working with horses on the ground and adding to your Problem-Solving toolbox.

THURSDAY: Learn about ground driving, first from the chest and then with a second line attached to the halter as an invaluable tool for starting youngsters and re-educating older horses or as the beginning of teaching a horse to drive. Youngsters will be introduced to the saddle and pad. Spend the afternoon on a spectacular trail ride or enjoy a lesson in the Joy of Riding using some of the Tellington TTouch riding equipment in the arena.

FRIDAY: Expand on the Playground for Higher Learning with the addition of plastic while learning how to familiarize rather than desensitize in low-stress, successful steps that can be applied in many problem-solving situations.

SATURDAY: Take the opportunity to check in with any skills you want clarified from the week's various lessons. Young horses will be backed, if suitable for the individual horse, and participants will have the opportunity to request extra demonstrations or explanations.

SUNDAY: Departure after breakfast.

Airports: Jackson Airport and the Riverton Airport.

The Jackson Airport serves the town of Jackson Hole. Flights into Riverton are generally cheaper. Whether you choose Riverton or Jackson, you will need to make your reservations early because flights book quickly. It is about a two-hour drive from either airport to Bitterroot Ranch.

Travel to the Bitterroot Ranch from the Airports

1) Van pick up: The former person who did the van pick ups has discontinued but the ranch is trying to find a new service. Please contact us if you would like to get a van ride to the ranch and we can let you know if the ranch has found a new person.

2) Rent a car: Car rental may prove less expensive and is recommended by the Bitterroot Ranch. The TTouch office will put you in touch with other participants flying into Jackson or Riverton if you would like to share a car. If at all possible, plan to arrive early at the airport - before 2:00. It will be better to wait than to try to get a ride at a late hour.

Driving: You are encouraged to arrive at the ranch before dark because the 16 miles from the main road can be very confusing after dark.

Driving from Jackson: Travel 10 miles East of DuBois and turn left on East Fork Road, (marked with a large sign for the Lawyer's College and a small Bitterroot Ranch sign facing the highway). Travel 16 miles on dirt road (East Fork). Ranch is the last ranch on the East Fork Road, before going into the National Forest.

Driving from Riverton: When you see the sign "DuBois, 11 miles", travel one mile and turn right on East Fork Road (marked with a large sign for the Lawyer's College and a small Bitterroot Ranch sign facing the highway).

Travel 16 miles on dirt road (East Fork). Ranch is the last ranch on the East Fork Road, before going into the National Forest.
(See the map enclosed for an overview of the region.)

At the Ranch, park in designated areas only to protect your car from livestock. Do not leave any cars near your cabin. Horses will chew the paint on cars!

Weather & Clothing: The weather can range from t-shirt mild through rain and cold – typical "in-the-mountains" weather. Bring layers of clothing, rain gear and footwear appropriate for dry and wet weather. Dress is casual. Remember your boots and helmet for riding. The Ranch provides saddles and also has helmets available for use. There will always be drinking water available, but we recommend that you bring a water bottle that you can re-fill. The altitude will tend to dehydrate you, so you should drink more water than usual.

Equipment:

TTouch Wand, 4' White Dressage Whip
TTouch Zephyr lead.

The wand and lead are essential items for a Tellington TTouch training. If you have them, bring them with you. If you do not have a wand and lead, they will be available for sale at the clinic.

If you have any other TTouch equipment, i.e., TTouch driving lines, Balance Rein, Lindell or Ace bandages, it would very helpful to have them on hand.

Please be sure your items are well marked for easy identification.

Equipment, videos and books will be available for purchase.

Required Reading: Before attending the training, we suggest that you read Linda's book, "The Ultimate Training and Behavior Book." It is suggested that you view the DVD "Solving Riding Problems with TTEAM - From the Ground". If you purchase a second TTEAM DVD (except for "Starting A Young Horse") prior to the training, you may receive 50% discount on that DVD. These items may be purchased on our web site: www.TellingtonTTouch.com or call the Tellington TTouch office in ND to place your order. Phone: 866-813-8169 (Tuesday through Friday)
If you are a first-time student, we will send you the "TTouch of Magic for Horses" DVD free at the time of sign up. Please watch it before you come to the training.

Note: TTEAM is an acronym of "Tellington TTouch Equine Awareness Method." Since this article (or book or DVD) was written, the brand name for all the facets of the TTouch organization is Tellington TTouch® for Horses.

Please be sure to fill out and return the Data Sheet on the following page and return it to the office at least one month before the training. The TTouch office must have your emergency contact number as well as your travel information. Thank you!



Tellington TTouch® Training

Tellington TTouch Method for Horses Bitterroot Ranch, near Dubois, Wyoming – June 11-16, 2018 Data Sheet

Please complete this data sheet and return it to the TTouch Office
no later than one month before the training begins. Thank You!

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____ email _____

Accommodations: There are either two to three people per cabin. If you know someone you would like to room with, please indicate that person (s):

Roommate _____

I want a private room, agree to an extra charge, and I understand that availability may be limited and that I will contact Bitterroot Ranch directly

Transportation:

I am flying into: Riverton Airport _____ Jackson Airport _____

Arrival Date _____ Airline & Flight # _____ Time _____

Departure Date _____ Airline & Flight # _____ Time _____

I will be renting a car: Yes _____ No _____

I am willing to share my rental car (y/n) _____ with (#) _____ people

I would like a ride in a rental car/ private car & share expenses: Yes _____ No _____

I will be driving _____

I will be driving and can pick up a passenger(s)(number)

from Riverton _____ from Jackson _____

Anticipated arrival time at the airport _____

Emergency Contact: Name & Phone:
