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Groom Elite Workforce Preparation Class Set for Oct. 16-20 in Kentucky



The Basic Horse Handling and Care (Basic Grooming -99) Workforce Preparation Class will be conducted at Kenny McPeck's Magdalena Farms in Lexington, Kentucky, on October 16-20.

The first such class, held in April, was a success with every participant that was interested in employment offered a job within six weeks of completing the program. This class is designed to prepare people for entry level jobs in the racing industry or any business where horses are handled daily. Also targeted are individuals that may have recently acquired a retired race-horse (or other equine) and are interested in learning the basics for horse handling and care. Experienced horsepeople interested in learning how to teach horse behavior and handling to those that may have never worked with horses before are also invited to attend. This class serves as a first step to becoming a certified Groom Elite Instructor.

Class will be conducted from 8:00 AM until Noon with 2 hours of classroom and 2 hours of hands on practice. On Friday participants will be evaluated and counseled with regard to their job readiness. Those seeking employment will be referred to potential employers with job openings. Tuition is \$199. A \$50 deposit will hold a spot until October 4 when the balance is due.

Those interested are encouraged to go to www.groomelite.com for more information and to register. Anyone without internet access is invited to call 859-252-8648 (Race for Education) or Dr. "Mac" at 859-321-4377 and sign up. Tuition assistance may be available to anyone out of work and interested in applying for a job upon completion of this class. This workforce preparation class is sponsored in part by contributions from Thoroughbred Charities of America, The Jockey Club, TOBA and National HBPA.

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