

ATTENTION!

The Level 3 Course that you have registered for is a **CERTIFICATION** course. Although there are many learning opportunities during the course, the intent and focus is on the successful completion of the Certification Exams. Like any Certification or Exam process, you **MUST BE PREPARED**. If you show up having not practiced the required protocol procedures or necessary skills, your chances of passing the exams will be minimal. It makes little difference whether you have been using ELPO Hoofcare principles for 1 year or 10 years. Everyone needs to prepare themselves using the current ELPO Accepted Protocols. The ELPO Live Sole & Hoof Mapping Protocol is the basis for every other protocol and every exam. It is more than just drawing lines on feet. It is a road map or a blue print of where you are at and where you are going from a foot balance and foot function perspective. Every evaluation of your ability to recognize hoof distortions, achieving balance, and insuring good foot function is based from your accuracy and proficiency in successful live sole identification and hoof mapping. **Everyone who attends this course should completely and successfully map out and evaluate a MINIMUM of 2 to 3 horses per day for a 2 month period prior to their certification course.** Closely following the steps in the ELPO Hoof Trimming and the ELPO Shoeing protocols in every horse you work on for that same 2 month period will also be necessary to insure the accuracy and time proficiency required to pass both the Barefoot Trimming & Shoeing certifications. You will only have 90 minutes to successfully complete the Practical Barefoot Trimming Exam & 2 ½ hours to complete the Practical Shoeing Exam. As a rule of thumb, if you take your average trimming and shoeing times with completely mapping out each foot, and double that time, it might be close to representing the amount of time it will take during the exam. You will be required to describe distortions that exist in the foot and explain what you are doing through each phase of the exam, which takes quite a bit of time. The feet you will be working on here in Colorado will likely be very hard, so exfoliation can take up to 20 minutes per foot, especially if you normally work in softer environments and you are not accustomed to dry, hard feet. The forging skills you will be asked to perform require an equal amount of preparation and practice time. Many people have failed because they did not possess the required forging and shoe modification skills.

For the written portion of the exam, you should review the Natural Balance videos, study guide DVD's, and anatomy sheets. It would be beneficial to look through these videos 2 to 3 times, as they contain a lot of information. If you have the newer "Natural Balance Hoof Care" book and DVD set, that will be an excellent reference for the material covered in the written exam, as it is the more recently published work available. We will review a lot of the material that will be on the written exam during the lecture the first night of the course; however it should be looked at as only a review and a time to ask for clarification or get questions answered.

You are investing a lot of time and money into attending this course and we want you to be successful in earning the Certifications that are offered. If you take the time to practice, show up prepared, and be efficient with your time during the exams, you will stand a much better chance of achieving your goals.



Equine Lameness Prevention Organization, Inc

P.O. Box 674

Penrose, CO 81240-0674

www.e-hoofcare.com - info@e-hoofcare.com

~ A Non-Profit Organization ~

Dear ELPO Course Participant,

We are looking forward to your upcoming attendance at the Level 3 Advanced Farrier Course. Enclosed with this letter you will find a few documents that will help familiarize you with the course. I have also enclosed a brochure about the Equine Lameness Prevention Organization (ELPO) with which this event is sponsored and conducted through. The E.L.P.O. is a group that is dedicated to providing educational opportunities to horse owners, farriers, veterinarians, and trainers that promote progressive treatment and prevention of equine lameness. The organization is directed by an advisory group of equine professionals and experts that share the same passion and goals for the future of the horse industry. As a progressive organization, the primary focus at this time is in the field of hoof care, and more specifically the ELPO Accepted Principles and Guidelines for Hoof Care. We have all worked together to develop an educational format that offers training opportunities to horse enthusiasts and professionals of any level. The E.L.P.O is also the group that will offer Certification opportunities for Barefoot Trimmers and Farriers through the various courses offered. Once you reach a certain level of certification, you will become a member of the ELPO. The benefits that go along with membership will be discussed more at the L3 Course.

In preparation for the course and subsequent certification exams, I have enclosed a DVD that will give you an overview of basic Shoeing, as well as the forging modifications you will be asked to perform. There is also a DVD on the most recent Hoof Mapping & Trimming Protocol and a Lecture DVD that is included will be similar to what is covered the first evening of the course, but the more times you can review that the better you will be prepared for the written exam. On the ELPO Website, (under the EDUCATION tab) there is a study guide packet that includes some anatomy overview and the details of the ELPO Hoof Mapping, Barefoot Trimming, and Shoeing protocols that will be followed in detail. It is **very important** that you are familiar with all of these protocols prior to attending the course. It is especially important to **practice the Live Sole - Hoof Mapping** protocol so that you are familiar with all of the lines and basic steps of exfoliation. If you have questions about the hoof mapping or any of the protocols, we will review them in detail during the course. Never the less, you should practice all of the skills (practical and forging) that will be required, and you should familiarize yourself with the anatomy sheets.

Other recommendations in preparing for the certification would be to review the "Natural Balance Hoof Trimming" and "Natural Balance Shoeing" video series. The basics covered in those videos are some of the core guidelines of the ELPO Protocols. We have added more detail to the hoof mapping, but ALL of the information covered in those videos will be useful in the practical and written exams. If you do not have one or both of these videos, please let us know and we will send you a copy. The new "Natural Balance Hoof Care" education set is another resource that is the most current and up-to-date information available.

If you have any questions about the course or anything else, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Cody Ovnicek

Hoof Care Courses

Brought to You by: **The Equine Lameness Prevention Organization, Inc.**

Effective Date: January 1, 2010

| | L1-Intro/Demo | L1-Basic Trimming | L2-Adv. Trimming | L3-Adv. Farriery | L4-Advanced Lameness |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| # Days | 1 | 2 | 2.5 | 3.5 | 4.5 |
| Open to? | ALL | * No Trimming Experience Required (but is helpful). | Professional Trimmers & Farriers (No Beginners) | ‡ Must Complete L2 Course Professional Farrier at Least 1 Year | CNBF Certification Required Professional Farrier at Least 2 Year |
| Format | Lecture & Demos | Lecture, Demo & Hands-On | Lecture, Demo & Hands-On | Lecture, Demo & Hands-On | Lecture, Demo & Hands-On |
| Certification Opportunity | None | None | LS-HM Certification BT Certification | LS-HM Certification BT Certification | CLS Certification |
| Topics of Discussion | - Intro to Hoof Form & Function - Recognize Deformity - Hoof Mapping - Live Sole (M/L & A/P Balance) - Navicular Related Lameness - Emergency Care (First Aide) - *Equine Metabolic Syndrome - *Trim/Shoe Overview | - Intro to Hoof Form & Function - Detailed Anatomy/Physiology - Recognize Deformity - Hoof Mapping - Live Sole (M/L & A/P Balance) - Navicular Related Lameness - Hoof Trimming Instruction - Ethics/Professionalism - *Emergency Care (First Aide) - *Equine Metabolic Syndrome | - Intro to Hoof Form & Function - Detailed Anatomy/Physiology - Recognize Deformity - Hoof Mapping - Live Sole (M/L & A/P Balance) - Navicular Related Lameness - Hoof Trimming Instruction - Ethics/Professionalism - *Emergency Care (First Aide) | - Advanced Hoof Form/Function - Detailed Anatomy/Physiology - Recognize Deformity - Hoof Mapping (Advanced) - Live Sole (M/L & A/P Balance) - Navicular Related Lameness - Horse Motion Analysis - Biomechanical Efficiency - Emergency Care (First Aide) - Ethics/Professionalism | - Advanced Hoof Form/Function - Detailed Anatomy/Physiology - Recognize Deformity - Hoof Mapping (Advanced) - Live Sole (M/L & A/P Balance) - Navicular Related Lameness - Laminitis/Founder - Other Common Lamenesses - Emergency Care (First Aide) - Equine Metabolic Syndrome - Ethics/Professionalism |
| Demos | - Barefoot Trimming - Shoeing - First Aide for Laminitis | - Barefoot Trimming - *First Aide for Laminitis | - Barefoot Trimming - *First Aide for Laminitis | - Barefoot Trimming - Shoeing | - Adv. Distortion Evaluation - Adv. Lameness - Case Study Documentation |
| Hands-On | None | - Trimming (Cadaver Feet) - Trimming (Normal Feet) | - Trimming (Normal Feet) - Trimming (Distorted) | - Trim/Shoe (Normal/Distorted) - Trim/Shoe (Minor Lameness) - *Major Lameness Treatment | - Trim/Shoe (Minor Lameness) - Major Lameness Treatment - Exotic Treatment Options - Dissection/Anatomy Lab |
| Cost/Tuition | \$50/person \$75/couple | \$300 (First Time) \$225 (Each Time Thereafter) | \$325 (First Time) \$250 (Each Time Thereafter) | \$425 (First Time) \$350 (Each Time Thereafter) | \$525 (First Time) \$450 (Each Time Thereafter) |
| Audit Fee | N/A | \$150 (Space Limited) | \$200 (Space Limited) | N/A | N/A |
| Meals? | Lunch Included | Lunch Included (2 Days) | Lunch Included (2 Days) | Lunch Included (3 Days) | Lunch Included (4 Days) |

* - Optional Topics May or May Not Be Covered

‡ - All Courses are Taught by Qualified ELPO Instructor.

‡ - Attending an ELPO Sponsored 3Day Clinic or an ELPO Qualified Course also permits attendance into a Level 3 Course

‡ - If you are only interested in Barefoot Trimming, barefoot horses will be provided for you while others are shoeing.

Equine Lameness Prevention Organization

Certification Program - Overview

Live Sole – Hoof Mapping Certification (LS-HM Certified) {50 Points Total}

1. **Practical Test {30 Points Possible}** (Criteria is as follows – see Study Criteria Sheet for Details)
 - a. Work conducted on 1 Horse (all 4 feet).
 - b. Identify Hoof Deformities (*If Any Exist*)
 - c. Locate and Identify the Live Function Sole
 - d. Accurately Map Out the Foot
2. **Written Test {20 Points Possible}**
 - a. Test knowledge will include:
 - i. All Ways to Locate WPOF
 - ii. Recognize Deformities (From Drawings)
 - iii. Approximate Location of the Tip of the Coffin Bone
 - iv. Defining Live Sole & Relationship to the Distal Border of the Coffin Bone
 - v. Locate all part of the foot
 - vi. Ethics/Professionalism

Certified Barefoot Trimmer (CBT) {70 Points Total}

1. **Practical Test {40 Points Possible}** (Criteria is as follows – see Study Criteria Sheet for Details)
 - a. Work conducted on 1 Horse (all 4 feet).
 - b. Pre-Trimming Evaluation: Determine Heel-First, Flat or Toe-First Landing; as well as overall comfort and soundness
 - c. Accurately accomplish all tasks of the LS-HM Certification #1
 - d. Trim hoof for being left barefoot according the ELPO Hoof Trimming Protocol (*Study Criteria*)
 - e. Post-Trimming Evaluation: Determine Heel-First, Flat or Toe-First Landing; as well as overall comfort and soundness
2. **Written Test {30 Points Possible}**
 - a. Test knowledge will include:
 - i. All Items Previously covered in LS-HM Certification
 - ii. Correct chronological order of trimming process
 - iii. Identification of different hoof types (club, underrun, neg. plane, etc.)
 - iv. Recommendations of barefoot horse husbandry
 - v. Ethics/Professionalism

Certified ELPO Farrier (CLPF) {100 Points Total}

1. **Practical Test {50 Points Possible}** (Criteria is as follows – see Study Criteria Sheet for Details)
 - a. Work conducted on 1 Horse (all 4 feet).
 - b. Pre-Shoeing Evaluation: Determine Heel-First, Flat or Toe-First Landing; as well as overall comfort and soundness
 - c. Accurately accomplish all tasks of the LS-HM Certification #1
 - d. Shoe the horse according the ELPO Shoeing Protocol (*Study Criteria*)
 - e. Post-Shoeing Evaluation: Determine Heel-First, Flat or Toe-First Landing; as well as overall comfort and soundness
2. **Written Test {35 Points Possible}**
 - a. Test knowledge will include:
 - i. All Items Previously covered in LS-HM Certification & CBT test
 - ii. Correct chronological order of shoeing process
 - iii. Identification of different hoof types (club, underrun, neg. plane, etc.)
 - iv. Selection of proper shoe style, model, material

- v. Ethics/Professionalism
- 3. **Forging Skills Test {15 Points Possible}**
 - i. Modify keg shoe of choice to meet ELPO specifications
 - ii. Modify NB Front - *Narrow to fit either boxy type front foot or broad-toed hind foot*
 - iii. Modify NB Hind - *Broaden to fit either boxy type front foot or broad-toed hind foot*
 - iv. Pull Quarter or Side Clips on NB Shoe

Testing Procedures:

1. At present time, the testing to become certified at any level will be done during set courses offered through the ELPO. Future testing events & locations may become available; however qualified ELPO Examiners must be further established before that option will be available.
2. You must proclaim your desire to test and at what level at the start of the course, as your skills and knowledge will be reviewed throughout the course.
3. You must complete each Certification in the order listed. That means that in order to become a certified farrier, you will have already needed to pass the LS-HM Certification and the Barefoot Trimming Certification.
4. With the exception of the LS-HM Certification, all certification tests require at least 1 horse in its entirety be worked on. This “complete” horse will be worked on near the end of the course. The other feet that you work on during acclimation days will be evaluated closely as well but not graded. Never the less, a complete use of the required protocol should ALWAYS on every foot you work during the course.
5. There will be a short written test that will primarily be Multiple Choice, however we may have a few questions that are “fill in the blank” or short sentence answers. You will have approximately 60 Minutes to complete this exam.
6. As mentioned above, the practical exam requires to work on one complete horse (4 feet) by yourself. Reasonable time limits for each exam have been set to accurately measure your level of proficiency and professionalism. LS-HM Certification (60 Minutes), Barefoot Trimmer Certification (90 Minutes), & Farrier Certification (2.5 Hours).
7. Before or during the Practical Test (hands-on test), the person testing should be able to answer questions regarding why a particular tool/product is being used or not being used based upon the particular needs of the horse.
8. Final Certification Score will be a combination of points earned from each section of the exam. Next to each certification description, there is a Total number of “Points” that can be earned through the examination process. After each section (Practical, Written, etc.), there is a Maximum number of “Points” that can be earned during that part of the exam. The combined “Points” earned from each section will be your Total Points. Passing scores are as follows:
 - a. LS-HM Certification = 38 Points (out of 50)
 - b. Barefoot Trimmer Certification = 53 Points (out of 70)
 - c. Farrier Certification = 75 Points (out of 100)
 - d. **Exception:** *Receiving lower than a 70% on the Written or Practical Exam will constitute a Failing grade on the entire Certification Exam, regardless of the Total Points earned.*

L3 – Advanced Farriery

- Certification Course -

Schedule of Events

Wednesday - (*Dinner is not provided so please eat prior to evening lecture*)

~ 6:00 PM – Discussion – ELPO/Course/Certification Overview

~ LECTURES

- Advanced/Detailed Anatomy & Foot Function
- * Detailed Hoof Evaluation & What the Foot Tells Us!
- * How Tension & Suspension Play a Role in Hoof Conformation

Thursday

~ 8:30 AM – Hoof Trimming Demo

~ 10:00 AM – Trimming Hands-On (*Practice + Q&A Time*)

~ 12:00 PM – LUNCH (Provided by the ELPO)

~ 1:00 PM – Shoeing Demonstrations

~ 2:00 PM – Shoeing Hands-On (*Practice + Q&A Time*)

~ 5:00 PM – End for Day

Friday

~ 8:30 AM – Hoof Trimming Practical Exam

~ 8:30 AM – Practical Forging for farrier certification (For those not Trimming)

~ 12:00 PM – LUNCH (Provided by the ELPO)

~ 1:00 PM – Hoof Trimming Practical Exam

~ 1:00 PM - Practical Forging for farrier certification (For those not Trimming)

~ 5:00 PM – End for Day

Saturday

~ 8:30 AM - Shoeing Practical Exam

~ 10:30 AM - Written Test for those not Shoeing

~ 12:00 PM – LUNCH (Provided by the ELPO)

~ 1:00 PM – Shoeing Practical Exam

~ 1:00 PM - Written Test for those not Shoeing

~ 4:00 PM – Certification Results (Course Ends)

*(*Times & Lecture Topics may vary slightly, but this general schedule will be followed.)*

If you have any questions, please call Cody at (719) 372-7463

Directions from Colorado Springs Airport to Penrose, CO

1. As you exit the airport, you will continue straight through 2 stoplights. At the 3rd Stop light, you will turn Left (South) on Academy Blvd.
2. Once on Academy Blvd., you will continue south and then road curves to the west and you will pass under Interstate 25. Continue on Academy past I-25 for about 2 Miles. You will pass over Hwy 115 and take an immediate left at the light to get on the entrance ramp for Hwy 115 (heading south toward Canon City). (If you pass the Safeway grocery store, you went too far.)
3. Once on State Hwy 115, you will stay on the road for about 28 miles to Penrose.
4. As you come into Penrose, the road turns to a divided 4 lane hwy. You will pass a Used Car lot on the right side of the road (the corner of Hwy 115 & 4th Street). After you pass the car lot, you will want to be in the left hand lane because you will make a U-Turn at the next street (6th Street). If you see a restaurant called the Gooseberry Patch, then you know you are at the right street. After you make the U-Turn you will be heading North on Hwy 115 for about ¼ mile. Our driveway is the first one you come to and will have a big black mailbox at the end. Once you come in the Driveway, you will see the EDSS shop to the right.

If you are coming From Pueblo or Canon City

1. Take Hwy 50 to the Penrose Exit (also exit for Hwy 115 to Florence/Colorado Springs) and head north.
2. Continue north on Hwy 115 for about 2 miles. You will pass a restaurant called the Gooseberry Patch by about ¼ mile. Our driveway is the first one you come to and will have a big black mailbox at the end. Once you come in the Driveway, you will see the EDSS shop to the right.

Hotels & Motels in Canon City & Florence, Colorado Area

Best Western Royal Gorge

1925 Fremont Dr

Canon City, CO 81212

Phone: 719-275-3377

Summer Rates: \$71/single - \$80/double

Heated pool, hot tub, mini-golf. Large family rooms available. Microwaves, refrigerators, in-room coffee

Comfort Inn

311 Royal Gorge Blvd.

Canon City, CO 81212

Phone: 719-276-6900

Summer: \$67/double

Winter: \$43/double

Comp. Contl. Breakfast, indoor pool, hot tub, in-room coffee, cable TV with HBO

Holiday Inn Express

110 Latigo Lane

Canon City, CO 81212

Phone: 719-275-7795 - Toll-free: 877-422-6665 - FAX: 719-276-0101

Summer: \$125/double

Winter: about \$80/double

Complimentary continental breakfast, indoor pool, indoor hot tub, fitness room, queen beds, handicap rooms.

Knotty Pine Motel

2990 E Main St.

Canon City, CO 81212

Phone: 719-275-0461

Summer: \$53/single - \$63/double

Winter: \$42/single - \$52/double

Country atmosphere, city conveniences, rooms and kitchenettes, budget rates

Parkview Motel

231 Royal Gorge Blvd.

Canon City, CO 81212

Phone: 719-275-0624 - FAX: 719-275-0624

New rooms, cable TV, HBO, efficiency, family rooms, restaurant, across train and river station

Quality Inn & Suites
3075 E. Hwy 50
Canon City, CO 81212
Phone: 719-275-8676 - Toll-free: 800-525-7727
Summer: \$81/double
Winter: \$72/double

Full service hotel-hot tubs-Bar & Grill -room service-outdoor heated pool.

Royal Gorge Inn
217 N Raynolds
Canon City, CO 81212
Phone: 719-269-1100 - Toll-free: 866-495-8403 - FAX: 719-275-8030
Summer: \$69/single - \$79/double
Winter: Not Sure but probably lower

An Inn where you will find comfort and relaxation. Free Continental Breakfast, cable TV, refrigerator

Super 8 – Canon City
209 North 19th Street
Canon City, CO 81212
Phone: 719-275-8687
Summer: \$66/single - \$70/double

Super 8 – Florence
4540 Hwy 67
Florence, CO 81226
Phone: 719-784-4800
Summer: \$61/single - \$75/double
Winter: \$44/single - \$60/double

Travel Inn
2980 E Main
Canon City, CO 81212
Phone: 719-275-9125 - FAX: 719-269-1489

Cable TV, HBO, phone, kitchenettes, picnic area, mini golf, heated pool, hot tub, coffee, donuts

Riviera Inn
136 E Front St
Florence, CO 81212
Phone: 719-784-6570
Summer: \$45/single

Refrigerator, microwave, cable TV in each room, clean, quiet area. Friendly service



Equine Lameness Prevention Organization, Inc
P.O. Box 674 ~ Penrose, CO 81240-0674
www.e-hoofcare.com - support@e-hoofcare.com - (719) 372-7299

2010 Course Registration Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Address2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Country (if other than USA): _____

Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ E-mail: _____

Occupation: Farrier (Part-Time or Full-Time) Trimmer (Part-Time or Full-Time) Vet Horse Owner/Other

If a Farrier/Trimmer/Vet, for how long (Experience)?: _____ Have you been to a previous ELPO Clinic?: _____

Which of these Books/Videos do you own?: "Natural Balance Hoof Care" Book NB Hoof Trimming Video NB Shoeing Video

Course Details:

Full Payment is Required to Reserve your Spot on the Course List.

Your name **WILL NOT** be placed on the list until this Registration Form is Received by the ELPO Office!

_____ Level 1 Intro Course - Start Date: _____ - (\$50/person or \$75/couple): Amount: \$ _____

_____ Level 1 Basic Trim Course - Start Date: _____ - (\$300/person for first time): Amount: \$ _____
- (\$225/person for 2nd time): Amount: \$ _____

_____ Level 2 Adv. Trim Course - Start Date: _____ - (\$325/person for first time): Amount: \$ _____
- (\$250/person for 2nd time): Amount: \$ _____

_____ Level 3 Adv. Farrier Course - Start Date: _____ - (\$425/person for first time): Amount: \$ _____
- (\$350/person for 2nd time): Amount: \$ _____

_____ Level 4 Lameness Course - Start Date: _____ - (\$525/person for first time): Amount: \$ _____
- (\$450/person for 2nd time): Amount: \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Payment Method: Cash Check # _____ Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, Amex)

CCard# _____ : _____ : _____ : _____ Exp. Date (mm/yy): _____ / _____ CVV# _____

(CVV# = 3 digit number on signature panel on back)

Registration Form & Full Tuition Cost MUST BE SENT at Least 4 Weeks Prior to Course Start Date!

Mail to the Address Above or Fax Credit Card Payments to: (719) 372-7272 (Make Checks Payable to: E.L.P.O.)