

**Connecting With Your Horse at Liberty Clinic**  
**Saturday, October 7th, 2017, 9am-5pm**  
**Location: England's Versatile Horsemanship**  
**1577 FM 1564 W, Caddo Mills, TX 75135**  
**\$225 for Participants, \$50 for Auditors, Lunch Included!**  
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**Discover an exciting new way to communicate with your horse and enjoy developing your connection together!**

**Liberty:**

*1. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views.*

*2. the power or scope to act as one pleases.*

*Synonyms: independence, freedom, autonomy, self-rule, free will, self determination.*

Man has long admired the grace, athleticism, power, prestige, riding a horse brings. Our society as we know it, comes from the domestic use of horses. For centuries they have been used as tools, a means to an end for getting jobs done. In today's world, this is no longer completely necessary. True, there are still some places where horses have a job to do, but for most of us, we look to the horse for more. We look for companionship, for the horse to share more than just his body, but to also let us know what he is thinking, what he is feeling.<sup>1</sup>

So we must ask the horse to share his thoughts and feelings. However, once we ask, we must be ready to accept the answer. Communication means a two part conversation. Not just one person making all of the decisions, and imposing their will on the other. If you had a friend how asked how you were feeling, but did not stop talking long enough for you to answer them, how would you feel? How long would you stay friends with someone who did not listen to you?

In our Connecting with Your Horse at Liberty clinic, Aaron England will begin by sharing the theory and background on the EVH approach to Liberty: Waiting on the Horse, and Mental Freedom. We hope you will discover an exciting new way to communicate with your horse and enjoy developing your connection together.

**The plan for the day:**

The clinic will start at 9AM, with everyone in the group in a class setting without horses. We will then break into two groups, the first group will be with their horses in the arena before lunch, with the afternoon group watching. After lunch the groups will switch. We encourage everyone to plan to arrive with enough time to get signed in and settled before the lessons start, and please plan not to leave until after the last lesson, in order to minimize disruptions for all participants and to get the most out of your day.

We will provide a catered lunch at noon before the afternoon lessons begin. There will also be snacks and plenty of water available for everyone. Briana asks if you will please recycle the water bottles. There will be special stations available to make this very convenient for you. Please be sure to let us know any special dietary or accessible needs such as Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten Free, trouble with long distances, or wheelchair use; we are happy to accommodate!

England's Versatile Horsemanship Ranch has a beautifully covered arena with seating, and we will also have some chairs on hand. There will be canopy's outside for shade and lunch will be set up inside the main barn. Most of what you might need we will be happy to provide, but just in case...

*You might want to bring:*

Hat and Sunglasses  
Bug spray and Sunscreen  
A comfy chair  
A notebook and pen  
Anything you use to stay cool or warm depending on the weather  
Halter  
Lead rope  
A communication tool (Dressage whip or stick)

We look forward to spending the day with you and your horse! If you have any questions or need anything please call the organizer, Briana, at 210-854-6803 or email at [Savvybumblebee@icloud.com](mailto:Savvybumblebee@icloud.com)

"Liberty tests the limits of communication. It gives the horse freedom to express how they feel about the relationship. It causes the human to stop and think more about the horses' point of view vs. forcing what you think the horse should know about what you're asking. It gives the horse more of an opinion and freedom to express themselves."

--Aaron England

Reference:

Spilker, I. (2009). *Empowered Horses*. North Pomfret, Vermont: Trafalgar Square Books