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Mark Your Calendar for the Bi-State Horse Workshop

URBANA – Midwest horse enthusiasts are encouraged to register for the Illinois/Wisconsin Bi-State Horse Workshop on Saturday, April 2, at the Kenosha County Center in Bristol, Wis.

A full-day program organized and sponsored by Illinois and Wisconsin Cooperative Extension will offer three tracts for participants to choose from including a trail riding tract, senior horse tract and advanced horseman tract.

Kevin Kline, U of I professor of animal sciences and Extension horse specialist, will discuss how to avoid poisonous plants and care for your horse's nutrition needs while trail riding. He will also address the topic of nutrition for the senior horse and performance horse during his breakout sessions.

"Horses have different nutritional needs according to their use," Kline said. "I'll share strategies for feeding performance horses to reduce heat load, encourage aerobic metabolism of fats and oils, and determining how to time feeding in relation to exercise routines to minimize stress."

Kline also plans to discuss how to adapt feedstuffs to the physical conditions of older horses.

"Older horses have more nutritional challenges because of poor teeth and poor absorption of nutrients," he said. "I'll present ways to overcome some of these challenges through your feeding program."

In addition to Kline, other presenters include Philip Burns, DVM, Elkhorn Vet Clinic; Ken Carpenter, Wisconsin State Horse Council; Kevin Nelson, DVM, Bristol Vet Service; and Liv Sandberg, University of Wisconsin Extension.

The program will begin at 8 a.m. and continue until 2:15 p.m. Lunch will be included with the program fees. The fees are \$35/person or \$60/2 people and a special fee for youth of \$15. The

registration deadline is March 28. Registration fees increase \$10 after the deadline. Space is limited due to room size, so workshop organizers encourage participants to register early.

Questions regarding registration should be directed to U of I Extension, Lake County in Grayslake at 847-223-8627. For a copy of the brochure or to register online, visit: <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/lake/>.

For general information on this program, please contact Liv Sandberg, University of Wisconsin Extension Equine Specialist at 608-263-4303 or e-mail sandberg@ansci.wisc.edu.

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