



# NRS Level 2 Roping Clinic Weekend Itinerary

## Overview of Level 2 "Getting Ready to Compete" Team Roping Clinic

This clinic is the natural progression for students coming out of the Level 1 clinic. However, you don't need to have attended the Level 1 clinic to attend the Level 2 clinic. It is important that you can already accomplish certain fundamentals before attending this clinic. Our goal with this clinic is to get novice ropers to a level where they are comfortable and ready to attend a pro instructor clinic such as Rickey, Walt, or Tyler. We have found that more experienced ropers are able to apply more of the highly technical aspects of roping that the "pros" teach and therefore, they make huge strides towards becoming great ropers at a pro clinic. A Level 2 student should already be able to rope the dummy fairly consistently, be able to walk up to a dummy horseback, in control, rope the dummy, ride up and take the rope off. He should be able to track a lead steer or a sled (Heel-O-Matic, etc.) at any speed, rope, kick back up, get a dally, and stop straight. Also, he should be able to put a rope on the steer in the chute, track the steer down the pen, and demonstrate that he can get a dally, stop the steer, and control his horse during this process. And lastly, he should be able to demonstrate some basic horsemanship skills such as being able to put your horse in a specific lead or being able to sidepass your horse. A roper at this level is now ready to work on catching more consistently, keep his horse good in the box, learn how to properly handle cattle, and learn how to make the corner. He can begin to develop more advanced horsemanship skills such as getting your horse behind the bit (flexing at the pole), moving off your leg, facing properly, stopping smoothly, etc. This is what we will concentrate on at the Level 2 clinic. It is 3 very full days, 70% of the time horseback. You will get the most out of this clinic if you already have a good, quiet, finished rope horse. You may lease a great lesson horse at the clinic if it is more convenient.

### Day 1

- 8:00 A.M. Breakfast at the Cookhouse (we will also use this time to take care of any administrative business)
- Review of our fundamentals from Level 1 Clinic
- 8:50 A.M. Pictures
- 9:00 A.M. Opening lecture – "Getting Ready To Compete"
- 9:30 A.M. Groundwork roping the dummies
- 10:15 A.M. Saddle horses & warmup
- 10:45 A.M. Rope stationary dummies horseback
- 12:00 P.M. Lunch at the Cookhouse
- 1:00 P.M. Practice the "8 Horsemanship Fundamentals For Ropers"
- 2:00 P.M. Rope the sleds (Hot Heels, Heel-O-Matic)
- 3:00 P.M. Rope the lead steer
- 4:00 P.M. Put the rope on in the chute & demonstrate control
- 5:00 P.M. Tour the NRS Fulfillment Center, discuss construction of ropes
- 7:00 P.M. Adjourn for the evening

### Day 2

- 8:00 A.M. Breakfast at the Cookhouse
- 9:00 A.M. Groundwork
- 9:30 A.M. Saddle horses & warm-up
- 10:00 A.M. Practice fundamentals of horsemanship
- 11:00 A.M. Advanced sled roping (Buford Rope-O-Matic, Sparky)
- 12:30 P.M. Lunch at the Cookhouse
- 1:30 P.M. Rope live cattle
- 3:30 P.M. Video 2 runs of each student

4:00 P.M. Video critique

5:00 P.M. Adjourn (dinner on your own)

7:30 P.M. Regularly scheduled Friday night jackpot roping. Compete if you're ready. Concession stand will be open if you want to stay on grounds for dinner.

### Day 3

- 8:00 A.M. Breakfast at the Cookhouse
- 8:45 A.M. Last chance questions on groundwork
- 9:00 A.M. Saddle horses and warmup
- 9:30 A.M. Practice fundamentals of horsemanship
- 10:00 A.M. Rope live cattle
- 12:00 P.M. Lunch at the Cookhouse
- 1:00 P.M. Logging the head horse and facing
- 1:30 P.M. Rope live cattle
- 3:00 P.M. Student jackpot
- 4:30 P.M. Closing ceremony
- 5:30 P.M. Unsaddle horses and depart

NRS retail store will be open late if anyone needs to get anything before they leave.

Anyone who likes can make arrangements to stay over Sunday night if they wish.

Your stall will have shavings in it when you arrive. Extra shavings may be purchased for \$5 per bag. Each stall will have a muck bucket and manure fork available to clean your stall. Please clean your stall each morning when you feed before breakfast and Sunday evening when you leave.

### A Few Arena Rules

- Never tie your horse by the reins. Always put the halter on.
- Never tie your horse within kicking distance of another horse.
- Never leave your splint boots or skid boots on your horse while he is tied up.
- Do not sit on your horse without the reins in your hand or with a leg over the saddle horn.

### Things You Must Bring

- Hay and feed
- 2 water buckets
- 1 feed bucket
- Hay bag or net
- Whatever saddle and tack you normally ride. Do not buy anything special before the clinic.
- A Great Attitude!* Leave pride and ego at the home ranch.