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Cinch RSNC Ranch Sorting School and Competition

On May 27th and 28th, the-first-in Texas, Cinch Ranch Sorting National Championship School and Fun Beginner Sorting Event will be hosted at the National Roper's Supply Arena in Decatur, Texas. This event is being sponsored by Cinch RSNC, Total Equine Feeds, in conjunction with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Wise County.

Saturday night at 6 pm, Dr. Ron Gill, TAMU Professor and Extension Livestock Specialist, and internationally recognized beef cattle behaviorist, will give a revealing live demonstration on *How to Read Cattle*. Then B.F. Yeates, former TAMU Horse Specialist, AQHA Hall of Famer and industry legend, will show and narrate a documentary film, *The Quarter Horse Industry in Texas in 1938*. See the King Ranch, Sixes, Waggoners, Hudgins Ranches, etc. plus Old Sorrel, Peppy, Hollywood Gold, Chicaro Bill and other legendary horses. See also some of the first stock horse shows, races and events in Texas; before formation of the American Quarter Horse Assn. The cost of the Saturday night program is \$10 at the door with no pre-registration required.

Sunday at 8 am begins with a *Cowboy Church Service* led by Cowboy Pastor Todd Keller and his family. Hear "Cool Cool Water" in a very unique way. The school begins at 9 am, with hands-on skills teaching classes for both adults and youth. The classes, ongoing concurrently all day, are: *Working Cattle Horseback* (Dave Wolfe, Cinch RSNC), *Riding and Training Skills Needed by Persons Working Cattle* (Morgan Moreno, TAMU Ranch Horse Team Coach), *Strategies Used by Top Ranch Sorting Competitors* (Dean Allred, top Cinch RSNC competitor) and *How to Know If Your Horse is 100% OK for Practicing and Competition* (Dr. Doug Householder and Dr. Jennifer Zoller, former and current TAMU Extension Horse Specialists, respectively). Non-registered persons are welcomed and encouraged to audit any or all classes all day.

A special demonstration, *How to Improve Balance, Softness and Suppleness in Your Horse, Through Body Pressure Point Manipulation*, will be given by Australian horseman Gary Wells. Selected registrant's horses will be used in the live demonstration.

Each school graduate will be awarded with a Cinch RSNC graduation certificate, a complimentary one-year Cinch RSNC membership and a monogrammed Cinch RSNC trophy shirt (total package worth \$100).

The highlight of the event will be the 6 pm *Beginners (Novice Horse and Novice Rider) Sorting Class*; open to any beginner, even if not in the school classes all day. Eight (8) buckles will be awarded to the top sorting teams in 4 divisions (Overall, Cowboy Churches, 4-H Members and Over 40 Something Cowgirls). The entry fee is \$15 per person per run with a 50% payback in the overall.

To preview this Decatur event, see a 4 min. video “Ranch Sorting Kids Camps” at ranchsorting.com. Print out the full Decatur program there also. Interested persons can also contact Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Wise County office at 940.627.3341, for local information.

Preregister online at nrsevents.com before 4 pm on May 26th. The event cost is \$60. Stalls and housing at NRS are an additional charge. After that time, persons can register for \$75 at the door at NRS.

We are excited Cinch RSNC has chosen Decatur as the site for their first educational school and companion beginner sorting in Texas and to partner with us. The NRS facility, numbers of serious education-minded adult horsemen, size of the Texas 4-H horse program, our local/area horse community, and the availability of top professional resource persons from TAMU and the area, were the reasons for the Decatur site selection.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national orientation. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

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