Mustang HERITAGE
TIP CHALLENGE

Mail Applications to:
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2022 ADOPTER/COMPETITOR APPLICATION
Las Vegas TIP Challenge
Application Deadline: May 15th, 2022

This TIP Challenge is a cooperative effort between the Mustang Heritage Foundation's Trainer Incentive Program and the Bureau of Land Management's Wild Horse and Burro Program and will be hosted and managed by Isidro & Amber Espinoza.

Participation in this event is by invitation only; therefore, the Board of Trustees has the unqualified right to determine eligibility and can, at any time, remove a contestant from a Mustang Heritage Foundation program and/or competition for any or no reason at all.

ADOPTER/COMPETITOR INFORMATION:

*Name:_____ *Birthdate: _____

*Mailing Address: _____

*City/State/Zip: _____

*Physical Address: _____

*Phone 1:_____ *Phone 2: _____

*Email Address: _____

*Parent/Guardian Name (if applicable):_____ *Phone:_____

Age:_____ ***Youth must be 8-17 years of age; adults must be 18 years old or older at time of application to enter the contest.***

Male ☐ Female ☐ Western-style Shirt Size:_____ T-Shirt size: _____

TIP Challenge Pick up Locations and Dates:

☐ Litchfield, CA
June 3-4, 2022

☐ Ridgecrest, CA
June 3-4, 2022

ADOPTER-SPONSOR INFORMATION (for youth competitors only):

ANIMALS OF YOUTH COMPETITORS MUST BE ADOPTED BY SOMEONE 18-YEARS-OLD OR OLDER AT TIME OF PICK-UP (parent, guardian or sponsor). The adopter must attend pick-up in order to complete required adoption paperwork. Please list adopter information below:

*Adopter Name:_____ *Phone:_____

*Address:_____ *City/State/Zip:_____

*Email:_____ *Relationship to Youth:_____

***Mandatory Information**

Questionnaire: ***All questions must be completed.***
Please feel free to use the reverse side and/or additional pages if necessary.
The Mustang Heritage Foundation may complete a criminal background check on all applicants.

1. Have you ever been accused or convicted of animal or human abuse/neglect/cruelty?_____
If yes, explain:_____

2. Have you previously competed in an Extreme Mustang Makeover competition?_____If yes, what year(s) and location(s)?_____

3. Are you a current TIP trainer? _____

4. How many years have you trained horses? _____

5. Are you a professional trainer or have you received compensation for training? _____

6. Have you trained an untamed Mustang received directly from the BLM (not a Mustang that had previous gentling or training)? _____

7. Do you compete in horse-related events?_____If yes, which disciplines/breeds do you compete in?_____
_____

8. Have you won awards and/or recognition in these disciplines?_____If yes, please list:_____
_____
_____

9. Do you or a family member own the facility where you will be training the Mustang? _____
If not, what is the address of the facility where your Mustang will be trained?
_____

10. Reference forms are included in this application. Your application will not be considered until our office receives two completed reference forms. Examples for references include veterinarians, clients, industry professionals/ associates or anyone else who can attest to your animal welfare and horse training abilities (not family members).

11. **INCLUDE** a headshot photo of yourself to be used for promotional purposes. ***You must send a digital photo on a disc or email it to vegastipchallenge@gmail.com.*** *If you email your photo you* ***must include*** *the* ***trainer name*** *and the* ***location of the event*** *in the body of the email.* ***Photo must be received before application will be considered.*** This photo will be viewable by the public.

12. **INCLUDE** a short 3-5 sentence personal biography to be used for promotional purposes. ***Biography must be received before application will be considered.*** This bio will be viewable by the public.

13. **INCLUDE** a short 3-5 sentence paragraph on why you feel you should be selected for this competition.

14. **COMPLETE** and **SUBMIT** the attached 1) Facility Form, 2) Humane Statement and 3) Model Release with application.

15. How did you hear about the TIP Challenge (family/friend, website, publication, etc.):
_____

By signing below I am stating that:
1) I agree to and will abide by the TIP Challenge Rules and Regulations and; 2) I am aware and in agreement that participation in this event is by invitation only; therefore, the Board of Trustees has the unqualified right to determine eligibility and can, at any time, remove a contestant from a Mustang Heritage Foundation program and competition for any or no reason at all. I am also stating that all questions above have been answered honestly by the trainer applying for this competition; 3) I hereby WAIVE, RELEASE AND DISCHARGE, *the Mustang Heritage Foundation and Bureau of Land Management and their representatives and employees of and from all liability, and any and all possible causes of action in law or in equity that may result from an injury to me (including death), my facilities, or anyone in my care caused by the negligence or other actionable conduct of the Mustang Heritage Foundation or Bureau of Land Management or their representatives or employees; 4) I further agree to* INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS, *Mustang Heritage Foundation and Bureau of Land Management and their representatives and employees for damages, attorney fees and expense resulting from an injury to me (including death), my facilities, or anyone in my care, even if such injury or damage is caused or claimed to be caused by the negligence or other actionable conduct of Mustang Heritage Foundation and Bureau of Land Management or their representatives or employees.*

Applicant's Signature:_____Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature:_____Date:_____

Mustang Heritage Foundation Humane Treatment Policy

Every animal shall, at all times, be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion. Any participant using abusive or excessive training techniques or being inhumane to a mustang or burro in his/her care (determined excessive or abusive by a panel assigned by the Mustang Heritage Foundation and consisting of a panel of licensed equine veterinarian(s) and/or respected horse industry professionals) may be removed from the contest and/or all future contests and training programs. If a participant's animal enters the contest or if the trainer/participant at any time presents an animal with questionable training/care related injuries (determined excessive or abusive by a panel assigned by the Mustang Heritage Foundation and consisting of a panel of licensed equine veterinarian(s) and/or respected horse industry professionals) the participant may be removed from the contest and/or all future contests and training programs.

The following list includes but is not limited to examples of unacceptable behavior and training techniques:

- No horse/burro appearing to be emaciated, drawn or injured may be exhibited.
- Use of or evidence of inhumane training techniques or methods such as striking horse with objects, excessive spurring and/or excessive jerking of reins.
- Any inhumane treatment that results in wounds.

Additionally, the Mustang Heritage Foundation promotes and encourages the following examples of sound, compassionate, and successful training techniques and mustang/burro handling methods:

- Horse/burro and trainer exhibiting solid relationship based on respect and understanding
- A calm and willing partnership between horse/burro and trainer, regardless of the obstacle or environmental challenge during competition or training phases
- Trainer maintains a credible level of dignity for the horse/burro during all phases of training, competition, and repositioning if applicable.
- Trainers are expected to seek and employ methods of horsemanship in order to promote and encourage the positive relationship between horse/burro and trainer.
- Training techniques should demonstrate a strong bond between horse/burro and trainer

Through my signature below, I certify that I have read and understand the Mustang Heritage Foundation Humane Treatment policy, and agree to abide by these principles as a participant in Mustang Heritage Foundation events. I also understand that should a determination be made (as outlined above) that I have violated any part of this policy, I may lose the privilege of competing at MHF-sponsored events, and may also lose the privilege of any future adoptions of Mustang horses and/or burros.

_____
Name of Trainer (please print)

_____ _____
Trainer's Signature Date of Signature

_____ _____
MHF Representative Signature Date of Signature

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FILM/VIDEO RELEASE / TIP CHALLENGE

I,_____("Model"), for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is acknowledged, give to the Mustang Heritage Foundation ("PRODUCER"), its legal representatives, successors, and all persons or corporations acting with its permission, unrestricted permission to copyright and/or use, and/or publish photographic portraits or pictures of the Model, and the negatives, transparencies, prints, or digital information pertaining to them, in still, single, multiple, moving or video format, or in which the Model may be included in whole or in part, or composite, or distorted in form, or reproductions thereof, in color or otherwise, made through any media in photographer's studio or elsewhere for art, or any other lawful purpose.

I hereby waive any right that I may have to inspect and approve the finished product or copy that may be used in connection with an image that the Mustang Heritage Foundation has taken of the Model, or the use to which it may be applied.

I further release PRODUCER, Mustang Heritage Foundation or others for whom PRODUCER is acting, from any claims for remuneration associated with any form of damage, foreseen or unforeseen, associated with the proper commercial or artistic use of these images unless it can be shown that said reproduction was maliciously caused, produced and published for the sole purpose of subjecting the Model to conspicuous ridicule, scandal, reproach, scorn and indignity.

I acknowledge that the videotaping/photography session was conducted in a completely proper and highly professional manner, and this release was willingly signed at its termination. I certify that I am not a minor, and if a minor, have permission from my parent or legal guardian signed below, and am free and able to give such consent.

_____ _____

Model's signature Date

_____ _____

Home address Home telephone number

_____

Witness or Parent Signature

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TRAINER REFERENCE FORM

Two Reference Forms must be submitted with each application.

If the individual providing the reference would like for the information to remain confidential, please feel free to mail this form directly to the TIP Challenge Manager: Isidro & Amber Espinoza.

TIP Challenge Event Location: _____

Name of Adopter/Competitor Applicant:_____

Adopter/Competitor Applicant's Phone:_____

Name of Reference:_____

Ref. Phone 1:_____Ref. Phone 2:_____

Ref. Email Address:_____

1. How long have you known this trainer?

2. How often do you see this trainer ride or work horses?

3. Do you feel that their facilities are suitable for working with a wild horse?

4. Do you have any concerns about the horses in the care of this trainer?

5. Would you recommend this trainer to people with unbroken or difficult horses?

Personal Comments: (Regarding skill, work ethic, values, etc.)

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