

STEPHANIE SIMMONDS

A life-long horse lover, Stephanie has spent countless hours in pursuit of her passion for riding, training, and managing horses as well as coaching owners and riders to a list of competitive achievements. With a foremost focus on the welfare of both horse and rider, her technical and comprehensive approach to accomplishing short and long term goals is based in a caring and fun environment.

Ambitious and focused, Stephanie has worked for and alongside many great horsemen and horsewomen including: Bob and Debbie McDonald, Julie Winkel, Duncan McFarlane, Gry McFarlane, Champ Hough, Lauren Hough, her idol and mentor Linda Hough and former student and dear friend Andrew Ramsay. Along the way she has taken clinics with some of the best in the business, such as: George Morris, Karen Healey, Anne Kursinski, Joe Fargis, Leslie Howard, Dale Harvey, Margie Engle and Chris Kappler.

Early in her career, Stephanie completed the USHJA Trainer Certification Program and as that program recently underwent an overhaul and evolved into the current program of USHJA Credentialed Instructor, Stephanie completed the revised requirements with incredibly high marks. Subsequently she was one of only 10 trainers in the nation who were asked to complete the Instructor Examiner Training. In this role, she travels to workshops to educate and evaluate Credential Instructor candidates.

Having competed successfully through the International Grand Prix level, Stephanie has enjoyed a career that includes working privately for numerous families, owning and operating her own public training business, founding and coaching an Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) Team, managing Stanford University's historic Red Barn and coaching for Stanford's IHSA and IEA teams, consulting on farm and stable design, giving clinics throughout the nation, and writing articles for *Practical Horseman*.

Stephanie finds she truly enjoys teaching and has spent the last three decades dedicated coaching riders to achieving their equestrian goals. During her career as a coach some of the most notable championships her students have achieved include:

- Onondarka Medal Finals Winner
- PCHA Medal Finals Winner
- Hunter and Best Child Rider Championships at the Devon Horse Show
- Grand Hunter and Leading Trainer Awards at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show
- Top Four finishes in the USET Talent Search Finals
- Top Ten finishes in the USEF Hunter Medal Finals, Washington International Horse Show Finals, and the Maclay Medal Finals.
- Team Gold and Individual Silver Medals at the North American Young Riders Championships
- Numerous International and National level Grand Prix wins and placings.

Currently serving as a board member of the Zone 10 USHJA Committee, the USHJA Emerging Athletes Program (EAP) Committee, she has also served as a past board member of the Zone 10 Jumper Committee and the NorCal Hunter Jumper Board Association, along with acting as the Chef d' Equipe for the Zone 10 Prix de States Junior Jumper Team and twice for the North American Young Rider Championships and twice for the Spruce Meadows Prix de Nations NorCal Jumper Teams.

In her free time, Stephanie enjoys hiking with her dogs, reading, and best of all, spending time with her family.