A Typical Clinic Day at Harry's Ranch, Salome, AZ

Harry’s ranch is located at 40901 Harquahala Rd, Salome, Arizona, 85348.  (Please note that UPS and FEDEX will deliver mail/packages to the physical address; however, please send regular USPS mail to P.O. Box 3394, Wickenburg, AZ 85358).

Plan to arrive well in advance of the Sunday night dinner, which is normally served at 6pm. This is where riders have an opportunity to introduce themselves and their horses and provide background about what they would like to work on during the upcoming week. The discussion may include questions/answers, and gets things rolling for the following day.

The round pen viewing area is covered and usually in shade, but you will still want to bring sunscreen. Chairs are provided (or bring your own). Don't forget to bring bedding (sheets/blankets/pillows) and towels if you are driving. These items are provided if you are flying in. All attendees have the use of the laundry facilities at the ranch, and there is a laundromat in Salome.

For your horse, you can bring your own feed, however a variety of hay (Bermuda grass and alfalfa) is available at the ranch and is included at no additional cost. Water, feed and muck buckets/rakes are available for your use.

Breakfast is usually at 7:30am. Riders can expect to get up a little earlier to make sure the horses are fed and to clean the pen(s). Everyone gathers in the bunkhouse to have breakfast. After breakfast, Harry asks if there are any questions (which usually there are, and results in discussion), followed by determining an order of go for the riders in the morning lesson.

Lunch is usually announced around noon. However, it may be delayed a bit depending on what is happening in the round pen/arena. The riders decide an order of go for the afternoon, which may include individual lessons or a group ride, depending on what the riders decide to do.

The riders bring the concerns they have, and each day, Harry helps each rider work on those concerns. Harry is not bound by a particular format or limited in his creativity during
these sessions; it just depends on what is needed at any given time. During the course of the week, it is not unusual to observe some pretty big changes.

The day typically splits into three riders in the morning, three in the afternoon. However, this may and will vary, depending on the group, as they may elect to have individual sessions in the morning or together as a group, either in the arena or at the playground, located next to the arena, in the afternoon. Riders may opt for ground work, or work under saddle during individual lessons, working on specific areas of concern. Harry works one on one with each rider, whether it's at the round pen, arena, playground or trail ride. He may occasionally step in to provide extra hands-on direction and support during sessions, either from the ground or in the saddle. He normally provides a running commentary of what he is working on to help the horse (and the rider) during those times.

Auditors are welcome and encouraged to be active participants, sharing their observations, asking questions and taking part in the discussions. If you are unable to attend all five days as an auditor, you may want to try to make the first few days of the clinic. It's during that time that you learn the history of the rider/horse and what the rider is looking to accomplish.

Dinner is not "formally" provided as is breakfast and lunch. There are however restaurants and a small market nearby. There is a stove, microwave and refrigerator for your use. The dinner exceptions are the first night/Sunday and the last night/Friday, when a BBQ hamburger dinner is provided. The discussion that usually follows wraps up the week.

Although the week is fairly scheduled, there usually seems to be a bit of downtime before/after meals. Harry's ranch borders open BLM land and there are trails to walk or ride, a perfect beginning or ending to the day.