

RMC EQUESTRIAN TEAM TO COMPETE IN DILLON, MONTANA

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BILLINGS -- Following a successful showing at the IHSA (Intercollegiate Horse Show Association) Show in Logan, Utah, the Rocky Mountain College equestrian team heads to Dillon, Mont. on February 12-13, 2011. Teams from Utah State University, College of Southern Idaho, University of Montana Western, Montana State University, University of Montana and Carroll College will be represented.

“We’ve done such a great job at the previous shows this year, we’re just hoping to continue our blue ribbon streak,” said Christi Brown, RMC equestrian studies instructor and IHSA team coach.

This weekend consists of three English shows, giving each team member three different opportunities to place and earn points. A total of 35 points must be obtained by each rider to advance to the next class as well as qualifying for the Regional show, this year in Dillon, Mont. March 5-6, 2011.

Strong contenders of this show include Kelsey Merriam, Lakewood, Wash. and Amber McNally, Spanaway, Wash., both freshman who have consistently placed 1st in their Novice Over Fences class. Meredith Burton, Camillus, N.Y., only needs two more points in the Novice Flat class to qualify for the Regional show and continue forward to the Intermediate Flat class.

Team Members competing include Bethany Bappe, Riverton, Wyo.; Kristin Dillehay, Rosewood, Ohio; Liz Marklin, Calgary, Alberta, Canada; Amber McNally, Spanaway, Wash.; Alison Elwell, Marysville, Wash.; Jessica Steinke, Camas, Wash.; Kathy Cahill, Egg Harbor Township, N.J.; Kelsey Merriam, Lakewood, Wash.; Meredith Burton, Camillus, N.Y.; Rhiannon Laird, Granger, Ind.; Hope Barker, Sidney, Mont.

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