

ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE PRESENTS 2011 EQUESTRIAN WINTER DRILL

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BILLINGS – The horses and riders of the Rocky Mountain College Equestrian Program are dressing up as "Christmas," "Cowboys and Aliens," and "Rockstars," for the 2011 Winter Drill.

Open to the public, the event starts at 1 p.m. on Friday, December 2, 2011 at the Intermountain Equestrian Center (IEC), located at 7256 US Highway 3, Billings, Mont. Students and horses, attired in costumes, will perform entertaining drill routines that showcases their equestrian skills.

"We always look forward to this event because it demonstrates the horsemanship skills learned by the students," said Gary Mullen, RMC equestrian studies director. "At the same time, it brings a lot of holiday cheer as students and horses dress up in costumes and perform to music."

Each riding class presents their own theme and drill routine including, "Cowboys and Aliens," performed by the freshman class. The colt breaking class will be "Rockstars" riding to the likes of Guns'N'Roses, Survivor, and AC/DC.

"We have a great group of colts and riders this year," said Christi Brown, RMC equestrian studies instructor. "The colts are along far enough in their training to be apart of the drill performance this year. It's a real opportunity to show the public what our program can do. As I tell our students, diligent riders make broke horses, and that's what we have here at RMC."

Complete with four jumps and twelve riders, the hunters jumping class will maneuver through obstacles themed as "Spooky Nightmare," and the advanced training horses will fill the holiday spirit with a Christmas themed performance.

IEC asks you bring your holiday cheer but leave your four legged canine friends at home.

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