

Chad Coppess, Grace Adventures, Mears, MI



Chad Coppess is the Program Administrator at Grace Adventures, an equipping and training center located in the Silver Lake/Mears area of Michigan that serves close to ten thousand people a year. Chad has also founded Cross Training Horsemanship where he travels teaching healthy relationship principles and character development to audiences while training horses.

Chad has been a member of the Muskegon County Mounted Division since 2003. He also is currently serving as the Vice President of the international board of directors with the Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA) A life member of CHA, Chad is certified as wilderness guide and outfitter, and a trail clinic instructor. He conducts clinics and presents at various conferences, workshops and trade shows. Chad holds a Bachelors degree in Educational Ministries. He and his wife, Tricia, have been married since 1996 and they have one daughter and one son.

Chad will conduct the new Sunday morning Family Fest, which will be a fun, interactive experience that will strengthen the family by giving them relationship principles that are not only true for horses but for people too. Attendees will be able to participate in a worship time and watch a horse training demonstration during the first hour. Chad and his daughter, Caitlin, will illustrate these relationship principles and Chad will teach about them. After this, the audience will be able given the opportunity to join in an activity using the horses to further teach the principles. Recognizing that not everyone will want to get up front but wanting 100% participation, only those that want to will do the activity, all others can watch. Finally, participants will divide into their family group (individual attending without their families will be divided into groups) and Chad will lead them in a discussion of how to apply the principles at home.

Chad and the Grace Adventures crew will also conduct programs in the Youth Area throughout the day on Sunday.