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Learn From A Legend: Melanie Smith Taylor Clinic, February 18-19

The Virginia Horse Center Foundation proudly presents a clinic with 1984 Olympic Gold Medalist Melanie Smith Taylor on February 18 -19, 2012. This educational event is made possible through the generous support of sponsors: Chris Norden of Markel Insurance Company, Southwest Virginia Hunter/Jumper Association, Micron Equus and SmartPak.

Melanie Smith Taylor, a 1998 Show Jumping Hall of Fame Inductee, will conduct three of her signature two-hour sessions over the weekend for junior and amateur riders in the East Complex of the Virginia Horse Center.

Taylor brings with her years of valuable international experiences not only as a rider, but as a successful Chef d'Equipe for USEF Nations Cup and USEF Developing Riders Tours, as well as being one of the nation's top clinicians. Her teaching emphasizes horsemanship as a hands-on experience paired with always thinking about what is right for the horse, which is sure to resonate with participants.

Sessions are limited to 8 riders each and are available at \$125/session, with a discount for current SWVH/JA Members. All riders will be entered into a drawing for a Wellfleet Hunter Bridle, donated by SmartPak. Additional raffle tickets may be purchased for \$5 each or 3/\$10. The drawing will take place at the close of the clinic on February 19. Auditors are encouraged to attend for \$20 each day. Concessions will be available for purchase.

Take your relationship with your horse deeper and your riding to the next level with this special opportunity to train with a legend! Registration information can be found on the Foundation site's calendar of events at www.horsecenter.org. Registration will close on February 3, 2012.

The Virginia Horse Center Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which owns and operates the Virginia Horse Center. The Foundation is proud to support a 600-acre facility that serves 400,000 people; functioning as a classroom, land reserve, market place, and recreation venue. The VHCF manages 110 events annually, most free and open to the public, and hosts the Hoofbeats Therapeutic Riding Center.