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**Mike Poe, CJF, Teaching “Introduction to Farriery”  
Class at the University of Maryland, College Park  
Open to interested horse owners age 18 or over**

Do You Want To...

- Learn how to safely and correctly pull horseshoes?
- Have better communication between you and your farrier?
- Expand your basic understanding of the equine hoof, its function and care requirements?

The Institute of Applied Agriculture at the University of Maryland, College Park, is offering an “Introduction to Farriery” Winter Workshop taught by Maryland farrier Mike Poe, CJF.

The workshop will cover the scientific principles regarding care and maintenance of the equine hoof, its anatomy and function and evaluation of farrier procedures.

This class is open to ALL interested students, no experience is necessary. All farrier tools will be provided.

**About The Class**

It is geared to provide horse owners and professionals a basic understanding of the equine hoof, its function and care requirements and to prepare those students interested in continuing their education on care of the equine hoof.

**When & Where**

January 4 - January 22, 2010

- Tuesdays (Lecture) 3-5:30pm
- Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (Lab) 3-5:30pm

University of Maryland, College Park Campus Farm

**How To Register**

Students currently enrolled at UMCP can register through [www.testudo.umd.edu](http://www.testudo.umd.edu). ANSC 489F (2 credits).

Everyone else can register for the course as a non-credit workshop through the Institute of Applied Agriculture ([iaa.umd.edu](http://iaa.umd.edu)). The registration form is available at <http://iaa.umd.edu/Farrier%20Registration-1.pdf>

**Registration deadline is December 31, 2009.**

**More information is available at <http://iaa.umd.edu/Farriery%20Flyer.pdf>.**

### **About the Instructor**

Mike Poe is an American Farrier's Association (AFA) Certified Journeyman Farrier (CJF), which is the highest level of certification offered by the national organization. Only 20 percent of the approximately 2700 AFA members are CJF certified. Poe is the owner of Alpha Farrier Services. ([www.alphafarrier.com](http://www.alphafarrier.com))

Since graduating from the Eastern School of Farrier Science and studying in the Animal Sciences program at Virginia Tech, Poe has shod horses in seven states on both the East and West coasts.

He works with equestrian programs like the one at the University of Maryland, College Park, where he has been the regular farrier for the university horses for almost four years and has been a guest lecturer in several of the university's Equine Studies classes.

*Mike Poe, CJF, the owner and operator of **Alpha Farrier Services**, is an American Farrier's Association Certified Journeyman Farrier based in Central Maryland. Visit [www.alphafarrier.com](http://www.alphafarrier.com) to learn more about Mike Poe, CJF, and Alpha Farrier Services.*

***The Institute of Applied Agriculture** is a two-year program in the **College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Maryland, College Park**. The IAA offers in-depth curricula in Landscape Management, Golf Course Management, Turfgrass Management, General Ornamental Horticulture, Equine Business Management, and Agricultural Business Management.*