



CAMELIDYNAMICS CENTER 2008 GUIDE

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THE CAMELDYNAMICS CENTER



The Camelidynamics Center is nestled in the Tumalo area of Bend, Oregon. At 97701, Bend is the zip code with the highest numbers of camelids per capita. Marty McGee Bennett and Brad Bennett along with their dogs, cats, chickens and camelids also call this beautiful 10-acre property home. The Center features a magical irrigation canal, pond, majestic ponderosa pines and juniper trees, and magnificent views of the snow capped Cascades.



A large green pasture serves as the learning grounds. The pasture is separated into several training areas including a mock barn setup for herd management, laneway pens for beginning leading and an "opportunity" course, all under the watchful eye of the magnificent Tree of Wisdom.

The seminar space is a comfortable sunny classroom with a theater style TV screen for video evaluations. A range of accommodations, restaurants and ranches to visit complete the experience. The Camelidynamics Center is the base of operations for all US Advanced Clinics along with other courses and events.

Registration/Info

To learn more about any event at the Camelidynamics Center, contact: Marty McGee Bennett, marty@camelidynamics.com or 541-318-5026

To secure your space for any course, complete the Camelidynamics Center Registration Form provided with this Guide and mail with payment to:

Marty McGee Bennett
Camelidynamics Center
18380 Pinehurst Road
Bend, OR 97701



2008 CAMELIDYNAMICS CENTER SCHEDULE

June 7-11

COMBO CLINIC: Handling, Shearing & Marketing

Instructors: Marty McGee Bennett, Marcus Whitman, Cathryn Castle, Linda Buttolph

(Early Bird Deadline: 4/07/08)

July 19-23

2+2 Clinic: The Best Beginners Clinic

Handling Basics with Fiber and Conformation

Instructors: Marty McGee Bennett and Amanda VandenBosch

(Early Bird Deadline: 5/19/08)

July 26-30

4-day ADVANCED CLINIC

Instructor: Marty McGee Bennett

(Early Bird Deadline: 5/26/08)

September 13-17

4-day ADVANCED CLINIC

Instructor: Marty McGee Bennett

(Early Bird Deadline: 7/13/08)

F.Y.I.

- Waitlists are available for any full clinic. Email marty@camelidynamics.com if you'd like to be on the waitlist in the event of cancellations.
- All multiple day clinics start with a required ice-breaker/introduction on the evening prior to clinic. (See Travel Details on Page 10.)
- See specific clinic description for Early Bird discount price and other special offers

ADVANCED CLINICS

Two Advanced Clinics will be held at the Camelidynamics Center in 2008:

July 26-30 (Early Bird Deadline: 5/26/08)

September 13-17 (Early Bird Deadline: 7/13/08)

Why Attend the Advanced Clinic?

- ... Have you attended a 2-day clinic and want to learn more?
- ... Did you read the Camelid Companion but need some hands-on coaching and feedback to refine your technique?
- ... Are you thinking about becoming a Camelidynamics Practitioner?
- ... Are you interested in becoming a certified Camelidynamics Handler?
- ... Are you a vet, transporter, judge or ranch manager and need to handle camelids efficiently and respectfully?

This is the clinic for people who want hone their skills both working with four-leggeds and teaching two-leggeds. The Advanced Clinic is just the opportunity for anyone seeking a higher level of skill in camelid handling, the Camelidynamics-way! It is also a key requirement for those in [Camelidynamics Practitioner Program](#) as well as a requirement to qualify for the [Camelidynamics Handler Seal](#). Your learning begins where the Basic Clinic ends.

Limited Enrollment

The Advanced Clinics are strictly limited. All Advanced Clinics have filled quickly, so don't delay.

Advanced Clinic Pre-requisite

You must complete one 2-day Basics Clinic prior to attending the Advanced Clinic taught by Marty McGee Bennett or certified Camelidynamics Practitioner². See the complete Clinic calendar at www.camelidynamics.com

Advanced Clinic Cost

Tuition:	\$715 per person
Early Bird Tuition:	\$680 if paid in full by Early Bird Deadline

(Fee includes tuition, ice breaker, daily refreshments, lunches and snacks, and one group dinner.)

Advanced Clinic Agenda

Saturday: 6-8 pm Ice-Breaker/Intro

Sunday-Wednesday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Instruction & Hands-On

Participants should arrive anytime after 8:30 AM for prompt 9:00AM start. Each Advanced Clinic agenda is determined by the needs of the clinic participants and the challenges presented by our camelid students. The clinic is four full days with two evening activities planned.

Each day will be a combination of learning or refining new skills, work with the “camelid campers” both llamas and alpacas and audio-visual evaluation. Participants will work with a large variety of animals representing a range of difficulties. Evaluation is a combination of video-tape, photographs, and consultations with other practitioners and the instructor.

Advanced Clinics differ significantly from the Basics Clinics in the level of hands-on experience. We begin where the Basics Clinic ends. There is time for group discussion and participation but lecture is minimal.

You will:

- Have the opportunity to work with a large variety of animals
- Practice handling skills with hands-on coaching and individual feedback
- Practice teaching skills for those interested in becoming practitioners.
- Be videotaped and receive same day individual feedback from Marty on your skills.
- Learn Camelidynamics tools and techniques not taught in the 2-day clinics.
- Network with other Camelidynamics enthusiasts and Apprentice Practitioners
- Fine-tune teaching skills with less experienced students.

You do NOT need extensive hands-on experience with camelids to attend an Advanced Clinic. All levels of camelid expertise are welcome provided you have attended a 2-day Basics Clinic with Marty McGee Bennett or certified Camelidynamics Practitioner2.



JOINT CLINICS

Marty McGee Bennett is teaming up with select industry experts to offer comprehensive learning opportunities at the Camelidynamics Center. All subjects and methods are taught while applying the Camelidynamics approach, which means that the hands-on elements of the combo courses feature additional experience with Camelidynamics techniques. Marty attends and supervises all of the animal handling involved each course.

Combo Clinic: Handling, Shearing & Marketing

June 7–11 (Early Bird Deadline: 4/07/08)

Instructors: Marty McGee Bennett, Marcus & Cathryn Whitman, Linda Buttolph

Two-day handling basics with Marty, shearing with Marcus Whitman, shearing day organization with Linda Buttolph and marketing with Cathryn Whitman make this Combo Clinic a must for success in the camelid business. Days 1 and 2, learn the proven approach of Camelidynamics. On Days 3 and 4 in two small groups, learn hands-on the keys to efficient shearing one day, and on the other day learn the tools and techniques of effective marketing.

Marty brings more than 25 years of kind, safe and effective camelid handling plus an in-depth knowledge of fiber and fiber processing. Marcus is a graduate of Washington State University's Advanced Sheep Shearing and apprenticed with Master alpaca shearer Ann Kaizer. Cathryn's strong background in business management, marketing and sales blended with her alpaca experience is a combo for success. Alpaca breeder and certified Camelidynamics Apprentice Practitioner Linda Buttolph brings years of experience to the shearing clinic.

Clinic Cost

Tuition \$650 per person*

Early Bird Tuition: \$600 if paid in full by April 6, 2008

***\$50 per person discount for two people from the same ranch!**

Camelidynamics Handling & Training Agenda

Learn the basic principles and techniques of the Camelidynamics approach:

- Knowledge and use of body position to manage alpaca movement
- The importance of balance
- Getting results with physics not force
- Effective catching and herding
- Critical halter fit and haltering technique
- TTEAM and TTOUCH bodywork
- Organizing your facilities including pastures and barn

Shearing Agenda

- Learn how to organize your facilities
- Learn how to help your shearer and your animals! You will assist Marcus as he shears!
- Learn how to manage the flow of fleece
- Learn how to skirt a fleece
- Watch and experience how fiber goes from the animal to a knitted swatch right in front of your eyes.
- Take a turn on the drum carder, spinning wheel and knitting machine.

Marketing Agenda

- Starting with what you do know
- Branding basics
- Understanding what you're selling
- Finding a marketing mentor
- Creating demand for your supply
- "Reinventing" the marketing wheel
- Tips for becoming a media darling
- Why "nonprofit" marketing makes sense
- Building word-of-mouth marketing
- Teachable moments are marketing moments
- Being who and what you say you are -- and why



2+2=The Best Beginners Clinic There Is!

July 19-23 (Early Bird Deadline 5/19/08)

Instructors Marty McGee Bennett and Amanda VandenBosch

Why Attend this Clinic?

One stop shopping! These two industry experts present their basic two-day programs back to back. Learn the essentials from alpaca experts, Your instructors will each present their basic clinics in one location back-to-back-to-back. Two days are led by handling expert Marty McGee Bennett, Camelidynamics founder, author, fiber artist, Certified Camelid Instructor for TTEAM and TTOUCH and Zephyr Farm Gear Designer. Two days are led by fiber expert Amanda VandenBosch, Senior AOBA Judge, AOBA Judges Advisory Committee Chair, International Alpaca Judge and Instructor for British Alpaca Society.

You will experience two days of handling and training the Camelidynamics-way then learn all about conformation, and fleece with the most sought after judge in the business. Your days will include powerpoint presentations, invaluable role playing exercises, hands-on instruction and the opportunity for local ranch visits. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from both of these experts in one location working together.

2+2 Clinic Pre-Requisite

No pre-requisite required.

2+2 Clinic Cost

Tuition \$650 per person

Early Bird Tuition: \$600 if paid in full by May19,2008

Additional \$50 per person discount for two people from the same ranch!

(Tuition includes ice breaker, daily refreshments, lunches and snacks, and one group dinner.)

2+2 Agenda

Saturday 6 pm: Ice-Breaker/Intro

Sunday-Thursday 9:30 am – 5:30 pm: Instruction & Hands-On

Camelidynamics Alpaca Handling & Training

Learn the basic principles and techniques of the Camelidynamics approach:

- Knowledge and use of body position to manage alpaca movement
- The importance of balance
- Getting results with physics not force
- Effective catching and herding
- Critical halter fit and haltering technique
- TTEAM and TTOUCH bodywork
- Organizing your facilities including pastures and barn

Alpaca Conformation & Fiber

Learn the basics principles and techniques of assessing alpacas based on conformation & fiber:

- Leave with confidence in the assessment and recognition of alpaca conformation & fiber characteristics
- Be confident in preparing your fleeces for show and for sale/production.
- Understand how to measure traits and evaluate the influences that affect that outcome
- Understand how to use accurate data in your selection and breeding decisions



Camelidynamics Center Policies

DEPOSIT

A 50% deposit is required to secure space at any training. Balance of payment is due by the Early Bird Deadline to receive discount. If balance of payment is received after Early Bird Deadline, full clinic fee is due.

REFUND POLICY

For cancellations made more than 45 days prior to the clinic, a refund will be given (minus \$75 administration fee). No refunds are possible for cancellations made less than 45 days prior to the clinic date, but a rain check will be given. Rain checks can be applied to another training within two years of cancellation date.

CLINIC CANCELLATION POLICY

Camelidynamics Training Center reserves the right to cancel any event only if necessary because of circumstances beyond our control or in the rare circumstance when enrollment is deemed insufficient. In this case, all deposits, tuition and processing fees will be refunded. Participants are encouraged to consider flight and hotel insurance.

MONEY BACK GUARANTEE FOR CAMELIDYNAMICS CENTER

A money back guarantee is offered for anyone who is dissatisfied and requests a refund. This money back guarantee applies only to individuals who complete a clinic and is not part of the refund policy.

DOG POLICY

We cherish our canine friends but cannot permit dogs on the property for the safety of our camelid campers and participants. No dogs allowed on the Camelidynamics Center premises during any Camelidynamics event. If you're traveling with your dog, there are many dog-friendly hotels in Bend check out

LIABILITY WAIVER

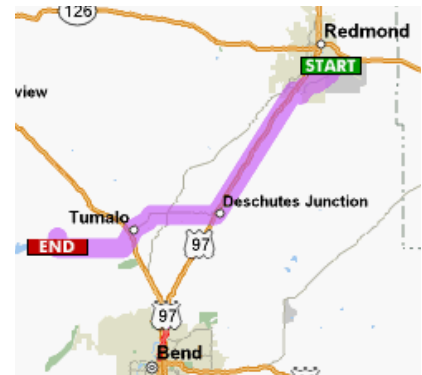
As a requirement for participation, students must sign a Participant Liability Waiver & Acknowledgement of Risk at the beginning of each clinic.

Alpaca & Llama “Campers” Wanted

If you are driving to a clinic and would like to bring some of your animals, email marty@camelidynamics.com and indicate this on your Registration Form. We need animals for all clinics, and participants get first priority. Animals with any sort of difficulty (or not) are welcome with the exception of animals that are aggressive to humans. Pushy or pre-aggressive behavior are great candidates to help us all learn. Visit the Camelidynamics Camp on our website or call Marty (541) 318-5026 for more info about bringing your animals.

Camelidynamics Center Location

Camelidynamics Training Center
18380 Pinehurst Road
Bend, OR 97701



Travel Details

Fly into PORTLAND:

You can travel on any major airline to Portland (PDX) Oregon and drive about 3.5 hours to Bend

Map to Center from Portland Airport: [link to online map](#)

Fly into REDMOND:

United Airlines has just added direct flights to Redmond/Bend airport (RDM) from Denver during the summer months. You can also fly via a commuter airline to Redmond Airport (RDM). Redmond airport is about 20 minutes from Bend. Delta airlines just established jet service direct to Redmond from Salt Lake City. Other airlines that service Redmond are Alaska air, Horizon Air and Skywest. These are commuter routes that bring you to Redmond from either Portland or San Francisco.

Map to Center from Bend/Redmond Airport: [link to online map](#)

Arrival & Departure for Camelidynamics Clinics

For multiple day events, plan to arrive at the Camelidynamics Center by 6 pm the evening prior to the first day of clinic for the required Ice Breaker. The clinic will end at 4:30 pm the last day of clinic. Please do your best to make travel arrangements such that you can stay until the end of the clinic. Come early or stay longer and enjoy central Oregon. There are plenty of llama and alpaca ranches to visit (see page 12 for short list of some long-standing camelid ranches) .

Lodging

All lodging listed is close to town and centrally located for access to the Camelidynamics Center and other clinic activities. \$ = great deal \$\$ = moderate price \$\$\$ = upscale price

The Bend Riverside Motel and Suites (541) 389-2363 \$

For the budget minded this is the perfect place...somewhat dated and not fancy, but extremely well located. This motel is right on the river and next to Pioneer Park, one of Bends nicest. It is five blocks to town where you will have a wide choice of shopping and restaurants.

Riverside Motel Advanced Clinic group rates available are:

- 1 bedroom: \$58 per night one double bed
- Studio: \$68 per night one double bed, one studio couch, sitting area and full kitchen

This is a substantial savings off of their regular rate. When you call for reservations, ask for the rooms reserved by Marty McGee Bennett. Questions or problems with reservations, call or email Marty at 541-318-5026 or marty@camelidynamics.com.

Fairfield Inn and Suites (Marriott) \$\$ (800) 228-2800 or direct (541) 318-1747

This new hotel is right across the street from the Bend River Suites. Not as inexpensive but brand new. Rooms available with simple kitchen facilities . Continental breakfast.

Towne Place Suites (Marriott) \$\$ (541) 382-5006

Brand new hotel not close to downtown, but you can walk to restaurants on Bend's trendy west side. Rooms have queen bed, sofa bed, sitting area and kitchen. Continental breakfast.

The Laura House \$\$ (541) 388-4064

This has gotten rave reviews from other clinic participants. This is a lovely upscale B&B right in town. Six rooms ranging in price from \$105-\$150

The Pine Ridge Inn \$\$-\$\$\$ (541) 389-6137 www.pineridgeinn.com

If your trip to Bend is going to be a real event consider staying here. Rates from \$130-\$325. Full breakfast included. In the same general area as the Town Place Suites. This is a really special place.

Tumalo State Park \$ Info: (541) 382-3586 or (800) 551-6949 Reservations: (800) 452-5687 http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park_45.php

Open year-round. 23 full hookup, 54 tent (maximum site 44 feet); 7 yurts; group tent (2 areas); hiker/biker camp. Nestled in the heart of sunny central Oregon, Tumalo rests along Oregon's spectacular Deschutes River. The campground is close enough to the town of Bend, but far enough away to escape the commotion.

Visit: <http://www.visitbend.com/default.aspx> for more information about Bend.

Traveling With Fido

The **Bend Riverside Motel and Suites** (details above), is pet friendly (phone 541-389-2363). For more information about local kennels visit <http://bend.citysearch.com/yellowpages/directory/bend/230/573/page1.html>

Camelid Ranches to Consider Visiting

Hinterland Llamas, Benvenuti Alpacas, Crescent Moon Alpacas, Flying Dutchman Alpacas and Aloha Llamas are all located in the Bend area. If you fly into Portland, some of the largest and most prestigious llama and alpaca farms in the country are within an hour's drive.

Favorite Restaurants

High Tides—wonderful seafood. Try the Thai fish soup if you like spicy.

Marz—eclectic menu, really good food.

Merenda's—expensive but over 100 wines by the glass and great food.

Toomie's—Great Thai food & atmosphere at very reasonable prices

Blacksmith Steakhouse—US Traveler Magazine 10 best new restaurants 2004

Baltazars- new in 2007 Great Mexican Seafood

Alpenglow Café for Breakfast (right near the Bend River Inn and Suites)

Angel Thai- Less Fancy than Toomies but the food is just as good!

Attire to Bring

Bend is a high desert environment with low humidity year round. Summers are hot and dry with cooler evenings. Temperature ranges from 50s in eve and 80-90s during the day. A helpful weather site: <http://www.wunderground.com/US/OR/Bend/KCVO.html> Bring shorts, long pants, layers, rain jacket, comfy foot wear with closed toes for outside work, a sun hat and sun block.

Also bring slip on shoes/slippers/flipflops for inside wear at the Center. Since we're working outside mostly in the pens and fields, we ask you don't wear your barn shoes inside.

Bend is a very casual city, no need to bring dressy clothes. A couple more Bend sites: <http://www.visitbend.com/> or <http://www.bendchamber.org/>