

# WELLSCROFT FENCE SYSTEMS, LLC

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## FENCE BUILDING CLINIC

MAY 5th OR 6th 2007

A free electric fence building clinic will be held Saturday, May 5th and repeated again on Sunday, May 6th, 2007 from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm at Wellscroft Farm in Chesham, N.H. On our farm we have examples of all styles of electrical and woven wire fence so you will be able to see the type of fence you might be interested in.

The **morning** session will concentrate on permanent and semi-permanent electric fence systems. This will include a discussion of how low-impedance energizers work and the basic types; 110 V, battery and solar. In addition, we will talk about proper grounding, training animals to the fence, methods of monitoring voltage, basic energizer repair, and lightening protection. We will then discuss various types of electric fence and their options as well as intense rotational grazing, a superior method of pasture management. Then we will review gate options; how to properly mount and electrify them. Next we will discuss electric netting options and have the opportunity to put up and take down electric net and reel fences. Finally, we will tour examples of these systems that have been in use at Wellscroft Farm for years.

The **afternoon** session will focus on the construction of permanent electric high tensile smooth, **Centaur** rail and **Bekaert** fixed knot woven wire and 2 x 4 fences. This includes three options for making brace assemblies including hardware and tools for hi-tensile fence construction. Participants will learn how to stretch and tie off **Solidlock** hi-tensile woven wire fences. There will be a demonstration of the **KingHitter Post Pounders**. There will also be a tour to show several different styles of these fences. Representatives from several companies will be available to answer your questions as well as give demonstrations.

You are welcome to come for either or both sessions. Bring a box lunch if you are coming for the day, or there are two restaurants nearby. Remember to dress warmly as most of the clinic is conducted outdoors. The clinic will be held rain or shine. For more information, call Wellscroft Fence at 603-827-3464.

### **DIRECTIONS TO WELLSCROFT FARM: - located in southwestern New Hampshire, near Keene.**

From route 101 between Marlborough and Dublin, by Audrey's Café, take Chesham Road. Go 1.3 miles to the four-way intersection (the old Chesham railway depot will be on your left). Go straight through toward Nelson onto Breed Rd. Sunset Hill is the first road on your left after the intersection, about 300 yards. The farm is one mile up, at 167Sunset Hill, the second driveway on the left. There are several signs posted indicating our location.

From Route 9 take the Nelson/Harrisville exit and follow signs for Nelson. In Nelson, take the right toward Harrisville. Go 2 miles; take the right, towards Keene onto Breed Rd. (Child's Bog will be on your left after you turn). Go another 2 miles (at the one mile mark you will pass Silver Lake on your right). Sunset Hill will be on your right. Wellscroft Farm is one mile up Sunset Hill, the second driveway on the left. There are signs indicating our location.

*We look forward to seeing you at the Fence Clinic.*

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Welcome to our Annual Fence Clinic. Throughout the day there will be several informational sessions going on, some simultaneously. The following agenda is a guide. However, at any time, if you have specific questions or need a specific demonstration, you may ask any of the Wellscroft staff to assist you. There will also be many independent fence contractors at the clinic who will be happy to talk with you about your fencing projects.

Some quick details:

- The bathroom facility is a green Porta- Potty at the North end of the lecture hall/inventory building. There is also a room at the front of the sheep barn with a blue door that has hot and cold running water with which to wash your hands.
- If you are planning to run the post pounder or build hi-tensile fence we encourage you to use gloves, goggles, and earmuffs for your protection.
- All electric fences are off so hands on is fine.
- Lunch may be purchased at the Brown House Bakery, Chesham Rd. Harrisville, Audrey's Café on Route 101, or at Jitter Beans or the Marlborough County Store both located in Marlborough.

Please sign in on the sign up sheet and tell us the type of fence you are interested in.

**Note:** If you are planning on picking up fencing materials or will need an estimate done please call or fax us the week before the clinic so that we may pull the order aside or have your estimate prepared in advance of the clinic. Items can be changed if necessary. Please **do not** drive your vehicle over to the Fence Store until your order is ready as your vehicle will be in the way of loading other orders.

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## AGENDA

- 9:00 – 9:30 Sign in – Coffee & Donuts – watch video, pick up brochures
- 9:30 – 9:40 Welcome/Introduction of Staff
- 9:40 Basics of Electric Fence
- How low impedance high voltage energizers work
  - Energizer types; 110V, Battery & Solar
  - How to choose the right size energizer
  - Proper grounding; location of energizer and ground field
  - Proper lightning protection
  - Methods for monitoring voltage
  - Training animals to the fence
- 10:20 Basic Electric Fence Options
- Hi-Tensile
  - Retrofit/Scare Wire
  - Low Tension/Semi-Permanent/"Quick Fence"
  - Polywire, Tape, Rope & Reel Systems
  - Electric Netting
- 10:45 Basic Non-Electric Fence Options
- Woven & Non Climb Fence
  - Coated and Smooth Wire
  - Barbed Wire
  - Plastic
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- 11:00 Post Options
- 11:15 Gate Options
- Tube, Panel, Mesh, Spring, Bungee, Net, Farmers, Drive -Thru, Cattle Gate
  - Proper installations of an electric gate
- 11:30 Tour of netting types; semi permanent, "Quick Fence"
- 12:00 – 12:30 Tour of existing hi-tensile electric systems (Optional)
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch and pick up orders for those **not** staying for the afternoon session  
Visit with contractors/dealers
- 1:00 Hi-tensile electric and woven wire systems
- Proper brace techniques
  - Electric hi-tensile hardware, tools & insulators
  - Woven wire systems
    - Fixed Knot woven wire, Hinged Joint & 2x4
- 1:40 – 3:30 Break into 4 concurrent groups
1. Tour of existing and explanation of hi-tensile electric fence
  2. Construction of hi-tensile woven wire fence
    - Brace construction
    - Tying off ends, stretching & joining fence
  3. Demonstration of the KingHitter Post Pounders
  4. Construction of Centaur 5" HTP horse fence
- 3:30 – On Go over estimates and pick up orders