



Horsemanship

Merit Badge Workbook

This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet (book). No one can add or subtract from the Boy Scout Requirements #33216. Merit Badge Workbooks and much more are below: [Online Resources](#).

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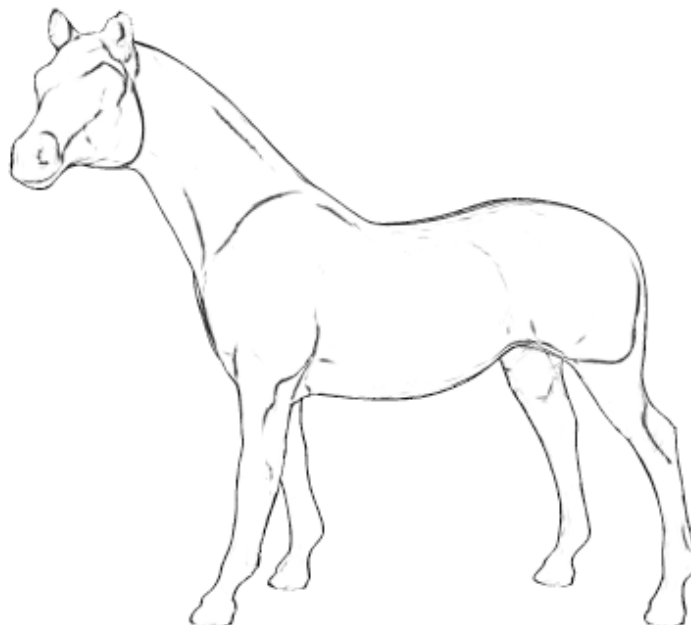
Counselor's Name: _____ Counselor's Ph #: _____

1. Do the following:

a. Describe the safety precautions you should take when handling and caring for a horse. _____

b. Describe the fire safety precautions you should take in a barn and around horses. _____

2. Name 15 main parts of a horse.



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3. Name four leading breeds of horses. Explain the special features for which each breed is known.

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4. Describe the symptoms of colic.

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Name and describe four other horse health problems.

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5. Explain what conformation is and why it is important.

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Explain the difference between lameness

and unsoundness.

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6. Explain the importance of hoof care

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and why a horse might need to wear shoes.

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7. Demonstrate how to groom a horse, including picking hooves and caring for a horse after a ride.

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8. Explain how to determine what and how much to feed a horse _____

and why the amount and kind of feed are changed according to the activity level and the breed of horse. _____

9. Do the following:

a. Name 10 parts of the saddle and bridle that you will use, _____

and explain how to care for this equipment. _____

b. Show how to properly saddle and bridle a horse. _____

c. Demonstrate how to safely mount and dismount a horse. _____

10. Explain and demonstrate how to approach and lead a horse safely from a stall, corral, or field _____

and how to tie the horse securely. _____

11. On level ground, continuously do the following movements after safely mounting the horse. Do them correctly, at ease, and in harmony with the horse.

a. Walk the horse in a straight line for 60 feet. _____

b. Walk the horse in a half-circle of not more than 16 feet in radius. _____

c. Trot or jog the horse in a straight line for 60 feet. _____

d. Trot or jog the horse in a half-circle of not more than 30 feet in radius. _____

e. Lope (canter) the horse in a straight line for at least 60 feet. _____

f. Lope (canter) the horse in a half-circle not more than 30 feet in radius. _____

g. Halt straight. _____

h. Back up straight four paces. _____

i. Halt and dismount. _____

Online Resources (Use any Internet resource with caution and only with your parent's or guardian's permission.)

Boy Scouts of America: ► scouting.org ► [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) ► [Age-Appropriate Guidelines](#) ► [Safe Swim Defense](#)
► [Scout](#) ► [Tenderfoot](#) ► [Second Class](#) ► [First Class](#) ► [Rank Videos](#) ► [Safety Afloat](#)

Merit Badge Books: www.scoutstuff.org *Please don't post workbooks on your site. Please instead post links to these:*
MeritBadge.org: <http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/MBW> -or- usscouts.org: <http://www.usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/list.asp>

Requirement Resources

These resources and much more are at: <http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Horsemanship>

1, 8, 9, 10, 11. [ExpertVillage Horsemanship Lesson Videos](#) & [How to Ride: Lead - Lead & Tie - Mount - Mount & Discmount Rider Position - Canter - Lope - Back up - Jog - Trot - Gallop - Exercise - Lateral Work](#)

2. A diagram of a horse is in the [Horsemanship Worksheet - Parts of a horse](#).

3. [Popular Horse Breeds - all Horse Breeds](#)

4. [Saddle parts and care - Saddle - Bridle](#)

5. [Bathing & Grooming a horse - Hooves](#)

6. [Horse Diseases](#)

General Resources

Horse Illustrated: <http://www.animalnetwork.com/horse>
<http://www.horsenews.com>

National Reining Horse Association: <http://www.nrha.com>

United States Equestrian Team: <http://www.uset.com>

Horse & Rider: <http://www.horseandrider.com>

The United States Pony Clubs: <http://www.ponyclub.org>

United States Dressage Federation: <http://www.usdf.org>

USA Equestrian: <http://www.equestrian.org>