

## Horse Management Activity Ideas

### D1:

#### Grooming demonstration:

- ◆ Include names of each brush, reasons for grooming & techniques for proper grooming

#### Tack cleaning demonstration:

- ◆ Include What is needed, reasons for tack cleaning & techniques.

#### Trip to a local barn:

- ◆ Everyone looks for unsafe tack.

#### Helmet fit: (include parents!)

- ◆ How it should fit, provide various hats and have kids try & tell you why it does or does not fit.

#### Appropriate attire:

- ◆ Bring in catalogs & have kids work in groups, producing a poster of appropriate attire for all the disciplines.
  - ◆ Another idea is have a variety of attire in a bag, & challenge the kids to dress one of their group up in the different appropriate attire explaining why it is correct.
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### D2:

#### Scavenger hunt:

- ◆ Bring in lots of magazines & the kids find pictures of unsafe attire. They can make a list of things or they look for as many as they can find. Mount on a poster board & present to group.

#### Bathing demonstration:

- ◆ Include what to use, safety considerations, and tricks to getting pony really clean.

#### Farrier demonstration:

- ◆ Include basic shoeing & trimming info.

#### Tack fitting activity:

- ◆ Divide into groups, give each group a quiet horse & several pieces of tack. Have them fit the tack to the horse & present the horse at the end. Cover how they fitted it.
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### D3:

#### Formal & Informal attire:

- ◆ During a trip to a local tack shop have kids pick out attire which is properly formal & informal.
- ◆ Have them put together a poster with pictures of proper formal & informal attire.

#### Appropriate attire:

- ◆ Have an obstacle course where pony clubbers have different stations to go to. At each station they demonstrate a skill such as stock tying, putting on jodhpur straps, picking out inappropriate clothing etc. Fastest time through or 1<sup>st</sup> team through or whatever wins.

#### Tack cleaning demonstration:

- ◆ Go into more detail about cleaning, conditioning, & polishing.

#### Tack cleaning:

- ◆ Have the kids go through catalogs & pick out the products they need & discuss why. Can be mounted on a poster.

#### Farrier demonstration:

- ◆ Go into more detail about the tools & what they are used for.

### C1:

#### Emergency care:

- ◆ Have an emergency room worker do a first aid talk which incorporates the dangers of body piercing with sports activities. Could include someone who can talk about the uses of belts, stock ties, etc. for emergency situations.

#### Boot care:

- ◆ Invite a local military person to demonstrate proper boot shining & the equipment needed.

#### Vet talk:

- ◆ Parasite control & how this important for a healthy coat & health.
- ◆ Proper cleaning of sheaths & udders.
- ◆ Nutrition & how this relates to the health.

#### Grooming:

- ◆ Invite a groom from a big show or event barn & have them demonstrate their methods for a good turnout.

#### Tack Shop Visits:

- ◆ Discuss quality of leather & craftsmanship vs. price.

#### Reconditioning tack:

- ◆ Obtain a supply of old neglected tack, discuss methods for reclaiming & then have a contest to see who can do the best job in restoring it.
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### C2:

#### Spur fitting:

- ◆ Add spur fitting to the obstacle course; pony clubber to fit spurs properly on boot with the buckle in correct place & straps on correctly.

#### Grooming:

- ◆ Have an HA give a talk discussing tips to reducing dandruff, shining a coat, polishing metal, & all the other things they have learned to really make a turnout superior.

#### Farrier visit:

- ◆ More in-depth talk about types of shoes, & shoeing methods.

#### Groom from a show barn:

- ◆ Demonstrate different braiding methods. Then give each group a horse to braid. Judge on the fastest, the neatest, etc.

#### Teaching:

- ◆ Inspects a D pony clubber & explains how to improve turnout.

#### Saddlemaker:

- ◆ Invite in for a talk to discuss different types of saddles & their purposes, proper fit, how to identify a safe used saddle, etc.

#### Clipping:

- ◆ Have a professional come & demonstrate techniques for proper clipping.
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### C3:

#### Teaching:

- ◆ C3s should be encouraged to do unmounted demonstrations on all the aspects of formal inspection.

#### Record book:

- ◆ Maintain a record book at the C3 level & bring in examples for lower level ponyclubbers.

Visit Tack Shop:

- ◆ Discuss use & fit of different bits, martingales, boots etc.

Rating Prep:

- ◆ Assist younger ponyclubbers to prepare for their rating or turnout at rally.

Grooming:

- ◆ Watch a three-day horse inspection & see how the horses are presented.
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B/H/HA/A

Teaching:

- ◆ Should be encouraged to do unmounted demonstrations on all the aspects of formal inspection including the finer points of the C level requirements.

Record book:

- ◆ Maintain a record book at the B/HA level & bring in examples for C level ponyclubbers.

Visit Tack Shop:

- ◆ Discuss use & fit of any of the equipment available including training devices, bits of all kinds & boots.

Rating Prep:

- ◆ Assist C level ponyclubbers to prepare for their rating or turnout at a rally.

Farrier Visit:

- ◆ Spend time traveling with a farrier.

Vet visit:

- ◆ Spend time traveling with a veterinarian.

Turnout:

- ◆ Have them visit an available barn & prepare that horse for a presentation. The scruffier the better!