



Horse Clinic Rules / Expectations

Please read the following carefully:

- For the safety of all participants, volunteers, and horses:
 - Participants must follow all Horse Clinic rules and MD 4-H Code of Conduct;
 - All horses must meet the requirements established by the Harford County 4-H Horse Clinic planning team;
 - All adults must follow Horse Clinic rules and MD 4-H Adult Code of Conduct.
- Anyone not following the rules / expectations will be dismissed.
 - There will be no refunds for dismissal due to violation of rules / expectations.
 - The Horse Clinic committee / Harford County 4-H Educator decisions will be final.

Horses must:

- be quiet enough to participate in groups as large as 20;
- be safe and suitable for youth to handle independently;
- be able to be stalled for the majority of the time they are at the clinic;
- not be aggressive or dangerous to be around;
- Green horses are allowed as long as they are easily and safely managed by the 4-Her.

General Rules

- All clinic rules apply upon arrival.
- No bare feet or sandals allowed in barns or around horses.
- Sandals are allowed in the pavilion.
- Only registered participants and approved chaperones are allowed to spend the night – all others must leave by 8:00 p.m.
- No riding allowed after the final mounted activity of the day unless otherwise specified.
- ALL 4-H'ers will participate in all scheduled events unless prior arrangements are made with the Horse Clinic committee.
- Think before doing. If you have any doubt about something, do not do it. Check with someone in charge, we are here to help.

Barn Rules

- No switching of stalls (tack or horse) once they are set up.
- 4-H'ers are to do their own work.
 - More experienced 4-H members will offer to assist younger members when needed.
- No horse may be put in any stall other than their own, even temporarily.
- Keep all stall doors closed.
- Tack will be kept in tack stalls, not in aisle ways.
- All stalls (horse and tack) and sleeping areas must be cleaned before release time on Thursday.
 - Stalls will be inspected after your horse is loaded and your deposit check returned if approved by staff.



Riding

- Riders must wear proper apparel when riding including:
 - shoes with heels;
 - 4-H approved hard hats – ASTM/SEI certified;
 - Shirts must have sleeves; tank tops/sleeveless shirts not permitted while riding.
 - Riding pants preferred; chaps permitted with long pants – **no shorts.**
- You may not switch horses or ride anyone else's horse – no exceptions.
 - Only clinic participants are allowed on the horses.
- You may only ride during scheduled times.

Adult/Visitor Rules

- Only adults who are volunteering should be on the grounds, no siblings or pets.
- Parents are welcome as spectators during the Thursday morning lessons.
- Parents may not interfere with the planned program or with the instructor's placement of riders.
 - If parents have concerns, they should be brought to the attention of the Harford County 4-H Horse Clinic committee or the Harford County 4-H Educator.

Overnight Rules

- Chaperones **must** be verified and approved by the committee for you to unload and remain at the clinic.
 - **Only UME trained volunteers may serve as chaperones for a group (8-10 youth).**
- You are not allowed in the horse barn area after dark.
- Do not leave the sleeping area after dark.
- Preparation for bed, quiet time and lights out will be strictly enforced.
 - After lights out, you are expected to be in bed and quiet.
 - All electronics and flashlights not turned off will be taken by the chaperone and returned at the end of the clinic.

Tack Stalls

- Horse stalls and tack/feed stalls will be pre-assigned. You may set up your stalls when you arrive. Stalls are encouraged to be decorated with any theme of your choice. You may include pictures, curtains, name, information about your breed or any other information you would like to provide.
- ****Your \$25 deposit will be refunded when you leave if your stalls have been properly cleaned and approved by staff.**
- Stall cards will be provided for each horse with the horse's name, vet name and phone number, farrier name and phone number, your name and **feeding instructions**. ****Please be sure to complete these items on your registration form** including "Special Instructions" (if needed).

I understand and agree to follow all rules and expectations during participation in the Harford County 4-H Horse Clinic.

Participant signature : _____

Parent signature : _____ Date : _____