

Scouts Earn Badges

The "Horse Lovers" Badge can be earned in one lesson for Junior Girl Scouts. For younger groups, they can work towards earning their Animal Helpers Badge. Awesome experience for younger groups to be outside on the farm. Each program is tailored to the group. Upon arrival, the scouts are given a short lecture about the horses, instructor's experience and history of our farm. We discuss horse safety and review of safety rules.

**The Scouts will participate in the following activities.**

* Grooming tools and how to properly groom
* Review of Riding Equipment and care
* Observe and assist with tacking up the ponies
* Controlling (walking) animal from the ground
* Horsemanship
* Mounting/ Dismounting
* Riding Lesson- during the 1/2 hour lesson, each scout will learn how to control their animal, including stopping and guiding. They will perform balance exercises and learn how to balance in 2 point position.

Depending on the size of the group, it should take approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Larger groups will be broken into smaller groups. While one group has their riding lesson, the other groups will be busy with activities.

The cost to earn this badge is $30/rider.