



"Come to Where the West is One!"

Mission: to offer a place where all individuals feel honored, empowered & accepted through the healing experience of horses, animals, community & nature.

Horsemanship Badges

GIRL SCOUTS, BOY SCOUTS, CUB SCOUTS, BROWNIES & EAGLE SCOUTS



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We offer lesson programs that provide an opportunity to earn two of the merit badges:

Horse Lover's Badge

The "**Horse Lover's**" Badge can be earned in a two hour lesson. The first hour is focused on learning about the basics of a horse's body parts, learning each part of the tack used in horseback riding and explaining its usage, learning how to tack & how to saddle a horse. We also talk about a horse's daily routine and how to care for a horse which includes showing the Scouts how to properly "muck out a horse or pony pen" and discussing nutrition. A question & answer session ends the first hour.

The second hour consists of each Scout being assigned a horse. The Scouts learn to mount their horse and then ride into the arena, where they are taught how to steer, stop, balance and hopefully, work up to a trot. The last 15-20 minutes consists of the Scouts un-tacking and grooming their horses.

This lesson will equip your Scout with a complete basic introduction into the horse world!!!

The cost to earn this badge is \$25.00 per rider.

Horse Rider's Badge

The "**Horse Rider's**" Badge is more extensive and takes 5 lessons to complete. Scouts are scheduled 1 lesson per week and are taught how to steer, stop, walk, trot and lope their horse. They will also learn how to groom, tack and bridle their horse on their own. Each lesson lasts an hour, Scouts will ride for a 1/2 hour and the other 1/2 hour will be spent grooming, tacking and learning to care for their horse. This badge requires dedication on a weekly basis to achieve the quickest results. This badge is for Scouts that really want to get their riding skills down, as well as possibly spark their interest further into this field.

The cost is \$30.00 per rider/per lesson.



These lesson plans are designed to be fun and interactive with a combination of hands on and discussion phases. Our horses are child friendly and experienced with youth groups. Our instructors are patient, knowledgeable and enjoy working in this setting. We prefer a 1 to 5 ratio of instructor to participants to make for a safe, educational and fun experience for all parties involved. We understand how important it is for the first experience with anything to be a positive one. We strive for the boys and girls to walk away having had a great time and to be more knowledgeable about horses. We thank you in advance for sharing the gifts of our charity ranch and for teaching your Scout about proper care of animals and the outdoors through participation in our program.



All persons wanting to enter the property must fill out a "Waiver and Liability Information Form". (1 per family & only 1 per current year) We will have waivers available in the office & on our website to download, sign & bring in with you upon arrival. All participants must arrive at least 30 minutes ahead of time to take care of paperwork, payment, helmets and dividing into groups if necessary.

Wear boots or closed toed shoes, don't eat a big meal beforehand and dress appropriately for weather. Helmets are always recommended. We do have some helmets available at the ranch however we don't promise that we will have the assortment of sizes & quantities needed for all the various activities we may have going on at any one time. Your or your child's bike helmet works great.



PAYMENT IS NON-REFUNDABLE BUT IS TRANSFERABLE IF YOU CALL 7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE BADGE TIME. IF YOU CANCEL WITHIN 7 DAYS, YOU CANNOT TRANSFER TO ANOTHER TIME AND YOU WILL BE CHARGED IN FULL. IF YOU PROMISE TO PAY BY CASH OR CHECK UPON ARRIVAL OF YOUR INITIALLY BOOKED APPOINTMENT AND YOU CALL TO CHANGE THE TIME, YOU UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR CREDIT CARD WILL BE CHARGED IN FULL UPON THAT TRANSFER TO ANOTHER DATE? _____(Initial)

In the event we have to re-schedule appointments due to weather, we prefer you re-schedule & we will also provide a refund.



Contact us for more information or to get signed up:

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