



NWNHC Kids Club Outline

Goal

To develop a natural way of being with horses beyond the basics, provide a safe and fun place for children to immerse themselves in the horse world; including education, personal and skill development through horses.

Meetings

Every other Saturday from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. starting September 30 and running through the school year. Meetings are sectioned into different areas of focus, including:

- Education
- Industry Spotlight
- Ground skills
- Riding

Not all of these would be included each week. What we do is determined by the students, horses, time of year, and availability. Within a given month, we should touch on each of the following areas.

Education:

Horse anatomy

Horse psychology (Prey vs. Predator)

Basic care, i.e. feed, safety, signs of health and contentment

Colors, markings, breeds

Tack and equipment

Build on basics

Industry Spotlight:

Invite professionals within the industry to present to the club

Field trips occasionally to businesses

Expand knowledge of what all the “equine industry” means today

Ground Skills:

Advance ground skills to crisp, clean, and accurate

Move up to 22 & 45' leads

Liberty work

Add obstacles

Encourage true creativity and freedom to try

Riding:

Build confidence, precision and focus while riding

“Military” drill riding to increase precision and focus

Move up into saddles, be comfortable at all three basic gaits

Obstacles

Membership

Members of “Kid’s Club” will be expected to know their basic ground games, grooming, haltering, “saddling” (with bareback pad), rein positions and how to use them while riding. Youths, aged 9 and up, who can demonstrate knowledge of these basics are invited to join. **Each member must pass a basic skills test to participate.** This is a club to develop advancing skills. The basics should be familiar.

There is a 3-month membership minimum. Tuition is \$125 per month or \$375 for the period. Tuition is due on the first of each month. Monthly budget payment arrangements can be made with credit card on file.

Membership includes meeting times, group instruction, free auditing of NWNHC clinics, access to the NWNHC reading and video library, activities and ongoing support from instructors and fellow members.

Field trips off-site will require extra participation from members/parents (lunches, transportation costs, etc.)

Required Equipment:

Personal:

- ✓ Helmet
- ✓ Boots (Western or English)
- ✓ Riding pants or jeans
- ✓ Weather appropriate clothing and boots

Horse:

Students taking riding lessons may borrow horse equipment for Kids Club. Those not taking lessons or bringing their own horse can rent equipment for a \$15 monthly fee or purchase through the NWNHC Store. Discount coupons and packages are available to members.

Meeting Agenda

- 20 min. education
- 20 min. guest presenter (when presenter is scheduled)
- 20 min. to catch and prep horses
- 1 ½ hrs. horsemanship instruction (includes ground and mounted time)
- 30min. “horse time” for members to use as they want with their horse. Instructor to be available for questions and assistance

To Join

Fill out and return the NWNHC Kids Club Membership Application and pay all applicable fees.

Questions

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