



Girl Scout

Horse Clinic Options

Horse Fan Badge

Sun Pony Ranch
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For the "Horse Fan" Badge, Junior Girl Scouts are to choose 6 of the 10 listed Activities in their Badge Book. Many of the Activities are research projects that the girls are to look up and find out about themselves. The intent of this badge is for the girls to spend time researching these subjects. Therefore, in the spirit of this intent, Sun Pony Ranch will provide some guidance, but leave some portions for individual and troop work. We will go over information that the girls are to find by contacting a stable or riding facility. We will also give some ideas on some of the other information they are to collect for other Activity choices. We will customize the Clinic Sessions to the Activities your troop chooses. Following are the 10 Activities for the Horse Fan Badge, and what Sun Pony Ranch can provide for each.

Activity # 1 - "On the Trail": (SPR portion estimated time: 15 minutes)

- We will give the required information for Sun Pony Ranch
 - Our Prices for riding: lessons, leasing a horse, and boarding a horse
 - Our "specialty"
 - Information about instructions, horse requirements, indoor & outdoor rings, and riding trails.
- **The Scouts will have to call other Riding facilities for their information**

Activity # 2 - "Caring for Horses": (SPR portion estimated time: 30-45 minutes)

We can provide all the information the girls need for this Activity

- The general care of a horse
- How much and what kind of food a horse needs daily
- Acceptable treats for horses
- Everyday care in a stable; practice cleaning a stall
- How often a horse needs to be shod or trimmed, and why
- *Even though it is not a requirement, if your troop would like to watch our farrier shoe a horse, we will try to coordinate a time when the troop and our farrier (she's is a female!) can be here together.*

Activity # 3 - "Fashion and Function": (SPR portion estimated time: 15 minutes)

- We will discuss the different clothing options for English and Western riding, including what is worn at competitive Horse Shows
- We will show a few examples of these items
- We will go over the safety features in the footwear, pants, jackets, and helmets
- **The Scouts will still need to collect some pictures or articles of clothing on their own, or as a troop activity. They may wish to have their own discussion session at one of their meetings to fulfill the "Show the correct and safe clothing" and the "Point out to others the safety features" requirements.**



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Activity # 4 - "Horses Through History": (SPR portion estimated time: 15 minutes)

- We will briefly discuss the evolution of the horse, including the first prehistoric horse, the disappearance from and then reappearance to North America, size changes, and toes to hooves.
- We will show the principal parts of a horse, using a drawing and a real horse
- The Scouts will still need to find books to use to make their own illustrated booklets required for this badge

Activity # 5 - "Song of the Horse": (SPR portion estimated time: 2 minutes)

- We can provide the names of some "cowboy ballads"; however, this is an Activity which the girls should do on their own and with their troop for the "teach one to your troop" requirement

Activity # 6 - "Make a Career of Riding": (SPR portion estimated time: 20-30 minutes)

We can provide all the information the girls need for this Activity

- We will enumerate several different careers associated with horses
- We will discuss at greater length the careers of: Riding Instructor, Horse Trainer, and Barn Manager
- We will go over the type of training and experience the Sun Pony Ranch Instructor needed before she could teach others

Activity # 7 - "Ease with Equipment": (SPR portion estimated time: 30-45 minutes)

We can provide all the information the girls need for this Activity

- We will go over the basic parts of the saddle and bridle
- We will discuss how the parts contribute to the comfort of the horse and rider
- We will discuss the care of the saddle and bridle and how to keep them in good repair
- We will demonstrate the saddling and bridling of a horse and have the girls "assist"

Activity # 8 - "Horse 'Tales' ": (SPR portion estimated time: 15 minutes)

- We will tell stories about some famous or legendary horses to the troop
- We will make the distinction between the true stories and fictional ones
- The Scouts will still need to find and choose a story to tell to the troop at one of their meetings to fulfill the "Tell a horse story to your troop" requirement

Activity # 9 - "Horse Stories ": (SPR portion estimated time: 2 minutes)

- We can give some suggestions; however, this is an Activity which the girls should do on their own (most kids interested in horses have read several books already)

Activity # 10 - "Showing Off ": (SPR portion estimated time: 5 hours on "Horse Show Day")

- We do have a weekly Horse Camp that is offered during the summer months, and by request during school breaks. We have a "Horse Show" on the Friday of every camp week. The Horse Show is for the campers to show off the riding skills they have learned during the week to family and friends. To choose this Activity Option (participation), the Scouts would do a Camp week.
- The Scouts can do this Activity on their own by simply watching a horse-based performance



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HORSE FAN BADGE - Girl Scout Option ONE (with 4 provided Activities)

Sun Pony Ranch will do a Clinic for the troop which includes Activity Numbers 1 and 2. In addition, the troop will choose 2 more of the following Activities: 3, 4, or 8. The descriptions of what we provide for each Activity are those listed above.

TOTAL TIME: 1½ Hours

TOTAL COST: \$21 per Scout (minimum 6)

INCLUDES: Activity Numbers 1 and 2, *plus* the choice of two between 3, 4, & 8



HORSE FAN BADGE - Girl Scout Option TWO (with 5 provided Activities)

Sun Pony Ranch will do a Clinic for the troop which includes Activity Numbers 1, 2, and 6. In addition, the troop will choose 2 more of the following Activities: 3, 4, or 8. The descriptions of what we provide for each Activity are those listed above.

TOTAL TIME: 1½ to 2 Hours

TOTAL COST: \$27 per Scout (minimum 6)

INCLUDES: Activity Numbers 1, 2, and 6, *plus* the choice of two between 3, 4, & 8



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HORSE FAN BADGE - Girl Scout Option THREE (with 5 provided Activities)

Sun Pony Ranch will do a Clinic for the troop which includes Activity Numbers 1, 2, 6, and 7. In addition, the troop will choose 1 more of the following Activities: 3, 4, or 8. The descriptions of what we provide for each Activity are those listed above.

TOTAL TIME: 2 to 2½ Hours

TOTAL COST: \$33 per Scout (minimum 6)

INCLUDES: Activity Numbers 1, 2, 6, and 7, *plus* the choice of one between 3, 4, & 8



HORSE FAN BADGE - Girl Scout Option FOUR (with 6 provided Activities)

Sun Pony Ranch will do a Clinic for the troop which includes Activity Numbers 1, 2, 6, and 7. In addition, the troop will choose 2 more of the following Activities: 3, 4, or 8. The descriptions of what we provide for each Activity are those listed above.

TOTAL TIME: 2 to 2¾ Hours

TOTAL COST: \$35 per Scout (minimum 6)

INCLUDES: Activity Numbers 1, 2, 6, and 7, *plus* the choice of two between 3, 4, & 8



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RIDING ADD-ONS TO HORSE FAN BADGE:

There are no required Horseback Riding Activities for the Horse Fan Badge. However, if your troop would like to add in a Ride, we can offer several Options for Riding at an additional cost.

Our "Normal" price for Group Lessons is \$35 per 1 ½ hour lesson per person. For our Scout Troops, we use a Discount Sliding Scale with a minimum of 6 Scouts per Clinic. The cost is per troop (less per girl), when the Scouts take turns riding for shorter riding times per girl.

RIDING OPTIONS available as Add-Ons to your Horse Fan Badge Clinic Option:

"Try it Out" Horse Riding: *The girls will take turns riding one horse and watching each other in our Riding Arena. We will not go over any lesson material; however, each girl will be offered the opportunity to trot the horse if she chooses (while being led). We carefully watch balance issues and stop the trot if we see any signs of a loss of balance.*

TOTAL TIME ADDED: 45 minutes;
TOTAL COST ADDED \$50 per Troop

"Learn More About It" Horse Riding: *We will use two horses and the girls will take turns riding and watching each other. We will go over proper posture (seat), hand position and leg position. The horses will walk around in our arena and each girl will be offered the opportunity to trot on her horse if she chooses. We carefully monitor balance and control issues and stop the trot if we see any signs of a problem.*

TOTAL TIME ADDED: 1 Hour
TOTAL COST ADDED: \$80 per Troop

"Let's Have a Lesson!" Horse Riding: *Each Girl Scout will ride one horse for 45 minutes in a group lesson situation. We will do a regular Beginner Lesson to teach proper posture (seat), hand position and leg position. We will learn the Four Aids and how to use them to communicate with your horse to walk, trot, reverse, and stop.*

TOTAL TIME ADDED: 1 Hour for 6 to 7 girls; 1½ Hours for 8 to 9 girls, and 2 Hours for 10 to 14 girls
(includes time needed for saddle and stirrup adjustments)
TOTAL COST ADDED: \$20 per Scout