

Yuma County Up & Coming Club Horse Project

“Ride For 4-H” Horse Hours Program

Western/English Pleasure Horse Training, Riding, and Driving Hour Tracking Program

If you enjoy working with your 4-H horse; whether it be training foals and yearlings, riding or driving your 4-H horse; whether owned or leased; or you have a “horseless” horse 4-H project; there is another way to keep track and earn recognition through the “Ride For 4-H” Horse Hours tracking program without showing in the show ring or competing in roping and time events. This has been modeled after the American Paint Horse Association (APHA) Ride America® Saddle Log Program, American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) and the American Indian Horse Registry (AIHR) riding and hour’s programs.

By enrolling in “Ride For 4-H” Horse Hours program, you can strengthen your body and mind while exploring the great outdoors with your 4-H Horse—all while earning rewards for the time you spend training, riding and driving. With “Ride For 4-H” Horse Hours program, you set your own goals and measure your own success. Train, drive or ride at your own pace and earn rewards for simply spending time working with your 4-H horse.

When you enroll in “Ride For 4-H” Horse Hours program, you receive an official time log. Simply record each hour starting March 1st of each year and describe what occurred that you spend training, riding or driving your 4-H Horse and send your log to Cochise County 4-H cooperative extension by October 1st of each year. (*The first year (2011) keep records from April 10th through February 28 2012*). Achievement levels will be given recognition each year as well as cumulative throughout your 4-H youth years (age 9-18). You write down your hours and keep 4-H records of your accomplishments. Each year, you earn merit awards of green, bronze, silver, and gold pins *for accomplishing yearly hours with other special rewards as well. Plus, if you stay in the horse project all the way through your 4-H youth (age 9-18) and keep track of your hours, the hours are accumulated with special awards such as water bottles, blankets, and other gifts. All you have to do is record your progress. Yuma County Up & Coming 4-H recognizes your achievements.

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Requirements:

- Participants must be current 4-H members in good standing (going by their club bylaws) and must maintain membership for the entire time during which hours are recorded toward a recognition level.
- Submit an enrollment application with goals each year at 4-H project sign up (see appendix A Horse Application & Log Sheet)
- Participants do not have to own the horse.
- Time may be recorded for any activity in which you participate by training, riding or driving.
- Participants must maintain a separate log on each horse
- Keep track of time and activity, (one (1) hour for each hour actually spent training, riding or driving) on your 4-H record book journal log. (*Feeding and mucking does not count.*)
- All time figured is on a one-horse/one-rider basis and is on the honor system.
- Participants are required to show Log sheets and get signatures monthly from their 4-H club Horse Project leaders to monitor their progress.

Award levels: (Examples only. Final awards to be determined)

1. There are 4 Yearly achievement levels, plus two special awards.

- **200-400 hours - Green merit horse pin**
- **401-600 hours - Bronze merit horse pin**
- **601-800 hours - Silver merit horse pin**
- **801 hours - and over - Gold merit horse pin**
- **Feed store certificate for Junior highest hours for the year.**
- **Feed store certificate for Senior highest hours for the year.**

2. There are 16 cumulative (*add each year onto the last year*) achievement levels—from 400 to 6,500 hours.

Hours Award

400 Patch and water bottle

800 Patch and key lanyard

1200 Patch and lead rope

1600 Patch and grooming kit

2000 Patch and horn bag

2400 Patch and feed bucket

2800 Patch and water bottle holder

3200 Patch and rope halter

3600 Patch and Duffle Bag

4000 Patch and feed pan

4400 Patch and saddle bags

4800 Patch and saddle blanket *or* pad

5200 Patch and horse 1st aid kit

5600 Patch and headstall

6000 Patch and Breast Collar *or* Martingale

6400 Patch and Belt Buckle

Calculations based on the following:

365 days in a year. Work with your horse 2 hours a day = 730 Hours per year

Age 9 to 18 = 9 years, 9 years x 730 Hours per year = 6570

Appendix A – 4-H Horse Application & Log Sheet

(Submit application to project leader by March 1st to get credit.)

Name: _____

Horse ID Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Facebook: _____

4-H Club: _____ Yearly Goal _____

Project Leader Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Horse Project Type and Discipline: (please circle all that apply)

1. Western
2. English
3. Driving
4. Ground Training
5. Other: (Please state) _____

