Osceola County 4-H Horsemaster Project

LEVEL 1 – NOVICE

Name: ____________________________________________ 4-H Age: ________

Address: ___________________________________________ City: ___________

Name of Club: ______________________________________________________

Name of Club Leader (s): _____________________________________________

Years in 4-H Project: _________________________________________________

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Section 1 – Knowledge

1. Describe where the best position(s) to handle your horse is and explain why you should always try to stay in it.

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______________________________________________________________________ (2)

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2. Which side should you lead a horse from? ________________________________ (1)

3. Which side should you mount a horse from? ______________________________ (1)

4. When combing a horse’s tail, where should you stand? __________________________

_______________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________ (1)

5. Give an example of a blemish. ____________________________________________ (1)

6. Give an example of an unsoundness. _______________________________________ (1)

7. Define each of the following terms: (8)
   a. foal ........................................................................................................
   b. weanling ................................................................................................
   c. yearling ..................................................................................................
   d. colt .........................................................................................................
7. Define each of the following terms:
   e. filly _________________________________________________________________
   f. gelding ______________________________________________________________
   g. mare ________________________________________________________________
   h. stallion _____________________________________________________________

8. Name the three things you should feed a horse: (3)
   1. ______________________2. _______________________ 3. ____________________

9. What should you do if your horse runs away with you while you are riding him?
   ______________________________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________ (1)

10. What kind of footwear should you wear when you are working with your horse? Why?
    ______________________________________________________________________
    ______________________________________________________________________
    ______________________________________________________________________ (2)

11. List four parts of a bridle: (4)
    1. _____________________________________
    2. _____________________________________
    3. _____________________________________
    4. _____________________________________

Section 1 – Knowledge (Continued)

12. Number the correct parts of a horse:

   1. Back
   2. Face
   3. Fetlock
   4. Thigh
   5. Hock
   6. Knee
   7. Muzzle
   8. Poll
   9. Shoulder
  10. Withers

(Total Knowledge Points: 35)
Section 2 – Dismounted Abilities

Properly demonstrate the following to a designated inspector, who will check off each of these items on the date(s) you complete them.

1. Identify three basic grooming aids. (3)  
   Date: ____________  Inspector: ____________

2. Demonstrate how to use each of the above aids with safe handling techniques. (3)  
   Date: ____________  Inspector: ____________

3. Correctly identify the color of your horse. (1)  
   Date: ____________  Inspector: ____________

4. Discuss or demonstrate how to water and feed a horse. (2)  
   Date: ____________  Inspector: ____________

5. Discuss or demonstrate how to catch a horse:  
   a. in a stall with a halter on  
   Date: ____________  Inspector: ____________
   b. in a pasture or field with a halter on (2)  
   Date: ____________  Inspector: ____________

6. Demonstrate how to safely approach a horse that is unaware of your presence. (1)  
   Date: ____________  Inspector: ____________

7. Discuss or demonstrate how to properly clean out and bed a stall. (2)  
   Date: ____________  Inspector: ____________

8. Demonstrate how to lead a horse or pony with a:  
   a. halter and lead rope  
   Date: ____________  Inspector: ____________
   b. bridle (2)  
   Date: ____________  Inspector: ____________

9. Demonstrate the proper distance to be maintained between horses when leading or showing in showmanship or halter. (2)  
   Date: ____________  Inspector: ____________

10. Demonstrate how to properly tie a safety knot. (2)  
    Date: ____________  Inspector: ____________

(Total Dismounted Points:  20)
Section 3 – Mounted Abilities

Properly demonstrate the following to a designated inspector, who will check off each of these items on the date(s) you complete them.

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<td>1. Mount and dismount a horse or pony. (2) (With assistance if necessary)</td>
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<td>2. Sit in the saddle and pick up the reins properly. (1)</td>
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<td>4. Move from a halt to a walk and a walk to a halt. (2)</td>
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<td>5. Move from a walk to a jog and a jog to a walk. (2)</td>
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<td>6. At the walk, turn right, turn left, turn right and left about. (2)</td>
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<td>10. Demonstrate the proper distance to be maintained between horses at all times. (1)</td>
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(Total Mounted Abilities: 15)
Osceola County 4-H Horsemaster Project
Level 1 – Novice

This 4-H member, ____________________________________________, has successfully completed all of the requirements in Knowledge, Dismounted Abilities, and Mounted Abilities for Level 1 in the Osceola County Horsemaster Project with an overall score of ___________ points out of a total 70 points.

_________________________________________  __________________
4-H Leader         Date

_________________________________________  __________________
Designated Inspector                Date

_________________________________________  __________________
Osceola County 4-H Youth Agent    Date

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