

HORSEMANSHIP MERIT BADGE WORKBOOK

This Scoutmaster Bucky Merit Badge Workbook is based off the current *Scouts BSA Requirements*.

Consider also using the Horsemanship merit badge class preparation page for clarification and expectations when participating in a Scoutmaster Bucky merit badge opportunity ([online](#) or [in-person](#)).

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/horsemanship/>

Scout's
Name:

REQUIREMENT 1: Do the following:

REQUIREMENT 1 A: Describe the safety precautions you should take when handling and caring for a horse.

REQUIREMENT 1 B: Describe the fire safety precautions you should take in a barn and around horses.

REQUIREMENT 2: Name the 15 main parts of a horse.

REQUIREMENT 3: Name four breeds of horses. Explain the special features for which each breed is known.

REQUIREMENT 4: Describe the symptoms of colic. Name and describe four other horse health problems.

Symptoms of colic

First additional health problem name and description

Second additional health problem name and description

Third additional health problem name and description

Fourth additional health problem name and description

REQUIREMENT 5: Explain what conformation is and why it is important. Explain the difference between lameness and unsoundness.

Conformation and why it is important

Difference between lameness and unsoundness

REQUIREMENT 6: Explain the importance of hoof care and why a horse might need to wear shoes.

REQUIREMENT 7: Demonstrate how to groom a horse, including picking hooves and caring for a horse after a ride.

Completed

REQUIREMENT 8: Explain how to determine what and how much to feed a horse and why the amount and kind of feed are changed according to the activity level and the breed of horse.

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REQUIREMENT 9: Do the following:

REQUIREMENT 9 A: Name 10 parts of the saddle and bridle that you will use, and explain how to care for this equipment.

REQUIREMENT 9 B: Show how to properly saddle and bridle a horse.

Completed

REQUIREMENT 9 C: Demonstrate how to safely mount and dismount a horse.

Completed

REQUIREMENT 10: Explain and demonstrate how to approach and lead a horse safely from a stall, corral, or field and how to tie the horse securely.

How to approach and lead a horse safely

Demonstrated how to approach and lead a horse safely

Demonstrated how to tie the horse securely

REQUIREMENT 11: On level ground, continuously do the following movements after safely mounting the horse. Do them correctly, at ease, and in harmony with the horse.

REQUIREMENT 11 A: Walk the horse in a straight line for 60 feet.

Completed

REQUIREMENT 11 B: Walk the horse in a half-circle of not more than 16 feet in radius.

Completed

REQUIREMENT 11 C: Trot or jog the horse in a straight line for 60 feet.

Completed

REQUIREMENT 11 D: Trot or jog the horse in a half-circle of not more than 30 feet in radius.

Completed

REQUIREMENT 11 E: Halt straight.

Completed

REQUIREMENT 11 F: Back up straight four paces.

Completed

REQUIREMENT 11 G: Halt and dismount.

Completed