UC 4-H Youth Development Program

Santa Barbara County



County-Wide Entry Level Test

for Mounted Horse Events



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In order to participate in any 4-H county wide-**mounted** horse event (e.g. Horse Field Day, Mounted Level Testing) each 4-H Horse Project member must:

1. Successfully complete an Entry Level Test (score of 85% correct)

NAME	CLUB	DATE	
GROUND SAFETY			
The 4-H Member:	CALLER A		
1. Holds lead with right hand	approximately 6 inches below fas	tener	

- _____2. Holds folds of excess rope in the left hand
- _____3. Leads horse on near side
- _____4. When leading the horse, keeps his/her body slightly in front of the horse's shoulder
- _____5. Keeps horse under control and does not get tangled in the rope
- ____6. Turns horse away from self when turning around
- _____7. Is able to move the horse's hindquarters over from the ground
- _____8. Is able to move the horse's forequarters over from the ground
- 9. Ties horse safely (16-18") with a slipknot or approved hitch on pole or bowline on hitching post
- ____10. Does NOT tie on cross fence
- _____11. With the horse tied, is able to pick both the front and rear hooves
- _____12. Completed the above without instruction or coaching



MOUNTED SAFETY

- _____1. Checks bridle or hackamore for proper fit prior to mounting
- _____2. Check cinch and breast collar (if present) prior to mounting
- _____3. Mounts safely while maintaining hold of the reins (may use a mounting block)
- _____4. Rider is calm during and after mounting
- _____5. Rides horse at a walk on a loose rein
- _____6. Can circle (turn) the horse to both the left and right
- _____7. Stops the horse with only mild use of the bit or hackamore
- _____8. Backs the horse (at least 5 steps)
- _____9. Rider appears to be relaxed and in control while in the saddle
- ____10. Rider is calm and attentive to the horse
- _____11. Safely dismounts while maintaining hold of the reins
- _____12. Rider is calm during and after dismounting
- ____13. Completed the above without instruction or coaching

ORAL QUESTIONS

- _____1. If your horse really tries to pull away from you, what should you do?
- _____2. When should you wear an equine safety helmet?
- _____3. Should you ride your horse bareback at a 4-H activity?
- _____4. What should you do if your horse is limping?
- ____5. Can you ride your horse in a halter at a 4-H activity?
- _____6. If it's a hot day, can you wear a short-sleeved shirt at a 4-H horse show?
- _____7. If your horse is not used to being ridden double, can you ride it double a 4-H project meeting?
- _____8. Is it ok to tie your horse by the reins?
- 9. What kind of shoes should you wear when riding a horse?
- ____10. Name 3 things you should bring with you on a long trail ride?



ENTRY LEVEL TALLY

Section	Number Correct	Total Possible
Ground Safety		12
Mounted Safety		13
Oral Questions		<u>10</u>
TOTAL:		35

4-H member must score 85% or 30 points to pass

I certify that the member stated above has passed Level 1 testing with a score of 85% or better.

UC 4-H Santa Barbara County Representative

Date

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