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\$15⁰⁰

HorseSense Challenge



at The Stables at Eagle Mountain
in Ellijay, GA

Closing
Date:
Feb 20

Saturday, February 27, 2010

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW!

HorseSense Challenge is an unmounted horsekeeping competition designed to show how much our students (and their families and friends) know about taking care of horses. It's also a great way for students to learn more about horsekeeping! The competition is based on our experiences in Pony Club Quiz competitions -- one of the best things about Pony Club.



Competitors are grouped in teams by Learning Levels, and will compete in one of the following divisions:

Rainbow/Red Division: Appropriate for competitors aged 5 and up who are currently working towards achieving their Rainbow Level or Red Level Horsekeeping ribbons. Younger students who are not yet reading/writing with confidence may have help from a Ground Buddy.

Yellow/Green Division: Competitors in this division are working on their Yellow Level or Green Level Horsekeeping ribbons.

Blue/Orange Division: Competitors in this division are working towards their Blue Level or Orange Level Horsekeeping ribbons.

If you are not currently enrolled in our Learning Levels program, look over the requirements for each division to determine the division you wish to enter -- Learning Levels are posted at the front of the barn, and may be downloaded from our website:

www.eaglemountainstables.com/LearningLevels.htm



Each team will complete activities in three phases:

Tables -- Competitors identify the objects on the table, matching the items with the correct term.

Tasks -- Teams work together to complete a hands-on activity (e.g., converting a cross-rail jump to a vertical).

Quiz bowl -- Competitors take turns answering verbal questions, with or without the help of their teammates.

*** Download entry forms, reference lists and a complete list of rules on our website.***

A fun and friendly competition to test and expand your
horsey knowledge -- with ribbons and prizes!

11 AM - 3 PM * \$15 entry fee * Closing date: Feb 20

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COMPETITION RULES

GENERAL RULES

- * Competition is open to students, their parents, their siblings, their friends, and anyone else aged 4 or older who wants to play.
- * You must be present at Briefing at 11:00 AM in order to participate. Detailed instructions for competition will be given at Briefing. No refunds will be given to latecomers who miss Briefing and consequently cannot participate in the Challenge.
- * Competition will be held rain or shine. Please dress appropriately.
- * Bring a bagged lunch and beverages/snacks. The 30-minute lunch break will be strictly observed from 12:30 - 1:00 PM.
- * Bring a folding chair for Quiz Bowl phase, or you might end up sitting on the floor.
- * Competitors and volunteers must wear barn-safe footwear (boots or sturdy shoes). If you have unsafe footwear you will not be allowed to participate in Tasks involving horses.
- * All barn rules must be observed -- especially when horses are in the barn.

TEAMS AND SCORING

- * Each competitor will be paired with one or more competitors in the same division to form a team. Teams will be determined by the Organizer.
- * Scoring is dead easy: correct answers will earn tokens, which competitors will place in labeled bags. At the end of the Challenge, the teams and individuals with the most tokens win. Lost tokens will not be replaced.
- * Ribbons will be awarded to the first-, second-, and third-place teams in each division. All other competitors will receive participation ribbons.
- * The individual competitor with the highest score in each division will win a special prize. The overall high point winner will win the Grand Prize.
- * Good sportsmanship and teamwork shall prevail. Unsportsmanlike behavior will cost you points; severe inappropriate behavior may prevent you from competing, at the Organizer's discretion.

CHALLENGE MATERIALS

- * All Challenge questions and tasks are based on the Learning Level requirements. **Competitors should study the requirements for both Levels in their division**, using the Official Challenge Reference List, which is available at the barn and on our website:
www.eaglemountainstables.com/HorseSense_Challenge.htm
- * No reference materials are allowed in the barn during the competition. You may review references during the lunch break, but must remove them from the barn when competition resumes.

CHALLENGE PROCEDURE

- * For each phase, teams start at an assigned place, and remain at that table or task until the signal is given to move to the next table or task.
- * Younger competitors may have a Ground Buddy assigned to help them read and write. Ground buddies are only allowed to read questions and scribe; they may NOT help competitors with answers.
- * **TABLES** -- Teams move from table to table, identifying items on each table and matching item letters to the terms on their answer sheet. Competitors may NOT talk to each other during this phase!
- * **TASKS** -- Teammates may work together to complete assigned tasks within a specified time limit. Examples of tasks include: assembling a bridle; arranging dressage letters, picking out a hoof, etc.
- * **QUIZ BOWL** -- Competitors answer verbal questions in a group setting. You may confer with your teammates before answering. You also have the option, at any time during this phase, to ask for a Purple/Teal Level question for bonus points.

CHALLENGE OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS

- * The competition is officiated by an Organizer (Dana) and a Technical Delegate (Nikki). If you have questions about answers or scoring, present those questions politely to the Technical Delegate. All other questions should be taken to the Organizer. In all cases, the decision of the Officials is final.
- * Volunteers are needed to serve as Table and Task Judges. Judges use an answer key to score the teams at their station. No horsey knowledge is necessary -- but you might learn a few things! In fact, this is a great learning opportunity for parents.
- * Volunteers are also needed to help during Set-up and Tear-down -- the most difficult part of this whole thing.

THE MISSION

- * We want to encourage our students to put more time and effort into learning about horses -- and earning those Horsekeeping ribbons. We also want to give parents a look at the knowledge required to keep horses healthy and happy. But mostly: we want to have FUN!

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Challenge Date:
FEBRUARY 27, 2010

Competitor's Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Age: _____ Needs Ground Buddy to help read or write? no yes

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____ Cell #: _____

If you'd like to be invited to future camps/clinics/events at The Stables, please complete the following email information:

Competitor's Email: _____ Parent's Email: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY
Date Paid _____ Due = \$ _____
Check # _____ or Cash
Lunches = _____ Total \$ _____

What color Horsekeeping Ribbons have you already earned?

- Rainbow Red Yellow Green Blue Orange Purple Teal
 No ribbon yet

Choose the division you wish to enter:

- Rainbow /Red Level
 Yellow/Green Level
 Blue/Orange Level

HELP! WE NEED LOTS OF HELP!

We need parent and sibling volunteers to keep the competition running smoothly. Please volunteer for one of the following:

- Table Judge (all answers provided!) Set-up assistant
 Task Judge (ditto) Tear-down assistant
 Ground Buddy (help younger kids read and write) Provide snacks/drinks*

*Although, if everyone sends snacks and no one helps with the sugared-up kids, could be trouble.

Completed entry forms must be received by
February 20 to reserve a place in the Challenge.
Include a check for **\$15.00** with your entry form,
payable to: *The Stables*.
Mail entry form and fees to:

The Stables at Eagle Mountain
c/o 56 Cindy Lane, Ellijay, GA 30540

By your signature, you agree as follows: "I hereby hold harmless the organizers, judges, and officials of The Stables at Eagle Mountain, Coosawattee River Resort Association, their officers, agents and employees, and the host and property owners from all liability for accidents, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, employees, attendants, spectators, or any person or property suffered during or in connection with this show. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA. UNDER GEORGIA LAW, AN EQUINE ACTIVITY SPONSOR OR EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERIT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 12 OF TITLE 4 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED."

Signature (parent or guardian if rider is under 18): _____ Date: _____