



# Lancaster County 4-H 2012 Horse Incentive Program

Jan. 16–June 30

Due to extension office no later than JULY 15

Any Lancaster County 4-H'er can participate in the horse incentive program and log hours/points by participating in the various activities listed below. The more time you invest, the more valuable the reward!

How it works: track the number of hours/points you participate in horse activities on the provided logs sheets starting Jan. 16 and concluding June 30. What you can earn hours/points for is listed below and how many hours/points each event is worth. In order to get credit for some points, like watching your vet do something on your horse, you must have their initials. You may keep track of hours/points on either of the log sheets (Option 1, Option 2, or a combination of both). But you must turn in your hours/points on the official sheets no later than July 15.

New this year!!

In the past we have logged activity by the hour. This year, please log activity using points. 1 hour equals 1 point. We are changing from hours to points because in the future we will add more ways to earn incentive points along with activity spent directly with the horse.

This year, you may earn points by turning in horse course quizzes within a week of the lesson to Marty. Each horse course lesson will be sent out with an interactive self quiz you can fill out, save, and return via email.

Points can be earned by asking questions of farriers and vets (horse questions can be found on separate sheets). You will get a point for each question asked. You must have the farrier or vet initial your form.

**HONESTY PLEA: The foundation of 4-H was built upon the pillars of character, one of which is honesty. Please make sure the hours/points logged are accurate and true. For example, if you groom your horse for 15 minutes, log 15 minutes don't round it up to a half an hour or an hour. Spot checks will be done.**

## Special Notes:

- Drive time doesn't count when driving to shows or other horse related activities, only log hours when you are directly involved with the horse or event.
- You must describe what you did for hours/points you record on the log sheet. If you run out of room just write the date and what you did on the back of the page.
- If it says a vet or farrier's initials are required, you must have them in order for the points to count.
- The Lancaster County Horse VIPS Executive Committee reserves the right to require verification of the hours you log.
- You must have a parent/guardian signature on your log sheets when you turn them in.



# GUIDELINES

## **Activities to include in your logged hours/points**

- 4-H meetings, ring practices, Jr. Leader volunteer work, watching instructive horse related videos or programs, visiting other horse facilities
- Feeding, grooming, cleaning stalls, observing farrier, vet or other horse professional, making or repairing horse related items
- Competing in horse shows (5 hour max per show, list name and date of show), trail rides, general riding, judging
- Reading or studying about horses (max 20 hours)
- Any volunteer/community service (max 20 hours)

## **You may double your hours/points for the following activities:**

- Giving horse related speech or demonstration
- Participating in Stampede or national speech or demonstration contests
- Participating in Stampede or national Horse bowl contests
- Attending Stampede
- Attending Horse VIPS Committee meetings
- Competing in a horse judging competition, county, regional, state or national level
- Working in county fair food booth

## **You may earn points by:**

- 5 points for completing a horse course self-quiz and returning by email within one week of receiving the lesson
- 5 points for competing in Stampede Art Contest
- 5 points for watching a farrier (farrier's initials)
- 5 points for watching a veterinarian (vet's initials)
- 3 points. — you yourself aren't showing but you support a friend who is showing (friend's initials)
- 1 point for each question answered on the attached farrier and vet question cards (vet/farrier initials)
- 10 points if you are an active Junior Leader
- 20 points if you turn in a completed Light Horse Record Book
- 1 point for each month you serve as a club officer
- 5 additional bonus points if you are a Teen Council member (count the hours spent doing teen council activities and then add the additional bonus points)