

Horseback Riding Guidelines

Troop horseback riding program guidelines are designed to help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for girls, leaders, trail leaders and the horses.

1. All girls and adults must be a registered Girl Scout in order to participate in any of the rides; unless otherwise noted.
2. Adult men registered with a troop may ride. Younger brothers, a leader's son, etc. may not ride.
3. For the trail rides, girls must be in the 4th grade. No adults are required to ride this ride with the girls.
4. For the arena rides, girls in grades K and 1st must provide an adult to lead each girl in the arena. Girls in 2nd and 3rd grade will steer the horses themselves in the arena.
5. No one in a sling, cast, brace, ace wrap, finger split, neck support, or back support may ride. No exceptions. This is a council standard and is not the decision of a doctor.
6. Riding apparel: wear long pants (jeans are preferred), socks and shoes or boots. Riders may wear tennis shoes or riding boots. No hiking boots with raised waffle pattern soles. No shorts, capris, sandals, flip flops or clogs. These are not allowed.
7. All riders must wear an approved helmet. This must be worn whether mounted on the horse or standing on the ground in the area of the horses. The helmets are provided by the program.
8. Arena rules and the assignment of the horses is the responsibility of the trail leader. When possible, girls' choice of a horse will be considered but cannot be guaranteed. Riders must follow the directions of the trail leaders at all times.
9. Every effort will be made to hold the scheduled riding time as planned. However, they may be canceled due to weather.
10. Due to the age and sizes of our horses, there is a 250 pound weight limit per rider.
11. All riders must provide a signed Horse Waiver, participants under age 18 must have the waiver signed by a parent or guardian.

Weather: In the event your riding time(s) have been canceled, the group leader will be notified via a phone call. If your ride is canceled due to weather, contact 800-798-0833 or info@girlscoutstoday.org to reschedule or request a refund.