

## **Cochise County “Ride For 4-H” Horse Hours Program**

### Western/English Pleasure Horse Training, Riding, and Driving Hour Tracking Program

If you enjoy working with your 4-H horse; whether it be training foals and yearlings, riding or driving your 4-H horse; whether owned or leased; or you have a “horseless” horse 4-H project; there is another way to keep track and earn recognition through the “Ride For 4-H” Horse Hours tracking program without showing in the show ring or competing in roping and time events. This has been modeled after the American Paint Horse Association (APHA) Ride America® Saddle Log Program, American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) and the American Indian Horse Registry (AIHR) riding and hour’s programs.

By enrolling in “Ride For 4-H” Horse Hours program, you can strengthen your body and mind while exploring the great outdoors with your 4-H Horse—all while earning rewards for the time you spend training, riding and driving. With “Ride For 4-H” Horse Hours program, you set your own goals and measure your own success. Train, drive or ride at your own pace and earn rewards for simply spending time working with your 4-H horse.

When you enroll in “Ride For 4-H” Horse Hours program, you receive an official time log. Simply record each hour starting Oct 1st of each year and describe what occurred that you spend training, riding or driving your 4-H Horse and send your log to Cochise County 4-H cooperative extension by October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. (*The first year (2006) keep records from February 1<sup>st</sup> through Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>*). Achievement levels will be given recognition each year as well as cumulative through out your 4-H youth years (age 9-18).

You write down your hours and keep 4-H records of your accomplishments. Each year, you earn merit awards of green, bronze, silver, and gold pins for accomplishing yearly hours with other special rewards as well. Plus, if you stay in the horse project all the way through your 4-H youth (age 9-18) and keep track of your hours, the hours are accumulated with special awards such as water bottles, blankets, and other gifts. All you have to do is record your progress. Cochise County 4-H recognizes your achievements.

(San Pedro Valley 4-H Club will sponsor the awards for the first 5 years. Point of Contact: Tina Johnson, 803-0846)

### **Requirements:**

- Participants must be current 4-H members in good standing (going by their club bylaws) and must maintain membership for the entire time during which hours are recorded toward a recognition level.
- Submit an enrollment application with goals each year at 4-H project sign up (see appendix A-Horse Application & Log Sheet)
- Cochise County 4-H Project Horse Registration form
- Participants do not have to own the horse.
- Time may be recorded for any activity in which you participate by training, riding or driving. You can also log time spent in the saddle or cart while riding in a group or parade.
- Participants must maintain a separate log on each 4-H horse enrolled
- Keep track of time and activity, (one (1) hour for each hour actually spent training, riding or driving) on your 4-H record book journal log. (*Feeding and mucking does not count.*)
- All time figured is on a one-horse/one-rider basis and is on the honor system.
- Participants are required to show Log sheets and get signatures monthly from their 4-H club Horse Project leaders to monitor their progress.

- Participants are responsible for submitting Log sheets to Cochise County 4-H Horse superintendent no later than 1 October to receive merit awards by Achievement Night.

**Award levels:**

1. There are 4 Yearly achievement levels, plus two special awards.

- **200-400 hours - Green merit horse pin**
- **401-600 hours - Bronze merit horse pin**
- **601-800 hours - Silver merit horse pin**
- **801 hours - and over - Gold merit horse pin**
  
- **Feed store certificate for Cochise County Junior highest hours for the year.**
- **Feed store certificate for Cochise County Senior highest hours for the year.**

2. There are 16 cumulative (*add each year onto the last year*) achievement levels—from 400 to 6,500 hours.

<b>Hours</b>	<b>Award</b>
400	Patch and water bottle
800	Patch and key lanyard
1200	Patch and lead rope
1600	Patch and grooming kit
2000	Patch and horn bag
2400	Patch and feed bucket
2800	Patch and water bottle holder
3200	Patch and rope halter
3600	Patch and Duffle Bag
4000	Patch and feed pan
4400	Patch and saddle bags
4800	Patch and saddle blanket <i>or</i> pad
5200	Patch and horse 1 <sup>st</sup> aid kit
5600	Patch and headstall
6000	Patch and Breast Collar <i>or</i> Martingale
6400	Patch and Belt Buckle

**Calculations based on the following:**

*365 days in a year. Work with your horse 2 hours a day = 730 Hours per year  
 Age 9 to 18 = 9 years, 9 years x 730 Hours per year = 6570*

## Appendix A – 4-H Horse Application & Log Sheet

(Submit application at beginning of 4-H year and again with completed log sheet by October 1<sup>st</sup> (end of 4H year) to get credit:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse ID Name & Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Yearly Goal \_\_\_\_\_

Project Leader Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Project Type and Discipline: (please circle all that apply)

1. Western Pleasure/Trail
2. English/Dressage/Driving
3. Roping/Timed Events
4. Ground Training (Foal/yearling/2 yr old)
5. Other: (Please state) \_\_\_\_\_

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
<b>Project Leader Init/Sig.</b>												

DATE	START TIME	END TIME	ACTIVITY	HOURS

See continuation sheet next page

