

Recommendations for hosting a successful TAMU Summer Horsemanship School

Host Group/Club/Association/County Provides

LEADING UP TO SCHOOL:

- 1) Advertisement and marketing to secure adequate participation numbers
**It is recommended that each school does not exceed 30 participants. If it appears your school will be significantly larger than this, let us know and we will help identify some alternatives, like hosting two schools back to back.*
- 2) Registration of participants
**Mounted participants should be able to safely handle their horse, saddle and unsaddle, etc. If participants are too young or inexperienced, they can dilute the time instructors need to spend with participants who know how to ride. Pee-wee or sub-junior members should each be accompanied by an adult. If you have several younger participants who want to attend, consider a special separate group for Pee-wees, taught by an adult leader.*
- 3) Manage finances related to school organization and implementation
**Host group is responsible for:*
 - 1) Payment of designated fees for TAMU Summer Horsemanship Schools
 - 2) Facility procurement
**Keep in mind that facility capacity may also be a limiting factor to the number of participants a school can handle*
 - 2) Collection of registration fees for participants, if warranted
 - 3) Obtainment of sponsorships/donations, if desired
- 4) Insurance
**We encourage hosts of a Summer Horsemanship School to identify the risks associated with this activity and determine if your current insurance program is sufficient to address these risks. If not, coverage procurement should be considered for this event and a discussion with your insurance agent may be needed.*

DURING THE SCHOOL:

- 1) Adult leader in charge each day
- 2) Several adult leaders or parents present to assist with moving obstacles, adjusting equipment, working arena ground, helping young riders
- 3) Arena ground worked in show or rodeo condition, water and electricity turned on
- 4) Arena P.A. system with a wireless microphone system is suggested, but not required
- 5) Refreshments for 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. breaks (ice, water, lemonade, cokes, cookies, etc.)
- 6) Equipment – 3 barrels, 10 or more cones (pylons), 6 or more logs or cavaletti poles
- 7) Stalls or pens (preferably with shelter and close to arena) for instructors' horses
- 8) Provide lunch for instructors so that they can continue to teach and interact with participants during the lunch hour

TAMU Summer Horsemanship School Program provides

- 1) Two Texas A&M student instructors with extensive training and experience in multiple disciplines and teaching methods to teach each school
 - *Instructors will be prepared in numerous disciplines from which hosts can choose to have a focus on including:*
 - Stock Horse (Trail, Pleasure, Horsemanship, Showmanship, Reining)*
 - Judged Western Division (Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Western Riding, Trail)*
 - Speed Events (Barrels, Poles, Stake Race)*
 - Futurity/Training the Young Horse*
 - Hunter/Jumper (Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Eq., Hunt Seat Versatility, Hunter Hack, Open Jumping)*
 - General Horsemanship*
- 2) Payment for all instructor related travel expenses including hotel, mileage, and per diem
 - *Includes travel for one horse for each instructor to teach from horseback*
- 3) Consultation for hosts on implementation and marketing a fun and exciting school
- 4) Support and resources for obtaining sponsorship and community involvement in the school
- 5) Advertising of school on the state extension level to include, but not limited to, SHS website, Facebook page Texas Horse, and event in Texas Horse Help App
- 6) Access to formal assessment of program outcomes for each individual school