EXPLORER HORSE PROJECT

Requirements for Explorer Notebooks

Explorer notebooks should be designed as a “cut and paste” project that is appropriate to the member’s age. Some suggestions are to use photos, hand drawings, magazine pictures or coloring book pictures.

Mentors and/or parents are encouraged to help but Explorers must do the work. Suggestions to encourage learning, personal experiences, fun and creative ideas are using the storybook format and/or scrapbook. We discourage including very technical information and narratives.

Remember children in the Explorer age range possess a short attention span and their motor skills are not fully developed. BE FLEXIBLE, HAVE FUN, AND BE CREATIVE.

THE EXPLORER NOTEBOOKS SHOULD REPRESENT THE MEMBERS’ KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, AND EXPERIENCES ACCORDING TO THEIR AGE LEVEL.
ME AND MY HORSE....

EXPLORER

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I FEED MY HORSE......

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EQUIPMENT I NEED......

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OTHER CARE NEEDED.......

EXPLORER
COLOR A RAINBOW HORSE

1. Ears – pink
2. Forehead – purple
3. Muzzle – blue
4. Crest – yellow
5. Neck – orange
6. Shoulder – green
7. Back – brown
8. Rump or Croup – pink
9. Barrel – blue
10. 2 knees – green
11. 4 cannon bones – orange
12. 4 ankles and fetlocks – yellow
13. 4 hooves – red
14. 2 hocks – blue
15. Mane – purple
16. Forelock – green
17. Tail – red
18. Stifle – green
19. Gaskin – purple
20. Whither – red
21. Flank – brown
22. Eyes – black
CIRCLE EACH NAME AND DRAW A LINE FROM THE NAME TO THE CORRECT PART ON THE HORSE.
CIRCLE THE FOODS A HORSE WOULD EAT.
PUT AN X ON THE FOODS YOU EAT.
COLOR THE PICTURE.
COLOR THIS HORSE FAMILY.

DRAW A LINE FROM THE NAME TO THE HORSE IT DESCRIBES.

Foal        Stallion        Mare

EXPLORER - 7 Year Olds
Horses are many different sizes. The size of a horse is measured from the top of his withers to the ground. Years ago, men used their hands to measure horses. The average man's hand was 4" so this became the standard measurement when buying a horse. Today we still use the "hand" to measure a horse.

**Pony**

_____ hands

**Draft Horse**

_____ hands

**Light Horse**

_____ hands

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Ponies are small.
Draw a line to the pony.

Light horses are bigger than ponies.
Draw a line to the light horse.

Draft horses are the largest.
Draw a line to the draft horse.
Dismounted Abilities
7 & 8 Year Old - Explorer
(The Explorer's 4-H leader must initial and date each Dismounted Ability)

Name: ___________________________ Club: ___________________________
Leader: __________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Grooming
______ 1. Show how to brush your horse or pony's neck, chest, barrel and legs
______ 2. Show how to comb your horse or pony's mane and tail

Feed and Health Care
______ 1. Show how to measure and feed your horse or pony his grain properly
______ 2. Show how to feed your horse or pony his hay

Basic Handling
______ 1. Show how to safely lead your horse or pony when he has his halter on
______ 2. Tell your leader where you should NOT to stand when working around your horse or pony
______ 3. Show how to put your helmet on properly and explain to your leader why it's necessary for you to wear one when working around your horse or pony

Riding Equipment
______ 1. Show how to lead your horse or pony when it has on his bridle
______ 2. Show how to remove your horse or pony's bridle
______ 3. Show how to carry your bridle and halter when not on your horse or pony