

Allegan County 4-H Horsemaster Cloverbud Level



NAME _____ 4-H AGE _____ ID# _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

YEARS IN 4-H HORSE CLOVERBUD PROJECT _____

CLUB NAME _____

LEADERS NAME(S) _____

CHOICE OF SEAT(S) _____



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My Riding Record

Name: _____ Date: _____

Horse/Pony's Name: _____ Color: _____

Breed: _____ Age: _____

Sex: (circle one) **Mare** **Gelding**

Height: _____ Hands _____ Inches

Weight: _____ Pounds

Things We Did Today

Walk _____ Posting Trot _____ Sitting Trot _____

Canter _____ Groomed _____ Saddled _____

Bridled _____ Bathed Horse/Pony _____

Guided through poles at: Walk _____ Trot _____

Rode over Cavalletti at: Walk _____ Trot _____

Circles _____ Figure 8's _____ Drills _____

Games _____

(Check Your Favorites)

Allegan County 4-H Horsemaster Program Cloverbud Level

Introduction:

Cloverbud level section (5-8) in the Horsemaster Program is the very beginning of the 4-Her's contact and association with horses. It is also the beginning of their experiences in the Allegan County Horse & Pony Project program. This also prepares for the level process in later years of 4-H.

In this section each 4-Her will learn what it means to be in the 4-H program, to come together and form their clubs. They will learn to work and play together, run their clubs and to achieve personal goals as well as goals set together as a group.

Goals & Achievements

Upon completion of Cloverbud Level, each 4-H Member will be able to:

1. Complete the written segment on the Horse Sense & Unmounted sections. A leader or parent may have to do the writing in the child's works if they cannot write yet.
2. Know how to correctly lead a horse in a halter and a bridle with assistance or guidance.
3. Know how to demonstrate some of the basic grooming steps and equipment and its uses.
4. Know how to mount and dismount safely using reasonably correct form. Adult supervision/assistance may be required if needed.
5. Know how to demonstrate the basic seat/posture mounted at the halt, pick up and hold the reins correctly.
6. Know how to ride the walk and possible trot demonstrating the basic aids and safe control of their mount.
7. Know how to perform and complete the mounted riding segments.

Horse Sense and Unmounted Instruction

1. My riding record filled out with assistance if needed.
2. Basic safety rules- listed are the minimum rules to be covered at this level: (Horse and Horsemanship Manual, page 42).
 - Praise often, punish only when needed. Firm gentle treatment will gain a horse's respect. Harsh or cruel treatment will cause your horse to fear you.

9. Assist with stable chores (Horse & Science)
 - feed and water a horse or pony
 - clean and bed a stall
10. Colors of (Horses & Horsemanship Manual, page 6)
 - introduction and elementary information
 - know the basic color of your own horse or pony
11. Learn some of the parts of the bridle, saddle, and horse.
(Horses & Horsemanship, page 24)

**Mounted Skills
Cloverbud Level**

1. Approaching, Catching, Leading with Guidance and Assistance.
 - Demonstrate how to secure a horse
 - Reinforce basic safety rules in this area.
 - Demonstrate leading in a halter and a bridle
2. Grooming
 - Demonstrate grooming a horse in preparation to tack up
 - Basic safety rules in working around horses.
3. Saddling Western or English with Assistance
4. Mounting with Assistance
5. Dismounting with Assistance
6. Basic seat and hand position
 - Correct seat and posture
 - Correct way to hold the reins
7. Basic aids and control
 - Check and release
 - Stop, start and steer
 - Safe spacing between horses
 - How to handle a run away horse
 - Don't panic. Sit deep, shorten your reins and remember to steer, using a pulley rein in short jerks and alternate hands from left to right--if able, ride in a circle or up a hill to tire the horse.

8. Beginning the trot (only if ready)
 - Preparation to trot
 - Aids to trot
 - Safe spacing between horses in trot

9. Riding the trot (only if ready)
 - Sitting
 - Posting
 - Balancing two point position

10. Circles and Reverses

Optional Activities for Cloverbud Level

1. Backing
Backing is commonly an evasion of the horse to escape the hands of a young inexperienced rider. You may introduce and teach backing to your group, but it will not be tested at this level.

2. Exercise on Horseback
These are fun and teach a young rider balance, strength, and confidence.

Allegan County 4-H Horsemaster Program
Cloverbud Level
Horse Sense
(Parent/Leader Assistance)

1. Describe where the "danger zones" are and explain why you should avoid staying in them.

Where: _____

Why: _____

2. Which side do you lead a horse from? _____

3. When combing a horse's tail, where should you stand? _____

4. From which side should you mount your horse? _____

5. Explain each of the following terms:
a.) Foal _____
b.) Mare _____
c.) Stallion _____

6. Explain what you would do if your horse ran away with you when you were riding.

7. a.) Describe safe footwear you should wear when riding.

b.) Why is it important for your safety? _____

8. Name 2 things your horse/pony can eat. _____

9. Explain how to protect your horse or pony from flies and insects. _____

10. Submit (hand in) our Riding Record.
11. Draw pictures, glue, cut etc., something about you and your project (Project Story).

**Allegan County 4-H Horsemaster Program
Cloverbud Level
Unmounted Skills**

Correctly demonstrate the following skills to a designated leader/resource person, who will check off each skill and the dates completed.

SKILL	DATE:	INSPECTOR:
1. Identify two basic grooming aids	_____	_____
2. Demonstrate the use of the above two grooming aids.	_____	_____
3. Identify the color of your horse.	_____	_____
4. Help water and feed a horse or pony.	_____	_____
5. Help clean out and bed down a stall	_____	_____
6. Lead a horse or pony with assistance/guidance:		
a.) Halter and lead rope	_____	_____
b.) Bridle	_____	_____
c.) tie (secure) your horse or pony with a safety (quick release) knot.	_____	_____
7. Demonstrate the correct distance to be maintained between horse when leading	_____	_____
8. Point out and name one part of the bridle.	_____	_____
9. Point out and name two parts of your horse.	_____	_____
10. Point out and name one part of your saddle.	_____	_____

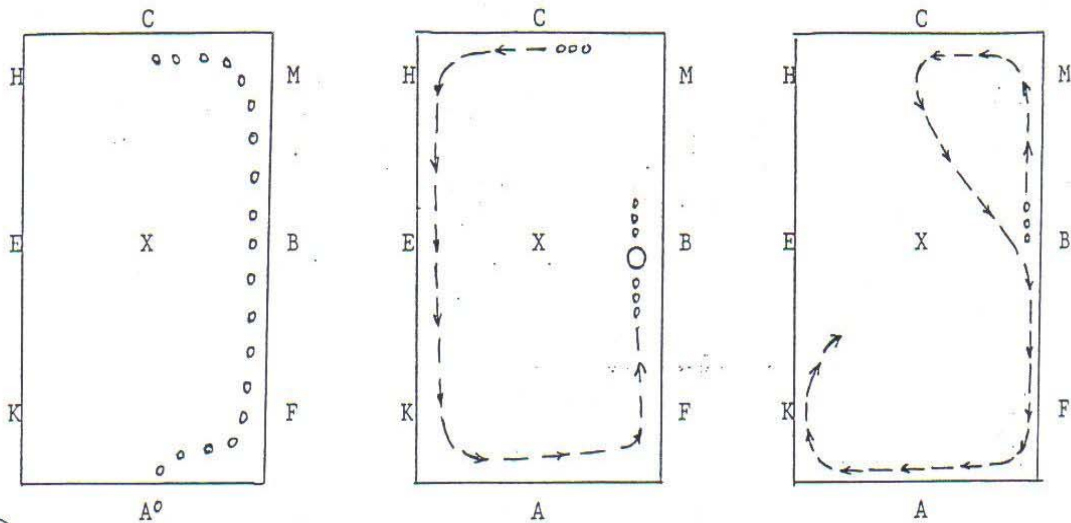
CLOVERBUD LEVEL MOUNTED SKILLS

	Letters	Directions	Mounted Skills	Comments
1.	O O	Lead horse saddled and bridled to O with guidance Mount horse (with help if needed)	Leading safely. Mounting properly. Control of horse, not disturbing horse while mounting.	
2.	O	Sit in saddle with reasonably good position & pick up reins, prepare to proceed. (A leader may be used with halter under bridle)	Balance, seat, rein length, reins, equal, prepared to proceed, safely & horse under control.	
3.	A	Enter ring at a walk. Turn right along rail, continue to C	Position, seat & control at a walk	
4.	C	Jog/trot (posting optional) to B. This is optional if ready for trotting.	Position, seat & control at jog/trot, good corners, able to maintain gait. If not ready to trot, done a walk.	
5.	B	Halt through the walk at B. Continue on at a jog/trot to M Trot Optional	Control while stopping, not hurting the horse while stopping. Ability to get horse to trot on from B. Trot Optional	
6.	M	Reverse in half-circle returning to rail at B Continue walk to K	Turning & control while reversing. Position & control	
7.	K	At K begin circle towards center of ring & return to rail at A. Continue to E	Turning, position and control at walk on the circle, leaving & returning to rail. Ability to maintain gait on the circle.	

8.		On your evaluator's request, demonstrate how to correctly and safely pass a slower horse at the walk	Control & safety while passing, seat, balance, and ability to maintain the requested gait while passing.	
9.	E	Turn & walk to center of ring (X). Halt at (X). Dismount & prepare to lead. Leave ring at walk, leading horse. (With assistance/guidance)	Position & control while turning & stopping. Dismounting safely, and in control of horse. Preparing & leading horse safely & correctly (With assistance)	
10.		Demonstrate the correct distance to be maintained between horses at all times.	Ability to maintain correct distance between horses, safety and control of horses at all times.	
11.		Overall Safety Awareness	Safety Awareness	
<p>Completed: _____ Yes _____ No _____</p> <p>Evaluator's Signature _____</p>				

The goals of Cloverbud Level are a good foundation of safety, control, secure and simple basics. Very small riders may have assistance in mounting and safety is to be a priority at all times.

Cloverbud Level Mounted



[O]
 LEAD TO ASSISTANT
 TACK CHECK & MOUNT
 PREPARE TO ENTER AT A

o o o o o o o o = WALK
 - - - - - - - - = TROT
 - . - . - . - . = LEAD
 O = HALT

