

# Girl Scouts Horsemanship Badge Clinic

Bring your Girl Scout troop to Saddle valley to earn their horsemanship badges. The clinic runs about two hours. We begin in the (heated) club-room where we go over barn rules and discuss some of the agenda topics. Some troops have brought after-school snacks for the girls to eat/drink during this period. The rest of the time is spent in the barn with our horses – and learning about tack, feeding, grooming etc. Everyone has first a hand experience with our horses – grooming, leading etc. The cost is \$10 - \$15 per scout depending on the number that come. Two troops can come together to lower the cost.

## Agenda

### **Horse and Barn Safety:**

- What are the rules used in the stable and when around horses?
- How do you approach a horse?
- How do you show them affection?
- What are the biggest risks or possibilities of injury?
- How do you protect against them,

### **Horse Care:**

- What has to be done daily (cleaning stalls/feeding)?
- How often are they bathed and how do you do it?
- What about shoeing?
- What routine medical care is required (shots/worming)?

### **Costs involved in having a horse:**

- How much does a horse cost to buy a horse?
- How much does a horse cost for boarding and feeding?
- How much are does routine medical care cost?
- What other vet costs should be considered?

### **Parts of a Horse**

- Body parts
- Hoofs

### **Equipment:**

- Tour of a tack room and talk about the equipment needed and how to care for it and put it on a horse.
- Parts of a saddle, bridle etc
- How you clean and repair the equipment

### **Difference between Western and English riding:**

- What differs in equipment,
- What differs in horses
- What differs in commands and riding

**Equine Careers:**

- **Riding instructor**
- **Horse breeder and trainer**
- **Horse Farm owner or manager (Hiring staff, ordering feed, hay and bedding, keeping the barn clean and grounds groomed, marketing the farm to get new customers, thinking of ways to maximize income (boarding, lessons, training, shows, camp, trail rides, other services)).**