



CANADA
4-H Nova Scotia

Horse

Virtual Guide

Activity Ideas

Activity #1: Design your own pattern

Challenge the group or individual to create a course or pattern for a particular discipline of their choosing. Make sure they use the correct pattern symbols, utilize different maneuvers, and they can even send a clip of them doing it on a horse or on their own two feet!

Activity #2: What would you do?

This activity focuses on sportsmanship in and outside the ring. Present scenarios to members and ask them what they would do in that situation. We encourage you to focus on the values and teachings of the 4-H program and the responsibility of representing the clover. Below are some examples of scenarios:

- Your parent is really upset about how you placed in showmanship at a show and thinks that the judge did a terrible job. They intend to have a heated discussion with the judge. What do you do?
- A horse in your showmanship ring has gotten loose. What do you do?
- One of the younger members in your club gets very nervous in the show ring and you've noticed that they are especially concerned today. What do you do?

Activity #3: Your Favourite Breed

Have the members choose their favourite breed of equine. Have them do a short write up of why they chose that breed, the benefits of that breed and some interesting facts of that particular breed. They can present it to the group if they choose and the group can have a small debate and vote on the best horse breed!

Guest Speaker Ideas

- Horse Farm Owner
- Riding Instructor/Clinician
- Horse Breeder
- Veterinarian
- Judge
- Farrier
- Equine Nutritionist

Resources

1. [Equine Science for Kids - Rutgers](#)
2. [Virtual Facility Visits - Inside my stables](#)
3. [Interactive Lameness Trainer](#)
4. [Interactive Horse side Vet Guide](#)
5. [Veterinary Gross Anatomy - Ungulate Dissection](#)
6. [Horse Conformation Playlist](#)
7. [Draft Horse Showmanship](#)
8. [Online lessons on skills youth need to know before they get on the horse for the first time](#)

