

## Pinal County "Ride for 4-H" Horse Hours Program

### Western/English Pleasure Horse Training, Riding, and Driving Hour Tracking Program

If you enjoy working with your 4-H Horse; whether it would be training foals and yearlings, riding, or driving your 4-H horse; whether owned or leased; or you have a 'horseless' horse 4-H project; there is another way to keep track and earn recognition through the "Ride for 4-H" Horse Hours tracking program without showing in the show ring or competing in roping and timed events. This has been modeled after the American Paint Horse Association (APHA) Ride America® Saddle Log Program, American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) and the American Indian Horse Registry (AIHR) riding hours programs.

By enrolling in "Ride for 4-H" Horse Hours program, you can strengthen your body and mind while exploring the great outdoors with your 4-H Horse – all while earning rewards for the time you spend training, riding, and driving. With the "Ride for 4-H" Horse Hours program, you set your own goals and measure your own success. Train, drive, or ride at your own pace and earn rewards for simply spending time working with your 4-H horse.

When you enroll in "Ride for 4-H" Horse Hours program, you receive an official time log. Simply record each hour starting October 1st of each year and describe what occurred – that you spent time training, riding, or driving your 4-H Horse – and send your log to Pinal County 4-H by October 1<sup>st</sup> each year. (*The first year (2008), keep records from November 1 through October 1*). Achievement levels will be given recognition each year as well as cumulative throughout your 4-H youth years (age 9 to 18).

You write down your hours and keep 4-H records of your accomplishments. Each year you earn merit awards of green, bronze, silver, and gold pins for accomplishing yearly hours with other special rewards as well. Plus, if you stay in the horse project all the way through your 4-H youth (age 9-18) and keep track of your hours, the hours are accumulated with special awards such as water bottles, blankets, and other gifts. All you have to do is record your progress. Pinal County 4-H Horse and Pony program recognizes your achievements.

#### **Requirements:**

- Participants must be current 4-H members in good standing (going by their club bylaws) and must maintain membership for the entire time during which hours are recorded toward a recognition level.
- Submit an enrollment application with goals each year at 4-H project sign-up (see Appendix A – Horse Application & Log Sheet).
- Submit Pinal County 4-H Horse & Pony Project Identification Card for each project animal.
- Participants do not have to own the horse, but must have a signed lease agreement (see Pinal County 4-H Horse & Pony Project Identification Card).
- Time may be recorded for any activity in which you participate by training, riding, or driving. You can also log time spent in the saddle or cart while riding in a group or parade.
- Participants must maintain a separate log for each 4-H horse enrolled.
- Keep track of time and activity [one (1) hour for each hour actually spent training, riding, or driving] on your 4-H record book journal log [feeding and mucking does not count].
- All time figured is on a one-horse/one-rider basis and is on the honor system. Riding hours will be tallied on all project horses for annual award level.
- Participants are required to show Log sheet and get signatures monthly from their 4-H club Horse Project leaders to monitor their progress.

- Participants are responsible for submitting Log sheets to Pinal County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee no later than October 1 to receive merit awards.

**Awards Levels:**

1. There are 4 Yearly achievement levels, plus two special awards.
  - 200-400 hours – Green merit horse pin
  - 401-600 hours – Bronze merit horse pin
  - 601-800 hours – Silver merit horse pin
  - 801 hours and above – Gold merit horse pin
  - 4-H Catalog gift certificate for Pinal County 4-H Junior highest hours for the year.
  - 4-H Catalog gift certificate for Pinal County 4-H Senior highest hours for the year.
2. There are 16 cumulative (*add each year onto the last year*) achievement levels – from 400 to 6,500 hours.

<b>Hours</b>	<b>Award</b>
400	Patch and water bottle
800	Patch and key lanyard
1200	Patch and lead rope
1600	Patch and grooming kit
2000	Patch and horn bag
2400	Patch and feed bucket
2800	Patch and water bottle holder
3200	Patch and rope halter
3600	Patch and duffle bag
4000	Patch and feed pan
4400	Patch and saddle bags
4800	Patch and saddle blanket <i>or</i> pad
5200	Patch and horse first aid kit
5600	Patch and headstall
6000	Patch and breast collar <i>or</i> Martingale
6400	Patch and Belt Buckle

**Calculations based on the following:**

365 days in a year. Work with your horse 2 hours a day = 730 hours per year.

Age 9 to 18 = 9 years; 9 years x 730 hours per year = 6,570 hours.

Horse Show Day = 1 hour

Gymkhana/Roping Day = 1 hour

## Appendix A – 4-H Horse Hours Application & Log Sheet

[Submit application at beginning of 4-H year and again with completed log sheet by October 1  
(end of 4-H year) to receive credit for hours]

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse ID Name & Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Yearly Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Leader Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Horse Project Type and Discipline [please check all that apply]**

1. Western Pleasure/Trail
2. English/Dressage/Driving
3. Roping/Timed Events
4. Ground Training (foal/yearling/2 yr old)
5. Other (please state): \_\_\_\_\_

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
<b>Project Ldr. Initials</b>												

DATE	START TIME	END TIME	ACTIVITY	HOURS

See continuation sheet next page

