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COLUMBIA COUNTY 4-H Horse Club “Trailblazers”



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What is the Horse Club? This group has been formed to provide interested 4-Hers with knowledge, training and experience in horsemanship and showmanship. Other important goals we strive for are to develop leadership abilities, teach responsibility, to learn how to operate as a member of a group, and to learn sportsmanship. It is a great opportunity to make new friends. ***You do not have to own a horse to be a member!***

Deadline date to sign up is October 5, 2009 at the first Horse Club Meeting!!!!!!
This meeting will be held at Sweetheart Ranch (the Gross's barn). See map for directions.

Saddle-Up 1, 2, 3 will be held on Saturday, October 3. 4-H requires that all new Horse Club members learn basic riding and safety in order to participate in trail rides. Your 4-Her must complete Saddle-Up 1, 2, 3 OR bring a letter from a riding instructor verifying that your 4-Her knows how to ride OR pass an intensive riding skills test. **Boots or shoes with a heel and a riding (bicycle helmets are ok) helmet are required at Saddle-Up! Boots, Bridles & Britches and Old Frontier (both in Grovetown) offer 10% discount to Horse Club members.** Your 4-Her's safety is very important to us!

Membership Fees:

- New member: **\$50.00** supply fee AND **\$75.00** to attend Saddle-Up 1, 2, 3 **This is a total of \$125.00.**
- Returning members: **\$30.00** supply fee

What Do I Get for My Supply Fee?

- Trailblazers T-Shirt
- Workbooks, handouts, and training manuals
- Horse Judging Competition
- Patches and Award Pins for achievements
- Cost of insurance for activities & events
- Field trips to Augusta Futurity and Barrel Horse Competition (free admission)
- Skill and discipline combined with lots of fun

Also, 4-H works with local stables to provide multiple equine educational opportunities. We also try to schedule one trail ride each month. There is an additional cost of \$25 per trail ride.

When do we meet?

We usually meet on the first Monday of every month. A tentative schedule is included with this information, but dates and times may change. If you have any questions, contact the club leader or an officer.

But What If I Can't Make A Meeting?

We realize you may not be able to make all of the meetings, trail rides, or other events. Please remember that *you are responsible* for contacting your leader or an officer to find out what you missed at the meeting. Reminders will be sent to the e-mail(s) you provide.

How do I sign up?

- Fill out membership form
- Make a check payable to Columbia County 4-H. Write Horse Club in the memo area.
- Bring or mail your completed form and payment to the 4-H office at Savannah Rapids Pavilion.
Mail to: Columbia County 4-H, Savannah Rapids Pavilion, 3300B Evans to Locks Road, Martinez, Georgia 30907
- OR bring it to Saddle-Up, if you've signed up to participate
- OR bring it to the first meeting on October 5

Calendar of Events for Horse Club 2009- 2010

October:

October 3, 8:00-2:00: Saddle- Up 1,2,3

October 5, 6:00-7:30: October Horse Club Meeting, also Last Day to Sign Up!

October 10, 10:00-11:30: October Meeting Lab

October 17, 9:30-12:00: Field Trip to Legacy Stables in Aiken

TBA: Barrel Races

November:

November 2, 6:00-7:30: November Horse Club Meeting

November 7, 10:00-11:30: November Meeting Lab

November 14 - 10:00, 11:30, 2:00, 3:30 - Trail Ride

November 30, 6:00-7:30: December Horse Club Meeting

December:

December 5: Christmas Parade Float Decoration (Time TBA)

December 6: Martinez- Evans Christmas Parade (Time TBA)

January:

January 4, 6:00-7:30: January Horse Club Meeting

January 9, 10:00-11:30: January Meeting Lab

TBA- Futurity

February:

February 1, 6:00-7:30: February Horse Club Meeting

February 5, 2:00-8:00: Yard Sale Set-Up

February 6, 7:00-3:00: Yard Sale

TBA- Trail Ride

March:

March 1, 6:00-7:30: March Horse Club Meeting

March 6, 10:00-11:30: March Meeting Lab

TBA- Trail Ride

April:

April 12, 6:00-7:30: April Horse Club Meeting

April 17, 10:00-11:30: April Meeting Lab

TBA- Trail Ride

May:

May 1- Horse Judging Competition in Athens

May 3, 6:00-7:30: May Horse Club Meeting

TBA: End of the Year Cook-Out

This schedule is subject to change. Please check your e-mail throughout the year for any possible changes.



SWEETHEART RANCH HARMLESS RELEASE

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to engage in an activity with and/or around a horse with Sweetheart Ranch. I do hereby release Sweetheart Ranch, its owners, employees, volunteers and any and all of its sponsors and/or representatives, from liability due to this facility's ordinary negligence, except in the event of gross and/or willful negligence.

I understand that the activity around a horse or horses, involves numerous inherent risks of injury that are an integral part of such an activity. I assume full responsibility for all such risks, including loss of control, collisions, and obstacles, whether they are obvious or not obvious. I and/or my family further understand that an animal, irrespective of its training and usual behavior and characteristics, may act or react unexpectedly or unpredictably at times, and I also assume such risks.

I understand that I may encounter variations in terrain, which may result in injury or damages. I acknowledge that these are my responsibility and I assume the risk for these hazards, including breaks, growth, debris, rocks, and other hazardous surface or subsurface conditions and obstacles, whether they are obvious or not obvious, man-made or natural.

I understand that animals are unpredictable and that the risk of injury is inherent to the activity. I agree to assume all risk of injury or death caused by a horseback riding lesson, whatever the cause, except as provided by law.

As consideration for being permitted by Sweetheart Ranch to engage in the horse activity, I do hereby waive any claim and release Sweetheart Ranch and all its owners, affiliated organizations, landowners, agents and/or employees for my injury or death caused by or resulting from my participation in the activity of a horseback riding lesson.

This contract shall be legally binding upon my heirs, my estate, assigns, legal guardians, my personal representatives and me.

I have carefully read this agreement and fully understand the contents. I am aware that I am releasing certain legal rights that I otherwise may have, and I enter into the contract on behalf of myself and/or my family of my own free will.

THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY. DO NOT SIGN OR INITIAL THIS RELEASE IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND OR DO NOT AGREE WITH ITS TERMS.

Signature of participant

Date

Signature of parent

Date

Signature of witness

Date

Under 18 years of age, signature of parent or guardian is required.



4-H SADDLE UP 1, 2, 3

VALLEY HILL FARM HARMLESS RELEASE

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to engage in an activity of a horseback riding lesson with **Valley Hill Farm**. I do hereby release **Valley Hill Farm**, its owners, employees, volunteers and any and all of its sponsors and/or representatives, from liability due to this facility's ordinary negligence, except in the event of gross and/or willful negligence.

I understand that the activity of a horseback riding lesson involves numerous inherent risks of injury that are an integral part of such an activity. I assume full responsibility for all such risks, including loss of control, collisions, and obstacles, whether they are obvious or not obvious. I and/or my family further understand that an animal, irrespective of its training and usual behavior and characteristics, may act or react unexpectedly or unpredictably at times, and I also assume such risks.

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Directions to Sweetheart Ranch

- Take Columbia Road toward Appling.
- Pass Patriots Park on the right and the fairgrounds on the left.
- Keep going until you see Columbia Middle School on left.
- As you go down the hill, on left is Smith Grove Baptist Church.
- At bottom of hill is a brick house, then a gravel road (Creek's Edge Drive)
- Turn left onto Creek's Edge Drive. (If you get to Grimaud Place, you've gone too far.
- Go to the end of the road, and turn left.
- We are in the cul-de-sac on the right, with big brick columns and paved driveway – 808 Creek's Edge Court.
- Parking – We have limited parking near the house, on the dirt at the top of the driveway. If we run out of room there, please park in the cul-de-sac or along the road, being careful not to block anyone's way, either road or driveway. If you are dropping your child off, please don't go up the driveway because it will be one way only. You may park in the cul-de-sac if you'd like to escort your child up. Please only park where we direct you if parking up the driveway.

Directions to Euchee Creek Library

- Take Columbia Road past turn for Sweetheart Ranch.
- At top of hill, turn left onto Louisville Road. (library sign just before intersection)
- You will cross over I-20 and pass Lights of the South (Christmas lights).
- Euchee Creek Library is on right immediately after Euchee Creek Elementary School.

Directions to Canterbury Equestrian Center

- Take Columbia Road to Chamblin Road (just after fairgrounds).
- Turn left onto Chamblin Road.
- Take to Baker Place Road (just before Grovetown High).
- Turn right onto Baker Place Road. Take Baker Place Road to the end.
- Turn left onto Wrightsboro Road.
- Canterbury will be on left, after you pass the white fences. Look for Canterbury sign.

Directions to Valley Hill Farm Saddle-Up 1, 2, 3

Meet at Marvin United Methodist Church, at corner of Wheeler & Belair Roads at 7:30 a.m.

We will leave at 7:45 sharp! We cannot wait if you are late.

We will carpool but cannot promise your child a ride. If you absolutely need someone to take your child, please let the club leader know in advance, and a seat will be saved.

Have the following forms filled out and signed by parent or legal guardian:

- Valley Hill Farm Harmless Release
- 4-H Code of Conduct
- 4-H Over the Counter & Prescription Medication Summary (even if you're not bringing any medicine with you)
- 4-H Medical Information and Release

Bring payment, check or money order only, if you haven't already paid.

You must have **boots or shoes with a heel** and a riding **helmet**. A bicycle helmet is allowed.

Lunch (ham & turkey sandwiches, chips, cookies, water, & soft drinks) will be provided by Horse Club. If you are not able to eat/drink what we provide, please bring something.

Directions:

- Turn left onto Belair Road. After you cross Belair Road, the name changes to Jimmy Dyess Parkway.
- Take Jimmy Dyess to light at Gordon Highway & turn left.
- Take Gordon Highway to Bobby Jones Expressway. Turn right, going toward airport.
- Exit at Deans Bridge Road. Take the first off ramp (towards Wrens).
- Turn right onto Deans Bridge Road, which is also Highway 1.
- Go 12 miles and turn left in Blythe at the junction with Highway 88.
- Turn immediately right onto Highway 88 and you will see a sign that says Keysville – 5 miles.
- In Keysville – sharp curve, bridge over Briar Creek, then as road goes uphill, 88 forks off to the right (well marked).
- Take the right fork to stay on 88.
- Turn right on the first paved road to the right – Noah Station Road. Valley Hill Farm is about 1.5 – 2 miles on right. Big red barn mailbox. Front gate stays shut but not locked. Park in front of first barn. **LAST ONE IN – CLOSE GATE!** If no one is directly behind you, because we will get scattered a bit as we drive, close it and let the next vehicle reopen it.