



# Horseback Riding

## Beltloop and Pin Worksheet

Cub Scout Academic & Sports Program

Scout Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pack / Den: \_\_\_\_\_

### Horseback Riding Belt Loop

Complete these three requirements:

1. Explain five safety precautions for when you are near a horse. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. With help from an experienced horse handler, demonstrate how to safely mount and ride a horse and then how to safely dismount the horse .

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3. Go on a supervised horseback ride for at least 20 minutes. Wear an approved helmet (such as one approved for horseback riding by the ASTM, or American Society for Testing and Materials). \_\_\_\_\_

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## Horseback Riding Pin

*Earn the Horseback Riding Beltloop, and complete five of the following requirements:*

1. Learn about three famous horses. Explain why these horses were well known. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Using pictures of these different animals, explain to your den or family the difference between a horse, pony, mule, and donkey. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Explain how a horse is measured and what a "hand" equals when measuring a horse. \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Using a picture, point out these main parts of a horse: forehead, muzzle, mane, withers, point of hip, knee, hoof, and root of tail. \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Describe three different breeds of horses and explain what feature makes each breed special. \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Using photos or pictures you have drawn, explain to your Den, Patrol or family at least three different ways that horses can help us. \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Name five things healthy for a horse's diet. \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Tell why it is important to wear an approved riding helmet when you go horseback riding. \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Photograph or draw a picture of the saddle you used for the ride you took to earn the Beltloop. \_\_\_\_\_

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10. With your parent or adult partner, visit a veterinarian who cares for horses. Write the answers to three questions you ask him or her. \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Spend at least 15 minutes before and after your ride getting to know your horse by talking calmly to it and stroking it slowly. \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Go on a supervised horseback ride for at least 30 minutes. Dress appropriately and show that you can safely mount and dismount the horse.

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