

# Hearts & Horseshoes 4-H Horse Project Contract

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1. You Must be a registered member of Hearts and Horseshoes 4-H. To register, go online to: <https://florida.4honline.com> If you were a member last year, your profile is still active. Log in and update your information. New members will need to set up a profile.
2. You must be 8 years old as of Sept. 1, 2011. Age groups are as follows: Junior 8-10 as of Sept. 1. Intermediate: 11-13 as of Sept. 1. Senior: 14-18 as of Sept. 1.
3. You must attend a minimum of 4 regular club business meetings. These meetings are usually held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month, but may occasionally differ due to show schedule conflicts. Check [www.horseshoestables.com](http://www.horseshoestables.com) and click on the calendar link to stay apprised of important dates. Parents and family are encouraged to attend, but may not attend in place of a member and have the attendance count towards the contract.
4. You must own or lease a horse during the 4-H season (Dec. 1-July 31).
5. You must turn in all required horse assignment forms by December 1.
6. You must spend an average of 3 days per week caring for/working with their horse.
7. You must keep a record of hours spent in horse care and exercise, and note details of what was accomplished each day. Members may choose to write a minimum of 1 paragraph summary of their activities for each week and post it to the Hearts & Horseshoes web group @ <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Heartsandhorseshoes4h/> or write a daily log for each month to be turned in at each meeting. Members who fail to complete more than 4 weeks of online posts, or more than 1 month of daily logs will not be permitted to show. Logs are required September 1-March 31 for all returning members, and December 1-March 31, for all new members. Returning members who do not yet have a project horse for this year may post or log about lessons and 4-H or horse-related activities.
8. You must submit a completed record book and all required forms to the County Extension office by the Spring Deadline. Go to

<http://oc4h.ifas.ufl.edu/Awards-Recognition.html> and print a copy of the Horse Record book, and the Record book for your age group (Junior, Intermediate, or Senior). You will need to complete both. Parts of the record book will be due each month. Bring your book to each meeting.

9. You must participate in 1 group fundraiser to benefit the whole club. Members who participate in hands-on fundraisers (like car washes) will have a percentage of the funds raised at that fundraiser available to them for use toward 4-H activities such as horse shows, livestock shows, camp, legislature, etc. Funds will be kept in the club account until a request is made (in writing) by the member. A percentage of each fundraiser will go to benefit the whole club to pay for expenses such as club owned supplies, club tack room at 4-H shows, etc.
10. You must participate in a club sponsored community service project.
11. 2<sup>nd</sup> year and up Horse project members may mentor either a 1<sup>st</sup> year member, Junior, or Cloverbud member. This will consist of working with the new/young member at least twice per month on safe horse handling, grooming, and with parent permission when safety permits, beginning riding. This work will be documented as part of the horse project log. Members who choose not to mentor must complete an additional community service project.
12. You must give a 5-10 minute horse-related demonstration to the club prior to February. 2<sup>nd</sup> year and up Horse project members must present a demonstration at either County Events, or the Central Florida Fair.
13. You must attend at least 1 county council meeting and at least 3 other county-wide, district or State 4-H events, 1 of which must be something other than a horse show in which the member is showing.
14. Your parents/guardians must work (chaperone) at least one fundraiser, county council meeting, or other 4-H trip.
15. You must abide by the 4-H code of conduct at all times, both at school and at 4-H events. Members who exhibit unsportsmanlike, or other inappropriate conduct may not be allowed to show or participate in other 4-H activities.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to follow the rules of the Hearts & Horseshoes 4-H Horse project. My parents/guardians,

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\_\_\_\_\_, agree to support me in my efforts, and to abide by the terms of this contract. We understand that failure to follow these rules will prevent me from showing as a member of the Hearts & Horseshoes 4-H Horse Project team.

My age as of September 1, 2011 is \_\_\_\_\_.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Member Phone cell # (Text: Y N) \_\_\_\_\_

Member email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone (best # to reach you) (Text: Y N)

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Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

