



# HANDS ON HORSES

## Description

*This event will get your troop hands on experience in dealing safely with horses as well as learning about proper care of horses through hands on activities to learn the basics of horse and barn maintenance, tack parts uses and maintenance as well as grooming techniques.*

While this experience will not complete the badge, the only component missing will be a horse ride with a certified instructor or barn, riding at a summer camp or family vacation would fulfill this component. We believe the Girl Scouts will have a much better understanding of horse management and care after attending this activity based event.

Each paid participant will receive a "Hands on Horse" patch and with activity sheet to help them earn their badge.

This is a Girl Scout and Pony Club event. Registered family and friends are welcome!

## FAQs

### What do I need to bring to the event?

Every participant must have two (2) release forms for this event they must be signed in advance of the event by the participants parent or legal guardian. These forms can be found by following the event URL : <https://riverbend.ponyclub.org/calendar/eventview/4595.aspx>

These forms are the Girl Scout Single Event Release and the Pony Club Non-Member Release. **We do not want to have any disappointed people on event day but there are no exceptions to this requirement.**

### What should the participants wear to the event?

We will be in the Barns at Frying Pan Park and in the stalls of the horse barn. Closed toe shoes are mandatory, it is recommended but not required that the foot covering cover the ankle bone but not required. Jeans and other weather appropriate clothing is recommended. While we will be "indoors" it is not a climate controlled space.



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## **What can/can't I bring to the event?**

Bring your enthusiasm. Bring the appropriate number of adult chaperones. Please consult your Girl Scout "Volunteer Essentials" booklet.

Bring your camera, take photos, and feel free to share them on social media!

There will be a bake sale for all participants run by Girl Scout Troop 3194, including Coffee and Hot Water for tea and coco as well as bottled water and a handwashing station. We encourage your use of this for snacks :)

## **Do parents and leaders need to purchase a ticket?**

No- Parents and Leaders do not need to purchase tickets, but are required to register and stay on site, this is not a drop off event. You are welcome leave the barn area and enjoy the other offerings of Frying Pan Park.

## **Do non-Girl Scouts and siblings need to purchase a ticket?**

Yes - All participants must purchase tickets and register in advance for this event, including supplying all required paperwork and permission slips signed by parents prior to attending the event. The ticket price is per person.

## **Is my ticket transferrable?**

Yes, tickets are transferable. The permission slips and release forms would be required for the new attendee.

## **Is my ticket refundable?**

Yes, refunds are offered until *one month* before the event.

## **Do I have to bring my printed ticket to the event?**

No, we will be able to check you in by Troop or registering Adults name.

## **What are my transport/parking options getting to the event?**



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There is ample free parking available at Frying Pan Park. 2739 West Ox Road Herndon VA 20171. We will be in the barns. Not the visitor center or the Farm - please look for the onsite signage.

## **Who should I contact with further questions?**

For program questions, contact Kristin MacKenzie 703-477-5647 - text

or voice or [Kmackenzie@bigfool.com](mailto:Kmackenzie@bigfool.com) in the subject line include: GS even Troop #\_\_\_\_\_

***Photographs may be taken at this event for marketing and social media purposes.***