



## Showing with THRS

Going to horse shows is one of the ways THRS encourages the whole family experience. Having your child participate in horse shows gives them the opportunity to show off their skills, as well as realize what they need to work on. While receiving ribbons is fun, for those just starting to show we feel it is most important they be able to just follow directions while in the show ring.

Your child will need the following riding clothes and equipment for the horse show:

- Black helmet cover or black show helmet
- Hunter show coat (grey, black, Navy or pin stripe) with shirt of any reasonable matching color
- Black leather gloves
- Garters (same color as paddock boots) for kids under 12
- Clean paddock boots up to age 12, Tall field boots for over 12 years old
- Light tan or beige riding pants with elastic straps at the bottom to go over paddock boots called jodhpurs
- Boys will need a tie, nothing too bold
- Girls will need hair braided in pig tails with ribbons or bows at the end. Hair net if hair is too short.
- Belt matching boots and garters
- Attire for parents, Any THRS Apparel **excluding THRS pull over and zip up hoodies**

### The day before the show

The day before the show all the students attending, come to the barn to bathe the pony they are taking. They will also clean all the tack needed for the show and pack it in the trailer. Lastly, they will need to fill a hay net for their pony to eat while on the trailer and at the show. We usually order pizza and let the kids have fun getting ready. Parents are encouraged to participate as well, especially with the younger kids. Plan on this taking at least a few hours. If you are unable to come for show prep, please let us know.

### The day of the show

Get ready for an early morning! Most barns require the child to meet at the barn and help load their pony. THRS does not require every family to arrive at the barn in the morning. Typically the families that are close by help in the morning and those that live farther come after the show.

Depending on the show you and your child will need to be at the showgrounds between 7 am no later than 8 am. You will get an email the week of the show with these details. When you arrive your child will need to get tacked up and check in with an instructor. They will get time to practice in the show ring prior to the show starting. They will not need to be in their show clothes

at this time. It is best they wear a shirt they can get dirty and loose fitting pants over their riding pants. Once they have had some practice time with an instructor they will head back to the trailer and un-tack and make sure the pony has hay and water. Parents will head to the show office with an instructor to sign in, get their child's number and leave a check for the show. All families usually bring food, snacks and drinks to share while we wait for classes to start. We will not know the time of your child's class until all entry forms are submitted to the show office. Even then it is an estimate.

Horse shows usually take most of the day. Please plan on staying and supporting all the children showing. Remember we want to encourage the children to cheer on the other teammates.

### **After the show**

It is clean up time! Horses, tack and hay need to be loaded back in the trailer. Please go to the show office and check out. Once everything is loaded, we will need a few to go back to the barn and help us unload everything.

### **What does a horse show cost?**

\$120 to THRS that includes trailering, coaching, show grooming and use of horse. This is due day of the show. There is an additional \$30 fee if you are not able to participate in show prep or clean up after the show at the barn.

We require 48 hours cancellation notice. Late cancellation or no show will incur a \$80 fee. This covers our cost of getting the horse presentable to show, and time taken to submit entries.

\$10-\$15 per class to the show. There are three classes per division. There may also be an office fee to the show. This is due day of the show to the show office.

Where is the show?

Sandstone farm 3805 Millwood Road Millwood, Va  
Beverly Equestrian Zulla Road The Plains,VA