

2015 AVA Horsemanship Treasure Hunt

"The Search for Golden Apples"

Vaulting Club Name:
Club's Treasure Hunt Coordinator:
Team Names if Utilized:

All AVA Members are automatically eligible for random selections. Non-members of your club or individuals affiliated with your club may also participate in all of the activities with the exception of AVA Horsemanship Testing; and we encourage them to become AVA members to test. Larger clubs should break participants into teams of 15 or less. Please provide Hunt Master the list of teams with all members & non-members actively participating in your treasure hunt

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Apple of the Month (Randomly selected individuals from each team will be featured as the demonstrator of the monthly task/activity. They may have as many assistants as they like :)

| # of Apples | Specific Task/Activity of the Month | Due By | Notes: Complete Task Requirements Check List |
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| 1-3 | March- Identify markings on 3 horses | 30-Jun-15 | |
| 1-3 | April- Demonstrate how to clean & bed a stall giving reasons for each step | 31-Jul-15 | |
| 1-3 | May- Demonstrate taking TPR | 31-Aug-15 | |
| 1-3 | June- Pasture/Stall Safety Check | 30-Jun-15 | |
| 1-3 | July- Demonstrate how to accurately measure the height of a horse | 31-Jul-15 | |
| 1-3 | August- Demonstrate putting on a polo wrap | 31-Aug-15 | |
| 1-3 | September- Demonstrate approaching a vaulting horse safely and haltering | 30-Sep-15 | |
| 1-3 | October- Demonstrate blanketing & unblanketing safely | 31-Oct-15 | |
| 1-3 | November- Demonstrate tacking up your vaulting horse safely including pad, surcingle, and bridle | 30-Nov-15 | |
| 1-3 | December- Demonstrate tying a correct quick release knot | 31-Dec-15 | |
| 1-3 | January- Identify common farrier tools and what they are used for | 31-Jan-16 | |
| 1-3 | February- Describe 3 toxic plants in your area including which parts are toxic, when most toxic, & the signs of poisoning | 29-Feb-16 | |
| 1-14 | Club Text and Facebook Quickfire Challenges | Variable | 14 Days After Text/Post |

Meeting Key People & Going Places

(Participation by either 10 individuals or 50% of the club if there are less than 20 hunt participants is required)

| # of Apples | Specific Speakers & Field Trips | Due By | Notes: Complete Check List and/or Questionnaire |
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| 5 | Speaker/Demonstration- Veterinarian on Preventive Healthcare, First Aid, & When to Call/What Information to Gather | 29-Feb-16 | |
| 5 | Speaker/Demonstration- Farrier/Trimmer | 29-Feb-16 | |
| 5 | Speaker/Demonstration- Equine Dental | 29-Feb-16 | |
| 5 | Speaker/Demonstration- Saddle or Surcingle Maker on Make and Fitting for Comfort and Safety | 29-Feb-16 | |
| 5 | Speaker/Demonstration- Rider/Competitor of Another Equestrian Discipline/Sport | 29-Feb-16 | |
| 5 | Field Trip to Local Tack Store | 29-Feb-16 | |
| 5 | Field Trip to Interact w/Local Non Vaulting Equestrian Group | 29-Feb-16 | |
| 5 | Field Trip to a Local Horse Breeding Farm/Operation | 29-Feb-16 | |
| 5 | Field Trip to a USEF Non-Vaulting Horse Sport Show or Competition | 29-Feb-16 | |
| 5 | Field Trip to a University with a Horse Program or Degree with Equestrian Application | 29-Feb-16 | |

Showing Off Your Horsemanship Knowledge & Skills

(Participation by as many hunt participants as possible is encouraged :)

| # of Apples | Specific Tasks/Activities | Due By | Notes: Complete Activity Worksheet & Posting, or Testing |
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| 2 | Task a: Participation and posting of Tack Cleaning, Parts, & Bridle Activity | 31-Dec-15 | |
| 2 | Task b: Participation and posting of Weighing/Measuring Feeds Activity | 31-Dec-15 | |
| 2 | Task c: Participation and posting of Horse Trailer and Truck Safety Check Activity | 31-Dec-15 | |
| 2 | Task d: Participation and posting of Confirmation Evaluation Activity | 31-Dec-15 | |
| 2 | Task e: Participation and posting of Vaulting Club Horse Record Book Activity | 31-Dec-15 | |
| Up to 10 | Bonus Apples for Creating and Posting of Additional Activities to Help Learn AVA Horsemanship Levels 1-3 (2 per Activity/Lesson Plan) | 31-Dec-15 | |
| Up to 10 | AVA Horsemanship Testing for Level 1 (1 Apple= 10% Club Tested) | 29-Feb-16 | |
| Up to 10 | AVA Horsemanship Testing for Level 2 (1 Apple= 5% Club Tested) | 29-Feb-16 | |
| Up to 10 | AVA Horsemanship Testing for Level 3 (1 Apple= 1% Club Tested) | 29-Feb-16 | |