



Junior Club Chapter Helpful Hints



Thank you for your commitment to start a Junior Club Chapter. The young horse enthusiast you mentor now will someday be the leaders in the horse community. You will be rewarded by seeing them grow in their knowledge and love of horses and share their excitement with each new adventure.

To help get you started we've put together a few ideas about meetings, activities, service projects, and research projects. Remember, this is a chapter run by Junior for Juniors.

The first meeting will be all about getting organized and setting goals.

Discuss the officer team duties. A brief description can be found in the by-laws. Because future meetings will be run by the youth, members wishing to hold an officer position must be willing to plan the agenda and run the meeting. Introduce them to Robert Rules of Order. It can guide them from, the call to order, through making motions and voting.

When they are ready, take nominations for officer positions, create a ballot and vote. It doesn't all have to be done at the first meeting.

Have a brainstorming session to create ideas about meeting activities, field trips they'd like to take, and possible community service projects. Encourage them to think big and small. They could have a long list of ideas. Some of the ideas may be good research projects. Now, have them choose a few activities and start planning.

Plan a fun equine activity to do during the meeting. Play some games or do a craft. Just have fun!

Research Project:

Junior Club members will choose a topic related in some way to horses, then research and give a short presentation to the chapter during a meeting. It will not be judged.

The project topic, and length of research and presentation will be age appropriate for each member.

The purpose of the project and presentation is to have a fun, educational way to share information while developing public speaking and organization skills.

Research Ideas:

Different horse breeds

Horse vision

Conformation

Nutrition/feeding

Braiding/grooming

Show rules

Dressage history

Equine message

Helmets