

May 10, 2016

Dear 4-Her,

We hope you are excited about **First Step Horse Camp** on Monday, June 20, 2016. First Step camp is designed to give new horse 4-H members and younger riders experiences and knowledge that will improve their abilities to participate in shows and other 4-H activities. Cost for the one-day camp is \$25.00 includes T-shirt, lunch and light dinner.

Registration is open through June 10, 2016 at <http://ut.4honline.com> Youth must be registered for 4-H for the current year to be able to register. Once online registration is complete payment (cash or check) must be made to Cache County 4-H and must be received by 5:00 pm June 10 to complete registration. If you need assistance with registration, please contact the 4-H office.

4-Hers in their first, second or third years in horse 4-H are required to attend First Step to be eligible to attend the over-night horse camps. All older but less experienced riders are also invited to attend. At First Step Camp, all participants will learn the information they need in order to pass off the Tenderfoot 1 and Tenderfoot 2 ranks. To help fulfill all of the requirements, each participant will need to bring with them a 200-word paper about the proper care and feeding of their horse. This must be the work of the camper. The Tenderfoot Ranks are available at http://extension.usu.edu/cache/4-H/horse_program and follow the "Rank Advancement Book" link under "Helpful Resources"

All **horses** used for First Step may not be a "green" horse with less than 2 years of experience carrying a rider. Youth attending First Step are usually beginner riders. The environment is different than riding at home or at your local arena, the sounds, actions, and energy will affect the younger horses. We want all the kids to have a safe and pleasurable experience at their First Step Camp. Leaders and parents, please make sure that your First Step Campers can control his/her horse and be able to walk and trot in control and safely.

Campers will be divided into groups according to ability and will be instructed by more experienced riders. Older 4-Hers and adults will be there to help younger youth saddle their horses and prepare to ride.

Check in will begin at 8:00 am on Monday June 20, 2016 at the north entrance to the Cache County Fairgrounds. Enter from 400 South at about 350 West.

All participants are reminded to have proper riding boots and an ASTM approved equestrian helmet. Youth without proper equipment will not be allowed to ride. Please dress appropriately for riding your horse. No tank tops will be allowed. Please make sure all of your equipment is in safe working condition and adjusted to the rider and to fit the horse used at First Step.

If you plan to leave your horse trailer at the Fairgrounds during the day, you can tie your horse to it. You will need to bring a water bucket and a few flakes of hay. Please park trailers in designated areas. Please clean up after your horse at the end of the day.

Lunch and dinner will be provided for campers and staff. First Step Campers will also get a First Step Camp T-shirt.

For more information or questions contact Scott Williams at the 4-H office, 435-752-6263.

Sincerely,



Scott Williams
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