

WELSH PONY AND COB SOCIETY OF AMERICA

JUNIOR MERIT PROGRAM ACTIVITY BOOK



THIS WORKBOOK BELONGS TO:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

BIRTHDATE: _____ WPCSA #: _____

YOUR SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

GENERAL RULES

The purpose of the WPCSA Junior Merit Program is to:

- Offer a program that will satisfy the needs of current WPCSA Junior Members and attract new ones to WPCSA. Our youth are the future of our organization!
 - Provide an opportunity for Junior WPCSA Members to advance and broaden their knowledge of horses and ponies.
 - Encourage youth to expand their horizons and participate in new activities, both with and without horses and ponies.
 - Stimulate youth not only to develop new skills, but also to increase their proficiency at those they already possess.
 - Recognize activities of youth, as well as reward contributions that benefit such organizations.
 - Reward, in a tangible fashion, those youth who attain their required level of accomplishment.
1. To enroll in the program, the participant must be a current WPCSA member in good standing, either as an individual or through a family membership, 17 years or under as of December 1.
 2. There is a one-time fee of \$10 to join the Junior Merit Program.
 3. Enrollment forms are available on the WPCSA website which is www.welshpony.org.
 4. Juniors enroll by sending a complete enrollment form and a \$10 check to WPCSA, 720 Green Street, Stephens City, Virginia 22655. Juniors can join the program at any time during the year.
 5. Points count from the date that a completed enrollment form and \$10 are processed by the WPCSA office, providing you are a current WPCSA member. Credit is not given for tasks that are accomplished prior to enrolling. Additional points cannot be earned unless WPCSA dues for the new year have been paid. Points are carried forward into the next year without interruption. Tasks cannot be redone unless they are marked with a * or they were not done in a prior year.
 6. Verification of task performance is the signature of an adult (preferably not a parent of the junior) who can verify, based on personal knowledge, that the task was satisfactorily completed. The completion certification date must be given. The adult should include his/her title (show official, club officer or relationship). Tasks that do not have the appropriate documentation will not receive points.
 7. All Questions are one point, unless otherwise noted.
 8. You will receive an additional ½ point for every photo that you send in showing your task, unless the photo is a required part of the activity. Photos must have your name and the task number on the back, and will not be returned.
 9. Remember to send in accompanying paperwork for tasks that say "Send in", "List", "Describe", "Write", "Explain", or "Draw". Use a separate piece of paper if necessary, but be sure to identify the question/task number with your answer. All drawings, photos and supporting documentation sent in with your workbook copy will be the property of the WPCSA and may be used on the website and/or in Junior Merit programs.
 10. The deadline for submitting records for awards to be presented at the Annual Meeting is December 31st, which means that they MUST BE POSTMARKED by December 31st to be eligible for awards at the following WPCSA Annual Meeting.
 11. It is recommended that the original workbook be RETAINED and PHOTOCOPIES of the Activity Log and/or Question Section BE SUBMITTED to the Junior Merit Advisor, if by mail. It is further suggested that these be sent Return Receipt Requested to verify arrival. WPCSA and/or the Junior Merit Advisor are not responsible for original workbooks sent for review. You may also submit by e-mail, but documents must be legible to be processed. The e-mail address will be posted at www.welshpony.org.
 12. Award levels will be posted on www.welshpony.org. All awards will be presented annually at the WPCSA Annual Meeting. Those unable to attend may receive their awards by mail, postage to be paid by the recipient.

1. **WELSH PONIES AND COBS**

TASK ID #	TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
*1.A	Visit the junior pages of the WPCSA website at www.welshpony.org (max of 3 per year)	1 pt each
1.B	Become a Mystery Rider on the junior pages of www.welshpony.org	1 point
*1.C	Put on a fundraising event for the Junior Merit Program and donate the proceeds to the Junior Merit Program Fund.	10 pts each
*1.D	Promote the Junior Merit Program to a friend. For each one who enrolls in the program and mentions your name, you receive 3 points.	3 points each
*1.E	Write and publish an article for your local paper about the WPCSA Junior Merit program. Send a copy in with your submission.	5 points each
*1.F	Present a "how to" or other public demonstration to the juniors at the Annual Meeting	7 points
*1.G	Join "WPCSA Juniors" on Facebook and post twice about your pony or cob (max of 12 per year)	1 pt each
*1.H	Visit Wales	5 points

2. **GETTING TO KNOW THE WPCSA** We belong to a great and wonderful organization called the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America. How much do you know about the breed registry you belong to?

*2.A	Work on a WPCSA committee.	7 points
*2.B	Work on a WPCSA fundraiser.	7 points
*2.C	Work on a local WPCSA event.	7 points
*2.D	Assist with planning a WPCSA event.	7 points
*2.E	Make a poster for a WPCSA function. Send in a photo.	2 points
*2.F	Attend a meeting of your WPCSA Club.	2 pts/mtg
*2.G	Attend the WPCSA Annual Meeting.	5 pts/yr
*2.H	Attend the Youth Awards Banquet at the WPCSA Annual Meeting	5 pts/yr
*2.I	Work on a project or booth for the WPCSA Annual Meeting	7 points
*2.J	Attend a show committee meeting for a WPCSA rated show.	2 pts/mtg
*2.K	Help with your WPCSA Club newsletter. Send in a copy.	2 pts/issue
*2.L	Submit an article to the WPCSA Junior Merit Advisor about an activity that you attended this year	4 pts each

3. **REGISTERED WELSH** One of the things that makes your Welsh so very special is that it is a registered pony, cob or half-Welsh. This means that your Welsh has been written into the records of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America. If he is a purebred Welsh, it also means that your pony is all Welsh. His mother and his father had to be registered as Welsh ponies, too. If your pony is registered, you can find his parents, grandparents, etc, for many generations. You may have a registered half-Welsh pony. This means that one of your pony's parents was a registered purebred Welsh. The other parent could be any other type of horse or pony. You can tell a lot about a Welsh pony or cob just by looking at their registration papers. Registration papers are a lot like your birth certificate. It identifies your pony or cob as someone special.

TASK ID #	TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
*3.A	Help your family or friends sell a registered Welsh pony or cob	5 pts each
*3.B	Help make a sales ad or tape for a registered Welsh pony or cob. Send in a copy	3 pts each
*3.C	Take a class or clinic on how to photograph horses. Send in one of your photos	2 pts each

4. RIDING

Activities: Below is a list of different events that you may participate in this season, please list the date, task number, show name, and points. Don't forget to get the Show Secretary's or organizer's signature!

TASK ID #	TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
*4.A	Participate in an organized competitive trail ride	1 pt/event
*4.B	Participate in an organized trail ride (max of 12 per year)	1 pt/ride
*4.C	Participate in an overnight trail ride (max of 12 per year)	1 pt/ride
*4.D	Participate in a riding/driving/vaulting lesson (max of 24 per year)	1 pt/lesson
*4.E	Compete in a non-rated horse show	1 pt/show
*4.F	Compete in a 4H riding event	1 pt/show
*4.G	Participate as a member of a drill team, in an exhibition, competition, parade or carry the flag in a recognized event	1 pt/event
*4.H	Attend a rodeo as a participant	1 pt/event
*4.I	Ride in the grand entry or in a parade	1 pt/event
*4.J	Attend and ride at a horse camp	1 pt/camp
*4.K	Compete in an organized games show	1 pt/show
*4.L	Compete in a Pony Club Rally	1 pt/show
*4.M	Compete in a USEF rated Hunter/Jumper show	2 pts/show
*4.N	Compete in a USDF rated Dressage Show	2 pts/show
*4.O	Compete in a Pony Club event	2 pts/show
*4.P	Compete in a USEA rated event	2 pts/show
*4.Q	Compete in an ADS rated event	2 pts/show
*4.R	Dress up and participate in a Halloween costume class for your pony. Send a photo in with your workbook submission	2 pts/show
4.S	Demonstrate how to tack up a horse with bridle and saddle	2 points
*4.T	Participate in an organized fox hunt	1 pt/hunt

5. HORSE HEALTH

TASK ID #	TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
5.A	Spend time with a vet and make a list of what you learned or what you watched. Include on a separate piece of paper and send in. (5 point max)	1 pt each
5.B	Observe a veterinarian give a horse a shot	2 points
5.C	Observe a veterinarian draw blood from a horse	2 points
5.D	Watch a veterinarian float a horse's teeth	2 points
5.E	Spend time with a farrier and make a list of what you learned or what you watched. Include on a separate piece of paper and send in. (5 point max)	1 pt each
5.F	Participate in foal watch by watching the mare or a monitor	2 points
5.G	Watch the live birth of a foal	5 points
5.H	Watch the birth of a foal on film, TV, or video	1 point
5.I	Visit the Animal Health section of the USDA website	1 point
5.J	Post near the telephone a list of emergency numbers for your family and emergency numbers for your horse	2 points
5.K	Make a safety checklist for horse trailer or van, and post in your trailer and send in	2 points
5.L	Make an equine first aid kit. Send in a photo with your workbook submission.	4 points
*5.M	Subscribe to a horse publication (max of 6 per year)	1 pt each

6. PONY/HORSE MANAGEMENT

TASK ID #	TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
*6.A	Discuss a fire prevention plan for a stable/barn (max of once per year)	2 points
6.B	Demonstrate how to tie a quick release knot	1 point
6.C	Demonstrate how to measure a horse	1 point
6.D	Demonstrate how to put a blanket on a horse	1 point
6.E	Demonstrate how to bathe a horse	1 point
6.F	Demonstrate how to hang up a hay net	1 point
6.G	Create horse treats for your horse	2 points
6.H	Demonstrate how to safely pick up and clean the rear hooves of your horse	1 point
6.I	Demonstrate how to safely pick up and clean the front hooves of your horse	1 point
*6.J	Help take care of a friend's barn or animals for at least 2 days (max 6 times a yr)	2 pts each
*6.K	Watch a horse related film of your choice (max of 5 tapes a year – list titles)	1 pt each
*6.L	Read a book or watch a video about horses or ponies (max of 10 a year–list titles)	1 pt each
6.M	Demonstrate how to lead a horse or pony	1 point

7. TACK

TASK ID #	TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
7.A	Construct a saddle rack for your own tack room. Send in a photo.	2 points
*7.B	Make or sew something that you can use for your horse. Send in a photo	2 points each
*7.C	Read a book about bits or tack (max of 5 per year – list titles)	1 point
*7.D	Thoroughly strip, clean and condition your bridle, saddle and girth (max of 12 times per year)	1 point
*7.E	Help your family sell some of your used tack (max of 5 per year)	1 pt/item
7.F	Demonstrate how to hitch a pony to a cart	2 points

8. COMPETITIVE EVENTS AND OTHER EQUINE ORGANIZATIONS

TASK ID #	TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
*8.A	Watch equestrian portion of Olympics or other prominent horse event on TV or video (max of 6 per year)	1 point
*8.B	Participate in a judge's school or clinic for judges	4 points
*8.C	Attend a meeting approved by USEF, USEA, USDF, ADS or another national equestrian organization	4 pts/mtg
*8.D	Attend a Pony Club meeting (max of 12 a year)	1 pt/mtg
*8.E	Perform a service at a horse show, games show, competitive trail ride, or other competition	2 pts per hour
*8.F	Help set-up/dismantle trail, drill, or jumping courses	2 pts per hour
*8.G	Participate in Pony Club Quiz	3 pts each
*8.H	Join Pony Club, USEF, USDF, USEA, ADS, AERC, USPC, 4H, or FFA	4 pts each
*8.I	Watch a video of the Royal Welsh show in Wales (max of 4 per year)	1 pt each
*8.J	Read a book about a specific discipline (max of 6 per year – list titles)	1 pt each
*8.K	Help on a work party to clear trails (max of 6 per year)	2 pts each
*8.L	Help mark a trail for an upcoming ride (once per year)	2 points
*8.M	Attend a horse sale	1 points
8.N	Join the USEF High School Equestrian Athlete program	2 points
*8.O	Earn a varsity letter through the USEF High School Equestrian Athlete program	4 pts each
*8.P	Attend a horse race as an observer (max of 6 per year)	1 pt each

*8.Q	Attend a rodeo as an observer (max of 6 per year)	1 pt each
*8.R	Tour a licensed horse racing track (max of 1 per year)	2 pts each
8.S	Draw both dressage arenas and give dimensions. Send in with submission.	1 point
*8.T	Braid your horse's mane for a show or event. Send in a photo.	2 pts each
*8.U	Braid your horse's tail for a show or event. Send in a photo.	1 pt each

9. WPCSA SHOWS

TASK ID #	TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
*9.A	Work at a WPCSA rated show	4 pts per hr
*9.B	Prepare a show report of a WPCSA rated show and get it published on the youth pages of the WPCSA website	4 pts each
*9.C	Obtain a sponsor for a class in a WPCSA rated Show	3 pts each
9.D	Draw a hunter course with measurements for a specific named WPCSA class (max of 4)	1 pt each
*9.E	Enter a new class at a WPCSA rated show that you have never shown in before	2 pts/class
*9.F	Compete in a WPCSA rated horse show	3 pts/show
*9.G	Compete at a WPCSA National show (American, Eastern, Central, Western)	4 pts/show
*9.H	Bath your pony for a WPCSA rated show	1 pt each
*9.I	Bath someone else's pony for a WPCSA rated show	2 pts each
*9.J	Enter the Junior Handler class at a WPCSA rated show	1 pt each

10. SCHOOL

TASK ID #	TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
*10.A	Attend a local school board meeting	2 pts/mtg
*10.B	Attend a local PTA board meeting	2 pts/mtg
*10.C	Assist in a school fund raising project (max of 6 per year)	3 pts each
*10.D	Participate in an afterschool activity such as sports or clubs (max of 12 per year)	2 pts each
*10.E	Participate in a school show, i.e. talent show, science fair, etc. (max of 12 per year)	2 pts each
*10.F	Maintain a 3.0 Grade Point Average for the school year	5 pts/year
*10.G	Present a report on a Welsh pony or cob at your school	4 pts each

11. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

TASK ID #	TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
*11.A	Work on a community fundraising project (max of 12 per year)	2 pts each
*11.B	Help with or donate to the Food Bank in your community (max of 12 per year)	1 pt each
*11.C	Visit a local senior citizen's program (max of 12 per year)	1 pt each
*11.D	Donate items to a second hand store, i.e. Goodwill (max of 12 per year)	1 pt each
*11.E	Volunteer time for a community clean-up project (max of 12 per year)	1 pt each
*11.F	Support your local fair and enter a project (max of 12 per year)	1 pt each
*11.G	Give a public demonstration at a club level, fair, school (max of 12 per year)	2 pts each
*11.H	Give a public speech at a club level, fair, school (max of 12 per year)	2 pts each
*11.I	Learn CPR and maintain a current card. Send in a copy of the card.	3 points
*11.J	Work at a therapeutic riding center.	2 pts/hour
*11.K	Work at a riding camp or help with instructor's riding lessons	1 pt/hour

ACTIVITY LOG

NAME: _____

DATE	TASK # AND DESCRIPTION	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	POINTS