

WORKING WITH NEW HAVEN HORSES: GUIDELINE CONTRACT

At New Haven, we encourage everyone to learn about and interact with horses. However, everyone must follow some basic guidelines. Before a student can do anything with a horse, they must read and sign this sheet.

1. No one can take the horses out during the dark or dusk hours of the day.
2. No one can jump horses from the ground or on horse back except when the Animal Manager is present.
3. No one can ride or groom horses during bad weather. This includes heavy rain, thunder and lightening, hail, wind storms, and heavy snow.
4. No one may ride the horses when the ground is frozen or when there are puddles in the arena.
5. Any student who works with a horse, other than during a group activity, must sign the Horse Sign-Up Sheet inside the tack room.
6. When a student is finished with the horse, she must put ALL of her equipment away.
7. No one may bathe a horse unless the temperature is 70 degrees or higher for at least four hours during the day.
8. The person who got the horse out is responsible to put the horse away. The only exception is during a group activity when everyone is responsible to help put the horses away.
9. The person who gets equipment out is responsible for putting ALL the equipment away properly. The only exception is during a group activity when everyone is responsible to help put ALL the equipment away.
10. No one may ride alone without a Horse Riding Contract completed and signed by the Animal Manager.
11. In order to ride or work with a horse, the student must have at least one hour of free, staff approved, time.
12. All students who ride must wear a helmet the ENTIRE time they are on a horse.
13. All students who ride during free time must ride in the arena with a saddle and bridle.
14. **BE SAFE!**

I have read these guidelines. I understand them and agree to abide by them.

Signed: _____ Date: _____