



Adopt-A-Horse Guidelines

1. Each participant has access to their assigned horse from 2:00pm-5:00pm on the predetermined Thursday, Saturday or Sunday for each week during the nine months of Adopt-A-Horse from September-May. **If a participant will not be there to ride their assigned horse, the horse, if needed, will be given out to someone else. This will be based on a First Come, First Served basis, which means that the assigned participant will NOT be allowed to send someone in his/her place to ride their assigned horse.**
2. If a participant has not completed at least 3 guided trail rides, completed a 4-week session of lessons and/or is not an experienced rider, he/she will not be able to adopt a horse or ride any horse during the Adopt-A-Horse program. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
3. Each participant will be responsible for all activities with the horse, including, catching, grooming, riding, grooming after riding and returning the horse to its assigned pasture.
4. Horses should only be tied to the hitching posts and only with a quick release knot. If you don't know how to tie this knot, please ask a staff member for assistance.
5. By SC Equine Law, all participants under the age of 18 are required to wear a safety helmet when horseback riding. It is also required by the ASG Greenway that participants over the age of 18 wear a safety helmet. Participants age 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult at all times during the Adopt-A-Horse program.
6. Participants must ride responsibly and stay on designated trails at all times. Only walking and/or racking/trotting are allowed on the trails. **No Galloping!!!** If a participant is caught galloping a horse, they will be terminated from the program immediately!!!
7. For safety purposes, all participants must ride in groups of 2 or more at all times. At least 1 rider per group should have a cellular phone in their possession. In case of an emergency, call the Barn attendant (please get cell number before leaving the barn) or Equestrian Manager John Morris at (803) 524-5213. Under NO circumstances should a participant bring their horse back to the barn hot and sweaty, out of breath or any equivalent to this. Participants must allow their horse at least a 15 min. cool down on the way back to the barn, thus by maintaining a slow walk. Absolutely **No Running** back to the barn.
8. Bareback riding is NOT permitted at any time.
9. NO swapping horses at any time.
10. **ALL** participants **must** choose a bank draft or credit card draft and **must** complete the correct form before beginning in the program. No Exceptions.
11. **RAIN CHECK POLICY** – in the event that Adopt-A-Horse is cancelled for weather participants may set up, in advance, a ride on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday morning. This must be approved by the Equestrian Manager or Assistant Equestrian Manager at least one day in advance.
12. Failure to abide by these guidelines will result in termination of the participant in the Adopt-A-Horse program.

I, _____, have read and understand the Guidelines of the Adopt-A-Horse Program.

Signature of Participant

Date
