

Horse Show Mom (or Dad) 101



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Welcome to the world of horse showing! You have just taken on a very fun and important role. When we first started showing, many years ago, we learned that a list is the most important packing tool! We have put the following sheet together for show riders, and their parents, to ensure you don't leave any important items at home on the day of the show.

Caboodle (Make-up case preferably with a mirror):

- Pick a color your rider will like. They usually like to customize them to make them "their own".
- Covered rubber bands to allow hair to stay in a tight pony tail under the bun.
- Hair color coordinated hair nets - keep a few of these with you in case of holes
- Bobbie pins that also coordinate with hair color
- Large barrette (about 3 to 4 inches long) - this is what the hair bun is formed around. Be certain to select a clip that will hold all your hair securely. You may also use brown or black shoestrings.
- Small hair bow for the bottom of her hair bun to coordinate with her outfit (you will probably end up with a million of these by the time her show career is over)
- Make up for the Caboodle - eye shadow, mascara, blush and lipstick. (Foundation can be staining to shirt collars)
- Small hair brush
- Hairspray
- Travel size baby powder for sweaty hands to help in slipping on your show gloves
- Pack of tissues
- Safety pins of all sizes - just in case
- Show jewelry: earrings, lapel pins, tie bars, etc.
- Number magnets rather than pins to securely hold your number. Holes in show apparel reduce the value for re-sale.
- Black tape (or brown with chocolate outfits)
- We recommend keeping the caboodle packed all the time for use only at shows, not daily use. Otherwise, all the items will miraculously disappear before the show and you'll be scampering around borrowing items from friends at the last minute.

Academy riders need the following clothing and accessories:

- Jods (Kentucky Jodhpurs)
- Shirt - long sleeve button up dress shirt with collar holes
- Vest and tie
- Socks
- Helmet - either black with black or navy jods, chocolate with chocolate jods, or for the younger riders we can custom match the paint to match their outfit.
- Paddock boots - patent leather or matte. Brown or black to

match jods, gloves and helmet

- Gloves - same color as boots
- Tie bar - gold or silver, with or without crystals
- Number Magnets

Where to Buy Items:

- **Shirt & Vest** - button-up fitted shirt and show vest to match. Please have approval by an instructor prior to purchase. You may find combos at:
www.thepatchworkpony.com
www.shopcommotion.com
www.mytrainerscloset.com
- **Tie** - Tie to match the shirt & vest combo - great places to find ties are Kohls, Marshalls, Macys, Belk, Dillards, Steinmart, Burlington Coat Factory
- **Jods** - Black, Navy or Chocolate show jods. They should be fitted and the length should go two inches beyond the heel when your rider is seated in the saddle. All jods must have tie downs and must be approved by an instructor before you alter. Can be found at the above consignment stores as well as:
www.hartmeyer.com
Ivy Run Designs - contact Mrs. Lisa
- **Boots** - Black or brown boots to match gloves. Patton leather is the fanciest but matte is ok
Dover Saddlery - new store in Charlotte or online
www.Hartmeyer.com, Consignment boots at
www.thepatchworkpony.com and
www.shopcommotion.com
Village Tack Shop - Cornelius, NC
- **Gloves** - Black or brown leather
www.perrisleather.com
www.Hartmeyer.com
www.ehorseequipment.com
- **Tie Bars & Number Magnets** - colors to match your outfit or clear. Can be plain or crystals, a little bling is ok!
www.thepatchworkpony.com
www.ehorseequipment.com
www.shopcommotion.com
- **Hair Nets** - local beauty supply store or Target. You can also buy from Mrs. Lisa. Light brown set of 2/\$1.00.

Other Stuff:

- Soccer chair - this is for you, Mom - trust me, you will need it by the end of the day! Not needed for shows that are indoors
- Cooler with drinks - preferably clear - red spills on the show outfit isn't a good thing.
- Food and snacks to share
- Money for concession stands, vendors and tipping the groom. We suggest \$25 per person for Academy
- **Most importantly, HAVE FUN and enjoy this fantastic part of your child's life!**

Don't forget your Lenux gear!

