

Horsemanship

Taught by experienced instructors at Cricket Hill.
Available at no cost to Pine Plains students.
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Learning horsemanship skills helps horse lovers and owners alike achieve high standards of horse care and management, safely and happily!

Showing in Horsemanship - Many horse shows, including the FFA Fair, offer unmounted horsemanship classes. Exhibitors present their equine partners "in hand", and are judged on the appearance of both the animal and themselves, as well as their ability to show the animal through a pattern, specifically:

- Grooming: a healthy horse is clean and free of stains, dirt, and mane/tail tangles. The correct grooming tools and lots of "elbow" grease insure a shiny coat.
- Condition: proper nutrition and exercise keep horses fit and healthy.
- Tack: must be kept clean and in good condition.
- Exhibitor Appearance: safe, neat, clean and correct clothing.
- Handling Skills: leading, halting, trotting, and "setting" up your horse for inspection.



Horsemanship at Cricket Hill. Each participant is matched with a suitable Cricket Hill horse or pony to learn and practice with. Students who complete the course may show at the FFA fair with their equine partner. Horse owners are welcome to join and may bring their own horse.

Taught year-round, rain or shine. For mounted activities, see "Riding" Program.

