

# YOUTH MERIT



Designed Especially for Children 7 and Over

Welcome to the Washington State Youth Merit Program! We hope that you will have an enjoyable journey on your trail of learning, earning, and serving. Those enrolled in the program progress at their own pace. The program provides opportunities to develop leadership and public speaking skills as well as skills inside and outside of the equestrian arena. The purpose of the WSH Youth Merit Program is to:

- Offer a program that will satisfy the needs of the current WSH Junior Members and attract new ones to WSH. Our youth are the future of our organization!
- Provide an opportunity for Junior WSH Members to advance and broaden their knowledge of horses.
- Encourage youth to expand their horizons and participate in new activities, both with and without horses.
- Stimulate youth not only to develop new skills, but also to increase their proficiency at those they already possess.
- Recognize activities of youth in their club, school, and community, as well as reward contributions which benefit such
  organizations.
- · Reward, in a tangible fashion, those youth who attain their required level of accomplishment.

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

How <u>old</u> must one be to participate? To enroll in the program, youth must be 17 years of age or under as of August 1. There is no minimum age requirement at this time.

How do I <u>register</u>? An application form is included in the workbook. Complete the form and return it to either the East Side or West Side Youth Merit Chair (depending upon which side of the mountains you live on). Your registration form must be mailed prior to beginning the program and credit will not be given for tasks accomplished prior to enrolling. Youth must enroll / re-register each year to continue in the program and have their WSH membership paid prior to March 15 to continue earning points.

Is there a <u>cost</u> to register? The program is free to all current Washington State Horsemen youth members.

<u>When</u> can I register? Although the "season" begins August 1, youth may register any time during the year after paying their Washington State Horsemen membership dues.

<u>Who</u> can sign my workbook for the tasks I complete? Adults (preferably not a parent of the youth) are to sign the workbooks verifying that the tasks have been performed satisfactorily. Along with the signature, a date of completion should be included. The adult should include his/her title (show official, club officer, or relationship).

When is my workbook <u>due</u>? Workbooks are due to Zone Youth Merit Advisors (if one has been appointed for your Zone) on or before August 1. If your Zone does not have a Youth Merit Advisor, the workbook must be returned to the East Side or West Side Youth Merit Chair depending upon the side of the State in which you reside. When mailing your workbook to either the East Side of West Side Chair, you must submit the ORIGINAL workbook and only the pages on which tasks were done during the current year. It is highly recommended that you copy the pages you are sending and maintain them until your original is returned to you at the Annual Convention in case the packet is misplaced in the mail. It is further suggested that these be sent Return Receipt Requested to verify arrival. Remember to send in accompanying paperwork for tasks that say "List", "Describe", "Write", "Explain", or "Draw".

What type of <u>awards</u> can be received? Plaques, medallions, t-shirts, jackets, belt buckles, and cash awards are awarded each year to Youth Merit Members. These awards are presented at the Annual WSH Convention. At this age level, many children will likely receive the Participation Award (50 points), Yellow Tag / Certificate of Merit (100 points), Red Tag / Certificate of Excellence (200 points), T-Shirt and Blue Tag / Honor of Excellence (300 points), and Bronze Medallion (500 points). Although there are additional awards, the highest level a child working solely in Workbook 2 may obtain during their first year would be the Bronze Medallion. Youth unable to attend Convention should designate a representative to obtain the awards on their behalf. Awards will not be mailed to prevent loss.

Do I start over each year on my points? The awards listed previously are given each year to enrolled members based upon their cumulative totals. The points are carried forward into the next year without interruption.

May I <u>repeat</u> tasks each year? Most of the tasks, especially in the later workbooks, are to be answered one-time. Once a Youth Merit Member receives credit for these tasks, they cannot be repeated. Only tasks marked an asterisk (\*) may be repeated annually.

How are the tasks separated / numbered? Youth Merit leaders have attempted to separate the tasks into general fields of study. The first number listed in the task is the general field of study (listed below). If the task has just a general field of study number and then one additional number (i.e. 14.10), the additional number simply represents the order in which the tasks were first outlined many years ago in the Task Book. If the task has a general field of study number then two additional numbers (i.e. 7.04.15), the second number is the year in which the task was added to the Youth Merit Program (i.e. 04) and the third number represents the order in which the tasks were first outlined (i.e. 15). Please pay close attention to the task numbers listed as they may have been revised recently.

- 1 Safety / General Knowledge
- 2 History / Miscellaneous
- 3 Health / First Aid
- 4 Nutrition and Feed
- 5 Breeds
- 6 WSH Major Division: Trails and Pleasure (and Packing)
- 7 Tack and Saddlery
- 8 Lessons / Clinics (Participation In)
- 9 WSH Major Division: Western Games
- 10 WSH Major Division: Horse Show
- 11 WSH Major Division: Working Horse
- 12 Zones and Clubs
- 13 WSH Board of Directors / WSH Convention and Meetings
- 14 Community
- 15 School
- 16 Youth Merit Program
- 17 Especially for Those 10 and Under
- 18 Equine Disciplines Found Outside of WSH

Are there additional <u>special awards</u>? Youth Merit has five perpetual trophies given out each year at the Annual WSH Convention. Children may compete for the High Point 10 and Under, High Point 11 to 13 Years of Age, High Point 14 to 17 Years of Age, the Chet Kelley Memorial Award for the most community service points (Sections 14 and 15), or the Del Haack Junior Achievement Award for the most overall points. Points for these awards are based upon NEW points earned each year rather than cumulative points earned over the duration of their membership in the program.

# THIS BOOK BELONGS TO:

NAME:			
ADDRESS:			
CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE:			
TELEPHONE:	E-MAIL:		
BIRTHDATE:	WSH #:	ZONE:	
YOUR SIGNATURE:			
PARENT'S SIGNATURE:			



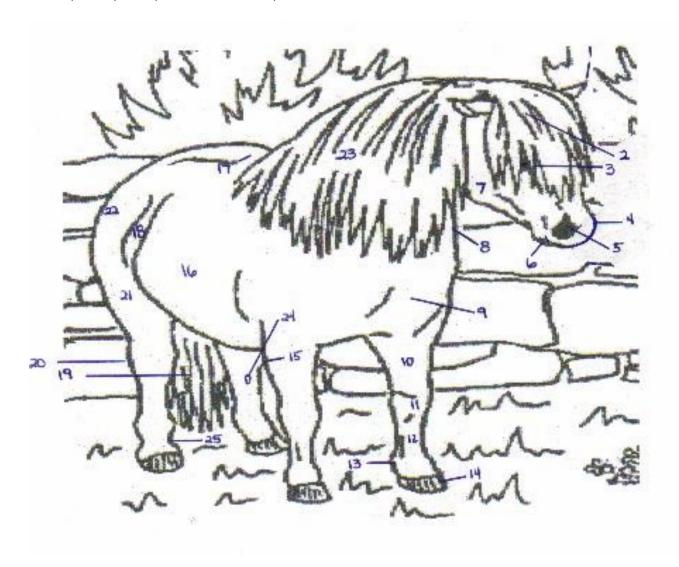
# GETTING TO KNOW W.S.H.

We belong to a great and wonderful organization called the Washington State Horsemen. How much do you know about the BIG "club" you belong to?

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the Zone Directors (13.11a* / 2 points).  Position #1	Position #6
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Position #1 Position #2 Position #3	Position #7 Position #8

### FAT LITTLE PONY

Label all of the parts on the "Fat Little Pony" drawing below. This task (3.55b) is worth one point for every five parts you have correctly identified.



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#### HORSE COLORS / MARKINGS

Name and describe 5 different color classifications of horses (Task 2.5). For example, sorrel. For each five you list, you will receive 2 points.

Define facial markings (Task 2.6 / 2 points total) by putting the correct letter below the correct face.

- A. Spot
- B. Stripe
- C. Blaze

- D. Race
- E. Star and Snip
- F. Bald











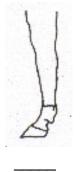


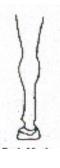
What are horse points (Task 2.43 / 1 point):

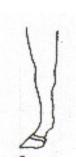
Define leg markings (Task 2.03.03 / 3 points total) by putting the correct letter below the correct diagram.

- A. Coronet
- B. Half Pastern
- C. Pastern
- D. Ankle

- E. Half Stocking
- F. Stocking
- G. Inside / Outside Heel
- H. Both Heels

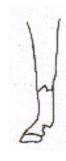




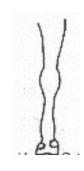












# **GAMES DIVISION**

The Games Division is just one of the Divisions within the Washington State Horsemen. Here are some Division-specific tasks for you to complete.

9.31	In barrels, how many left-hand turns are made in the barrel pattern (1 point)?
9.32	How large a hide is used in the Cowhide Race (1 point)?
9.36	What event MUST have a white start/finish line used (1 point)?
9.37	At what age can a youth ride a stallion at a WSH Approved Western Games Show (1 point)?
9.38	At what age is a youth allowed to pull the hide in the Cowhide Race (1 point)?
9.59a	How many seconds does a rider (other than in cowhide) have to start onto a course after being given the green flag by the judge (1 point)?
9.59b	* Where is the Washington State Championship Show being held this year (1 point)?
9.30	On a separate piece of paper, draw a diagram of a Games Division event (i.e. keyhole) giving course dimensions. Maximum of ten – 1 point each.



You are doing so well! Here are some more tasks to research and complete. For those items with a "\$" sign, please include the actual list / description / etc. with your workbook when turning it in.

1.1*/\$	Post near the telephone a list of emergency numbers for your family and emergency numbers for your horse.	2 points / year
1.3* / \$	Make a safety checklist for horse trailer or van.	2 points / year
1.13	Explain what a red ribbon in the tail means.	1 point
1.14	Explain what a red ribbon in the forelock means.	1 point
1.15	List 3 reasons to wear a helmet.	2 points
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1.19	What should you always do before mounting?	1 point
1.03.01	Define the following:	3 points
	1. Filly -	
	2. Foal -	
	3. Mare -	
	4. Colt -	
	5. Gelding -	
	6. Stallion -	
	7. Sire -	
	8. Dam -	
	9. Weanling -	
	10. Yearling -	
1.03.02	Define the following:	2 points
	1. Equitation -	·
	2. Conformation -	
1.03.03	Define the term "Near Side".	1 point
1.03.04	Define the term "Off Side".	1 point

The following tasks begin with the sounds horses make and end with basic equine knowledge such as bathing and grooming a horse. For full credit, you will need to be very complete on your answers.

2.04.01	Describe a "snort" and what does it usually mean?	2 points
2.04.02	Describe a "blow" and what does it usually mean?	2 points
2.04.03	Describe a "nicker" and what does it usually mean?	2 points
2.04.04	Describe a "neigh" or "whinny" and what does it usually mean?	2 points
2.04.05	Describe a "squeal" and what does it usually mean?	2 points
2.04.06	Describe a "scream" and what does it usually mean?	2 points
2.7	How old does a horse and rider have to be to be eligible for the Olympics?	1 point eac
2.11	Describe the unit of measurement for a horse.	1 point
2.21	Describe how to measure a horse for a blanket.	3 points
2.22	Describe how to put a blanket on a horse.	2 points
2.24	Describe how to bathe a horse.	3 points
2.44	What was the Pony Express?	1 point
2.47	Name 3 different brushes used for grooming.  1. 2.	1 point
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3.1	List basic contents of an equine first aid kit.	4 points

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3.04.10	Can the West Nile Virus cause severe illness or death in a horse?	1 point
3.04.13	Can humans be infected with the West Nile Virus by caring for an infected horse?	1 point
3.04.14	Can a horse infected with West Nile infect horses nearby?	1 point
3.04.19	What is the proper way to water a horse after a hard, sweaty workout?	2 points
3.04.20	What is the best way to water a horse and why?	2 points
3.04.21	What determines the speed of a horse?	1 point
3.04.22	In degrees, how large is the typical field of vision for each eye?	1 point
3.04.23	What term is used to describe a horse with low, thick-rounded withers?	1 point
3.04.24	How many different species of strongylidae can infect a horse?	1 point
3.04.25	Name the two involuntary muscle groups.	1 point
3.04.26	What is the current average lifespan of a horse?	1 point
3.04.28	Compute a 20-year-old horse's age into "human years".	1 point
3.48	What is another name for the skin condition horses get from being out in the rain without protection?	1 point
3.49	How long is the gestation period of a pregnant mare?	1 point
5.04.01	What is an Appendix Horse?	1 point
7.04.01	List three types of Western stirrups.	1 point
7.04.02	List three types of English stirrups.	1 point
7.04.013	List three types of spurs.	1 point
18.04.01	In Professional Rodeo, "riding" events are made up of what three events?	1 point
18.04.04	In Professional Rodeo, "timed" events are made up of what five events?	1 point
18.04.03	What is the PRCA's championship rodeo called, where is it held, and in what month?	1 point



#### THIS PAGE IS SPECIFICALLY FOR CHILDREN 10 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER.

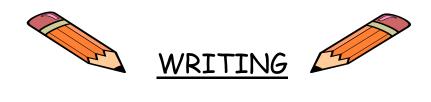
17.1	What nice person's title starts with a "J"?	2 points
17.2	What do horse show judges do?	
17.3	What do games judges do?	2 points
17.4	Where do judges learn?	2 points
17.5	How does a judge keep their judge's card?	2 points
17.6	What division begins with the letter "G"?	2 points
17.7	Who is the Director?	2 points
17.8	Can you name some of the games people like to ride in?	2 points
17.9	What division begins with the letter "T"?	2 points
17.10	What award is given on the State level for hours ridden?	2 points
17.11	If you ride one hour, approximately how many miles is it?	2 points
17.12	What is the yearly rate to pay for participation in the "T" Division?	2 points
17.13	What is the "show season" for the "T" Division?	2 points
17.14	What kind of horse starts with the letter "D"?	2 points
17.15	Is it a small or large horse?	2 points
17.16	What are they used for?	2 points
17.17 / \$	Draw a picture of your favorite draft horse.	2 points
5.6	Name 5 Pony breeds.	3 points
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6.33	How much distance between horses is considered to be a safe distance when trail riding?	1 point



Reading is a great way to learn about horses. Be sure to list the title and have an adult sign after you have completed the book.

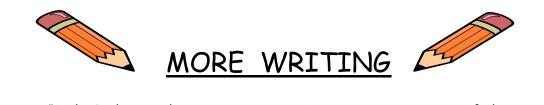
NUMBER	TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
5.1*	Read a book about a specific breed of horse / list the title and breed (maximum of 10 per year).	4 points each

DATE	TITLE OF BOOK	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	POINTS



NUMBER	TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
15.8*	Participate in a pen pal program. Must correspond at least 3 consecutive months (maximum of 5	3 points / pal
	pals per year).	
16.3*	Send a Canter / Zone Newsletter article to the Youth Merit Advisor.	2 points each

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	POINTS



Write an essay, "I think the Youth Merit Program is Important Because..." If the essay is 25-50 words (Task 16.4a), you will receive 3 points. If the essay is 51 words or more (Task 16.4b), you will receive 5 points.

I	THINK	THE	YOUTH	MERIT	PROGRAM	IS	IMPORTANT	BECAUSE



The Youth Merit Program continues to increase its task questions through new questions submitted by youth just like you. If you have not seen a question in the workbook that you think would be a great question next year, please list it below. You will also have to have the answer and where you found the question and answer. Each idea is worth one point (Task 16.2) and you can list up to ten new questions each year.

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If you are submitting the full ten, please write the last two on a separate piece of paper and submit with your workbook. Thank you...great job!

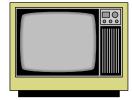


The following tasks are "hands-on" which means that someone will need to watch you do them correctly. Once you have completed the task, make sure to have someone sign your workbook and date the item or it will not be accepted as complete.

1.2*	Discuss a fire prevention plan for a stable / barn (maximum of once per year).	2 points / year
1.9	Demonstrate how to tie a quick release knot.	1 point
1.10	Demonstrate how to tie a non-slip (Bowline) knot.	1 point
2.12	Demonstrate how to measure a horse.	1 point
2.23	Demonstrate how to put a blanket on a horse.	2 points
2.25	Demonstrate how to bathe a horse.	3 points
2.26	Demonstrate how to hang up a hay net.	1 point
2.41	Create horse treats for your horse.	2 points
2.03.01	Demonstrate how to safely pick up and clean the rear hooves of your horse.	1 point
2.03.02	Demonstrate how to safely pick up and clean the front hooves of your horse.	1 point
3.2*	Make an equine first aid kit, check yearly.	4 points / year
3.3	Watch the birth of a foal.	5 points
3.38	Observe a veterinarian give a horse a shot.	2 points
3.40	Observe a vet draw blood from a horse.	2 points
3.44	Watch a vet float a horse's teeth.	2 points
8.9*	Participate in a riding / driving / vaulting lesson. List dates (maximum 10 lessons per year).	2 points each
8.11*	Participate in a judge's school or clinic for judges.	3 points
18.15.01	Tour a licensed horse racing track (i.e. Thoroughbred, QH, or Harness Racing). Previously 9.1.	4 points each
18.15.02	Attend a horse race as an observer. Previously 9.25.	1 point
18.15.03	Attend a rodeo as an observer. Previously 9.24.	1 point

DATE	TASK # / DESCRIPTION	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	POINTS







NUMBER	TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
2.4*	Watch a horse-related film of your choice. Limit of 5 tapes / DVDs a year.	3 points each
2.28	Watch a video about the horse in the history of civilization.	3 points
3.4	Watch the birth of a foal on film, TV, or video.	2 points

DATE	NAME OF VIDEO	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	POINTS



NUMBER	TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
3.5*	Help take care of a friend's barn or animals for at least two days. Maximum of 6 times per year.	2 points each

DATE	NAME OF BARN / RANCH / ANIMAL(S)	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	POINTS



NUMBER	TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
16.1*	Promote the Youth Merit Program to a friend. For each one who enrolls in the program, you	2 points
	receive 2 points.	

DATE	FRIEND'S NAME	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	POINTS

#### RIDING

We all do many different "types" of riding throughout the year. What kind of riding do you do? Below is a list of different events that you may compete in this season, please list the date, task number, show name, and points. Don't forget to get the Show Chair's signature in order for them to count!

NUMBER	TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
6.15*	Participate in a trail ride organized by a Zone T&P Chair (maximum of 10 per year).	2 points / ride
6.16*	Participate in an organized trail ride, CMO, or prize ride (maximum of 5 per year).	1 point / ride
6.17*	Participate in an overnight trail ride (maximum of 1 per year).	2 points / ride
6.36*	Register with the WSH Trails and Pleasure Division and count your trail riding hours.	3 points / year
8.7* / \$	Attend a clinic as an observer. List at least one piece of information you gained by watching (maximum of 6 clinics per year).	2 points each
8.8* / \$	Participate in a riding / driving clinic. Explain what you learned or how to improve what you already know (maximum of 6 per year).	2 points each
9.18*	Enter a new class at a WSH-Approved Games Show you have never ridden before.	2 points / class
9.20*	Ride in the WSCS Grand Entry (maximum of 1 per year).	1 point
9.28*	Compete in a WSH-Approved Western Games Show (maximum of 10 per year).	2 points / show
9.29*	Compete in a Non WSH-Approved Games Show, i.e. o-mok-see (maximum of 10 per year).	1 point /s how
9.58*	Compete at the Washington State Championship Show.	5 points
10.15.01*/\$	Attend a WSH-Approved Horse Show as an observer only. List something that was a new experience (maximum of 6 per year). Previously 9.4.	1 point each
10.15.02	Compete in a WSH-Approved Horse Show (maximum of 10 per year). Previously 9.5.	2 points / show
10.15.03*	Compete in a Non WSH-Approved horse show (i.e. schooling show). Maximum of 8 per year. Previously 9.6.	1 point / show
10.15.04*	Enter a new class at a WSH-Approved Horse Show you have never ridden before.	2 points / class
10.15.05*	Compete in a WSH-Approved Dressage Show (maximum of 10 per year). Previously 9.68.	2 points / show
10.15.06*	Compete in a Non WSH-Approved Dressage Show (maximum of 10 per year). Previously 9.69.	1 point / show
18.15.04*	Attend a rodeo as a participant (maximum of 1 per year). Previously 9.19.	2 points
18.15.05*	Compete in 4H riding events (maximum of 10 per year). Previously 9.7.	1 point / show
18.15.06*	Participate as a member of a drill team in an exhibition, competition, parade or carry the flag in a recognized event (maximum of 8 per year). Previously 9.12.	2 points / event

DATE	TASK # / SHOW NAME	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	POINTS



#### **MEETINGS**

We can learn a lot of very important things at meetings. Below is a list of different meetings that you might attend this year. Please list the date, task number, name of club / group / etc., and points. Don't forget to get a signature of the person leading the meeting and remember to stay quiet and listen carefully!

NUMBER	TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
12.15.01*	ZONE: Attend a Zone Youth Merit meeting (maximum of 6 per year). Previously 9.59e.	2 points / mtg
12.1*	ZONE: Attend a meeting of your WSH Club.	1 point / mtg
12.5*	ZONE: Attend a regular meeting of your Zone.	1 point / mtg
12.6*	ZONE: Attend a Zone Division Meeting (i.e. Horse Show). Maximum of 6 per year.	3 points / mtg
12.03.02*	ZONE: Attend the yearly banquet / awards ceremony.	5 points / year
13.1*	STATE CONVENTION: Attend WSH Convention.	5 points / year
13.2*	STATE CONVENTION: Attend the Youth Merit meeting.	10 points / year
13.3*	STATE CONVENTION: Attend the Awards Ceremony.	5 points / year
13.4*	STATE CONVENTION: Attend a Division meeting.	2 points / div.
13.13*	STATE CONVENTION: Where is this year's Convention being held?	1 point
13.14*	WSH: Attend a WSH Full Board meeting.	3 points / mtg
13.15*	WSH: Attend a WSH Division quarterly meeting.	3 points / mtg
14.14*	OTHER: Attend a youth substance abuse meeting non-school related.	5 points

DATE	TASK # / MEETING	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	POINTS







### **SCHOOL**

Below is a list of different tasks that you may do sometime this year through your school. School is very important as we learn about reading, writing, and arithmetic. In your next workbook, you'll be doing ore tasks that will involve these skills.

NUMBER	TASK DESCRIPTION	
14.13*	Attend a youth substance abuse meeting at school.	3 points
15.1*	Attend a local school board meeting.	2 points / mtg
15.2*	Attend a local PTA board meeting	2 points / mtg
15.3*	Assist in a school fundraising project (maximum of 6 per year).	3 points each
15.6*	Participate in an afterschool activity such as sports or clubs (maximum of 10 per year).	5 points each
15.7*	Participate in a school show, i.e. talent show, science fair, etc. (maximum of 10 per year).	3 points each

DATE	TASK # / DESCRIPTION	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	POINTS

#### OTHER TASKS

NUMBER	TASK DESCRIPTION		POINTS
9.23	Watch equestrian portion of Olympics or other prominent horse event on TV or video.		3 points
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DATE	NAME OF EVENT	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	POINTS

NUMBER	TASK DESCRIPTION		POINTS
9.59	Create a poster (at least 16" x 20") to promote WSH and display at a WSH-Approved event.		3 points
DATE	TITLE OF POSTER	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	POINTS



### WORKING HARD

When you work, make sure you are being safe, listening to officials / show management / leaders, and are doing your VERY best.

NUMBER	TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
6.03.01	When trail riding, one is to keep to which side of the road (except when passing)?	1 point
6.28*	Help on a work party to clear trails (maximum of 5 per year).	3 points each
6.29*	Help mark a trail for an upcoming ride (once per year).	2 points
9.03.01*	Perform a service at a WSH-Approved Games Show such as timing or arena crew. Previously 11.6.	1 point per hr
9.59c*	Obtain a sponsor for the Washington State Championship Show. Previously 11.2.	3 points each
10.15.07*	Obtain a sponsor for a class in a WSH-Approved Horse Show. Previously 11.2.	3 points each
10.15.08*	Perform a service at a WSH-Approved Horse Show such as help set-up / dismantle trail, drill, or	1 pt per hour
	jumping courses, work the gate, distribute awards. Previously 11.4.	
11.3*	Perform a service at a WSH-Approved Working Horse Event.	1 pt per hour
12.03.01*	Serve as a WSH Club or Zone officer (other than Youth Merit) for a term of one year.	3 points / year
12.3*	Work on a WSH Club fundraiser.	3 points each
12.7*	Serve as a working member of a Zone committee.	3 points each
12.8*	Work on a Zone fundraiser.	3 points each
12.9*	Work on a Zone Year Book or Awards Banquet Program.	1 point
12.10*	Assist on the Zone newsletter (maximum of 12 per year).	1 point / issue
13.5*	Work on a project or booth for Convention (i.e. collage).	3 points
13.6*	Work on a WSH Convention committee.	3 points
16.5*	Put on a fund raising event for the WSH Youth Merit Program and donate the proceeds to the Youth	6 points each
	Merit Program Fund.	
16.6*	Put on a fund raising event for your local Zone Youth Merit.	5 points each
16.03.01*	Assist with planning / attend a Youth Merit campout.	2 points each
16.03.02*	Secure a speaker to talk / demonstrate at a Youth Merit meeting / clinic.	3 points each
16.03.03*	Serve as a Youth Merit officer (Zone or State) for a term of one year.	5 points / year
18.15.07	Attend a horse sale. Previously 9.03.01.	2 points

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#### COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

We are part of a great community. To show that we care, we want to help out whenever possible. Below is a list of things that you can do to help others in your community. Doesn't it make you feel good all over when you help someone else?

NUMBER	TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
14.1*	Work on a community fundraising project (maximum of 12 per year).	3 points
14.2*	Help with (or donate to) the Food Bank in your community (maximum of 6 per year).	3 points
14.3*	Help with a local senior citizen's program (maximum of 12 per year).	3 points
14.4*	Give service at a local nursing home (maximum of 12 per year).	3 points
14.8*	Donate items to a second hand store such as Goodwill (maximum of 12 per year).	3 points
14.9*	Volunteer time for a community clean-up project (maximum of 12 per year).	3 points
14.11*	Support your local (and/or State) Fair and enter a project (maximum of 10 projects per year).	3 pts / project
14.15*	Join 4H, FFA, Pony Club, etc.	3 points each
14.16*	Give a public demonstration at a club level, fair, school, etc. in which you are not being compensated for or being given a grade for.	3 points each
14.17*	Give a public speech at a club level, fair, school, etc. in which you are not being compensated for or being given a grade for.	3 points each
14.18*	Participate in Knowledge Bowl, Groom Squad, or Hippology Contest at the Fair.	2 points each

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Church is a big part of many communities. You can earn one point (Task 14.10\*) for each time that you attend church this year (maximum of 12 times). Please list the dates below and have a member of your clergy sign off the task.

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