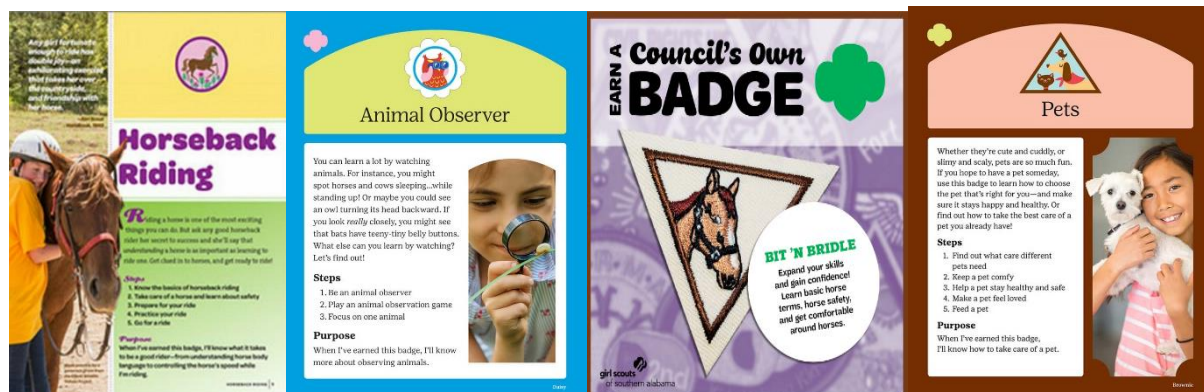


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Hello! Thank you for choosing Chasing Laurels CHA Certified for your Girl Scout Clinic or bridging event! The clinics and events are either customized (for parties) or go through the information that the main Girl Scout office(s) want the scouts to know in order to achieve the badge they are working towards. For clinics this usually includes learning level appropriate knowledge and activities. Such as, basic safety, grooming, anatomy, terminology, horse-speak, riding techniques, and actual riding time.

All attendees, other than specified leaders, are all asked to pay for the knowledge and time being received. For safety and focus, we ask for attendees to refrain from bringing infants or very young children.

Location(s):

Clinics arranged for at the barn are held at River Ridge Ranch 7820 SE Vandalia Drive Runnells, IA 50237. Please make sure to go to the barn parking lot. We meet outside by the front office door. It's important we go through the general waivers prior to interactions with the horses. ☺

Clinics may also be held at county and state parks. Jester park and Elk Rock State Park are our most popular parks.

Jester Park 11171 NW 103rd Ct, Granger, IA 50109

We meet at the outside pavilion or if being used, the outside ring of rock seats by the pavilion.

Elk Rock State Park 811 146th Ave, Knoxville, IA 50138

We meet at the outside pavilion or if being used, the outside stadium seating by the main corral



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Timing:

The mini clinics and events last approximately 2 1/2 hours.

We meet at the designated location at the appointment time. This is important for when there are multiple troops attending in one day. We appreciate your understanding.

What to bring or wear:

- Long pants for riding (if girls are not wearing them)
- Heeled boots or shoes with a smooth sole for riding (if possible)
- Sunscreen and or insect repellent if desired
- A water bottle/ drinks and or snacks if desired
- Riding helmet (if you own your own). Please know, non-horseback riding helmets (like bicycle helmets) are not permitted for insurance reasons
- Any funds that may still due from the registration process
- Any hard-copy registration(s) forms, **waivers**, or paperwork that has not been already sent in to Chasing Laurels

If meeting at a park you may also want to bring:

Additional seating if wishing to away from the pavilions (closer to the riding rings)

GS Horseback Riding Guidelines:

Chasing Laurels abides by the general GS horseback riding guidelines with the following variances.

*We do not have the 250 pound weight limit. We have several Friesian horses are well muscled and we originally bred for riding by heavy knights with armor.

* Every effort will be made to hold the scheduled riding time as planned. However, they may be postponed (not cancelled) due to weather.

* For the arena rides, you do not need to provide an adult to lead each younger scout it is optional. We do also have assistants who will be leading.

Other notes:

* There is no charge for the troop leader and 1 assistant.

* Any adjustments for scout attendance additions or absences are made the day of the event.

* All Girl Scouts are welcomed back for a free semi-private riding lesson (\$50 value) on a future date. Please go to the Chasing Laurels CHA Certified Facebook Page to message us for an appointment. Or, email us at chasinglaurels@gmail.com.

* All attendees must have a completed waiver and submit payment(s) or arrangements, prior to the start of the clinic.

*Please do not hesitate to contact Chasing Laurels with any further questions.



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