

## Complete Equestrian Birthday Party Itinerary

Parents are allowed to arrive to decorate the barnyard.  
Prior to the party, have supplies for the warm up games ready.

### Supplies Needed:

Horses and Riders: Bandanas

Obstacle Course: Put mat under rings. Mat for rolling/Cartwheels. Calf head and hula hoop for roping.

Chalk: Soaking before party starts. Use chalk after grooming. Saddle horses while they chalk

Riding Arena Obstacle course: create cones to weave and/or circle and poles to walk over in course for each rider.

Be ready to collect waivers. One for each participant. More waiver found on Nicole's Brain.  
Thank people for coming. Be happy, kind and inviting. Keep an eye on participants for their safety and the safety of the horses.

When the majority of participants have arrived, begin playing warm up games.

Start with the Horses and Riders game to warm up and wear them out a little bit.

Next create a barn yard obstacle course. Typically I show them 1-4 vaulting moves on the barrel, cartwheel or roll on mat, do rings trick, climb the rope, and lastly rope the calf head.

After the obstacle course, have everyone join you in the shade and talk about horse safety.

Take out the horses and teach the grooming tools. Have everyone use one tool at a time and tell them when to switch tools as a group. Take out the tack at this time and keep an eye out for safety.

Tack and Color the horses.

If they want to vault, tack with vaulting tack. If they want to ride tack with saddles that will fit the size of participants in the group.

Do rotations for each participant on vaulting and riding.

Vaulting- show them basic seat, flag, stand, mill and criss cross applesauce at the stand and then at the walk.

Riding- teach them how to stop, turn in each direction and walk and trot. Always lead the horse, or be nearby for safety reasons.

You should be finishing up your last rotations 30 min prior to the end of the party. I like to make an alarm to let me know I should be ending soon.

You should be finished. After everyone has had a turn on the horse, ask the participants to come in and thank their horses. Parents like to take group pictures at this time. After that is over, you can take the horses back and untack them and put them away. The participants can celebrate the remainder of time in the barnyard, or they can leave.

Estimated Timeline:

Arrival	You are welcome to come early to decorate the barnyard as early as you feel necessary. Please let us know how early you would like to arrive.	0-30 minutes expected
Check In	At the start time of your party we will be available to greet your guests and check to see if participants have signed their online waivers.  Guests will be allowed to play in the barn yard and say hello to the horses in the barn during this time.	5-15 minutes expected
Games and Safety talk	When you feel enough of your guests have arrived we will begin	15-30 minutes expected
Grooming, Tacking, Coloring	Guests will learn about the horses, the grooming tools and color the horses with chalk	20-30 minutes expected
Horse Time	Each ride is 5 min per guest. We will continue rotating with guests for 1 hour. Optional group photo with horses at the end. Guests that are not on a horse are welcome to play on vaulting barrels, playground or in barn aisle.	1 hour expected
Barn Yard	Cake and presents at your own schedule	0- 30 minutes expected

