



HorseSense Learning Levels

TIPS FOR SCAVENGER HUNTS

- 🐾 Files have one **Master Scoresheet** and one **Item List**; print one **Item List** for each team.
- 🐾 You'll also need to provide a clipboard and pencil for each team.
- 🐾 The instructor will need some way to keep track of time.
- 🐾 Items are pretty generic, but you can always copy and paste the list to a new document to modify it.
- 🐾 Depending upon the size of the groups and the number of items, this can take anywhere from 45-90 minutes. Allow enough time:
 - ✓ for a quick briefing
 - ✓ for kids to find most of the items
 - ✓ to go over each item, with any necessary discussion of that item's use -- because going over items is a teaching moment
 - ✓ for them to put stuff away while you tally up the scores (and optionally to check that items are properly stored)
- 🐾 Give 5-minute and 30-second time warnings: after each warning you will have to remind one or more kids not to run.
- 🐾 They rarely get everything put away correctly – you will likely have to check behind them.
- 🐾 A few rules for our scavenger hunts that you might want to consider:
 - ✓ No running or shouting – violators must sit in "time out" for 5 minutes.
 - ✓ Go over areas of barn/arena/trailer/farm that are off limits -- including all areas in which there is a loose horse or boarder's tack/equipment.
 - ✓ Any item that can be easily carried should be brought to the team's designated spot.
 - ✓ Teams can point out or describe the location of any item that cannot be easily carried (eg, signs).
 - ✓ Remind them to note location of all items because they must put everything back in its proper place.
 - ✓ Team members should work together to locate items – but cannot interact with other teams or ask questions of instructors.
 - ✓ Tell them "If in doubt: guess!" *Although one year this produced a shedding blade for "item used for sheath cleaning" the kids still talk about that one!*
 - ✓ Scoring is simple: we go down the list one item at a time and teams produce the item. Correct items earn a point.
 - ✓ More advanced hunts will require teams to produce some items with multiple answers that are different from the other team's items (eg, *item used for fly control*) – we alternate which team produces their item first to make this fair.
 - ✓ If you don't have some of the items (eg., horse breed) you can provide magazines and catalogs and let them produce the photo.
 - ✓ We DON'T recommend letting them use their cell phones to take photos of items. We tried this once, and one team did the whole thing on their phones - never picked up an item!

SAFETY SCAVENGER HUNT

*Items in red may have more than one correct answer,
so the second team to answer must produce an item that the other team does not have.*

TEAM: _____

- barn footwear
- ASTM certified safety gear
- item of tack that must be tightened right before mounting
- one safety issue in barn or pasture
- a sign of an angry horse
- one way to tell if your helmet fits
- two pieces of equipment used to lead a horse safely
- location of an equine blind spot
- a safe treat for a horse
- something that would *not* be safe for a horse to eat
- used to keep long hair out of trouble while riding
- method of moving from one side of the horse to the other
- two items used to tie a horse safely
- something that would be a bad idea to wear while riding
- something that would spook a horse



SCAVENGER HUNT - MASTER SCORESHEET

Enter points - or an X - for each team's correct answer. *Note: Items in red may have more than one correct answer, so the second team to answer must produce an item that the other team does not have.*

ITEMS	TEAM	TEAM
<i>team names:</i>		
boots or sturdy close-toed shoe with ankle support		
helmet and/or body protector		
girth or cinch		
any safety issue in barn or pasture - can be staged or described		
pinned ears, wrinkled nostrils, swishing tail		
brim level over eyebrows; moves skin of forehead; chinstrap touching skin of throat		
halter, lead rope, bridle		
behind hindquarters; below muzzle		
horse cookie, sliced apple or carrot, unwrapped peppermint, etc.		
chocolate, plastic candy wrapper, whole apple/carrot/hay cube, toxic flower or weed, etc.		
ponytail holder		
hand on hindquarters to pass close behind; lifting lead rope or cross-tie to move safely in front; walking around horse 10' or farther away		
halter, lead rope, cross-tie, breakaway string or ring, tie post		
flip flops, shorts/skirt, jewelry, dangling scarves, etc.		
anything that could reasonably frighten a horse		