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2012 Horse Protégé Program

We are getting ready for another fantastic year in the Horse Protégé Program! This program offers the opportunity to pair up an experienced teen in the horse program with a 7 or 8-year-old 4-H member. Throughout the year, the team will work on basic horsemanship including grooming, health care, showmanship, equitation, patterns, and safety. At monthly activities, we will practice these skills to prepare for the 4-H Youth Fair Protégé Show in July.

Here are some things to know about the program...

- You DO NOT need to be paired with a team member to sign up for Protégé.
- Teens must be 13 years of age as of January 1, 2012 with *at least* 2 years of experience in the Washtenaw County
- 4-H Horse Program.
- Protégé's must be 7 or 8 as of January 1, 2012 to participate in the Protégé program. *No exceptions.* They DO NOT need to already belong to a 4-H club.
- You do not need to own a horse to participate in the program.
- Attendance at all of the meetings and clinics is *essential* to be successful in the Protégé Program.
- You will have fun, meet new people, and learn a lot about horses!!!

If you are interested in the program, please fill out an application form and mail it to:

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MSU Extension
PO Box 8645
Ann Arbor, MI 48107

THE FIRST INFORMATIONAL MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office

2012 Horse Protégé Program Application

Date of Application: _____

I want to be a (circle one): TEACHER STUDENT

Name: _____

Address: (Please include city and zip code) _____

Closest Main Cross Roads: _____

Phone Number(s): (Please include area code) _____

E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age as of January 1, 2012: _____

4-H Club and Leader Name (if applicable): _____

Are you already paired with a protégé teacher or student? Y N

Name: _____

Age (as of Jan. 1, 2012): _____

Phone Number: _____

4-H Club (if applicable): _____

Do you have a horse or pony to use for Protégé this year? Y N

Please note that Protégé horses/ponies must be at least 5 years old

Breed: _____ Age: _____

I understand that for my son or daughter to participate in the Protégé program, they must be 13 years old as of January 1, 2012 to be a teacher and 7 or 8 years old as of January 1, 2012 to be a student. I understand that the Protégé program is not a replacement for riding lessons with a professional. I also understand the risks associated with working around and riding horses. *Under the Michigan Equine Activity Liability Act, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in an equine activity resulting from an inherent risk of the equine activity, (PA 351 of 1994). This includes all persons and animals involved in this program.*

Print Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____