

SHOW TEAM INFORMATION

Enclosed you will find the 2026 horse show and event schedule for Sprouse's Corner Ranch. Please let me know which shows you would be interested in attending, so I can work out horse trailer plans and my personal horse show schedule.

Sprouse's Corner Ranch will be hosting 1 horse show this year, May 30, 2026. If you or your child is interested in showing, please see me before April 1st to request a horse or pony to use so I can work out logistics. Students and/or parents of students who are participating will be required to help fill a position in the show, such as gate keeper, ribbon distribution, parking, etc, in exchange for horse use and coaching fees for those dates. In order for us to host a show, we must pull together as a Sprouse's Corner Ranch family to provide an experience we will all enjoy! There will be a list of positions posted at the barn, so please sign up as soon as possible to get the spot you prefer.

For the students participating in other horse shows with Sprouse's Corner Ranch, there will be a required participation in the following horse show conduct. Students will be required to:

1. Prepare their horse and tack and pack the trailer the day before the show.
2. Arrive on time the morning of the show.
3. Exhibit sportsmanship to all peers, parents, coaches and other barns throughout the show.
4. Clean all tack borrowed from Sprouse's Corner Ranch after returning from the horse show.
5. Help unpack and clean out the horse trailer so it is ready for the next trip.

These are jobs that students are required to complete. Parents are welcome to help, but not substitute for the student. It is not fair for some students to put in the required work and not others, and the reason we do this is for the student to learn what it takes to participate in a horse show. Students arriving late will not be allowed to show the amount of classes that the student is late. For example, if the student is 15 minutes late, they will be pulled from their first class. If they are 30 minutes late they will be pulled from their first 2 classes. This is only fair to those arriving on time. This allows time for the horse groomed for the show, the horse tacked up correctly, a safety check done by the instructor, the horse and rider to get in the show arena and practice, not to mention being mentally relaxed and prepared. The purpose of this is to teach the student how important it is to be on time for a horse show, or any team event they may participate in life. Once they return from the show, the student is required to clean and unpack, or they will forfeit their next horse show.

I look forward to an exciting year with you all!

-Sportsmanship: Riders and parents/guardians are required to exhibit good sportsmanship. This will be a topic addressed in one of our clinics to understand how to exhibit good sportsmanship.

Rider must be participating in the riding lesson program.

Show Team: March-October

\$250/month (group lessons)

\$280/month (private lessons)

Mandatory for team members showing off the farm:

- Must ride 2-3 times per week outside of riding lessons (on the rider's owned or leased horse)
- Plus, one extra guided group practice or unmounted lesson/month @\$45/each

Special clinics/unmounted lessons for this group:

****Braiding **Clipping **Dress Rehearsal **Learn your show program: Division requirements, show rules, how to fill out entry forms **Arena Etiquette & Sportsmanship **Showmanship practice**Trail practice**Tack cleaning & how to figure 8 a bridle **Show grooming**Videoing rides and review****

-All shows require a commitment 2 weeks prior to the show. If a rider backs out less than two weeks before the show, coach fees may apply. This policy is so that the coach can make appropriate calendar plans, including planning paid staff to feed horses in their absence.

-Horse Show Day fees:

- Coach: \$70/day
- Horse Use: \$50/day fee (if you do not own or lease your horse/those showing at the on-farm show only)

-Hauling for Show Team members:

- \$3/mile split between all horses going
- 2 horse minimum for going to shows

-Clipping:

- Show Clip \$25
- Full Body \$150
- Mane Pull \$20
- Braiding \$35 Mane, \$25 tail, or \$50 for both

-Riders going to the 4-H State Finals Show: 5 show minimum requirement to be prepared. Riders showing hunters must braid at shows to be prepared to braid at State. Coach's hotel must be paid (split cost between Show Team members).

To show at shows off the farm, a rider must own or lease their horse.

Leasing a horse is an option for those who do not own their own. Leases are offered for those who are currently in the lesson program at Sprouse's Corner Ranch. Leases include all feeding, farrier, deworming, and regular veterinary costs.

Full Lease: \$450/month (6 month minimum) or \$500 month to month

- Unlimited rides, exclusive use of the horse for shows, clinics, camp, trail riding (no additional "horse use" fees for these activities).

Half-Lease: \$300/month (6 month lease minimum) or \$350 month to month

- 3 rides/week (scheduled/set days, as horse may also be ridden in the lesson program on other days)
- Horse may be shared for horse shows, clinics, etc., but half-lease will have first choice in events)

Horse Show Team Expectations

-Good sportsmanship is mandatory to each other, your coach, and your parents. Let's strive for a TEAM we are proud of!

-Pre-entries for the show are due on Wednesdays of show week. LaRue will help you with this, but you are expected to be part of the process, so you know what is going on the day of the show.

-When you are keeping a horse in for the night before the horse show, please come a few minutes early to clean your stall. This has always been asked of SCR students as it is courteous to the morning feeders and shows responsibility for your horse.

-Your horse must be well groomed and presentable. The afternoon before the show, please plan to come and clean their hooves, wash their legs (bring shampoo and conditioner), condition and brush out their tails, and clean your tack. Braiding is not mandatory but helps your presentation in the show arena. Braiding services are available if you don't know how, please see LaRue for options.

-Wear your show team shirts/jackets to the show- it makes us look like a TEAM!

-Please clean all your tack (saddles, bridles, girths, and bits) after using it (after the show). We need the saddles and bridles to last at SCR, and they get dry and brittle if sweat is left on them.

-Please put dirty saddle pads on the wash machine. If you start a load, please do not mix saddle pads and towels in the same load, as they will cause the saddle pads to pill.

-After each away show, it is important that we clean out the horse trailer. The tack room must be left neat and organized. Please make sure the windows are closed on the trailer as well so it doesn't rain on the clean sawdust inside.

-If we are at a home show, please make sure you clean your stall/workspace. Those who leave a mess will be expected to pitch in on another chore on their next farm visit in exchange for the time it took to clean the student's mess.

-Parents of BRHF members, don't forget to turn in your volunteer hours on www.brhf.com. Team members are expected to pitch in and help at the home shows. Without you, they wouldn't be possible!

-If you don't know, ask. There are NO stupid questions!

Have FUN!

Horse Shows 2026

April 11 Varina Rising Stars OR Rockin R

April 18 Four Oaks

April 25 Hat Creek Equestrian

May 30 Sprouse's Corner Ranch

June 6 Hat Creek Equestrian

June 13 Varina Rising Stars

July 11 Mini Mania- Varina Rising Stars

July 17 Friday @Four Oaks

August 8 Amelia

August 22 Hat Creek Equestrian

August 29 Four Oaks

Sept 3-6 State 4-H Show

Oct 3 Hat Creek Equestrian

Oct 10 Four Oaks

Nov 7 Rockin R