

## EquiMania! is a fun way to learn about horses!

As an EquiMania! volunteer you will be promoting horse health and safety around the farm by engaging youth in interactive activities.

### The Welcome desk is a busy area

Everyone receives a greeting and a smile. Then the fun begins! EquiManiacs love to wear the horse hats, have their hands stamped and participate in the hazard hunt game distributed to them at the EquiMania! entrance. EquiMania! Explorers will receive a passport to carry on their journey through the display and will earn stamps at different stations.



### "EquiMania! Explorer" is our Safety Game!

Explorers are hitting the trail EquiManiacs go on a tour through the entire display looking for information from four of our volunteers who will deliver short safety messages before stamping their passports. At Station 4 they receive prizes and a stamp for the NEW "Ticket to Ride Program."



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Remember to tell everyone when they collect their last stamp to take their passport to the OEF booth for their "ticket to ride" information where they will learn about how they can gain a FREE introductory riding lesson or introduction to horses at participating OEF member riding facilities.

### The bone box is a popular attraction!

Kids learn anatomy of a horse's skeleton by matching the bones to the picture. Volunteers can help EquiManiacs match up the bones and help bury the bones again for the next visitor. A bag of styrofoam peanuts are stored under a nearby table if restocking is necessary and a dustpan and brush are nearby to help keep this station neat and tidy.



### Have an artistic flair?

The activity centre is stocked with crayons, activity sheets and puzzles. Start the kids from scratch learning how to draw a horse or find out what their favourite horse colour is? Volunteers manning this station make sure there are blank activity sheets available to visitors (usually kept under the tables with spares in a storage area)

### How Tall am I?

Equimaniacs love to find out how their measurement compares to horse hands. There are 4" in a hand. Help them figure out if they are a pony or a thoroughbred!

### Know about innards?

EquiManiacs are keen to hear about the internal workings of a horse. If you have knowledge of muscles, digestion, organs or anatomy we are happy to set you up giving demonstrations with SeeMore, Quattro and Winston.



### Know how to braid?

We have 2 displays teaching participants how to braid. Share your knowledge and then set the display up for the next EquiManiac! Tails may need a little grooming from time to time to keep them tidy.



### Master wrapper?

Share your knowledge, lend a hand, give a demo and have the cottons ready for the next eager wrapper.



### Everyone Loves to ride Shorty legs!

Are you an excellent safety ambassador? Shorty legs is a very popular horse. It is important to keep to a one rider maximum.

### **At the beginning of your shift**

Arrive early to give yourself time to park and find our display. Check in with a staff member. They will show you where to store your belongings and outfit you with an EquiMania! T-shirt. You can certainly wear a shirt underneath but **no blue jeans please** (black dress pants or black jeans are the dress code). Then familiarize yourself with the layout of EquiMania! and find out where the amenities are. **Pick up an EquiMania! passport pamphlet to familiarize yourself with the questions and answers.**

### **During your shift**

Please give notification to one of the staff before bathroom breaks so the crucial stations remain covered. An Equine Guelph staff member will be in the booth to answer those tricky questions. Please find them if you are approached by press, sponsors or people interested in learning more about the educational opportunities Equine Guelph has to offer.

### **At the End of your Shift**

Please check out with the staff. Return any parking passes or admission cards if they are being shared with the next volunteer. Be sure to hand in any required paperwork if you are collecting volunteer hours. We hope you enjoy your time at EquiMania!

Thank you for your interest in volunteering. We are looking forward to seeing you at EquiMania!