

WRR PRACTICE RIDING AND TRAIL TEST (updated November 2011)

Name of rider: _____

All items on this test need to be correctly completed prior to practice or trail riding at the Windy Ridge Ranch. Feel free to ask about these items during class. Please email a copy of your test to markward@windyridgeranch.com or leave completed test in the brass box in the office, or mail it to 2700 Manning Av So, Manning Av, Woodbury, MN 55129

1. Passed tacking-up test: [] Practical test in class--must be able to tack-up the horse, meeting standards for rider safety and horse-comfort.
2. Passed cantering trail test: [] Ridden test in class--must be able to travel in a straight line with heels down and seat firmly in the saddle.
3. Passed pulley-reining trail test [] Ridden test in class--must be able to quickly halt the horse from canter with correct pulley-rein technique.
4. Passed trotting emergency dismount: [] Ridden test in class--must do emergency dismount landing facing forward and without getting hung-up on saddle.
5. Signed Riding Rules (Horse & Stable Use Agreement) submitted: []
6. When leaving the ranch, the last person out should _____ and _____ the red pedestrian gate between the parking lot and small barn. If you're not sure you are the last person, you should _____ & _____ it just to be on the safe side.
7. List four important trail riding rules:
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.

8. When opposing riders meet in the ring, each rider should stay: Left or right.

9. What is the #1 cause of accidental death in horses and how can you help prevent it at the Windy Ridge Ranch and on trail rides? (Hint: not a disease or ailment.)

10. Why is it dangerous to ride a horse hard immediately after it has received a full grain ration?

11. Which bit is more severe, a plain snaffle or a curb bit? Snaffle or Curb Explain why:

12. Imagine you're on a trail, your horse has been stung by a bee and has taken off at a gallop -- you are unable to stop him by leaning back, pulling on the reins and yelling whoa!!!

Now what do you do?

If that didn't work, now what should you try? (Hint: not the emergency dismount)