

Tejas Rider Leadership Team

The Tejas Riders is a leadership program of the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas. To be considered for the program, girls must be 12 years of age by September 1, submit an application, and go through the interview process.

The Tejas Riders are essential to the success of the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas equestrian program. Members attend monthly practices where they learn new information, develop their leadership ability, and improve their horsemanship. They are also required to complete Saturday workdays at the EQ Center throughout the school year. During these workdays, Riders assist with catching, feeding, and saddling horses, teaching badgework, moving horses for trail rides, and cleaning the barn. The Tejas Riders in the program will tell you that it is a lot of work, but it is fun and rewarding!

All new Tejas Riders are placed on the entry level team, yellow team. Girls will be moved up to other teams as spaces become available. Move-up usually occurs only once a year, at the end of the season, to prepare for the next year.

Transportation to and from all events is the responsibility of the girl's parent or guardian. There is no annual fee for this program aside from Girl Scout membership, but the program does entail a commitment from the girl and her parents/guardians.

Requirements are as follows:

- Attend monthly practice. The Tejas Riders have an 80% practice requirement, meaning that two practices per season may be missed without being removed from the program.
- Work the required number of days at camp as specified by team color. Yellow team is required to complete 2 Saturday work days per school year, one in the fall and one in the spring.
- Attend 1 team training weekend (Boot Camp).
- Sell a minimum of 36 boxes of cookies for the Tejas Riders.
- Must exhibit conduct consistent with the Girl Scout Promise and the Girl Scout Law and abide by the Tejas Rider Code of Conduct.

Application Process:

- Applications available online: January 4th
- Applications accepted online: January 4th – February 2nd
- Applications will be reviewed by Tejas Rider Committee and no more than 40 applicants will be selected to attend an interview session. (Applicants will be notified via email on February 6th.)
- An informational Zoom meeting will be held for interviewing applicants on Thursday, February 8th at 7:00 pm. (Link will be sent via email.)

