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Ontario Quarter Horse Association Inc.

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## Take A Horse To School Program

2011

## **School Tour Overview:**

Youth activities are a major part of what the Quarter Horse community is all about! The Ontario Quarter Horse Association has developed an educational, fun, and interactive program targeted at Grade two and three students.

Promoting interest in all equine sports is the focus of the OQHA Take a Horse to School program. The program highlights the many different types of horse related sport, from polo playing, much like soccer on horse back; dressage, which could be described as ballet on horse back, to equitation, which is much like pairs figure skating. We use these comparisons to other sports so that children from urban settings can relate to the goals and objectives of horse sport, with out having already been exposed to them.

In addition to covering horse sport, the OQHA Take a Horse to School program, puts a unique Canadian spin on the importance of the horse in our country's history, from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, to Canada's own national breed "The Canadian Horse" who's ancestors go back to the 1700's .

Horse related activities and crafts round out the program.

## **Tour Details:**

The program is primarily a classroom type presentation with videos and handouts. Children will have the opportunity to sit in both English and Western saddles, as well as get "hands" on with horse related equipment.

Where school facilities permit OQHA can arrange for a real Quarter Horse to be in attendance, however this is at the digression of the host school.

Teachers will receive a package in digital format that includes a number of horse related crafts and activities. Should a class decide to dedicate a larger portion of their day to horse related activities the teachers will then have the resources to do so.

## **What is expected of your School:**

The Ontario Quarter Horse Association will arrive approximately 25 minutes prior to the start of the program. The Program will run roughly 30 minutes without a real horse and up to but not more then one hour with a live horse demonstration.

A communal space either indoors or out doors would work best. Audio and video equipment should be made available by the school.

### **About the Ontario Quarter Horse Association:**

The objectives and purposes of the Ontario Quarter Horse Association; are to promote the American Quarter Horse breed through educational and sporting activities. To encourage public interest in the Quarter Horse through public showings, sport, and pleasure. To develop leadership and community interest and participation among amateur, youth and the general membership. To encourage high moral character, sportsmanship, animal welfare, and keen competition amongst its members.

The Ontario Quarter Horse Association is the provincial affiliate of the international breed organization, the American Quarter Horse Association, based out of Amarillo Texas.

### **Contact Information & Booking Details:**

The Ontario Quarter Horse Association would be happy to present this program at your school if interested please contact:

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