



## 2026 Junior Drill Team

Truckee Donner Horseman is seeking 8-10 participants for our 2026 TDH Junior Drill Team (ages 10-19) to perform at the Truckee Professional Rodeo on Friday & Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

An Informational Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at McIver Arena @ 5:30pm for riders & parent/guardians to learn more.

**Interested junior riders should respond by submitting the [Inquiry Form](#) by Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

A rider & horse Skills Assessment will be conducted on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 at McIver Arena in Truckee, CA. Drill Team practices will be held weekly on Tuesdays at McIver Area, starting on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.

### *Rider & Mount Requirements*

- Must be able to walk, trot, & lope confidently and safely on the correct lead
- Can ride confidently in close spacing (3-6 ft) & in unison with other horses
- Must supply your own horse & be able to care for your horse independently
- Horse must be safe & controllable with crowds, flags, loud music, & other horses
- Horses must be up-to-date with California health requirements (health certificate, Coggins, etc.)
- Have ability to trailer horse to McIver Arena weekly
- Helmets will be required when mounted; safety vests optional but allowed
- Wear western pants & boots for performance (team shirts will be provided by TDH)
- Have or borrow a western saddle & pad (headstalls, breast collars, & blankets provided by TDH)

### *Commitments*

- Attend weekly practices at McIver Arena (Tuesdays, 5:30pm – 7:30pm)
- Attend majority of practices
- Be tacked and warmed up at the designated time each week
- Represent the team & TDH professionally at practices & in the public
- Must have positive team-oriented attitude and agree to a code of conduct
- Assist with Junior's Truckee Pro Rodeo dance after rodeo on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and rodeo cleanup on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Help with fundraising for Junior's program
- Have or obtain a Truckee Donner Horsemen membership for 2026

### *Summer 2026 Drill Team Schedule*

- **May 5<sup>th</sup>** (Tuesday): Informational Meeting (McIver Arena @ 5:30pm)
- **May 15<sup>th</sup>** (Friday): Deadline to submit Inquiry Form
- **June 2<sup>nd</sup>** (Tuesday): Skills assessment/tryout (McIver Arena, 5:30-7:30pm)
- **June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>** (Tuesdays): Weekly Practice (McIver Arena, 5:30-7:30pm)
- **July 4<sup>th</sup> (Saturday): Optional Ride in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade with TDH**
- **July 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>** (Tuesdays): Weekly Practice (McIver Arena, 5:30-7:30pm)
- **August 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>** (Tuesdays): Weekly Practice (McIver Arena, 5:30-7:30pm)
- **August 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> (Friday & Saturday): Perform at Truckee Pro Rodeo – Mandatory**

Please email any questions to: [truckeedonnerhorsemen@gmail.com](mailto:truckeedonnerhorsemen@gmail.com)

For more information about Truckee Donner Horsemen's 2026 Junior Drill Team, visit: <https://www.tdhorsemen.org/juniors>