

Jack and Sawyer started as participants at HRHF for the fall sessions. In the beginning, they were introduced to each horse and learned to brush, halter, and lead. The first day they learned to lead Mozey, they supported each other and worked as a team. During their turn to watch the other lead the horse, they made careful observations and noted how they could lead during their turn.

As Jack and Sawyer became more comfortable at the farm and with the horses, they became more independent while learning new skills. They learned to walk Olive around the cones, clean Coco's feet, and walk Emmy over the poles and bridge. With each new accomplishment, they get more and more confident.

Both Jack and Sawyer are curious, and ask thoughtful questions about the horses. Whether they're watching Olive drink water or Emmy roll, they observe, ask questions, and carefully listen to our explanations. They often like to share what they learned with the rest of the group during the closing circle at the end of session.

During our Halloween session, participants got to wear their costumes for the scavenger hunt. Jack and Sawyer were both very careful, making sure to not spook any horses with their creative costumes. They slowly walked up to the horses and completed the scavenger hunt safely.

Jack and Sawyer make a great team, and are equally as skilled and hardworking when they're independent. Their quiet energy and positive mindset make them incredible participants. They've made so much progress so far, and without a doubt they will learn and do more!