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90+ Item 'Before You Go' Checklist for Horse Show Travel

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- Map (paper or phone app)
 - Show schedule with class days/times highlighted
 - Hotel or living-quarters horse trailer
 - Trailer ties
 - Spare halters
 - Lead ropes
 - Buckets (water & feed)
 - Hay
 - Hay nets/bags
 - GastroGard, UlcerGard, an equine herbal recovery paste, and/or calming supplement
 - Waterproof trunk(s) with wheels
 - Shavings
 - Stall drapes
 - Tack stall organizers (saddle racks, bridle hooks, bags for all, boxes for bits, etc.)
 - Step stool (for grooming or on-the-road feeding in the trailer)
 - Polo wraps/boots
 - Fly masks
 - Rubber mats for grooming stall/area
 - Utility clamp work lights and bulbs for grooming area
 - Basic tool kit (hammer, wrench, screwdrivers, scissors)
 - Phone chargers
 - Batteries (AA & AAA & 9v) or battery re-charger
 - Flashlight
 - Staple gun & staples
 - Zip ties
 - Hooks (for feed and water buckets)
 - Sharpies
 - White board & its markers
 - Masking and duct tape
 - LED headlight
 - Extension cords
 - Power strip(s)
 - Bicycle lock or chain with padlock to secure tack room
 - Gatorade or electrolyte powder (to replenish & encourage drinking away from home)
 - Apples & carrots for horses
 - Stall-front display with emergency on-site contact info
 - Muck bucket & cart
 - Pick rake(s)/Poop scooper(s)
 - Aisle broom
 - Hanging stall toy--e.g., "Jolly Ball"
 - Lawn rake
 - Feed Supplements
 - Medications
 - Feed scoops



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- Paper towels
 - Microfiber cloths
 - Bug spray (water-based to avoid streaks)
 - Wash rack supplies - hose, nozzle
 - Grooming supplies (brushes, big soft car-wash sponges, hoof picks, mane/tail comb)
 - Shampoo/conditioner
 - Mane & tale detangler
 - Pulling comb
 - Finishing spray
 - Braid spray
 - Appropriately-colored braiding rubber bands + yarn
 - Crochet hook
 - Scissors
 - Fine grain sand paper
 - SOS pads
 - Scrubbing Bubbles®
 - Hoof polish
 - Clippers (small and large)
 - Clipper blades
 - Clipper spray cleaner
 - Twitch and/or nose chain
 - Cross ties with quick-release snaps
 - First Aid Kit
 - Lunge line
 - Whips/crops
 - Mounting block
 - Dog bed + food & water bowls, collar with ID & leash ... and dog
 - Patio or folding chairs (enough for your group plus a couple for new friends & visitors)
 - Barn jacket, sweatshirt, hat, gloves for layering
 - Gloves (grooming, schooling & show)
 - Paddock boots
 - Half chaps
 - Schooling clothes
 - Helmets (show and schooling)
 - Sunscreen (for horse & human)
 - Chapstick
 - Human insect repellent
 - Hat for human to protect against sun, rain & flies
 - Rain gear
 - Comfortable shoes (for driving and walking show grounds)
 - Show clothes
 - Cowboy hat, and boots (garment bag/case)
 - Half chaps, chaps, cowboy chinks or armitas
 - Spurs (schooling & show)
 - Saddles + Saddle pads/blankets
 - Bridles + Bits
 - Tack cleaning supplies
 - Horse stall attire (sheets, sleazy & blankets)
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- Bottled water
 - Fruit, nuts for humans
 - Ibuprofen, acetaminophen, Icy Hot or Tiger Balm to ease human aches & pains
 - Horse-related documents (copies of current Coggins, health certificate if crossing state lines, vaccination records, registration papers)
 - Business cards
 - Marketing or sales info for farm, training, lessons, and/or sale horses
 - **Last, but not least, pack plenty of SMILES, PATIENCE + POSITIVE ATTITUDE!**
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"Wherever you go, go with all your heart."

-- Confucious



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I am a lifelong horse lover. Growing up between 'big city' Brooklyn, New York, and rural Minnesota, I learned to quickly size up the local culture, how to fit in and stay safe, and what things and which places were fun to do and visit.

In a new place, I gravitate to the familiar—the smell of stall shavings, feed, grooming products, and the horses themselves. I know how to be at a show—no matter where it is—that's my sweet spot. I am happy to share this information with you!