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JUNEAU COUNTY 4-H HORSE & PONY PROJECT

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Welcome to the Juneau County 4-H Horse and Pony Project.

Eligibility:

- This project is open to any 4-H member.
- This project is for members who signed up for any of the horse project sections. If you do not own a horse; you are one of our “horseless” members. Both horse and “horseless” members may take photography, drawing, posters, painting, hippology, model horses, horse clothing, horse judging and other items as projects.

Communication:

- Any questions with the horse project: contact one of the horse leaders via phone, email or facebook messaging. If you feel your question has not been answered please contact our 4-H Educator April Martell at the Extension office.
- Any questions in regard to fair: contact one of the horse leaders via phone, email or facebook messaging. If your question has not been answered contact one of the Juneau County Fair Horse Committee Members. If you still do not feel like your question has not been answered please attend a fairboard meeting.
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Meetings:

- Meetings will be scheduled as needed.
- Members are encouraged to attend Wednesday Night Open Horse Arena Nights at the Juneau County Fair Grounds. Alert Ami Board when you plan to attend so she can assist.

Forms:

- A copy of current Coggins test is required at all events before you unload your horse.
- Horse Project Animal ID Form is due April 15 to Ami Board. You can find this form at the end of this packet.

Events:

- Wednesday Night Horse Arena riding at Juneau County Fair Grounds (Veterans Memorial Park) will start in April. Plan to arrive after 5pm and alert Ami Board that you will attend so she can assist as needed.

Participation:

- We encourage everyone to be involved. Feel free to ask questions; we want to help anyway we can. HORSES ARE FUN!!! We want our project to be fun, educational and a chance for everyone to make lots of new friends!

A 4-H Member's Commitment to Excellence

I believe that participation in the 4-H Horse Program should demonstrate my own knowledge, ability and skill as a Handler of Horses.

I will do my own work to the full extent that I am capable and otherwise will only accept advice and support from others.

I will not use abusive, fraudulent, illegal, deceptive or questionable practices in the care and fitting and showing of my horse(s).

I will not allow my parents, my leaders, other members or any adult to employ such practices with my horse(s).

I will read and follow the rules without exception, of all 4-H Youth horse shows and competitions in which I am a participant and ask that my parents and my leaders of my project do the same.

I realize that I am responsible for:

- The proper care and treatment of my horse(s).
- Demonstrating sound moral character as an example to others.
- The pursuit of the development of life-skills.

Wisconsin 4-H Horse Project Policies

A. Overview

These policies and safety requirements apply to ALL youth and adults participating in 4-H Horse-related projects, activities and events, including, but not limited to Horseless Horse, clinics, shows, fairs, parades, open-houses, and petting-zoos. Specific events, fairs, facilities, and local 4-H programs may have additional guidelines.

B. General Safety Rules

- Youth must be in 3rd grade or higher to participate.
- The handler, rider or driver must have control over their horse during 4-H sponsored activities or events.
- No intact male horses (stallions) are allowed.
- No Bareback or riding double.
- No Reining or Team Penning classes/activities
- No horse may be left unattended when out of the stall or trailer.
- Leave at least one horse/pony length between animals.
- When holding a horse in hand, make turns to the right when more than ninety degrees.

C. Required Participant Safety Attire

- SEI approved helmets, with harness fastened, must be worn at all times when mounted or driving.
- Close-toed shoes or boots are required when near a horse.
- Clothing appropriate for the activity which will protect the participants from the elements surrounding the event.
- Boots with a cut out heel must be worn when mounted.

D. Required Safety Tack and Appointments

Horse tack and appointments appropriate to the activity are required:

- A saddle is required when mounted. Saddle which fits horse and rider with stirrups, girth or cinch properly attached.
- Appropriate headgear with reins attached are required when riding or driving a horse. Halters and tie-downs alone are not approved headgear for riding or driving a horse. See WI 4-H Horse Association rules for additional headgear guidelines.
- Twisted wire snaffle bits are prohibited.
- Adjustments to tack for a valid medical reason are permitted with written permission from a veterinarian or physician, provided lead volunteers or staff are notified, and approved, prior to participation.

E. Animal Welfare and Safety

- Horses or Ponies must be serviceably sound and must not show evidence of broken wind (respiratory issues – COPD) or impairment of vision in both eyes.
- Coggins/Premise ID records for the open event must be maintained by the host organization for five years in compliance with Wisconsin law.

- Equine animals from within Wisconsin need documentation of a negative EIA test done within the previous 12 months, which clearly identifies the animal by complete description, digital photographs, or an approved microchip (if a reader is available).
- Wisconsin Premise ID should be written on the top of the coggins record for each horse.
- Health certificates for out of state horses should be maintained with show records. Please visit DATCP website for more details: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/HorseOtherEquineMvmt.aspx

F. 4-H Horse Project Concussion and Head Injury Policy

- Wisconsin 4-H will annually distribute the 4-H Horse Project concussion and head injury information via the online enrollment system to:
 - every 4-H volunteer who is enrolled in the 4-H Horse Project and
 - every 4-H member/parent that participates in the 4-H Horse Project and
 - every youth/parent that participates in the 4-H Horse Program
- No youth may participate in the 4-H Horse Project unless the youth and parent agrees to and signs the 4-H Horse Project Concussion Agreement. Forms will be signed annually at the start of each program year or upon entry of a youth into the 4-H Horse Project via the online enrollment system or paper registration.
- All 4-H Horse project volunteers will annually agree to and sign the 4-H Horse Project Concussion Policy Acknowledgement Form via the online enrollment system or paper registration before they are approved to hold 4-H Horse Project riding or driving programs/activities.
- The supervising 4-H volunteer will immediately remove a participant from the 4-H Horse Project riding or driving project/activity if the 4-H volunteer determines that the 4-H member/participant exhibits signs, symptoms, or behavior consistent with a concussion or head injury –OR– the 4-H member/participant was separated from their horse and hit their head or their head was struck.
- A youth who has been removed from the 4-H Horse Program riding or driving program/activity related to a suspected and/or confirmed concussion or head injury –OR– the 4-H member/participant was separated from their horse and hit their head or their head was struck may not participate in any 4-H Horse riding or driving activities until he or she is evaluated by a health care provider and receives a written clearance to participate in the project/activity from the health care provider.
- Records shall be kept in the local Extension Office of all participants removed from a 4-H Horse project/activity for suspected and/or confirmed concussions and corresponding written clearances provided by health care providers to return to the 4-H Horse project/activity.

Helpful Definitions

Meeting - every month the project has a meeting during which we also have an activity if possible.

Educational Clinic: is an educational opportunity open to everyone, these are not horse attended clinics

Horse Clinic - is an educational opportunity open to everyone, typically at the fairgrounds. For most clinics you may bring your project horse(s).

Project Horse – is your 4-H project animal for the year. The horse you will be working with at 4-H activities and, hopefully, the fair.

Horse Handbook – information about what the project does throughout the year and has forms to be completed if you will be working with a horse at 4-H events and/or the fair.

Juneau County Fair Book – contains general information, guidelines, and rules for the fair and also has project specific information, guidelines, rules, and class lists.

Premise ID – a unique number assigned to locations where livestock congregate. For more information on premise id please go to: http://datcp.wi.gov/animals/premises_registration.

State 4-H Horse Association – a state association whose purpose is to plan, promote, and execute educational programs in the area of horse science for Wisconsin youth and their leaders. They work in conjunction with the UW Extension. The association began in December 1965.

SEI Helmet – (Safety Equipment Institute) Helmet, a form of protective headgear that has been crash tested and certified by the SEI.

Definition of Horseless for showmanship, pleasure and equitation classes

- A horseless horse project member is defined as a 4-H member who has no one on one access to a horse. They do not own a horse of their own. Their family does not own or lease a horse. (Cloverbuds may not be horseless).
- Horseless horse project members MUST show only in the horseless horse classes.
- The horseless horse person must be buddies with a horse project member or leader. Both members may show the same horse. This is the only horse the horseless member can show. Only one horseless person may show a project animal. (Two horseless buddies may not share one horse).
- The buddy cannot be a sibling that resides in the same household. If two siblings are showing the same horse that is family owned or managed, both siblings are classified as horse project members.
- Horseless horse members work with the horse owning member to learn about the horse, including grooming, clean up, tack, riding, etc.
- They participate at horse project activities.
- They are not managing or leasing a horse owned by someone else.

Members who are not horseless:

- They own and are showing their own horse or show a leased horse.
- They are showing a horse owned or leased by a family member. (Two family members may show the same horse - see Expo Rules & Class List "General Rules for Horse Show".)
- They are showing a horse that is owned or leased by someone other than a current 4-H horse project member or leader.
- Leased or Managerial: Defined as a youth who exhibits a horse that no other 4-H Horse Project youth is using and that is owned by someone other than the exhibitor or a family member of the exhibitor. The youth is responsible to ensure the horse is taken care of properly. Contact your 4-H educator for specific rules regarding these project areas.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

These guidelines are to be followed at all 4-H sponsored events:

- Safety FIRST!!
- Proper riding boots must be worn when mounted. They are encouraged when leading or working around horses. NO thongs, flip flops or sandals are allowed! (Adults or Youth!!)
- Riding helmets that are SEI approved must be worn when mounted or driving in harness at any 4-H sponsored event in the State of Wisconsin. (Adults and Youth). This means that in any 4-H clinic, in any 4-H sponsored open show, and the fair, a helmet must be worn and properly fastened. Proper fit of helmets is essential for safety.
- A proper bridle must be used when riding. No riding with a halter and lead rope.
- Horses must be led with a lead rope. No leading by just the halter.
- Horse and horseless members may participate at all events.
- Be courteous to your fellow members and participants, know that your actions affect others learning experiences around you.
- SEE Page 4 & 5 for additional Wisconsin 4-H Horse Project Policies.

Juneau County Fair

- The fair is to show how much you have learned in the 4-H project
- To go to the fair, you need to enter classes under Dept. 6 in the fair book. Make sure you read the rules in the fair book. Fair entries are due to the Extension office by July 1st. Late entries are not accepted. Remember that your 4-H Club's general leader must sign the entry form and your club may have a different entry deadline.
- For more information and class list please see fair book.
- If you have questions about the fair please ask, please see communication info for further information
- The Juneau County Fair Horse Committee oversees all horse groups exhibiting at the fair.

Wisconsin State 4-H Horse Shows Information

- All state entry papers must be signed by the 4-H youth, their parent, the horse project leader, and the extension agent. The horse must be signed up in the Juneau County 4-H Horse Project as a project animal to be eligible to go to any of the three state shows.
- Proper Juneau County 4-H Horse Project paperwork must be turned in to be a member in good standing.
- Anyone who is in grades 6-13 and have turned in proper paperwork may enter the State Gymkhana (September) or Dressage/Hunter show (June).

4-H State Horse Expo Information

- Must be a 4-H member, these shows are not open to other organized youth clubs.
- Anyone who is in grades 6-13 for the current 4-H year. There need not be a qualifying placing at a qualifying show any longer. The State 4-H Expo is held in September at State Fair Park in Milwaukee.
- NEW: Entries are due on August 1. Horse entries must have a copy of their negative Coggins test attached. Watch for a meeting to be announced when these entries will be gathered.
- Anyone in grades 3-13 (Horse and Horseless members) may enter the educational events at State expo. You do not have to qualify or show your entry at the fair to compete at Expo. These include the Team Problems, Horse Judging, Hippology, Demonstration, Speech, Creative Writing, Arts (Ceramics and Crafts), Drawing, Painting, Photography, Posters, Vet Science Display, Scrapbook, Clothes Horse, Woodworking and the Model Horse Show and other items as horseless horse projects. These entries are due on April 1.

For information on these events and other state events you can go to their website at:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/large-animals/horse-project/wisconsin-4-h-horse-association/>