

# 4-H HORSE PROJECT PACKET

## MCHENRY COUNTY 4-H

### 2019-2020



# What you *NEED* to know

The 2019-2020 horse & pony project has the following requirements:

1. **April 10** Enrolled in "4HOnline" with "Horse" project
2. **May 1** Green sheets, permission to participate
3. **June 14** Fair Enrollment is due online in "Fair Entry"
4. **June 14** **Must** have taken Ethics at least ONE time in 4-H career-  
<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>
5. **May – June** Attend a minimum of one (1) week night warm-up with at least one (1) green sheeted horse OR produce photo/video proof of horse show participation with a show bill signed by a show manager with one (1) green sheeted horse.

For info, give us a call, email us, and check Facebook!

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**General 4-H:** <https://extension.illinois.edu/lm/4-h-mchenry-county>

**Facebook:** McHenry County 4-H Horse Project: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/McHenryCounty4HHorseProject/>

**Security note:** This is a closed group. The public can see the group and members, but only members can see posts.

## Calendar

October 22.....	Horse Bowl meeting
January 28 .....	Horse Orientation – 7 p.m. – Auditorium, Extension Office
February 29.....	Illinois 4-H Horse Judging contest, Black Hawk College, Galva, IL
March 10.....	County Hippology Contest & Model Horse Show – 6-8 p.m. – Extension Office
March 28 .....	Regional Horse Bowl – Emily G. Johns Intermediate School, 430 Mitchell Dr, Plano, IL
April 4 .....	Communications Mini-fair – Horse speeches- Extension office. <i>Pre-registration required</i>
<b>April 10</b> .....	Last date to add the HORSE project to 4HOnline
April 18-19 .....	State Horse Contests – Horse Bowl, Hippology, Speech – UIUC campus
May 1 .....	Green sheets & permission to participate
May 12 .....	Week Night Warm-ups begin ( <i>weather permitting</i> )
May 25 .....	State Fair Horse Show class entry forms and fees are due to Extension Office
<b>June 14</b> .....	Fair Enrollment is due online in "Fair Entry"
June 14.....	Ethics online due: <a href="https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/">https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/</a>
June 30 .....	Fun Show – Horse Arena - Fairgrounds
July 1.....	Horse Master award checklist deadline
July 26 – August 2...	Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show – Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, IL
August 4 – 9.....	McHenry County Fair
<b>August 7</b> .....	4-H Horse Show – 8:30 a.m. – Fairgrounds
August 8 .....	McHenry County Fair Open Speed Show
August 9 .....	McHenry County Fair Open Horse Show

# HORSES & PONIES 4-H Regulations

SHOW: Friday, August 7, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.  
HORSE ARENA, FAIRGROUNDS, WOODSTOCK

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## REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors must comply with the McHenry County 4-H Show regulations as stated in the front of the 4-H Fair Book. All exhibitors & parents involved in the 4-H program are expected to conduct themselves in a positive & courteous manner. Any parent, leader, or spectator interfering with the decision of the judge will be removed from the judging area for the remainder of the day. Judges' decisions regarding the placing of class entries are final.
2. All exhibitors must have an approved green registration sheet with a picture of the horse or pony to be shown on file at the Extension office by **May 1**. Pictures of foals must be on file at the Extension office by **July 10**. **NO** substitution of horses or ponies can be made after deadline. Exhibitors may submit green sheets for up to five (5) horses or ponies.
3. The required "**Permission to Participate**" form must be signed by the project member's parent or guardian & be turned into the Extension office by **May 1**.
4. To be eligible to show an equine at the 4-H horse show at the county fair, project members must meet all 4-H and horse project requirement of attendance at **ONE week night warm-up** with horse **OR** produce photo/video proof of horse show participation with a green sheeted horse and a show bill signed by a show manager **AND** at least **ONE clinic**.
5. Fair enrollment of classes must be completed online by **June 14**.
6. **Negative Coggins Test** conducted within last 12 months is required for all horses & ponies 12 months of age & older will be required at registration at the show.
7. **4-H/FFA Quality Assurance And Ethics certification paper**. Ethics is available on-line and must be completed by **June 14, 2020**. All youth **MUST** take QAEC (Ethics) and Horse section at least **ONE** time as a 4-H member.  
<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>
8. All classes are open to horses and ponies. Horses or ponies need not be purebred or registered.
9. No stallions will be allowed in any class.
10. Appropriate tack & attire are required for all classes.
11. Helmets are required **WHEN MOUNTED OR DRIVING ON THE FAIRGROUNDS**. Must meet ASTM/SEI standards.
12. 4-H'ers are expected to do some of the physical care & responsibility of their project animal.
13. Horse/pony must be serviceably sound or they will be excused from the ring. Potentially dangerous horses/ponies will be dismissed from the fairgrounds.
14. A 4-H member with more than 1 horse in any class will receive only 1 placing for that class.
15. A shared horse/pony may not be used more than once in any speed class.
16. The 4-H Horse Show will be governed by "**Guidelines for Junior Horse Shows**"  
[http://web.aces.uiuc.edu/vista/pdf\\_pubs/HORSGUID.PDF](http://web.aces.uiuc.edu/vista/pdf_pubs/HORSGUID.PDF)
17. Ground Judging – Also open to Horseless Horse Project members

Interview Grading will be based on:

- a. Grooming and Condition of horse, exhibitor and tack
  - b. Parts of the horse
  - c. Parts of the hoof, hoof care, handling
  - d. Questions from Horse Project books – (*Giddy Up and Go, Head Heart Hooves, Stable Relationships, etc.*)
18. 4-H horse and pony projects shall be judged on the basis of the member's ability to train, groom and show the animal, disregarding the individual worth of the horse/pony.
  19. An animal prone to kicking must wear a red ribbon in its tail.
  20. Headers/Handlers are allowed to stand at horse's head during the lineup for driving classes. Passengers over 18 are allowed.
  21. Exhibitor number must be displayed on riders back.
  22. All exhibitors have the responsibility of being familiar with the rules for each class.
  23. Horses will be required to walk in and out of the arena. (*You may mount your horse inside the arena for speed classes.*)
  24. Show management has right to revise classes or show schedules as necessary.
  25. Only project members, 4-H Leaders and Horse Committee members are allowed to ride on the grounds during a 4-H event.
  26. Judges and/or show committee decisions are final.
  27. Costume Class – An adult may lead an entry on foot but will not be considered part of the costume. If mounted, you **MUST** wear a helmet.
  28. Trail Class – May not exhibit the same horse in both trail and in-hand trail classes.
  29. Speed Rules –
    1. Spurring, striking, or beating the horse in any manner whatsoever forward of the cinch will not be allowed.
    2. Equipment and attire must be Western, including a riding boot with a heel. No wire tie-downs. A button up shirt with a collar is required. Shirts may be sleeveless, short or long sleeve.
    3. The start line is marked at the eye of the timer. Painted post, cones or objects may be placed at the start line.
    4. Plug Race - may be run straight up and down or using the entire arena.
    5. Barrel Race – 5 second penalty for down barrel/per barrel; disqualification for 3 down barrels or off-course
    6. Flag Race – disqualification for dropping the flag, knocking over a barrel/ container or off-course
    7. Pole Bending – 5 second penalty for down pole/per pole: disqualification for 3 down poles or off-course.
    8. Horses must come to a complete halt before leaving the arena.

**Special Qualifications:**

**Novice Qualifications:** Novice classes are only open to **BEGINNER EXHIBITORS**. Novice exhibitors may show only in novice showmanship, novice equitation, novice horsemanship, ground judging, in-hand trail, novice English and western pleasure, costume and driving. **Novice classes are walk/trot only. No jumping classes. If entered in speed classes, exhibitor must walk/trot. Canter will be disqualified at judge's discretion.**

**Junior Horse Qualifications:** Junior horse classes are walk/trot and only open to horses ages 5 and under. The Jr. Horse English and Western Pleasure classes encourage experienced riders to work with younger horses as part of their 4-H Horse Project experience.

**No rider can participate in BOTH Novice and Advanced classes.**

# CLASS ORDER ON SHOW DAY

Age – As of September 1, 2019

**Premium Class** - Exhibitors will receive Blue, Red or White ribbons and be eligible for premiums.

**Non-Premium Class** – 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> place ribbons in each class

**Novice Class** – walk/trot classes for exhibitors who have not shown more than 2 years in the 4-H Horse Project

**Grand, Reserve Champion for Showmanship, English Equitation, Western Horsemanship**

\*The classes will be held throughout the day in separate areas

4-H Show Bill - in order on show day		Age	Premium	Novice
1	Showmanship	8-11	Yes	-
2	Showmanship	12-14	Yes	-
3	Showmanship	15-19	Yes	-
4	Showmanship - Grand and Reserve Champion Pre-entry is not necessary. Top 2 blues from Showmanship Classes.	8-19	-	-
5	Showmanship - Novice	8-19	Yes	Yes
6	Bareback Pleasure – Riders to exhibit their horses riding bareback. English or Western. Walk/trot/canter	8-19	-	-
7	English Equitation English tack and apparel. A pattern may be required. If so, the pattern will be announced the day of the show.	8-11	Yes	-
8	English Equitation English tack and apparel. A pattern may be required. If so, the pattern will be announced the day of the show.	12-14	Yes	-
9	English Equitation English tack and apparel. A pattern may be required. If so, the pattern will be announced the day of the show.	15-19	Yes	-
10	English Equitation - Grand and Reserve Champion Pre-entry is not necessary. Top 2 blues from Equitation Classes.	8-19	-	-
11	English Equitation – Novice See Novice qualifications. English tack/apparel. Walk/trot class.	8-19	Yes	Yes
12	English Pleasure English tack/apparel. To be shown at the walk, trot, canter, reverse and halt. Judged on performance, manners, suitability as a pleasure mount.	8-13	-	-
13	English Pleasure English tack/apparel. To be shown at the walk, trot, canter, reverse and halt. Judged on performance, manners, suitability as a pleasure mount.	14-19	-	-
14	English Pleasure - Junior Horse - horse age 5 and under English tack/apparel. Experienced handler with young horse to be shown at the walk, trot, reverse and halt. Judged on performance, manners, suitability as a pleasure mount.	8-19	-	-
15	English Pleasure - Novice See Novice qualifications. English tack/apparel. Walk/trot class.	8-19	-	Yes
16	Hunter Hack –Judged over fences and on the flat with individual work over fences not to exceed 18”	8-19	-	-
17	Equitation Over Fences - Beginner English tack/apparel. Fences should not exceed 24”.	8-19	Yes	-
18	Equitation Over Fences – Advanced English tack/apparel. Fences should not exceed 2’6”.	8-19	Yes	-
19	Reinsmanship Driving Driver is judged on their ability to handle the animal at walk, trot, and extended trot. A simple pattern may be requested. Single-hitch only. (2 or 4 wheel)	8-19	Yes	Yes
20	Pleasure Driving Animal judged on ability to provide a pleasant drive at the walk, trot, and extended trot. Single hitch only. (2 or 4 wheel)	8-19		Yes
21	Western Horsemanship Western tack and apparel. A pattern may be required. If so, the pattern will be announced the day of the show.	8-11	Yes	-
22	Western Horsemanship	12-14	Yes	-

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24	Western Horsemanship - Grand and Reserve Champion Pre-entry is not necessary. Top 2 blues from Western Horsemanship Classes. A pattern may be required. If so, the pattern will be announced the day of the show.	8-19	-	-
25	Western Horsemanship – Novice See Novice qualifications. Western tack/apparel. Walk/jog class.	8-19	Yes	Yes
26	Western Pleasure Western tack/apparel. To be shown at a walk, jog, lope, reverse, and halt. Judged on performance, manners and suitability as a pleasure mount.	8-13	-	-
27	Western Pleasure Western tack/apparel. To be shown at a walk, jog, lope, reverse, and halt. Judged on performance, manners and suitability as a pleasure mount.	14-19	-	-
28	Western Pleasure – Novice See novice qualifications. Western tack and apparel. Walk/jog class.	8-19	-	Yes
29	Western Pleasure - Junior Horse - horse age 5 and under Western tack/apparel. Experienced handler with young horse to be shown at a walk, jog, reverse and stop. Judged on performance, manners and suitability as a pleasure mount.	8-19	-	Yes
30	Ranch Riding Pattern No Novice Riders. Judged on riding style of horse and rider being smooth and efficient as if they were working on a ranch. See pattern in packet.	8-19	Yes	-
31	Costume Class See regulation 30	8-19	-	Yes
32	Plug Race Timed Event. Western tack/apparel required.	8-13	-	-
33	Plug Race Timed Event. Western tack/apparel required.	14-19	-	-
34	Barrel Race Cloverleaf pattern, timed event. Western tack and apparel required.	8-13	-	-
35	Barrel Race Cloverleaf pattern, timed event. Western tack and apparel required.	14-19	-	-
36	Flag Race Pick flag out of pail on one side of the arena, go around barrel at far end of arena and deposit flag in the pail on the other side of the arena. Timed event. Western tack and apparel required.	8-13	-	-
37	Flag Race Pick flag out of pail on one side of the arena, go around barrel at far end of arena and deposit flag in the pail on the other side of the arena. Timed event. Western tack and apparel required.	14-19	-	-
38	Pole Bending Horses are to run up, weave back and forth through poles in both directions and run back through starting line. Timed event. Western tack and apparel required.	8-13	-	-
39	Pole Bending Horses are to run up, weave back and forth through poles in both directions and run back through starting line. Timed event. Western tack and apparel required.	14-19	-	-
<b>Classes Outside the Main Arena... *The classes will be held throughout the day in separate areas</b>				
40	Ground Judging*	8-19	Yes	Yes
41	Dressage Intro Level – Test B * English tack and apparel required.	8-19	-	Yes
42	Western Dressage – Basic Level Test 1* Western tack and apparel. The pattern is included in packet and will be posted the day of the show. No novice.	8-19	-	-
43	Trail* Obstacle course will be set up. Exhibitor will be allowed 2 refusals or 45 seconds per station.	8-13	-	
44	Trail* Obstacle course will be set up. Exhibitor will be allowed 2 refusals or 45 seconds per station.	14-19	-	
45	In Hand Trail * Horse may not be ridden in <b>any</b> class on show day. Horse is eligible for showmanship, ground judging, driving, and costume.	8-19	-	Yes

# WEEKNIGHT WARM-UPS

**Purpose:** Weeknight sessions are offered to help riders and their horses become acquainted with the show site. It also gives riders the opportunity to use an arena and obtain instruction in the horse project. 4-H'ers intending to show at the fair are strongly encouraged to attend as many weeknight warm-ups as possible with their green-sheeted horse.

*Sign in with a committee member is required in order to receive credit for attendance.*

**REQUIRED** -Attend one (1) week night warm-up with a (1) green sheeted horse OR produce photo/video proof of horse show participation with a show bill signed by a show manager with a (1) green sheeted horse.

**NOVICE** – Strongly recommended to attend WITH HORSE to Weeknight warm-ups.

**Gates open at 6:30 p.m. - Ride at 7 p.m. - Gone by 8:30 p.m.  
Horse Arena, Fairgrounds**

**\*\* Topics subject to change based on member's needs. Please refer to registration online for up to date information.**

<b>Warm-ups – **Tentative Schedule**</b>	
The first 20-30 minutes of each night will be “on the rail” riding. Riders and horses will be given feedback on riding and get any questions they may have answered.	
<b>When</b>	<b>Emphasis on topics such as...</b>
<b>Tuesday Evenings</b>  5/12/2020 through 6/23/2020	<b>MORE topics to be determined based on horse member requests</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe Riding/Arena Etiquette</li> <li>• Western Dressage</li> <li>• Working Equitation</li> <li>• Jumping</li> <li>• Showmanship</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday June 30, 2020 6pm</b>	<b>FUN / PRACTICE SHOW – Open to all enrolled in the 4-H horse project.</b> <i>This event is a “mock” horse show to provide a chance to “practice” for the real show.</i>

***Cancellation due to weather conditions may occur. Updates via Horse Committee Facebook Page or email blast.***

If you would like to just come and ride during these times, the grass arena will be available during this time. You may use it as you wish but must be considerate to others. You will not be given credit for a warm up night.

**General rules:**

- All 4H Horse Project Regulations apply to warm up nights.
- For your safety, proper attire is required - pants, boots and helmet.
- Only project members, 4-H leaders and/or Horse Committee are allowed in the arena or to ride on the grounds.
- Show common courtesy to others; while some riders might take longer than others, please be patient.
- We ask that you pay attention to others, do not ride around doing your “own” thing.
- Remember, this is a hands-on learning experience. We want to help all kids, but we need to give all riders equal attention. Therefore, we may have to ask some riders to try again later or find someone to do one on one time.

**Horses must be loaded and leaving the grounds by 8:30 p.m.**

**For information or cancellations, call or text Chris Northup at (815) 790-3089 OR Sandy Kucharski at (815)-715-2070**

Check the Facebook page for information: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/McHenryCounty4HHorseProject/>

# HORSE PROJECT CONTESTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

***ATTENTION!!! The 4-H age to participate in Horse Bowl, Hippology and Speech is as of January 1. This is different than the general 4-H project age.***

***Note: If you participate in national events, you are no longer eligible for county, regional or state.  
For practice you may participate but your score will not be included.***

## HORSE BOWL

Primary objective of the Horse Bowl contest is to provide an opportunity for youth to show their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. It is also hoped these contests will provide an educational experience for both participants and spectators. You DO NOT need to own a horse to participate. This contest extends into the regional, state and national levels.

During a Horse Bowl contest, teams compete by answering questions in a quiz bowl format. Questions are taken from approved reference books that include the "Horses and Horsemanship" and "Horse Science" 4-H manuals, the AYHC Horse Industry Handbook, the CHA Composite Manual by the Association for Horsemanship Safety and Education, The Dictionary of the Horse, and others.

**HIPPOLOGY CONTEST - 1<sup>st</sup> place at county event will receive plaque at awards night during the fair.**

The event tests knowledge of horses including breeds, colors, anatomy, nutrition, diseases, tack and more. Participants will take a short written test and quickly complete questions from timed stations display. To study for this event, youth may use their project manuals, "Horses and Horsemanship" and "Horse Science," as well as tack catalogs, horse books and web sites. You DO NOT need to own a horse to participate. This contest extends into the regional, state and national levels.

The contest may include:

- Written examination
- Timed stations where contestants are asked to identify tack and equipment, feed samples and other horse-related items.
- Judging: Four classes may be placed. Classes may be comprised of pictures, videos, models or live horses.
- Divisions include Junior: ages 8-11; Intermediate: ages 12-14; Senior ages 15-18

## **"HORSE SENSE" Ages 8-18**

**HORSE SENSE** is the study group that gathers to study for Horse Bowl and Hippology. Anyone is welcome to drop in to study or give horse bowl and hippology a try. Meeting times are to be announced. Study groups will be split between junior (ages 8-13) and senior (14-19). Topics covered may include: horse anatomy and physiology, diseases, evolution, behavior, nutrition, breeds, tack and equine activities. Teaching may include hands-on, question and answer, multiple choice tests, slide identification, etc. Study sessions will help prepare youth for horse bowl and hippology competition. Independent study will also be recommended. ***You DO NOT need a horse to participate!***

## HORSE JUDGING

All contestants will judge six (6) classes of which at least two (2) will be halter classes. Contestants will compete in two groups: The Reasons group will be asked to give minimum 2 sets of oral reasons- one halter set and one performance set. All reasons contestants must have passed their 14th birthday but not their 19th birthday before January 1 of the current year. Anyone wishing to try out for the State 4-H Judging Team MUST compete in the reasons division. The top ten individuals from the Reasons Group will be asked back to an invitational judging held during Junior Show in Springfield. From that invitational workout the State 4-H horse judging team will be determined. This team competes at 2 national events, the All-American Quarter Horse Congress and the Eastern National's Horse Round-up. This contest is at state level only.

## HORSE SCIENCE POSTER

Exhibit your knowledge of horses on a well-crafted and well-researched poster at the fair on any topic you are passionate about. Judging takes place during general project judging before the fair.

***4-H members interested need to enroll in the horse science project.***



# HORSE SPIN CLUB / CLINICS

**HORSE SPIN CLUB** is a special interest club focused entirely on horses. Community club members can sign up for the horse spin club in addition to their club membership OR interested youth that are not enrolled in a community club can join.

**HORSE SPIN CLUB** will host eight (8) activities/clinics throughout the 4H year. A tentative schedule is listed below. If you are a community club member who wants to be immersed in the horse project, join the HORSE SPIN CLUB. However, all HORSE SPIN CLUB activities will be open to any 4-H horse project member whether they are a HORSE SPIN CLUB member or not.

*Topics/Dates subject to changes*

<b>*What</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>When</b>
Orientation	Auditorium, Extension Office	January 28 – 7 pm
County Hippology / Model Horse Contest	Extension Office	March 10 – 7-9 pm
NE Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology	Emily G. Johns School 430 Mitchell Dr, Plano, IL	March 28
*Horse Clinics	TBD	April - June
Community Service Project	TBD	May/June
Fun/Practice Show “dress rehearsal”	Fair Grounds	June 30 – 6:00pm

\*Clinics Open to ALL 4-H members enrolled in the horse project with or without a horse

## Requirements for HORSE SPIN CLUB:

- Attend 4 minimum of the activities offered. Attendance will be taken at each event.
- Perform at least 2 hours of horse-related community service. Either join in on the group community service project (TBA) or do a project of your own choosing and submit proof: a signed note from the leader of the group you helped with an explanation of work performed.
- Demonstrate at least one leadership role throughout the year. Duties will be age appropriate such as: help with a clinic, help at the fun horse show, help plan a clinic, etc.
- Member is responsible for turning proof of attendance, community service and leadership in to HORSE SPIN CLUB leaders.
- HORSE SPIN CLUB members who wish to exhibit a horse at the McHenry County Fair Horse Show are subject to all “Horses and Ponies 4-H Regulations” as listed in the Horse packet, including submitting Green Sheets and taking 4H/FFA Quality Assurance and Ethics.

## Benefits of joining HORSE SPIN CLUB:

- Members who fulfill the requirements are eligible to participate in the horse show at the county fair.
- You'll make some great new friends and learn some really cool things about horses!

## Volunteer Opportunities *Need to earn hours or just want to help, try one of these locations!*

### **Main Stay Therapeutic Farm**

6919 Keystone Rd., Richmond, IL 60071  
815-653-9374

### **HAHS – Hoofed Animal Humane Society**

10714 McConnell Rd, Woodstock, IL 60098  
815- 337-5563

### **Brave Hearts Therapeutic Riding**

7319 Maxon Rd, Harvard, IL 60033  
815- 943-8226

### **Midwest Center for Children’s Development**

4701 North Oak Street, Crystal Lake IL 60012  
815-788-1020

## 4-H HORSE SPEECH CONTESTS/COMMUNICATIONS MINI FAIR

The objectives of the speech contests include: for youth to gain self-confidence, develop their ability to demonstrate/illustrate their skill/activity, develop skills in effective organization and presentation and learn to share their knowledge with others. Top contestants may earn the opportunity to advance to state and national level competitions.

**4-H members interested need to enroll in the communications project.**

All presentation subjects must be horse related. Material must be original and factual. A 3-point penalty will be imposed for each minute or fraction of a minute under the minimum or over the maximum time allowed. The speeches are divided into Junior and Senior level competitions. Juniors are at least 8 years old, but should not pass their 14th birthday by January 1. Seniors are at least 14, but should not pass their 19th birthday by January 1.

**Participants can exhibit in each of the three categories of Horse Speeches:**

- **Formal Speech:** – *Juniors:* At least 5 minutes, but no more than 10 minutes in length. *Seniors:* At least 7 minutes, but no more than 10 minutes in length. Visual aids of any kind will not be allowed.
- **Individual Illustrated Talk/Demonstration** – 9-12 minutes in length. Presentations cannot involve the use of live animals; however, model animals may be used. A demonstration is defined as a presentation of a step by step procedure with an end product or result. An illustrated talk is defined as a presentation of an idea or topic that uses visual aids to convey the message. Both presentation forms are acceptable.

## MODEL HORSE SHOW

This event is a “mock” horse show with toy horses. Get out your old horses and enter them in a class. A show bill will be created with classes. You DO NOT need to own a horse to participate. *These displays can be entered into the fair. 4-H members should enroll in the county collections project.*

Model Horse Show - “A Year of the Horse”  
Extension Office, Woodstock IL

Tuesday, March 10, 2020  
7:45 pm (Or following Hippology)

**Class cost: \$0.00**  
**Limit: ONE entry per CLASS**  
**Ages: ALL**

**Judge: Exhibitors vote by class for winner**  
**Awards: Various Prizes**

**Make a themed display with your model horses. One entry per class. Five classes to chose from. Enter one or all! No entry fee. You do not have to participate in Hippology or own a horse!**

**Classes: A year of the horse: horses in settings inspired by the seasons**

1. Winter wonderland: Horses in winter/snow settings
2. Happy Horsey Valentine: Horses showing affection to one another, or humans
3. Spring training: Horses in action of any kind
4. Happy Independence Day: Horses in patriotic settings
5. A haunting Halloween: Horses in costumes or spooky settings

Entries not meeting class description will be disqualified.

Submit your entry (picture only because we ate it!) into the fair! Sign up for Collections Project.

# FUN/PRACTICE SHOW

Fairgrounds, Woodstock IL

Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 6:00PM

**Open to all enrolled in the 4-H horse project.**

*This event is a "mock" horse show to provide a chance to "practice" for the real show.*

#	Class	Age	#	Class	Age
1	Showmanship	8-19	6	Western Pleasure Western tack/apparel. To be shown at a walk, jog, lope, reverse, and halt. Judged on performance, manners and suitability as a pleasure mount.	8-19
2	English Equitation English tack and apparel. A pattern may be required. If so, the pattern will be announced the day of the show.	8-19	7	Plug Race Timed Event. Western tack/apparel required.	
3	English Pleasure English tack/apparel. To be shown at the walk, trot, canter, reverse and halt. Judged on performance, manners, suitability as a pleasure mount.	8-19	8	Barrel Race Cloverleaf pattern, timed event. Western tack and apparel required.	
4	Equitation Over Fences - Beginner English tack/apparel. Fences should not exceed 1'6".	8-19	9	Flag Race Pick flag out of pail on one side of the arena, go around barrel at far end of arena and deposit flag in the pail on the other side of the arena. Timed event. Western tack and apparel required.	
5	Western Horsemanship Western tack and apparel. A pattern may be required. If so, the pattern will be announced the day of the show.	8-19	10	Pole Bending Horses are to run up, weave back and forth through poles in both directions and run back through starting line. Timed event. Western tack and apparel required.	

## Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show

Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, IL

Showing at the state fair is a fun and educational experience for interested horse project members. The show draws approximately 600 entrants from throughout the state and spans a six-day period before the actual state fair takes place. There is a low cost for entry fees for the use of a stall. 4-Her's are responsible for their own horse's transportation, feed and bedding, and their personal lodging.

- Eligibility: 4-H member must be at least 8 years of age as of September 1.
- Entries: **Class entry forms and fees are due in the Extension office by May 25th.** The forms are to be received by the State office by June 1.
- Each exhibitor is allowed to show two horses. (A third is permitted only if it is a yearling filly or gelding entered in the Yearling Halter Class.)
- Exhibitors are limited to 10 classes.
- For a complete list of rules, show guidelines, class list and information, you can visit the Illinois State Fair website and download the Junior Horse Show entry forms and full set of rules.

[http://web.aces.uiuc.edu/vista/pdf\\_pubs/HORSGUID.PDF](http://web.aces.uiuc.edu/vista/pdf_pubs/HORSGUID.PDF).

# My 1<sup>st</sup> 4-H Horse Show!

## Picking your classes:

In May 4H will require you to choose the classes you want to do at the show. You may not be 100% sure what you will do so it is best to sign up for all you think you might do. On the day of show, if you don't want to do it, do not turn in a card for that class. Your biggest decision is to show in the novice classes or in your age division.

Novice classes are a walk/trot classes for exhibitors who have not shown more than 2 years in the 4-H Horse Project. It gives them a chance to compete against others who have limited showing experience. If a 4-H'r has shown before or is confident in their riding, they may show in their age division.

Classes are either Premium Class - Exhibitors will receive Blue, Red or White ribbons and be eligible for premiums. Or Non-Premium Class – 1st-6th place ribbons in each class

## Supplies Needed:

<u>Me</u>	<u>My Horse</u>
Helmet	Grain and feed tub – if you want
English – breeches, boots, blouse, jacket, hair net	Halter and Lead rope Show halter and lead rope
Western – pants collared long sleeve shirt, belt, hat, boots, chaps (optional)	Hay and Hay Net
Speed – pants, collared long sleeve shirt, boots	Water bucket (Water, if necessary )
Safety Pins	Manure fork
WATER!!!! (It can be a long hot day.)	Fly repellent
Food or money to buy at show	Saddle – English and/or Western
Chairs and Tent	Saddle Pad and/or Blank
Showbill	Girth and/or cinch
Helmet	Lounge Line
	Tack box – brushes, hoof pick, comb, etc.
	verification of Negative Coggins Test
	Vet Wrap – 101 uses nice to have

## Night before:

Give your horse a bath (if possible).  
Pack your attire!

Pack your trailer.  
Don't forget a helmet.

Pack your cooler – food and water!

## Once you arrive:

Unload your horse – hang your feed bag and get him water.

Take your horse/pony to the arena and check in with a committee member at the tent. This is where you will get your number and class cards. You will have to write 1 card for each class. The cards include the class, your number, your age and the horse. These can be time consuming and a great thing for your mom to do!

Patterns – judge will post any patterns for classes. You will need to learn these, take a picture of them with your phone!

Deep Breath; it can be very overwhelming. Its ok, it will work out. If you get upset, your horse may get upset too! Just don't try something new for the first time at a show!

Groom your horse and prepare for your first class. Practice your patterns!

## **The Show:**

Pay close attention to the schedule. The announcer will advise what class is next. You should be prepared and lined up at the gate waiting for your class. They typically don't wait for you!

If a class has a pattern, pay close attention to those going before you. Watch them do the pattern, it will help. Be careful though, some may do it wrong, don't repeat their mistakes. When the judge or ring steward asks if you have questions, ask BEFORE you get out there. Standing at the cone is not the time to ask questions.

## **Tack Changes:**

If you do English, Western and Speed, you will have tack changes. Review the show bill and determine when would be the best time for your tack change. I.e. most shows classes by age group. If you are in the 8-13 class, after your class while the 14-19 class is running is a great time for this. Some shows will allow time when switching disciplines.

Get everything set up for your change, tack and clothes. Don't forget your number if you are wearing it on your back!

**Attire:** 4H shows are not as formal. If you don't have "official attire", its ok, just look nice!

Showmanship - *Western:* Your horse will wear a halter and lead rope. You will wear: A Long sleeved shirt, (with collar), either solid or patterned. Long pants, clean polished boots, clean crisp hat. If your hair is long, you will want to put it in a bun, with either a hair net or nice bun holders. *English:* Your horse will wear an English bridle or a halter and lead rope, no silver. You will wear the same clothes you would wear for your English Classes.

English – breeches, boots, blouse, jacket, hair net, show helmet

Western – Long sleeved, (with collar) shirt, a solid color or patterned one. Your pants/jeans should be long enough when you sit down on the horse. If your shirt is tucked in, you should have a nice belt. Boots and hat should be clean, crisp and fit well.

Speed – boots, jeans, long sleeved collared shirt, helmet



**Lunch Break:** typically 30 minutes and as close to noon as possible. This is the time to use the bathroom and eat something. Let your horse/pony stand at the trailer without tack and get a well-deserved rest, a drink and a snack.

## **The Classes:**

### **Showmanship:**

This class will have a pattern. Riders show one at a time.

Most patterns are deceptively simple: The exhibitor will lead the horse at a walk and trot, make one or two turns, stop at specific locations, and sometimes back up. However, all straight lines must be perfectly straight, all turns smooth and crisp, all changes of speed executed promptly. Orange highway cones are often used to designate the precise spot a horse and exhibitor are to walk, trot, turn or back.

An exhibitor is not allowed to touch the horse during a class. An exhibitor should treat each part of the pattern as a separate task leaving the maneuvers crisp, as opposed to sloppy and run together. An exhibitor should appear confident and happy; ultimately selling themselves and their horse to the judge by acting in a confident and professional manner.

Finally, the exhibitor has to set up the horse and the judge will walk around the animal, as if it were being judged for conformation. However, the judge is actually watching the exhibitor and evaluating the grooming, cleanliness, style and turnout of the entry. The exhibitor must move from one side of the horse to the other so that they do not interfere with the judge's line of sight, yet the horse must stand perfectly still, alert, with its ears pricked forward even when the exhibitor moves around. The handler must be particularly smooth and quiet when moving from one side of the horse to the other, yet move quickly and watch the judge at all times.

### **English Equitation/Western Horsemanship:                      **All about you!****

This class may have a pattern. Riders show one at a time.

Judged on a rider's position while mounted, and encompasses a rider's ability to ride correctly and with effective aids.

### **English/Western Pleasure:    **All about your horse!****

Evaluates a horse on manners and suitability of the horse for a relaxed but collected gait cadence and relatively slow speed of gait, along with calm and responsive disposition. The horse is to appear to be a "pleasure" to ride and very comfortable, while being very smooth.

### **Equitation over Fences:**

This class may have a pattern. Riders show one at a time.

Judged on the ability and the style of the rider. The riders can be judged both over fences and on the flat. In over fences classes the riders are judged not only on their ability to negotiate a course of jumps on their horses, but also on their style and position while they do it.

### **Trail:**

Judged on navigating a series of obstacles. Contestants ride the course one at a time. Designed to resemble situations a horse and rider might actually encounter when on a trail in a natural habitat, modern trail classes now tend to focus more heavily on agility and manners, with courses bearing very little resemblance to real-world natural trails.

A typical trail course requires horse and rider to open and pass through a small gate while mounted; walk across a fake bridge; cross over a set of rails or logs at a walk, trot or lope; back up, often with a turn while backing; side pass, often over a rail or log; turn on the forehand or hindquarters within a confined area; and tolerate some type of "spooky" obstacle, such as having the rider put on a vinyl raincoat. The horse is asked to perform all three gaits in the process of completing the course.

McHENRY COUNTY EXTENSION

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Rider Number: _____
Date Received: _____

## 4-H HORSE PROJECT GREEN SHEET 2019-2020

**DEADLINE: THIS MUST BE TURNED INTO THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY May 1.**

- Please print with a pen. Do not use pencil.
- ONE GREEN SHEET FOR EACH RIDER/HORSE combination.

*(Attach photo here– color, no tack, sideview)*

MEMBER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ (as of September 1)  
YEARS IN 4-H HORSES \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

### HORSE INFORMATION

NAME OF HORSE/PONY - *registered name or name you call the horse/pony.*

\_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_  
MARE \_\_\_\_\_ GELDING \_\_\_\_\_ FOAL \_\_\_\_\_ BREED \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY: HORSE \_\_\_\_\_ PONY \_\_\_\_\_  
OWN \_\_\_\_\_ LEASED/SHARED \_\_\_\_\_



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Received:

Notes:

## McHenry County Extension 4-H Horse Activities Permission to participate (required)

The Illinois Equine Liability Act requires sponsors to provide the following warning to participants:

### Warning

**Under the Equine Activity Liability Act, each participant who engages in an equine activity expressly assumes the risks of engaging in and legal responsibility for injury, loss or damage to person or property resulting from the risk of equine activities.**

As parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I am aware that activities involving horses, ponies  
*Name of Participant*

and other equines are associated with the following risks including but not limited to:

1. The propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them;
2. The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons, other animals, or other things;
3. Certain hazards of surface or subsurface conditions;
4. Collisions with other equines or objects;
5. The potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to self or others.

In addition, this event has the risks of classes involving jumping over obstacles and fences; racing against time with obstacles; multiple horses in classes and in/around the horse arena.

I understand that McHenry County Extension has taken the following steps to make the 4-H Horse Show safe for participants, the public and their property:

- examined obstacles for safety
- encouraged parents to provide adequate supervision of exhibitors
- printed recommendations and rules in the McHenry County Fairbook
- posted additional information at the fairgrounds
- provide volunteer staff who are familiar and comfortable around equine
- provide special insurance through the University of Illinois Office of Risk Management

I understand and agree to follow these rules.

\_\_\_\_\_  
4-H Participant Signature

I understand the risks associated with this event and I give \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Participant  
permission to participate during the 2019-2020 4-H year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Return this release to the McHenry County Extension office before participating  
By May 1**