

Green County 4~H

Horse & Pony and Horseless Horse Project Manual



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Dear 4-H Horse & Horseless Horse Project Members,

Welcome to a new year of fun and learning about horses! We are excited to offer a variety of horse related opportunities, demonstrations and clinics this year. This project manual is designed to guide you through the variety of opportunities offered and help you get involved, including...

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4~H Horse Policy

The health and safety of all of our participants is extremely important. Therefore, our 4-H 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.

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.

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 cutout heel must be worn when mounted.

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.

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

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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.



Educational Events without a Horse

Horse project leaders are hosting a fun movie event for Horse and Horseless Horse Project members, with an additional hands-on safety activity!

The committee has Horse Demonstration at a Veterinary Clinic planned. Pre-registration for workshops is encouraged. Please see page 10 of this manual for dates and registration links.

Members are encouraged to check out the numerous opportunities available to 4-H Horse Project and 4-H Horseless Horse Project members to explore and express your interest in horses, including...

- Area Animal Science Day: Horse Judging (<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/area-animal-science-days/>) - June 20
- WI State 4-H Horse Association (<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/large-animals/horse-project/wisconsin-4-h-horse-association/>)
 - Education Days: Speaking, Demonstration, Hippology & Horse Bowl—May 10 & 11
 - State 4-H Horse Expo Educational Contests: Art, Creative Communication, Judging, Model Horse, Photography, Team Problems—September 13-15
 - WI 4-H Horse Leadership Conference—November 9-10
- Green County Fair (<https://greencountyfair.net/>)
 - Horse Educational Exhibits (Creative writing, Scrapbooking, Educational poster, Drawing & Painting, Photography, Woodworking) - See Dept. 10, Class F



Educational Events with a Horse

- The committee sponsors multiple free **riding clinics** with experienced clinicians. Pre-registration is required to participate in clinics. See the links on the Calendar page to sign up for the clinics you'd like to attend.
- Starting in May, the Horse & Pony Committee may hold ride events at the Green County Fairgrounds. These will be fun, low-key rides for you to practice with your horse or pony and ride with your friends and other project members. Dates to be announced later.
- Your project fees go towards clinician fees and arena maintenance. We rely on project members like you to volunteer with arena set-up and tear down.
- **Project fees** are required if you are going to participate with your horse in 4-H Clinics, 4-H Ride Nights, 4-H Pre-Fair Show, or the 4-H Game Day, wish to be eligible for the 4-H High Point Contest, or have sponsor or tack stall fees for State 4-H Horse Shows paid for by the 4-H Horse Committee.



4~H High Point Contest

The 4-H High Point Contest is intended to encourage participation of all 4-H Horse Project and 4-H Horseless Horse Project members and reward a commitment to learning and involvement inside and outside the arena.

RULES:

Participants must be an enrolled Green County 4-H member by January 15, 2024 and have paid their 4-H Horse Project Fees by April 1, 2024.

There are three divisions in which members can participate, including:

Jr. Jr. - Grades 3-5

Jr. - Grades 6-8

Sr. - Grades 9-13

Each division will award a Champion High Point winner based on the number of points accumulated during the current project season, beginning at the Kick-off Open House and ending September 30th of each 4-H year. Points will be earned by hours of participation in the following 4-H sanctioned opportunities:

- Attending Green County 4-H Horse & Pony Project sponsored clinics, workshops and shows
- Attending WI State 4-H Horse Association sponsored events and contests
- Attending the Green County Fair sponsored Junior Horse Show
- Volunteering at 4-H and County Fair sponsored shows and project sponsored events
- Attending Green County 4-H Horse & Pony Project committee meetings

It is required that a clinic or event representative signs the member's High Point Form the day of the event. Only 4-H sanctioned events are eligible.

By October 1, 2024, mail or deliver your High Point form to:

Extension Green County

2841 6th St

Monroe, WI 53566

or email your High Point form to: ellen.andrews@wisc.edu

Forms turned in after October 1, 2024 are ineligible for awards.

Winners will be announced and awarded at the Horse & Pony Project Kick-Off event of the following year.

Horse Committee Contacts

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Project Deadlines

April 1—Registration deadline for [State Speaking, Demonstration, Hippology & Horse Bowl Contests](#)

April 1—Youth who intend to bring a horse to any 4-H clinics, 4-H Ride Events, 4-H Pre-Fair Show, or 4-H Game Day, wish to be eligible for the 4-H High Point Contest, or have sponsor or tack stall fees for State 4-H Shows paid by the 4-H Horse Committee, will need to:

- **Submit Coggins** for each horse, with the Premise ID for where the horse is stabled, written at the top of the Coggins form. Electronic Coggins forms must be in color and the photo clear. Carbon copies are allowed with correct markings and colors noted. If Coggins expire after April 1st, but before the next 4-H event, an updated Coggins must be brought to the next event attended. Substitutions can be made by contacting a member of the 4-H Horse Committee.
- **Pay Fees** of \$30 per individual or no more than \$50 per family. Fees help to cover costs of clinicians, judges, awards and more. We accept cash or checks made payable to Green County 4-H Adult Leaders.

May 15—Registration deadline for [State 4-H Dressage & Hunter/Jumper Show](#)

May 20—Registration Deadline for the [Green County Fair](#)

August 1—Registration Deadline for [State 4-H Horse Expo](#) (Riding, Judging, Posters, Art, Photography etc.)

August 1—Registration deadline for [State 4-H Gymkhana](#)

October 1—Deadline to turn in High Point forms to the Extension office



4~H Project Calendar



When you see the horse icon, you are welcome to bring your horse to this event.
If you do not see the horse icon, please leave your horse at home.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event/Clinician</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 10, 2024	3:00-3:30pm	Horse Project Kick Off Meeting	Green County Justice Center
February 10, 2024	3:30-4:00pm	Stations	Green County Justice Center
February 10, 2024	4:00-5:30pm	Horse Project Movie Day	Green County Justice Center
March 9, 2024 Carla Melvin	9:00am-1:00pm Reserve your space by March 4th. Contact Carla Melvin (colorfulapps@hotmail.com)	Horse & Pony Project Tack Sale	Green County Justice Center
March 20, 2024 Dr. Mertens & Dr. Melvin	5:30-6:30pm Register by March 17 at: https://go.wisc.edu/7g7hag	Veterinary Clinic	Brodhead Veterinary Clinic W1175 WI-11, Brodhead, WI
 April 7, 2024 April 7, 2024 Crimson Pulver	10:00am-12:00pm 12:30pm-2:30pm Register by April 4 at: https://go.wisc.edu/w9bhx8	English Pleasure Clinic English Equitation Clinic	Country View Equest. Center N2192 Clarno Rd. Monroe, WI
 May 4, 2024 May 4, 2024 Gary Gibson	10:00am-12:00pm 12:30pm-2:30pm Register by May 1 at: https://go.wisc.edu/r7ai01	Western Pleasure Trail	Gary Gibson Training Center N6920 Cty Rd E, Albany, WI
 May 18, 2024 Judge: Candy Benner	9:00am-3:00pm Register by May 15 at: https://go.wisc.edu/zglc0n	Fun Show	Green County Fairgrounds
 June 1, 2024 June 1, 2024 Carla Melvin	10:00am-12:00pm 12:30pm-2:30pm Register by May 29 at: https://go.wisc.edu/32b9eu	Horsemanship Clinic Barrel/Poles Clinic	Crazy Horse Stables W695 Hwy F, Brodhead, WI
 June 8, 2024 Judge: Candy Benner	9:00am-3:00pm Register by June 1 at: https://go.wisc.edu/hi3pq8	4-H Pre-Fair Show/Clinic	Green County Fairgrounds
 July 13, 2024	8:00am Register by May 20 at 4:30pm via FairEntry online entry system. See link on Green County Fair website.	Green County Fair Show	Green County Fairgrounds
 July 14, 2024 Carla Melvin	8:00am Register by July 7 at: https://go.wisc.edu/t52z2t	4-H Games Day	Green County Fairgrounds