

2019

Handbook for Project Members & Families



4-H Project Meeting Guide and Newsclip: <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/news/>
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SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS

General Safety Rules

- Be respectful of other members, parents, animals, and instructors.
- Adults and youth participating in all high risk programs, including horses, must wear protective clothing, head and foot gear. Minimum requirements for these programs:
 - a. Protective head gear (SEI approved for the specific activity) which properly fits the participant.
 - b. Shoes or boots which provide protection from the hazards of said program.
 - c. Clothing appropriate for the activity which will protect the participants from the elements surrounding the event.

The policy means that all youth members and leaders (adult or youth) participating in the Horse and Pony Project and/or activities need to use protective or safety equipment while participating. Approved safety helmets need to be worn while mounted, driving, or doing a challenge course with a horse.

- If a 4-H club is listed as a sponsor or co-sponsor of a Horse and Pony activity, the helmet and safety equipment requirement applies for all participants. This includes adults. 4-H groups set an example of using proper safety equipment and maintaining the highest standards of injury prevention.
- The goal of the project is education. It is important to have a safe learning environment for our youth.
- Safety standards apply to all 4-H activities, regardless of location. Meeting these standards may require the selection of an alternative site, or requiring the use of additional safety equipment, even though it is not standard practice for the facility where the 4-H activity is to occur. If these safety requirements are not followed, then the particular event is not eligible to use the 4-H name and emblem, nor will it be recognized as a part of the UW-Extension program.
- Should people decide not to comply, they will be disqualified from the competition or asked to dismount, if during a non-competitive activity. If leaders fail to comply with the safety policy and individuals are participating without proper safety equipment and an injury occurs, the leaders may be found negligent and application of liability insurance coverage will be questionable.
- Any classes which require 4-H membership to enter, or serves as a qualifying event for district or state competition, must adhere to these safety policies.
- To exhibit animals at any public event as a 4-H member, youth must be in at least 3rd grade during the current 4-H year. This policy is for the safety of the 4-H member and the public at the public exhibition. The developmental ability and maturity level of the exhibitor and the unpredictable behavior of animals should be considered prior to involving a 4-H member in the exhibition of animals.

Rules of Summer Clinics at Walworth County Fairgrounds

- No riding or driving unless **designated adult clinician** or **discipline Key Leader** is present.

- All participants must wear an SEI approved helmet whenever they are involved with their project animals on clinic nights.
- All riding and driving participants must wear closed toe shoes that have a 1/2" heel.
- All riding participants must wear long pants/riding skirts.
- All shirts/tops must have a minimum 1" shoulder strap.
- Clinician or discipline Key Leader has the right to excuse a participant for inappropriate attire.
- Riding participants must use a bridle and saddle on clinic nights.
- No bareback riding allowed at any 4-H event.
- **Horses must be serviceably sound to participate at clinics.**
- Only 4-H Horse & Pony Project members and leaders may ride/ drive at clinics. FFA members may participate with proof of insurance. Leaders must wear a helmet when riding/ driving.
- **No riding or driving beyond arena areas, this includes grass areas and draft arena when supervision is not available.**
- Clean up after yourself. If you use a stall, you must clean it before you leave.
- The arenas are the property of the Walworth County Agricultural Society. They are kind enough to allow us to use these facilities, free of charge, for our clinics. Please respect the property and help us show the Walworth County Agricultural Society and Fair Board that we appreciate their support of the Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project.
- 4-H accident liability insurance covers only registered participants. Parents – please be aware of this.

Walworth County Fair Rules Recap: See the *Walworth County Fair Premium Book* for complete details.

- The Junior Horse and Pony Department is open to any members of 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, or any other youth organization having adult leadership in Walworth County or Burlington FFA.
- No intact male horses can be shown.
- Any exhibitor showing at a previous county fair during a calendar year in Junior Competition is not eligible to show in the same division at the Walworth County Fair.
 - Managerial – Not to be owned by the exhibitor. Management (to include riding, driving, and grooming) to commence May 1 and to include at least 70% of the work associated with the managed animal.
 - Ownership – To be owned by the exhibitor or the exhibitor's immediate family (mother, father, brother, sister, or legal guardian) to be cared for by the member at least 70% of the time commencing May 1.
 - Hardships – Must be appealed to the Horse & Pony Executive Committee following the policy in the *Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Code of Conduct*.
- No exhibitor will be allowed more than one entry under each class.
- All animals in the Junior Horse & Pony Show will be confined to the judging and loading area.
- ENTRIES: An exhibitor may enter as many classes as they are eligible for.
- Exhibitors must wear SEI approved protective headgear and proper footwear (according to discipline) at all times while mounted or driving, including the practice ring and show ring.
- Ponies may enter only classes designated as a pony class. (NOTE: Once entered in the Pony Division, exhibitor must remain in the Pony Division for the entire show). Ponies include heights of 38"-56".

- To be eligible to show at the Walworth County Fair Junior Department Horse & Pony Show, participants must pay Horse and Pony Project fees, turn in identification forms, attend one (1) Orientation Meeting, one (1) educational meeting (approved or hosted by the Equine Education discipline), and three (3) clinics (approved by the Walworth County Horse and Pony Executive Committee) per discipline you plan to show in. Requirements apply to all members, including Horseless Horse youth.
- The member is to make all efforts to bring project animal to required clinics. Member is to contact the discipline Key Leader or discipline Youth Representative with good reason if unable to attend clinic with horse. Active participation by 4-H member is expected to help run clinic if project animal does not come.
- Members must be enrolled in Horseless Horse Project to enter Horseless Horse/Ponyless Pony classes.
- NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE SECOND FRIDAY IN JULY. ENTER ALL EXHIBITS UNDER CORRECT CLASS NUMBERS. WRONG ENTRIES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED – NO EXCEPTIONS.
- All exhibitors must wear their back tag/ number in the show arena or they will be disqualified.
- As the county's Qualifying Show, the Walworth County Fair Junior Department Horse & Pony Show is an opportunity for our youth to exhibit skills they have learned during the current project year. No professional groomer or trainer is permitted to work with youth or horses in a professional paid capacity at the Qualifying Show. For youth able to qualify for State Expo (grades 6-13), horses cannot be driven, ridden or schooled by anyone other than the exhibitor. Special permission for lunging another exhibitor's horse for hardship cases only may be obtained prior to the Qualifying Show from the H & P Executive Committee following the Hardship Policy stated in the *Horse & Pony Code of Conduct*. Special permit must be worn while handling the animal. Exhibitors must be current Walworth County 4-H members to go to State.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Shelia DeGrave Memorial Scholarships

Two scholarships are given: one in the amount of \$500 and one in the amount of \$250.

- Both scholarships are open to graduating high school seniors continuing to a 2 or 4 year post graduate school or current freshmen at a 2 or 4 year post graduate school. For applications and criteria please go to the Walworth County 4-H website at <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/>. Then go to the "Scholarships & Awards" section to find the applications. Youth may only receive the scholarship once. Apply online.

Walworth County 4-H Horse and Pony Project Scholarship

One scholarship to be given in the amount of \$200 plus any donations received up to a maximum of \$500

- Scholarships are open to graduating high school seniors continuing to a 2 or 4 year post graduate school or current freshmen at a 2 or 4 year post graduate school. For applications and criteria please go to the Walworth County 4-H website at <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/>. Then go to the "Scholarships & Awards" section to find the applications. Youth may only receive the scholarship once. Apply online.

WISCONSIN EQUINE ACTIVITY STATUTE

WISCONSIN STATUTES

PROVISIONS COMMON TO ACTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS IN ALL COURTS

CHAPTER 895. Miscellaneous general provisions

Wis. Stat. S 895.525 (1994)

895.525 Participation in recreational activities

(1) The legislature intends by this section to establish the responsibilities of participants in recreational activities in order to decrease uncertainty regarding the legal responsibility for injuries that result from participation in recreational activities and thereby to help assure the continued availability in this state of enterprises that offer recreational activities to the public.

(2) In this section, "recreational activity" means any activity undertaken for the purpose of exercise, or pleasure, including practice or instruction in any such activity. "Recreational activity" includes, but is not limited to, hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, bowling, billiards, picnicking, exploring caves, nature study, dancing, bicycling, horseback riding, horseshoe-pitching, bird-watching, motorcycling, operating an all-terrain vehicle, ballooning, curling, throwing darts, hang gliding, hiking, tobogganing, sledding, sleigh riding, snowmobiling, skiing, skating, participation in water sports, weight and fitness training, sight-seeing, rock-climbing, cutting or removing wood, climbing observation towers, animal training, harvesting the products of nature and any other sport, game or educational activity.

(3) A participant in a recreational activity engaged in on premises owned or leased by a person who offers facilities to the general public for participation in recreational activities accepts the risks inherent in the recreational activity of which the ordinary prudent person is or should be aware. In a negligence action for recovery of damages for personal injury or property damage, conduct by a participant who accepts the risks under this subsection is contributory negligence, to which the comparative negligence provisions of s. 895.045 shall apply.

(4) (a) A participant in a recreational activity engaged in on premises owned or leased by a person who offers facilities to the general public for participation in recreational activities is responsible to do all of the following:

1. Act within the limits of his or her ability.
2. Heed all warnings regarding participation in the recreational activity.
3. Maintain control of his or her person and the equipment, devices or animals the person is using while participating in the recreational activity.
4. Refrain from acting in any manner that may cause or contribute to injury to himself or herself or to other persons while participating in the recreational activity.

(4) (b) A violation of this subsection constitutes negligence. The comparative negligence provisions of s. 895.045 apply to negligence under this subsection.

(5) Nothing in this section affects the limitation of property owners' liability under s. 895.52.

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Adult Volunteer Leader:

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Adult Volunteer Assistant:

Lisa Brockman (414) 303-1422, lidon90@yahoo.com

What is the Ambassador Program?

Four youth will represent the Walworth County 4-H Horse and Pony project at horse shows, leadership conferences, meetings, and other activities such as parades and county and state fairs. Ambassadors need to be at least 12 years of age as of January 1 of the current year. The applicant also must have been enrolled in the Horse & Pony Project for at least 2 years. Both boys and girls are welcome to apply.

How do I become an Ambassador?

Applications are available on the 4-H Horse and Pony website (listed on the front cover). Application deadline is April 30. The interviews will be held within two weeks after the applications are due. The adult leader will inform you when and where the interviews will be held. For the interviews, a panel of three unbiased judges will be chosen. Applications will be turned in to the judges. The interviews will take place with the same three judges that have read over the applications. Each applicant will be interviewed by all three judges. After all three judges' scores are added, the top four will be chosen to represent our county. Applicants will receive a letter in the mail regarding the judges' decision. Applicants will be scored on:

- Personal appearance, manner, and maturity (well groomed, appropriate attire, at ease, and alert)
- Self-Expression (able to communicate effectively, eye contact, and evidence of original thought)
- 4-H leadership (ability to relate how skills are learned, leadership roles, and experiences)
- Knowledge of project
- Neatness, grammar, spelling, and punctuation on written application.

Events:

The Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Ambassadors will be expected to represent Walworth County at a number of events to be jointly agreed upon by the Ambassador Leader and Ambassadors after the selection process is complete. Some of these activities may include:

- Horse & Pony Meet and Greet
- Horse & Pony Tack Sale
- Fun Show
- Work both days at the Walworth County Fair Junior Department Horse & Pony Show (i.e. the Qualifying Show (Aug)
- Ambassador booth (Walworth County Fair)
- Silent Auction Banquet (Oct)
- WI Horse Leadership Conference (Nov)
- Midwest Horse Fair (Apr)
- Burlington Chocolate Festival Parade (May)
- Harvard Milk Day parade (Jun)
- 4th of July parade (Jul)
- Genoa City Days Parade (Aug)
- Darien Corn Festival (Sep)
- 1 day at State Horse Expo (Sep)
- Northern Horse Fest (Fall)
- Elkhorn Christmas parade (Dec)
- Lake Geneva Christmas parade (Dec)
- Sharon Christmas parade (Dec)

DRIVING DISCIPLINE

Key Leader: Kathleen Markham, 414-412-4385

Executive Committee Youth Rep: Adalynn Quackenbush, 262-325-6147

What is the Driving Program?

You will learn how to train your animal, fit the harness properly, and drive your animal safely. Driving is a valuable training option for light horses, draft horses, ponies, donkeys, mules, or miniature horses.

What can I do in Driving?

- Reinsmanship: is judged as an equitation class based on hands, seat, correct driving technique, and proper harnessing and hitching.
- Cones: Precision driving through numbered set of cones in a set pattern
- Pleasure Driving: The pleasure driving horse should have the same general qualities as the pleasure saddle horse. Special emphasis is placed on the quality of the gaits, manners, and the pleasurability of the ride for the driver.
- Team driving: Learn to drive two or more animals at the same time.

Other Information:

- Cost (projected costs – subject to change): \$50.00 per member for use/rental of equipment (harnesses, carts).
- All scheduled, supervised events in which youth are representing 4-H are covered by 4-H insurance.

Activities:

In addition to the Walworth County Fair Junior Department Horse & Pony Show (i.e. 4-H Qualifying Show) which is held in August AND the State 4-H Horse Show which is held in September, discipline activities **MAY** include, but are not limited to:

- Trail Driving
- Midwest Carriage Festival, Elkhorn, WI, June
- Boone County Fair, Belvidere, IL, August
- Villa Louis Carriage Classic, Prairie du Chien, WI (September)
- Midwest Horse Fair (MHF), Madison, WI (April)
- Dancing Horse Event
- Discipline Fundraiser for State

Clinics:

- **Practices for the majority of members, including all new members, will be at Jeff & Kathleen Markham's farm,** W6673 Territorial Road, Whitewater, 414-412-4385. Practices will start at 6 p.m. beginning May 6.
Mondays & Thursdays—Miniatures
Tuesdays & Fridays—Ponies
Wednesdays & Saturdays—Upon Request
Show up no matter what the weather. We will do driving-related activities.
- The *4-H Project Meeting Guide* will have updated or changed dates and times. View this document at <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/news/>.

EQUINE EDUCATION DISCIPLINE

Key Leader: Torell Geffers, 920-527-1500

Executive Committee Youth Rep: Peyton Bankenbush, 262-661-3069

What is Equine Education?

The Equine Education Discipline is dedicated to providing and identifying educational workshops/activities/events designed to expand members' knowledge about the equine industry. Open to all Horse & Pony project members, [this discipline...](#)

1) Plans and identifies educational activities that allow members to meet their minimum educational meeting requirement for fair eligibility

2) Offers opportunities for youth to become project experts through participation in the following:

- Demonstrations and Speeches – Demonstrations (individual or team) or speeches on any horse-related subject are presented at the State 4-H contest held in Wausau (May).
- Hippology – Hippology is the study of the horse. In a Hippology contest, there are a series of stations with questions or pictures on a variety of horse related topics. Contestants are given 2 minutes at each station to fill in their answer sheet. Contests will be held at Wausau (May), Southeast Area Animal Science Day (June or July), and Walworth County Fair (August during pre-fair judging). Both individual and team awards may be earned at the State contest at Wausau (May).
- Horse Quiz Bowl – Horse Bowl is like a game show. You buzz in to answer questions and earn points for your team. Teams meet to study ahead of time. Competition is at the State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest, Wausau (May). Teams of 3-5 members compete at Junior and Senior levels.
- Judging – Horse judging allows you to turn the tables and be the one to judge classes of horses at halter and riding. Individuals and teams may compete in "reasons" where they must justify their placing. Contests are held at Southeast Area Animal Science Day (June or July) and State 4-H Horse Expo (September). Both individual and team awards may be earned at the State contest (September).
- Other: Art, Clothes Horse, Creative Writing, Drawing, Model Horse, Photography, Posters, Team Problems, Vet Science, Woodworking – may be exhibited or presented on any subject related to the horse at the State 4-H Horse Expo (September) and some may be exhibited at Southeast Area Animal Science Day (June or July).
- Walworth County Fair Junior Department Exhibit Building Entry Options—There are many different classes that Horse & Pony project members can sign up for! Make a poster/booklet/display on any number of equine topics that interest you, create a Model Horse entry (if you're enrolled in the Model Horse project), or enter a Clothes Horse entry (if you're enrolled in the Clothes Horse project)!

Opportunities to compete at regional or state level forums are available for ALL (grades 3 and above) 4-H members participating in Equine Education.

- State 4-H Hippology & Horse Quiz Bowl Contests, Wausau
- Southeast Area Animal Science Day
- State 4-H Horse Expo, State Fair Park, West Allis

Opportunities to compete at national level forums are available for qualifying 4-H members in grades 9 and over participating in Equine Education:

- Quarter Horse Congress, Columbus, Ohio
- Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup, Louisville, Kentucky

Clinics:

- The *4-H Project Meeting Guide* will list Equine Education meetings established for hippology and horse bowl practices, etc. View this document at <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/news/>.
- Equine Education approved and hosted events which members may attend to satisfy their requirement of attending one such meeting to be eligible for the Walworth County Fair Junior Department Horse & Pony Show (and 4-H Qualifying Show) are listed below.



4-H HORSE AND PONY PROJECT



To be eligible to show at the Qualifying Show, participants must pay Horse and Pony Project Fees, turn in identification forms, attend one (1) mandatory meeting, three (3) riding or driving clinics and 1 educational clinic held by or approved by the 4-H Horse & Pony Committee. (Reference the 4-H Horse and Pony Handbook)

What can I do to fulfill my educational requirements?

Judging Contest Presentation – **April 6, 2019 @ 2 p.m.**

Midwest Horse Fair –Horse Judging Contest, **April 12, 2019**, Madison
(Registration deadline: 3/24/19, and must present wristband as proof of attendance)

State Quiz Bowl/Hippology Contest – **May 4, 2019**
(Registration due in April to Torell with a team of 4+)

Horse and Pony Meet and Greet Judging Contest Clinic- **May 5, 2019 2 – 6 p.m.**

Area Animal Science Days – (see state 4-H website for Equine related events)

Equine Yoga/Nutrition Presentation – **June (Date TBA)**

Equine Trivia Game Night – **July 13, 2019 @ 2 p.m.**

Project Workshop/Youth Presentations - **August 3, 2019 2 p.m.** (Need help? Bring your ideas!)

Pre-fair Judging **August 2019** (Hippology, Equine Education, and related projects)

State Expo – **September 13-15, 2019** Education Events (Registration Deadline)

Youth Horse Leadership Conference – **October 15 -17, 2019** Oshkosh (pre-registration required)

Approved Bonus Work—Contact Equine Ed Key Leader to **pre-approve** other educational events

Credit must be earned in the current project year (the day after the qualifying show last year to day before qualifying show this year) in order to participate in the qualifying show. If you are concerned about fulfilling your educational requirement please contact the educational leader Torell Geffers 920-527-1500.

HORSELESS HORSE / PONYLESS PONY DISCIPLINE

Key Leader: Donna Kundert, 262-275-5155

Executive Committee Youth Rep: Emily Beinert, 262-853-6490

You don't need to own a horse or pony to be in the project. Love any kind of equine, Mini, Pony, Horse or Mule. Learn about the basic care, health and knowledge of the equine.

What is the Horseless Horse Program?

An interesting learning experience for youth who are interested in horses but do not have access to them or the people who are knowledgeable about horses. The project is designed to accommodate youth who have this interest in horses but know little or nothing about them. This group usually includes urban and rural youth of all social and economic levels.

What can I do in Horseless Horse?

- Learn about horses and ponies without owning one (hands-on, sometimes).
- Opportunities to compete at state level.
- Make new friends while having fun learning about equines.

Clinics:

- Clinics will be held the 3rd Wednesday of every month, March-July, in the basement of Zenda Town Hall, 3728 Franklin Walsh Road, Zenda, WI.
- The *4-H Project Meeting Guide* will have updated or changed dates and times. View this document at <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/news/>.

Other Information:

- Members must be enrolled in Horseless Horse Project to enter Horseless Horse/Ponyless Pony classes.
- Look under Junior Department "Veterinary Science" in the *Walworth County Fair Premium Book* to find Horseless Horse/Ponyless Pony classes.
- When showing a horse or pony with a Buddy, **you must attend a mandatory meeting, clinics, submit registration and insurance fees, and complete proper paper work.** Please check the schedules in the handbook, same as the Horse and Pony project members.

Additional Contacts:

- Chelsea Police – 262-853-6490
- Sandy Bienert – 224-213-8309

WESTERN PERFORMANCE DISCIPLINE

Key Leader: Vacant

Executive Committee Youth Rep: Katie Meadows, 312-833-6131

What is the Western Performance Discipline?

In western, the rider is to perform mounted on their horse in a legal western saddle, bridle, and bit. They are to perform three gaits in their class; the judge will ask for: walk, trot, and/or lope, at a consistent controlled speed.

When riding western the rider must ride with the reins in one hand and the other hand down by their side. Unless in horsemanship, then the hand without the reins will be at 90-degree angle at the side. If the rider's horse is younger than 5 years of age; the rider may show in a snaffle bit and use two hands. The horse must be under control on a loose rein, with a low head carriage.

In western showmanship, the exhibitor is to be next to the horse on the ground. The horse will be in a halter and rope, with a chain or without. Exhibitors will show how they work together with their horse. They are to complete a pattern, that includes walking, trotting, pivoting the horse on its haunches and maneuvering around cones.

Exhibitors competing in trail will be mounted on the horse in a western saddle and bridle. They will complete a pattern through obstacles, walk, trotting, and/ or loping. The pattern will consist of going over poles, over a bridge, through a gate, side passing, and backing. The exhibitor will need to complete the pattern controlled and with few mistakes.

What can I do in Western Performance?

- ☐ Western Pleasure
- ☐ Western Horsemanship
- ☐ Western riding
- ☐ Walk-Trot
- ☐ Horseless Horse
- ☐ Showmanship
- ☐ Trail

Clinics:

- Clinics will begin on May 8 and be every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. They will be located at the Fairgrounds in Elkhorn. Arena will open at 6 p.m.

Other Information:

- Must attend at least **three** Western clinics to be eligible for qualifying
OR
Must attend two Western clinics **and** two English clinics.
- If a clinic is to be canceled, you will be notified by Facebook and the remind app. If you have, questions if a clinic is canceled contact the Key Leader or the appropriate clinician.

ENGLISH PERFORMANCE DISCIPLINE

Key Leader: Dawn Rullman, 262-949-3013

Executive Committee Youth Rep: Amanda Gray, 262-745-9665

What is the English Performance Discipline?

The English Performance Program focuses on all aspects of riding that are related to the English Discipline. Crossover is encouraged for other disciplines looking to try something fun and different with their horses! English riding emphasizes collecting the horse and maintaining a steady connection with the horse through the bridle and the rider's seat. The rider uses a variety of aids, including rein, seat, legs, and voice. How effective the rider is when using these aids determines the quality of the connection. We will strive for harmony and elegance with our horses throughout the project, whether we are in the middle of jumping a course or leisurely relaxing on the trails.

What can I do in English Performance?

- **Showmanship:** Rider leads the horse through a pattern from the ground
- **English Pleasure:** The horse is judged on manners and quality of movement
- **English Equitation:** The rider is judged on ability to ride properly with effective aids
- **Dressage:** The basis of all riding: develops obedience, flexibility, and balance
- **Hunter Hack/ Jumping:** Horse calmly and quietly jumps a line of two fences
- **Trail:** Rider maneuvers an obstacle course with ground poles, bridges, gates, etc.
- **Saddleseat Pleasure:** The horse is judged on manners and quality of movement
- **Saddleseat Equitation:** The rider is judged on ability to ride properly with effective aids

Clinics:

- Clinics will begin on May 8 or 15 and be every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. at the Walworth County Fairgrounds in Elkhorn. Arena will open at 6:00 p.m.

Other Information:

- Must have English tack (saddle and bridle) to participate (including jumping)
- Must attend at least **three** English clinics at fairgrounds to be eligible for qualifying.
OR
Must attend two English clinics **and** two Western clinic.
- If a clinic is to be canceled, you will be notified by Facebook and the remind app. If you have, questions if a clinic is canceled contact the Key Leader or the appropriate clinician.

SPEED DISCIPLINE

Key Leader: Tracy Quackenbush, 262-470-1543

Executive Committee Youth Rep: Heather Police, 262-325-8412

What is the Speed/Gymkhana Program?

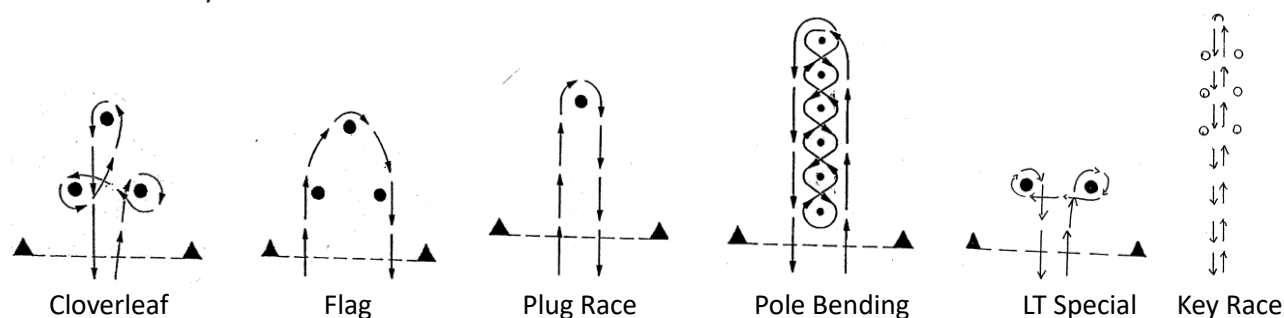
Classes include timed speed events such as Barrel racing, Keyhole race, Flag race, and Pole bending. All of these events are designed to display precise, controlled actions and tight teamwork between horse and rider at speed, although most clubs offer a variety of classes, allowing riders to compete at the speed level they are most capable of, and feel comfortable with.

Riders show their skills in obstacle courses, races and relays with the main focus being fun and teaching horsemanship. Gymkhana is the action packed, precision sport of the equestrian world.

What can I do in Speed/Gymkhana?

We will be working on patterns exhibited at Wisconsin State 4-H Gymkhana, including: Cloverleaf Barrels, Flag Race, Key Race, LT Special, Plug Race, and Pole Bending. We will also learn exercises to work on at home to help the performance of our horses. Each week we will work on a couple of patterns. We run speed clinics in the outdoor arena, however, if the weather is bad we will only use the indoor arena. If the temperature is at or above 90 degrees at noon, we may not be riding. Gymkhana participants are required to attend three speed clinics to show at the qualifying show.

WI State 4-H Gymkhana Rule Book Website: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4haganimalscience/wi-4-h-horse-assn-handbook/>



Clinics:

- Clinics will start May 7 and be every Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. at the Walworth County Fairgrounds in Elkhorn. Arena opens at 6:00 p.m. for warm-up.
- The *4-H Project Meeting Guide* will have updated or changed dates and times. View this document at <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/news/>.

DRILL TEAM DISCIPLINE

Key Leader: Chelsea Police, 224-213-8309

Executive Committee Youth Rep: Emma Hageli, 262-949-8220

What is the Drill Team?

- An equestrian drill team is a group of horses and riders performing choreographed maneuvers to music.
- Designs brought and then performed

Practices:

- Practices will start in June after school ends, and be held every Tuesday at the Walworth County Fairgrounds. Arrive at 5:30 p.m. and be ready to ride from 5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
- The *4-H Project Meeting Guide* will have updated or changed dates and times. View this document at <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/news/>.

Drill Team Performances:

- We will perform at the beginning of the Speed Show during our Qualifying Show in August
- Our goal is to perform at the Rick Welch Memorial Dances with Horses Drill Team competition on the Monday of the Walworth County Fair.

Examples of maneuvers:

Split or Double Thread

Columns of twos or pairs separated by a fixed distance cross with another column separated in the same fashion.

Variations: Two or four separated columns.

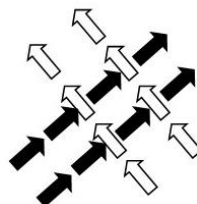
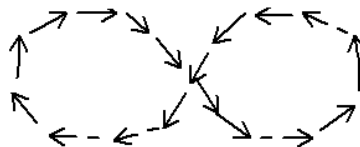


Figure Eight

Riders form two different circles which connect but don't overlap. Riders change circles every rotation.

Variations: single file, 2s, etc.



Walworth County Sportsmanship Award

Walworth County Horse and Pony Project Sportsmanship Award nominees will be chosen by project leaders. To be turned in to the Junior H & P Superintendent or Horse & Pony Executive Committee Youth President by August 1. Recipient of the Sportsmanship Award will receive an award. Member will also be honored at the State Horse Conference in River Falls and/or Oshkosh in the fall of the following year.

Members are encouraged to recommend fellow youth members who exhibit good sportsmanship to their project leaders.

While choosing your youth, think of someone who:

- Puts others before themselves
- Exhibits a sportsman-like attitude
- Is a good role model and sets a good example for younger and older members to follow
- Puts other people's feelings before their own
- Is helpful to others and to the project
- Uses the horse project to grow as a person and as a 4-H member
- Shares their knowledge with others
- Accepts wins/losses with dignity and respect
- Is enthusiastic, honest, and helpful

A fillable PDF version of the nomination form shown below will be located at:
<https://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/projects/horse-pony-project/> after May 1.

Walworth County Sportsmanship Award Nomination Application

(To be completed by Youth or Adult Nominating the 4-H Member)

Name of Nominee: _____ Grade: _____
County: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____
Address: _____

The Nominee has displayed good Sportsmanship in the following ways:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

The Nominee has shared their time and talents in the following manner:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Please share a description of this person's sportsmanship characteristics to be read at the awards ceremony.

Walworth County Horse & Pony Code of Conduct

To be eligible to show at the 2019 Walworth County Fair Junior Department Horse & Pony Show (4-H Qualifying Show), participants must pay Horse & Pony Project fees, turn in identification forms, attend one (1) Horse & Pony Project Orientation meeting, attend one (1) educational meeting, and participate in three (3) clinics (approved by 4-H Horse and Pony Committee) per discipline you plan to show in. Requirements apply to all members, including Horseless Horse youth.

HORSE HARDSHIP POLICY – To apply for hardship, the youth member/parent/guardian must contact the Junior Horse & Pony Superintendent and request a hearing by the Horse & Pony Executive Committee, before the July add/drop date.

Coggins will be required at Fun and Qualifying Shows and/ or your first clinic. Current negative Coggins paperwork must be on file with 4-H for each animal that members wish to practice with/show.

Parents: Project leadership ask that parents and guardians volunteer to assist with at least one 4-H event, such as: tack sale, weekly clinics, fun show, fundraising events, Walworth County qualifying show, State 4-H Horse Expo, year-end banquet. Additional assistance is needed to make these events run smoothly.

One representative from each family is required to work a minimum of one (1) hour during the qualifying show.

No riding or driving unless designated adult clinician or discipline Key Leader is present.

All participants must wear an SEI approved helmet whenever they are involved with their project animals on clinic nights.

All riding and driving participants must wear closed toe shoes that have a 1/2" heel.

All riding participants must wear long pants/riding skirts.

All participants must wear a suitable shirt, such as a T-shirt or sweatshirt. Revealing shirts will not be tolerated, and the participant will be asked to change. All shirts/tops must have a minimum 1" shoulder strap.

Clinician or committee member has the right to excuse a participant for inappropriate attire.

Riding participants must use a bridle and saddle on clinic nights. No bareback riding allowed at any 4-H event.

Only 4-H Horse & Pony Project members and 4-H leaders may ride or drive at clinics. FFA members may participate with proof of insurance. Leaders must wear a helmet when riding or driving.

No riding or driving beyond arena areas, this includes grass areas and draft arena when supervision is not available.

Clean up after yourself. If you use a stall you must clean it before you leave.

The arenas are the property of the Walworth County Agricultural Society. They are kind enough to allow us to use these facilities, free of charge, for our clinics and shows. Please respect the property and help us show the Walworth County Agricultural Society and Fair Board that we appreciate their support of the Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project. This includes the fair's no alcohol policy. This includes no alcohol in cars and campers!

4-H accident liability insurance covers only registered participants. **Horses must be serviceably sound to participate at clinics.**

Requirements for all 4-H sponsored or co-sponsored horse activities and events: Effective October 1, 2015. a) A saddle (mounted) and bridle (mounted/cart) are required when riding and driving a horse. b) No intact male horses can be shown.

Failure to comply with any of the above rules and regulations will result in a meeting with the Walworth County 4-H Executive Board. I understand and agree to follow the rules listed above.

Youth signature: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Walworth County Horse & Pony Project Application for Reimbursement to attend External 4-H Sanctioned Events

Example: Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Conference

Members enrolled in the Walworth County Horse & Pony Program may request reimbursement to attend an equine –related 4-H educational event/program that supports their educational goals for the Horse & Pony Program.

Members must complete and submit the form to the Walworth County Horse & Pony Leadership Team for approval. Please allow two weeks for processing your request. Return to Walworth County Horse & Pony Leadership Team. Youth are responsible for submitting their own registration forms to the event.

Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Name of External Event/Activity you would like to attend: _____

Sponsored by: _____

Date of event/activity: _____

Location of event/activity: _____

Fee for event/activity: _____

What is the purpose of this event/activity: _____

How will you benefit for this event/activity: _____

Youth receiving funding for an educational event/activity will be required to give a brief presentation and share what they have learned at a countywide Horse & Pony event.

Amount Approved: _____



2018-2019 HORSE & PONY PRACTICE & EVENT SCHEDULE



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Key Leader Chelsea Police, 224-213-8309

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DRIVING DISCIPLINE

Key Leader Kathleen Markham, 414-412-4385

Practices for the majority of members, including all new members, will be at Jeff & Kathleen Markham's farm, W6673 Territorial Road, Whitewater, 414-412-4385. Practices will start at 6 p.m. beginning May 6.

Mondays & Thursdays—Miniatures

Tuesdays & Fridays—Ponies

Wednesdays & Saturdays—Upon Request

Show up no matter what the weather. We will do driving-related activities.

The *4-H Project Meeting Guide* will have updated or changed dates and times. View this document at <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/news/>.

ENGLISH PERFORMANCE DISCIPLINE

Key Leader Dawn Rullman, 262-949-3013

Clinics will begin on May 8 and be every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. at the Walworth County Fairgrounds in Elkhorn. Arena opens at 6:00 p.m.

EQUINE EDUCATION DISCIPLINE

Key Leader Torell Geffers, 920-527-1500

The *4-H Project Meeting Guide* will list Equine Education meetings established for hippology and horse bowl practices, etc. View this document at <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/news/>.

Equine Education approved and hosted events which members may attend to satisfy their requirement of attending one such meeting to be eligible for the Walworth County Fair Junior Department Horse & Pony Show (and 4-H Qualifying Show) are listed on the Equine Education page of the *2019 Member & Family Horse & Pony Handbook*.

HORSELESS HORSE/PONYLESS PONY DISCIPLINE

Key Leader Donna Kundert 262-275-5155

Clinics will be held the 3rd Wednesday of every month, March-July, in the basement of Zenda Town Hall, 3728 Franklin Walsh Road, Zenda, WI.

The *4-H Project Meeting Guide* will have updated or changed dates and times. View this document at <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/news/>.

SPEED DISCIPLINE

Key Leader Tracy Quackenbush, 902-879-5781

Clinics will start May 7th and be every Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. at the Walworth County Fairgrounds in Elkhorn. Arena opens at 6:00 p.m. for warm-up.

The *4-H Project Meeting Guide* will have updated or changed dates and times. View this document at <http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/news/>.

WESTERN DISCIPLINE

Key Leader Vacant

Clinics will begin on May 8 and be every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. They will be located at the Fairgrounds in Elkhorn. Arena opens at 6 p.m.

MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Health Clinic	March 16, Kettle Moraine Equine Hospital, make arrangements in advance by calling 262-495-2799.
	April 13 at the Walworth County Fairgrounds. Make arrangements in advance with Elkhorn Veterinary Clinic, (262) 723-2644 (Extension 2).
State	May 3, Speaking /Demonstration, May 4, Quiz Bowl/Hippology
Project Meet and Greet	Sunday, May 5, 2-6 p.m., Fairgrounds Activity Center (Without Horses)
Wisconsin Hunt/Dressage	June 21-23
Pre-fair Project Workshop	Saturday, August 3, 2-4 p.m., Walworth County Fairgrounds
Walworth County Fair Jr. Horse & Pony Show	Saturday, August 24 and Sunday, August 25 at the Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn. <i>This includes the 4-H Qualifying Show.</i>
WI 4-H Horse Show: Gymkhana	Saturday, September 7 and Sunday, September 8, at Wisconsin State Fair Park, Coliseum (640 S. 84 th St., West Allis, WI 53214)
WI 4-H Horse Show Expo	September 13-15, Wisconsin State Fair Park, Coliseum (640 S. 84 th St., West Allis, WI 53214)
WI 4-H Horse Project Leadership Conference	November 15-17 UW-Oshkosh

Walworth County Horse & Pony Project Fair Eligibility Record

NAME: _____ CLUB: _____

HORSE/PONY NAME #1 _____ NEGATIVE COGGINS DATE: _____

HORSE/PONY NAME #2 _____ NEGATIVE COGGINS DATE: _____

(If additional animals attend clinics, please list them and their negative Coggins date on the back of this form.)

CHECK WHICH H & P ORIENTATION YOU ATTENDED: ____ Feb 28, Elkhorn Area High School, 6:30 p.m.
____ March 2, Darien Senior Center, 8:30 a.m.

TURNED IN THE FOLLOWING

- ____ Completed identification forms
- ____ Two color photos (one of each side, including face)
- ____ Signed *Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Code of Conduct* form
- ____ \$20.00 registration and insurance fee
- ____ *Agreement of Risk* form

DATE & CLINICIAN'S SIGNATURE ON THE APPROPRIATE LINE BELOW:

(Must participate in 75% of clinic to get signature)

EDUCATIONAL MEETING _____

(Approved or hosted by Equine Ed)

WESTERN CLINIC #1 _____

WESTERN CLINIC #2 _____

WESTERN CLINIC #3 _____

ENGLISH CLINIC #1 _____

ENGLISH CLINIC #2 _____

ENGLISH CLINIC #3 _____

SPEED/GYMKHANA CLINIC #1 _____

SPEED/GYMKHANA CLINIC #2 _____

SPEED/GYMKHANA CLINIC #3 _____

DRIVING CLINIC #1 _____

DRIVING CLINIC #2 _____

DRIVING CLINIC #3 _____

MEMBER SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Hand this completed form into Jeff Markham or scan and email to
jeff@tribold.com no later than August 9, 2019.

COMMITTEE ONLY: Requirements met for member to show at the Qualifying Show? ____YES ____NO

Youth President's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Junior Superintendents Signature: _____ Date: _____

Walworth County Horse & Pony Project
2019 Identification Form and Checklist
(One form per animal.)

Date _____

Complete one of these forms for each horse, pony, or mini you wish to "identify" as a project animal that will be eligible for show. You may identify any number of project animals for this purpose. However, youth may only show: a driving team of four, a driving team of two, and up to two single horses (driving, western performance, English performance, speed, etc.).

Animal (circle all that apply): English Western Driving Horseless Horse Speed

A) Member Information:	Name _____
	Address _____

	Phone # _____ 4-H Club/FFA Chapter _____
	Parents' Names _____
	Name of owner as on Coggins _____
	Horseless Horse Member Buddy (Circle one)
	Donna Kath Other: _____
B) Animal Information:	Circle one: Horse Pony Mini
	Animal Name _____
	Breed _____ Color _____
	Age _____ Gender _____ Height _____
	Premise ID _____

- C) Checklist:
- ☐ I will own or assume management of this project animal on or before May 1.
 - ☐ I have attached color photographs of this entire project animal (full body and face views).
 - ☐ I have read and understand [Wisconsin Equine Activity Statute S 895.525 \(1994\)](#).
 - ☐ My parents and I have read and discussed the Walworth County Horse & Pony Safety Rules & Regulations, and we agree with them and support them.
 - ☐ I understand that I must have a current negative Coggins test on file in order to participate in the project with my animal. I understand that this is due to my discipline Key Leader at the first practice I attend with my animal, and if the documentation expires, I must replace it immediately.

Member Signature

Parent / Guardian's Signature

THIS IDENTIFICATION FORM MUST BE TURNED IN BY APRIL 22.

Turn in at an Orientation Meeting, email to jeff@triebold.com OR
Mail to Jeff Markham W6673 Territorial Road, Whitewater WI, 53190

Project Registration/Insurance Fees must accompany form (unless payment was made at an Orientation Meeting).

Other Required Paperwork

- Two color pictures showing full body & Face of ID'd animal
- Signed *Code of Conduct* form

Failure to turn in identification forms, \$20 fee, and two color pictures by the due date will prevent members from participating at clinics.

**Agreement for Assumption of Risk, Indemnification, Release, & Consent for
Emergency Treatment
Extension Waiver Form for the
Walworth County Horse & Pony Program**

I, _____ (participant's name printed), age _____, desire to participate voluntarily in the educational and recreational activities planned for the Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Program. I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM BEING ASKED TO READ EACH OF THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS CAREFULLY. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I WISH TO DISCUSS ANY OF THE TERMS CONTAINED IN THIS AGREEMENT, I MAY CONTACT DEBBIE BURKMAN, WALWORTH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT EDUCATOR, AT (262) 741-4951.

Assumption of Risks:

I understand that physical activities related to the Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Program, by their very nature, carry with them certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. Some of these may involve strenuous exertions of strength using various muscle groups, some involve quick movement involving speed and change of direction, and others involve sustained physical activity, which places stress on the cardiovascular system. The specific risks vary from one activity to another, but in each activity the risks range from: 1) minor injuries such as scratches, bruises, and sprains to 2) major injuries such as fractures, internal injuries, joint or back injuries, heart attacks, and concussions to 3) catastrophic injuries including paralysis and death. I understand that the University has advised me to seek the advice of my physician before participating in this activity. I understand that I have been advised to have health and accident insurance in effect and that no such coverage is provided for me by the University or the State of Wisconsin. **I KNOW, UNDERSTAND, AND APPRECIATE THE RISKS THAT ARE INHERENT IN THE ABOVE-LISTED PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES. I HEREBY ASSERT THAT MY PARTICIPATION IS VOLUNTARY AND THAT I KNOWINGLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS.**

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if Participant is Under 18): _____ Date: _____

Hold Harmless, Indemnity and Release:

In consideration of permission for me to voluntarily participate in the Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Program, today and on all future dates during 2019, I, for myself, my heirs, personal representatives or assigns, agree to defend, hold harmless, indemnify and release the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, the University of Wisconsin - Madison, and their officers, employees, agents, and volunteers, from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action of any sort on account of damage to personal property, or personal injury, or death which may result from my participation in the above-listed program. This release includes claims based on the negligence of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, the University of Wisconsin - Madison, and their officers, employees, agents, and volunteers, but expressly does not include claims based on their intentional misconduct or gross negligence. **I UNDERSTAND THAT BY AGREEING TO THIS CLAUSE I AM RELEASING CLAIMS AND GIVING UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING MY RIGHT TO SUE.**

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if Participant is Under 18): _____ Date: _____

Consent for Emergency Treatment:

I authorize the University of Wisconsin-Madison and its designated representatives to consent, on my behalf, to any emergency medical/hospital care or treatment to be rendered upon the advice of any licensed physician. **I AGREE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL NECESSARY CHARGES INCURRED BY ANY HOSPITALIZATION OR TREATMENT RENDERED PURSUANT TO THIS AUTHORIZATION.**

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if Participant is Under 18): _____ Date: _____