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Hocking Hoofbeats

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DATE: March 16, 2005
TO: 4-H Horse Project Members, Advisors, Parents and Committee Members
FROM: Barbara Carder, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development
RE: News, News, News

Upcoming Events...

A Chinese Auction will be held Friday, April 1 at the Gibisonville Community Center. Doors open at 6 pm and drawings begin at 7:30 pm. Donations will be greatly appreciated and may be dropped off at Hocking Hills Tack or CR Equipment Rental. Food will be served. Each 4-H horse club is asked to bring two desserts and also to collect items to be auctioned.

A Fitting/Halter/Showmanship Clinic will take place on Thursday, April 7th at 6 pm at the fairgrounds. Bring your horse/pony to practice and have fun with fellow 4-H members. Members will be instructed on show grooming, what to wear, and how to get their horses fit and conditioned for halter/showmanship classes. Ashley Wood will be selling show clothes that evening also.

A Contesting Clinic is scheduled for Thursday, May 5 at 6 pm at the fairgrounds.

A Horsemanship/Equitation/Trail Clinic is scheduled for Thursday, June 2 at 6 pm at the fairgrounds.

The 4-H Horse Committee will sponsor an open horse show on Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day), with a rain date of May 15th. If you would like to sponsor a class please contact Trish Edwards, Jenny Roach or Robbyn Truax. There will be raffles and drawings as well as money classes and ribbon classes. The committee needs volunteers to help the day of the show. If you can help, call Karen Stalford or Trish Edwards.

4-H Horse Shows are scheduled for June 18-19 and August 6-7. NOTE THIS CHANGE. The Pleasure Classes will be held on June 18 at 9 am and the Contest Classes will be held on June 19 beginning at 12:00 Noon. The Pleasure Classes will be held on August 6 at 9 am and the Contest Classes will be held on August 7 beginning at 12:00 Noon.

Miami County 4-H Horse Camp will be held June 13-16 for 4-Hers in 5th grade or older. The cost of \$125 includes nine meals, stalls & dorms, group lessons, recreation, insurance and a t-shirt and is due June 1. Stop in the Extension Office for forms.

PAS Shows

Fairfield County is again generously allowing us to participate in the Performance Against Standard (PAS) shows they have scheduled for June 25 and July 9. Volunteers are needed to work at these shows. We must have at least two people from Hocking County designated as workers, and even more help would be greatly appreciated. Contact Barbara Carder, Karen Stalford (385-4221) or Trish Edwards (808-1979) to sign up.

Your 4-H Horse Committee...

Meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Youth Center. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Reminder: Safety Program

As you know, Ohio State Extension initiated a Safety and Ethics Program last year for all 4-H'ers involved in the Horse Program. This program consists of:

- 1) completion of a Safety and Ethics booklet
- 2) viewing of two safety videos "Every Time...Every Ride" and "Horses, Kids and Ethics"
- 3) yearly signing of Liability form

This program must be completed to participate in the Hocking County Fair.

The Liability Form will be included in the Horse Handbook received by all horse clubs. All youth are required to sign this form and return it your advisor. Advisors will turn in to the Extension Office, where they will be filed. The Equine Limited Liability Law in Ohio requires the all liability forms be renewed/resigned each year.

NOTE: I asked for clarification on the requirements for each year. Here is the official word from OSU: Youth members need to sign the Disclosure and Release of Claims form every year. Only new members need to view the videos and complete the safety booklet.

Southern Ohio Quarter Horse Youth Association

Southern Ohio Quarter Horse Winter Circuit is shown at their official web site: <http://soqha.com/index.htm>

Ohio State Fair NEWS

Read the attached information regarding State Fair changes.

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EXTREMELY IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE 2005 OHIO STATE FAIR JUNIOR HORSE SHOW. PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY.

On February 21st, state fair made the following changes to the Junior Fair Horse Show. These changes will affect your county program. The details of the show are not available at present, but will be made available to you as soon as we can work them out.

The Changes

1. There is no every-other-year rule to attend state fair. Youth that qualified last year and showed at state fair can qualify and can come again this year.
2. Entries for the show will be made to the state fair Junior Fair Office. The entry deadline will be JULY 15, not July 25 as previously given. This may mean PAS shows will need to be moved to a different date.
(Youth must still qualify to come through the PAS program. Qualifying scores remain the same.)
3. How entries will be made is being decided. We will let you know when we know.
4. This will increase the show size to about 1600 youth. The show program is being revised to handle this increase. We will have three arenas to use and the last day will be August 1. We may need to start on July 26 or 27th.
5. Having 1600 youth means we need to rotate horses in and out of the barns so stalls can be used more than once. We will have some additional stalls to help meet the increased need.
6. Youth will not be able to show in both Western and English events (i.e. can not show in both western and hunter showmanship, can not show in western horsemanship and hunter equitation).
7. The date of the state horse judging contest will probably be changed as the new show program is developed.

Please, notify your 4H Horse Advisors of these changes and we will notify you of the details of the changes as we can develop them. We will also post updates on our web site:

<http://horse.osu.edu>