



Web site: <http://hocking.osu.edu>

Email: bcarder@ag.osu.edu

Hocking Hoofbeats

March 2005

DATE: February 21, 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

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.

The next meeting is March 15, and the committee will be discussing a Chinese Auction and future fun activities. Please send a representative from your club to the meeting!

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.

Upcoming Events...

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.

Note: a clinic will be scheduled the first Thursday of each month at 6 pm, featuring a different discipline each month. On May 5, a contesting clinic will be held. Mark your calendar now!

The 4-H Horse Committee will sponsor an open horse show on Sunday, May 8th (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 and August 6.

Uniform Rules

The *Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows* book (publication #4H-179) is available in the Extension Office. The book was updated in October 2004, and features information about new classes such as Trail Class in Hand. The cost for this updated book remains \$5.

Reminder: Safety Program

As you know, Ohio State Extension has initiated a Safety and Ethics Program 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.

Horse Owners Workshop - FREE

Wednesday, March 9 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Landmark @ Country Corners Shopping Mall

@ The Plains (exit 682 off of Route 33 south of Nelsonville)

This workshop for all horse owners will include:

- Nutrition
- Feeding for success
- Dr. Helen Rutter will speak
- Giveaway items from Weaver Leather
- Snacks and drink

Call Michelle to register @ 740-797-2833

OSU Extension embraces human diversity and is committed to ensuring that all educational programs conducted by Ohio State University Extension are available to clientele on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, age, gender identity or expression, disability, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, or veteran status. Keith L. Smith, Associate Vice President for Agricultural Administration and Director, OSU Extension TDD No. 800-589-8292 (Ohio only) or 614-292-1868.

The Horsemen's Corral Online CONTEST

The Horsemen's Corral Online is a web site that offers information to all horsemen. Membership is free. Go to this web site:

<http://www.corralonline.com/>

If you are not a member, locate the Membership button near the top of the page. Complete the registration information as requested. Then go to the ARTICLES link at the top of the page. One of the articles gives the following information about an upcoming three-month contest series. The contest is an opportunity for youth to win an entire show outfit.

Preliminary information: The contest starts March 1 and is open to 4-Hers ages 8-18. Rules and entry blank will be available March 1. Entries must be postmarked by the 15th of the month and must include the entry, an essay (500 words on why they would like to have a new show outfit) and a photo of the youth and their horse.

This is information found at the web site:

[Corral's Ride Into Style Contest](#)

Ready Set Show is the basis of the March issue of Corral. To kick off the year, and to count down to show season, the Corral has decided to offer our readers a contest, The Horsemen's Corral Ride Into Style Contest. In the month of March we will be offering our youth readers a chance to win Western show apparel. Look in the March issue for more details.

Also, in following months, we will be offering additional contests to win apparel. The April issue will feature the opportunity to win Hunt Seat apparel. After that, the May issue will offer Saddleseat apparel.

Watch for the ad in the March Corral, and tell your friends and family. This is a wonderful opportunity, so join in the fun! For more information contact April at horsemenscorral@rrbiznet.com

=====

Message from: Chris Craft, 4-H Advisor, Montgomery County

Subject: SOQHA Youth Team

I am highly involved with Southern Ohio Quarter Horse Association. Every year we send a youth team to compete at the congress. This is a wonderful experience for the kids. But in the past I could not send a full team due to lacking of qualified horse kids. The Congress National Youth Activity Team Tournament is organized to allow two exhibitors per team to compete in: **showmanship, horsemanship, western pleasure, reining, hunter under saddle and barrel racing.**

It is easy to qualify. Be a member of Southern Ohio Quarter Horse ride a registered quarter horse in AQHA approved youth class in the Southern Ohio Territory. Be the top two rider in the club in your division. (Sometime the top two go on the Ohio Team so we use the third and fourth kid) Work 4 hrs for the club (two hrs your parents can do. So you only really have to work two hrs if your parents help) setting up trail, working a gate, selling raffle tickets etc etc , attend 3 meeting (held at the horse show and at Damons in Wilmington). check the web site for more information. get a 50 dollar donation for the Southern Ohio Youth.(**Deadline is May 15**)

Checkout all the rules on our web site www.SOQHA.com

What do you get for being on the Youth Team?

Last year: 200 dollar pair of **Justin Boots**, 50 dollar **jeans** picked out from Rods, 120 dollar **jacket**, **100 dollar** toward your stall, pay for your entry in the NYATT at Congress, **NYATT belt buckle**, **NYATT jacket**, Picture of you and your Team Members, Chance to win a new horse trailer at the congress. Chris Craft, chris1c@core.com www.soqha.com 937-776-7354