

4-H HOOFBEATS



APRIL 2023

Dear 4-H Horse Members/Families/Volunteers,

Welcome to the 2023 Hocking County 4-H Horse Program! Please read the following information carefully. Included with this newsletter are the 4-H Horse Program forms, deadlines, requirements, and guidelines to participate in the Ohio 4-H Horse Program. **Again, please read carefully.**

Horse possession deadline is May 3. Paperwork and fees are due to the Extension Office by **4 pm, May 5. ALL PAPERWORK AND FEES ARE DUE AT THIS TIME. NO EXCEPTIONS!** Early submission is encouraged.

Fees must be paid by **check** or **money order** made payable to the Hocking County 4-H Horse Committee. Cash and debit/credit cards will not be accepted.

2023 4-H Horse Sub-Committee

Members of the 4-H Horse Sub-committee provide advice and lead 4-H horse activities. Your 2023 Hocking County 4-H Horse Sub-Committee members are:

Evie Bennett	Trish Edwards	Raven Rau	Brenna Schluep
Kayle Bond	Kara Hicks	Chrissy Robers	Alasyn Smith
Jarrod Dicken	Sydney Ogle	Shellee Robers	Abi Smith

The Committee has one adult member seat available. Contact Kayla if you are interested in serving a 2 yr term on the committee.

Animal Identification/Lease Forms

Members must ID their equine in 4-HOnline

- See enclosed instructions for adding animals to your 4-HOnline profile.
- Photos must be of the **horse only** – without a rider or saddle.

Leased horses are required to submit a lease agreement to the Extension Office. It is advisable to have a typed lease agreement as opposed to a handwritten document. Please see the 4-H Horse Leasing Guidelines that are enclosed.

Lease agreements dated after May 5 will NOT be accepted.

NEW FOR 2023!

- **ALL members enrolled in a horse project (excluding Horseless Horse) must complete the online EquiSTEP Program. This program replaces the Safety & Ethics Training and is an annual requirement beginning 2023.**
- **Deadline to complete the course is May 1, 2023**
- **Members must have their own individual email. Emails cannot be shared in the EquiSTEP system. A copy of the member's Certificate of Completion must be submitted to the Extension Office no later than 4pm, May 5, 2023. **Note: course must be completed no later than May 1***
- **Enroll to complete the online course at <http://go.osu.edu/EquiSTEP>.**

4-H Health Forms

All horse members must submit a completed health form **with photo**. The photo is for ID purposes only. A clear headshot photo of the youth is all that is needed. Photos need not be any larger than 2"x3".

State 4-H Horse News

For state 4-H horse news, visit horse.osu.edu

2023 4-H State Horse Events

Members that are interested in participating in State events may check out these options on the 4-H Horse Program Calendar at horse.osu.edu.

Note that many of these contests are designed for 4-H Horse Teams, but there are a few that are available to individuals. Hocking County 4-H Horse Team selection is complete for 2023. Information to join 4-H Horse Team in 2024 will be included in the 2023 December Hoofbeats Newsletter.

PAS Show Information

The Hocking County Performance Against Standards Show will be held June 4. Entry form and payment is due to the Extension Office before 4pm, May 5. Check or money order must be made payable to Hocking County 4-H Horse Committee.

Cash and debit/credit will not be accepted.

The purpose of the PAS show is to determine Ohio State Fair eligibility.

PAS requirements, qualifying scores/times, and patterns can be found at horse.osu.edu.

Ohio State Fair Participation

- Exhibitors participating in an Out-of-County PAS Show must submit a copy of their completed Out-of-County PAS Show Form to the Extension Office **by 4:00pm, Wednesday, June 26, 2023**. This must be submitted whether or not the exhibitor qualified.
 - Out-of-County PAS forms are available at horse.osu.edu.
 - **Reminder:** The 4-H Educator signature is required to participate in an out-of-county show.
- Exhibitors intending to show at the Ohio State Fair Junior Horse Show must submit a copy of their equine's current negative Coggins test dated on or after January 1, 2023 to the Extension Office **by 4:00pm, Wednesday, June 26, 2023**, if not already uploaded to your 4HOnline profile.
- Exhibitors are no longer required to declare Ohio State Fair classes to the Extension Office.

2023 Ohio State Fair On-line Entries

4-H horse members must submit their own Ohio State Fair entries and pay their \$50 stall fee on-line at www.ohiostatefair.com. Deadline for online entry submission and stall fee is **1pm, July 1**. Each county must also submit documentation of **ALL** PAS participants and scores to the Ohio 4-H Horse Program office.

Youth should review the 2023 State Fair Junior Horse Show schedule carefully for potential class conflicts when selecting their classes. At State Fair, classes will not be held for class conflict. You may find the schedule at horse.osu.edu under the calendar of events.

Hocking County 4-H Point Shows

Entry forms for two point shows as well as payment (check or money order) made payable to the Hocking County 4-H Horse Committee are due to the Extension Office **before 4 pm, May 5**.

Patterns will be posted one hour before each show.

Please enter all classes you think you may want to show in; classes may be added the day of the show with a \$10 per class fee. There will be no refunds for scratches.

Ohio 4-H Horse Program Rules

The 4-H Horse Program follows the rules that are outlined in the Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows, publication #179. Each family that has a 4-H member enrolled in a horse project is required to have a copy of the most recent (2021) version of the publication. Families may purchase the book at the Extension Office, or online at extensionpubs.osu.edu/uniform-rules-for-4-h-horse-shows.

In addition, there are Hocking County 4-H Horse Rules that must be followed. A copy of these rules is enclosed with this newsletter.

Please familiarize yourself with both state and county rules.

Expectations of All 4-H Horse Exhibitors and Families

The Hocking County 4-H Horse Program activity fee for 2023 will be \$25. All 4-H horse exhibitors are required to pay the activity fee. These funds are used to purchase equipment for the program, show awards, and year-end recognition awards. Those who have been in the program are aware of the need for replacement equipment from time to time. Also, as new classes are added, additional equipment is needed. The fee is payable with a check or money order made out to the Hocking County 4-H Horse Committee and is due May 5, along with your paperwork. Cash and debit/credit cards will not be accepted.

All 4-H horse families are expected to work during a show. A member of the horse committee will be contacting families to sign up to fill the positions needed at the shows. All 4-H horse members benefit from the program and everyone is expected to contribute.

Clinics

- ✓ June 8 - Mini Driving Clinic
- ✓ July 7 - Ground Roping Clinic
- ✓ July 10 - Riding Clinic

Enclosures:

- * Horse paperwork submission cover sheet
Hocking Co. 4-H Horse Program Rules
Hocking Co. 4-H Horse Point Show Rules
- * Ohio 4-H Horse Program Rules
- * Ohio 4-H Health Statement with photo
Instructions – Adding Equine to 4HOnline
4-H Horse Leasing Guidelines,
If applicable *lease agreement must be submitted with paperwork
- * Horse ID Form
- * PAS Show Entry Form, if applicable
- * Hocking Co. 4-H Horse Point Show Entry Forms (June 24 & August 12), if applicable
Ohio 4-H Protective Headgear Rule
Ohio 4-H Horse Program Protective Headgear Policy - Frequently Asked Questions
Point Show Class Sponsorship Form, if applicable – due May 30
Hocking Co. Sign Sponsorship Form, if applicable – due May 30

Forms marked with an * are due before 4 pm; May 5, 2023.

All paperwork and fees must be submitted to the Extension Office.

Make check/money order payable to: Hocking County 4-H Horse Committee

Stay up to date on statewide 4-H horse information and events at horse.osu.edu.

Please feel free to contact Kayla Nihiser, 4-H Educator with any questions or concerns at 740.385.3222 or thompson.1860@osu.edu.

2023 Hocking County 4-H Horse Show dates:

- PAS – June 4
- Point Shows – June 24 & August 12

(Horse show participation is NOT a requirement to complete your project)

2023 State 4-H Horse calendar:

- April 22 Horse Bowl & Hippology Contest
- July 7 Virtual OSF Horse Skillathon
- July 17 Horse Judging Contest
- July 17-21 Ohio State Fair Junior Horse Show
- July 19 OSF Horse Skillathon (in-person)
- August 26 Groom & Clean Contest
- September 8-9 Competitive Trail Ride

To stay up to date on the statewide 4-H horse information and events, visit: ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/horse/.