

Welcome to Tippecanoe Horse and Pony Club

1st year Members

4-H Motto: To Make the Best Better

4-H Pledge:

I pledge my head to clearer thinking,
my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better
living, for my club, my community, my country and my world

4-H Slogan: "Learn by Doing"

The 4 H's Stand for: Head, Heart, Hands, Health

The fair can be a little overwhelming, especially if this is your first year! We want everyone to have a great experience. We have put some information together to help you and your 4H member navigate all of the important information you will receive your first year in 4H. There are extra tips and information that may be useful for you. Hopefully this information is helpful, and will help you and your 4Her become acclimated to all the new information you will receive.

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Important Information

(all subject to change)

Meeting Information:

Club meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month January through June (Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16)

Most club meetings will be held at the Stables Event Center (7071 S. 100 E. Lafayette, IN 47909), but it is important to pay attention to announcements as venue may change according to activities, presentations, etc.

The July Club meeting will be held the SECOND Wednesday (July 14) at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds. **First year members will meet at 6pm** with returning members meeting at 7pm. This is an important meeting to get acclimated with the show grounds, stalls, arena, etc.

Announcement of Important Information:

Announcements will be made via a few platforms. Most common is email (tchorseandpony@gmail.com), PLEASE make sure you have filled out your most current contact information through our Cognito online form.

The REMIND App will send text messages to you regarding important information that needs to be communicated.

- To join Remind, all you need to do is text: 81010 and in the message section type: @4horseand

Announcements will also be made via our private Facebook group "Tippecanoe County Horse & Pony". Please make sure when joining to answer the membership questions. If questions are not answered, your request to join will be denied as we are actively trying to keep this a safe, closed group for ONLY our participants.

We also routinely update our website, www.tchorseandpony.com

Green Folders:

Each first year member will be provided with a green folder that they will keep throughout their entire 4-H career. Inside you will keep important documents that must be turned in every year in order to "complete" your project. Documents to be included can be found on our website under the "Documents" tab.

Your folder should include:

Achievement Record – To be filled out every year, **2** copies (One for you, one for the extension office to review and keep)

Feed Record – These vary by grade, please make sure you print and fill out the correct one! You will also do one of these every year to turn in as well.

Other Important Documents:

Vaccine Form: Also found on the website Documents tab. To compete in 4-H or attend and 4-H related events, your horse **MUST** be vaccinated for Western and Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis, Rhinopneumonitis/EHV type 1 & 4, Equine Influenza, Tetanus, West Nile Virus, and Rabies. Rabies vaccines may **ONLY** be administered by a veterinarian and **MUST be signed off on the Vaccination certificate by the administering vet.** Completion of Certificate of Vaccinations should be done for each horse enrolled in 4H and kept with horse at all sanctioned and 4H shows. This does not need to be physically on the horse. It can be kept in the truck/trailer as long as you have it as a quick reference and available for the Board or show judge can see if needed.

As always, we also suggest a yearly Coggins test and dental checkup, but these are not required. Your vaccination form must be brought to any 4-H function where your horse will be in attendance, as well as fair.

Animal Location Form: Available on the website, documents tab. Every member must complete an Animal Location Form. These are due to be turned in by **May 15th**. These forms indicate where the animal is kept and who is caring for the animal.

Lease Form: Available on the website, documents tab. If you are leasing a horse, lease agreements **MUST** be turned in by **May 15th**. If you own your horse, you do **NOT** have to turn this in.

Animal Drug Affidavit: Available on the website, downloads tab. ALL members **MUST** fill out and return a notarized copy of the Drug Affidavit to the **July Meeting**. We will have a notary on site to Notarize if you are unable to get it done beforehand. Remember, do **NOT** sign this ahead of time. A notary **MUST** witness your signature to be able to notarize this.

Your horse/pony (Including all back-ups) must be registered with 4-H Online's enrollment by May 15th. **If your animal is NOT registered by May 15th, they will NOT be able to compete at the fair.**

Important Fair Show Bill Information:

To be eligible to compete at fair, you must complete your Fair Entry (FairEntry.com). When this site opens, you will be able to choose which classes you will be participating in by day and by age. Please remember that you can always drop classes the day of the show but you **CANNOT ADD CLASSES** after the deadline. Because of this, we always recommend signing up for any classes you are interested in and eligible for (within reason). For example, if you have a Quarter Horse, do not sign up for Saddle Seat or Gaited classes. If your horse does not drive, do not sign up for driving classes.

You will need to complete a show bill for each horse you plan to show, including your back up horse if you have one.

In addition to completing your Fair Entry, we also require you submit your classes to us directly as well. This will be done online via Cognito forms. This helps us put our software together for fair, as well as to purchase the correct number of awards per class.

We highly suggest printing a copy of the show bill and marking which classes you have signed up for to keep with you during fair. This will help keep you organized and make sure you are not missing any classes. Remember to pay attention to what class the show is on, it is the 4-Her's responsibility to make sure they are ready. The show will not wait for you!

Rulebook and Handbook:

PLEASE Take the time to read through our rulebook and handbook. I know it seems like a lot but a ton of questions can be answered there regarding class descriptions, attire, etc!

The rulebook can be found at: <https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/4h/4-h-661-w.pdf>

The full 2021 4H Handbook is available online: <https://extension.purdue.edu/article/40380>

(Horse and Pony project details start on page 213)

If you have any questions whatsoever, don't hesitate to contact any board members. We have included their information below.

Please note, as always, this information is subject to change slightly throughout the year. Any changes will be announced as soon as we are aware of them.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Do I (as a parent) need to be at fair every day, all day?
 - * This is dependent on your child's age and your comfort level.
 - * Board members are not available to watch children.
 - * Many parents do take the week of work to be available for their 4hers.
 - * If your child has more than 1 horse, your child **will need** assistance and someone available , especially if you have a younger child.
2. What are the expectations of my 4Her?
 - 4H is for your child. This program is to help teach and guide your child to become functional, organized leaders. It is expected that the 4Her does his/her own work. i.e cleaning stalls, changing water, etc. We do realize that some 4Hers, esp the younger kiddos will need help and that is okay! We do recommend that 4Hers reach out and ask for assistance from other 4Hers and via versa. If your 4Her sees another 4Her having trouble or needing help, encourage them to go assist and help them.
3. Daily Expectations for horse care
 - Checked on frequently.
 - Water should be changed at least twice daily.
 - Stalls cleaned frequently. Stalls will be checked by the fair board.
 - Exercise and walk horse frequently.
 - If you or your 4Her has any questions/concern contact a member of the board.
4. How do I know what is going on through the day?
 - You will receive a "fair schedule" at the July meeting. This schedule will help you navigate the week. Do expect that schedules could change especially for practice times. The daily show typically runs on schedule but can run shorter/longer depending on the amount of 4Hers that are signed up for classes. Practice times are primarily what may change according to how the shows run.
 - During the shows the announcers are pretty good at announcing what classes are coming up.
 - It is very important for your 4Her to be aware and listen for class announcements and when to enter the arena.
 - There is time allotted for tacking up horses but sometimes this time is not a long period. So this just makes it easier on both you as a parent and the 4her!

