

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.

- Monthly club meetings are held at The Stables Event Center, Jan– Jun at 7 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The July meeting will be on the 2nd Wednesday at the horse barn at 6 pm for 1st year members and 7 pm for everyone else.
- It is important to arrive just a few minutes early to meetings in order to sign in. It is expected that the 4-H member, not the parent or friends, check in to meetings. Attendance is not counted if the 4-H member has not signed in.
- We try to utilize several different applications to update parents and 4-H members of important and upcoming information for registration, cancellations, meetings, and events. This includes email, facebook, and the Remind app through phone texting.
- Remind: This 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
- TCHP email address is tchorseandpony@gmail.com.
- TCHP facebook page is Tippecanoe County 4-H horse and Pony
- TCHP web page is www.tchorseandpony.com

The Tippecanoe County Horse and Pony website also has all the necessary information needed, including guidelines, show bill, lease and location forms that can be printed out.

The Purdue Extension also has a website (<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/tippecanoe/index.html>) that has information and resources available. This site also has all papers, requirements and online guidelines for all projects and including the general 4-H guidelines that can be downloaded and printed.

GUIDE TO A SUCCESSFUL 4-H YEAR

1. Attend as many 4-H meetings as possible. Club meetings give you general information regarding 4-H activities. Project meetings give you information that is specific to that project. If you have signed up for any other projects ie: Robotics, foods, etc.. There may be additional meetings and/or workshops that pertain to that project. You do not have to sign up for any other club other than Horse and Pony, if you choose. You may use Horse and Pony Club as your designated “club” if you have any other projects outside of horses.
2. Obtain a 4-H handbook from the Purdue Extension website to view it online. Read the sections on your project carefully so you understand what you need to do and what you need to complete.
3. Enroll in your online fair entry for each project area by the deadline (TBD). Obtain items you need from the Extension Office such as: manuals, record sheets (if not in the manual), and poster materials.
4. Read the introduction in each manual along with information in the handbook. Sometimes the county requirements are different from those stated in the manual. If there is a conflict, the handbook is correct. If you have any questions, call the project superintendent.
5. Plan your work so that it is spread out over time. Set goals for yourself and dates by which you wish to reach these goals. Try not to leave everything for the last moment.
6. Read the June Tippecanoe Tabloid to obtain the date and location for judging each project. Make sure your projects, record sheets and manuals are complete.
7. Bring your projects to judging. You do not have to stay for the actual judging, but it is a good experience to do so if allowed. Often the judges give good advice for future projects.
8. Make sure your white cards (4-H Records of Achievement) are up to date (See My Record of 4-H Achievement section in the handbook). These are used for county awards and trip selection.
9. Turn in your achievement records (white cards), feed record forms, and any other forms by Thursday evening of the fair. These are typically emailed and we will provide the email address closer to the deadline.
10. Enjoy the fair! HAVE A SUCCESSFUL 4-H YEAR!

Important To Do Items

Meetings will be held on the 3rd Wed of the month of each month Jan-Aug/Sept.

Complete Cognito Forms Link which will be email

Completion of Certificate of Vaccinations should be done for each horse enrolled in 4H and kept with the horse at all sanctioned and 4H shows.

This does not need to be physically on the horse. It can be kept in the trailer/tack room as long as you have it as a quick reference and available for the Board or show judge to see if needed.

Begin gathering Sponsorships and turn in between Jan and due by June meeting -(April preferred).

4Her's do receive points for sponsorships and the later they are turned in the less points they earn. Please Include a thank you card and addressed envelope with Stamp for sponsors.

May 15th - Deadline to add/drop projects

May 15th - Animal ID Enrollment is due by midnight — for ALL horses, including backup horses.

Animal Lease agreements are to be completed and turned in via Cognito Forms by May 15th

June 15 - Cognito Form Fair show bill selection begins June 1st and are due by June 15th

Date TBD - Fairentry.com. **Complete a show bill for each and every horse you may show, don't forget to include any back up horses.

July 1 - Deadline for State Fair Enrollment @ www.indianastatefair.com

July Meeting - Stall fees/dues, Complete Drug Affidavit, have notarized and turn in

Fair Show Bill Information

There are two showbills which are required for the fair.

1. Cognito Forms - you will receive the link closer to time, please complete one for each horse (even your back up horses). · Be sure to select the correct animal and correct classes, especially if you are showing more than 1 horse. You may or may not have a back up horse. A back up horse is used if for some chance you are not able to show your horse at 4H due to injury, lameness or Death.
 - a. *Please remember that fair and regular show levels are a little different when signing up for classes. · Fair always goes by what grade and age they are as January 1st of the year.*
 - b. *It is always better to sign up for any and all classes your 4Her may participate in.*
 - c. *You can always drop class but you CAN NOT ADD classes after show bills are turned in.*
2. Fairentry.com - Deadline for this will be sent out closer to time. You will also need to enter all your classes for each horse on fairentry.com.

Fair Schedule

There will be a meeting the Wednesday before the fair

1st year members will meet at 6 pm and everyone else will meet at 7 pm.

Horse Stall fees and dues will be collected at this meeting. (You will receive additional information on this final amount due.)

Barn rules, behavior and tentative schedule will be reviewed.

Drug Affidavits are due and will be available and completed as necessary and notary will be available.

Stalls set up and mats and shavings can be placed in stalls.

You will receive a tentative fair week schedule that will include a daily schedule, including practice and open arena times at the July meeting. It is strongly encouraged to bring tack/feed/supplies before horses are checked in. This to help assist in quick drop off of horses and prevent holding the line up.

It is strongly encouraged to take home tack and any other extra supplies before horses are taken home. This is to help assist in quick pick up of horses and prevent holding the line up. In the past many 4Her's have started to take tack home and remove decorations Wednesday night. Stalls need to be cleaned out and checked by a board member before dismissed. This should be done before trailers are brought to the horse barn for dismissal. If you drive with a trailer to the barn before stalls are cleaned and checked- you will be asked to park your trailer away from the barn until your horse is ready to be dismissed.

Pick up State Fair affidavit if going to State Fair

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Do I (as a parent) need to be at the fair every day, all day?
 - a. This is dependent on your child's age and your comfort level. For older children, no you don't need to be there 24/7. However if you have a younger child that needs a lot of assistance and guidance—yes- you or a family member over the age 18 will need to be available to assist your 4Her. Board members are not available for watching children due to the demands of fair. It is okay if you have younger 4Hers to leave for very short periods of time, as long as you have someone available to assist your 4her and arrangements have been made. 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?
 - a. 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 vice 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?
 - a. Checked on frequently. Water should be changed at least twice daily. Stalls cleaned frequently. Stalls will be checked by the fair board and there is an award given for cleanest stall and is presented at the awards ceremony at the end of the year. Exercise and walk horse frequently. If you or your 4Her has any questions/concerns contact a member of the board.
4. How do I know what is going on throughout the day?
 - a. You will receive a "fair schedule" at the July 17th meeting. This schedule will help you navigate the week. Do not 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 up. It is very important for your 4Her to be aware and listen for class announcements and when to enter the arena.
 - b. One last tip...for first year members the first class is Showmanship which is ground work and then classes go right into walk/trot. So if you are showing in the Western Showmanship it may be easier for you to have your saddle with you so that your horse can be tacked up quickly.
 - c. 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!!!!.

Extra Tidbits

- Here is some extra information, hopefully not too overwhelming but just some thoughts and ideas that have been brought up and asked for in the past and may be handy when trying to prepare.
- Many of the 4H kids will “decorate” their horse for contesting. This is just one of those things that has been done for years and the kids really enjoy this. Your 4Her may do this! Use washable non toxic paint or spray body paint. You can use glitter, stencils, free hand whatever you want as long as it is not offensive or inappropriate. Do Be aware if you decorate your horse at night you will need to wash your horse in preparation for Halter class first thing the next morning. This is not mandatory and if your 4Her chooses to not participate, that is okay.
- Label “ALL” of your supplies you bring to the fair including brushes, shovels, buckets, etc.
- Wheelbarrows are provided during the fair as first come first serve.
- It is recommended to bring hay and feed into the fair grounds a couple times through the week as tack stall space can be tight.
- Keep your horse (s) on their normal routine for feeding. There is no need to change, eliminate or add additional feed for fair. Unless recommended by your vet.
- **Tip: Some families will divide feed into 2 gallon bags so that it is ready to go, instead of bringing the entire bag or container.**
- Things to bring: Pitch fork, manure pick, water buckets (chain/bucket strap), feed pan/bucket, fly spray etc., lawn chairs to utilize during down time.
- Note that some horses may not like the city water and may need time to adjust. You may choose to bring some water from home to help your horse adjust.
- Do not anchor bucket holders to stalls that will damage stall material. Instructions will be provided on how to hang buckets.
- You can use a fan for your horse. Anchor on the outside of the stall towards the top of the stall panel. DO NOT use hay bags to secure this to the stall. You can use bungee straps or string. Instructions will be provided on how to hang fans.
- Many 4Hers have a “Show box” of some sorts to contain their supplies. There are many different types that are available and this IS NOT mandatory. This just allows you to keep your items in one spot and many boxes have the ability to be locked.
- It is recommended that you keep valuables at home, in your car or locked up.
- Saddle and show supplies, grooming supplies
- Not mandatory but a small portable bridle rack to help keep bridles off the floor and/or to hang things on. In the past the small Hammock hanger (these are Z shaped) have been used.
- Small cooler with drinks and snacks, Tylenol/ibuprofen, sunscreen
- Extra clothing: shorts, socks, shirt, muck boots, boots– in case of getting wet, dirty.

Horse Stall Decoration Guidelines

Why do we decorate horse stalls?

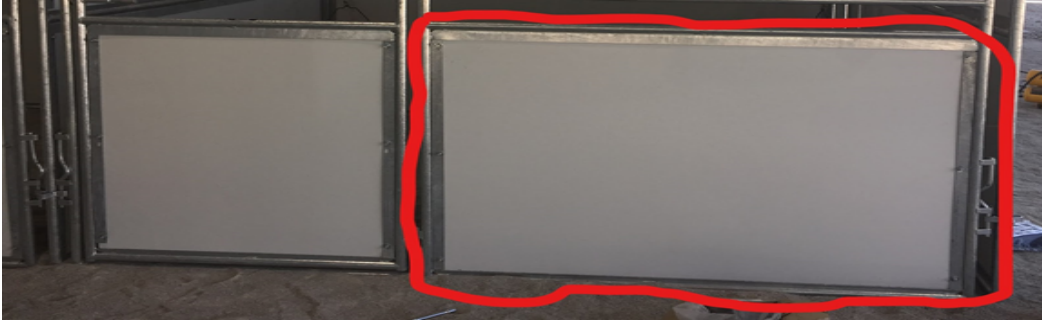
- To help educate the public about you, your horse and 4H.
- To enhance the visual appeal of the barns and to increase traffic through the barns.
- Decorations should be clean, neat, creative and appropriate.
- No electrical lights are to be used– you can use battery powered lights.
- Be sure that decorations do not actually or potentially harm the animal, visitors and the barn/stall structures and should not leave behind any material or residual from decorations.
- Stall decorations will be judged at some point and winners will be announced at the awards ceremony at the end of the season.

Important information to include

- Acknowledgement and Name of sponsors
- Your name and Horse's Name
- What events you and your horse participate in
- Important information you feel is important about you and your horse
- How long you and your horse have been in 4H, horses details: Age, breed, color, special markings, likes/dislikes, etc.

Types of materials you could use:

- Fabric, photos of you and/or horse, borders/stencils, table clothes, etc.
- Please be mindful that you shouldn't use any objects on your stall that stick out off of the stall, sharp objects, motorized or noise making objects that could potentially hurt or harm an animal or person
- You can include sponsor information, pamphlets and/or business information.
- Front Panel of the stall may be used for stall decorations with the dimensions of 46" X 64"



- (The area in red is where your decorations will be placed, nothing on the doors)
- Decorations need to be on a poster board, foam board, trifold. Something that can be hung up with only zip ties or wire ties. NO TAPE, SCREWS, OR DRILLING HOLES WILL BE ALLOWED.
- Be Creative and Have fun!!!!