

2024 EQUINE

Junior Fair Superintendents – Jorden Buckland, Briar Watts-Rettig

Senior Fair Board Superintendents – Chris Baker, Robin Townsend

Advisors – Tracy Walker, Tina Weir

Important Dates:

- April 28 – Horse Check In 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- April 28 – Fair Entry Due and Possession date for Equine
- June 1 – Jr Fair and Livestock Royalty Applications Due
- June 26 – Mandatory Equine Exhibitor Check In and Veterinarian Health check 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Fairgrounds
 - All Equine project members and horses MUST attend.
 - All horses must have good handling manners and stand to be evaluated by the veterinarian, to prevent harm to the project, member and veterinarian.
- June 26 – Clinic – 6:30
- June 26 – Equine Skillathon – following clinic
- June 29 – Equine Royalty – Noon at the announcer stand. Horse Arena.

Quality Assurance Dates:

- April 21 all equine project members must attend 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Fair Dates:

- July 1 – Fair Check-In through Gate 1 ONLY – must be in place by 7:00 a.m.
- Fair schedule will be in Marion County Fairbook
- July 7 – Release Date/Time from the Marion County Fair – 9:00 a.m.

Equine Projects:

173 - HORSELESS HORSE (Project judged with Crop, Shop, Science and Engineering Department)

PROJECT: Complete the "planning your project guide." Explore and complete at least four interest areas. Take part in at least two organized project activities. Write a one-page report telling what was done and learned through this project.

EXHIBIT: Develop an exhibit on something learned through the project.

JUDGING: Be prepared to share the knowledge learned, the one-page report and the developed exhibit.

* See Information page in project book for more details.

174 - BEGINNING HORSE MANAGEMENT

PROJECT: The basics of caring for a horse and learning to ride. The member is required to have physical possession of the project animal by **April 28, and is** required to be physically involved on a daily basis of watering, feeding, decision making and care of their project animal.

EXHIBIT: Enter the exhibit animal(s) raised and carried in the 4-H horse project in as many classes as they are eligible, including showmanship.

175 - LIGHT HORSE SELECTION (Considerable Light Horse Experience)

PROJECT: Judge Horses and classes after studying basic horse anatomy for a sound basis in the selection of pleasure or breeding stock. Use in conjunction with 190R Equine Record Book. The member is required to have physical possession of the project animal by **April 28, and is** required to be physically involved on a daily basis of watering, feeding, decision making and care of their project animal.

EXHIBIT: Enter the exhibit animal(s) raised and carried in the 4-H horse project in as many classes as they are eligible, including showmanship.

177 - BASIC HORSE TRAINING

PROJECT: Train your horse in basic skills and discipline by becoming a disciplined teacher. Use in conjunction with 190R Equine Record Book. The member is required to have physical possession of the project animal by **April 28 and** is required to be physically involved on a daily basis of watering, feeding, decision making and care of their project animal.

EXHIBIT: Enter the exhibit animal(s) raised and carried in the 4-H horse project in as many classes as they are eligible, including showmanship.

180 - LEARNING TO JUMP

PROJECT: Jump over fences by beginning on the flat and taking you and your horse through the course to self-confidence. Use in conjunction with 190R Equine Record Book. The member is required to have physical possession of the project animal by **April 28 and** is required to be physically involved on a daily basis of watering, feeding, decision making and care of their project animal.

EXHIBIT: Enter the exhibit animal(s) raised and carried in the 4-H horse project in as many classes as they are eligible, including showmanship.

181 - DRAFT HORSE

PROJECT: Develop your horse's physical abilities and learn how to control the horse's every move. Use in conjunction with 190R Equine Record Book. The member is required to have physical possession of the project animal by **April 28, and** is required to be physically involved on a daily basis of watering, feeding, decision making and care of their project animal.

EXHIBIT: Enter the exhibit animal(s) raised and carried in the 4-H horse project in as many classes as they are eligible, including showmanship.

182 - HORSE NUTRITION (Project is judged with Crop, Shop, Science and Engineering Department)

PROJECT: Explore digestion, nutrients, feedstuffs, and rationing, as well as poison plants, and plant identification in this project. The member is required to have access to a horse and to develop and maintain a project diary or scrapbook depicting what you have done and/or learned through this project.

EXHIBIT: Exhibit the project diary or scrapbook developed for this project.

JUDGING: Be prepared to share the knowledge learned, the report or scrapbook and the developed exhibit.

* See Information page in project book for more details.

184 - STANDARD BRED HORSES (Project is judged with Crop, Shop, Science and Engineering Department)

PROJECT: Learn how to safely harness your horse to a cart and drive, whether it is a standard bred racehorse or a pleasure driving horse. Complete the project book by exploring all interest areas. Plan at least two things to do and take part in at least two project learning experiences. Write a one-

page report telling what you did and what you learned through this project. You need to have access to a standard bred or pleasure-driving animal.

JUDGING: Be prepared to share the knowledge learned, the one page report and the developed exhibit.

EXHIBIT: Develop an exhibit on something learned from the project.

* See Information page in project book for more details.

185 - HORSE REPRODUCTION AND GENETICS (Project is judged with Crop, Shop, Science and Engineering Department)

PROJECT: Explore breeding, mare and foal management in a project that requires commitment. Use in conjunction with 190R Equine Record Book.

JUDGING: Be prepared to share the knowledge learned, the one-page report and the developed exhibit.

EXHIBIT: Develop an exhibit on something learned from the project.

* See Information page in project book for more details.

188 - TRAIL RIDING

PROJECT: Team up with your horse for competition or pleasure trail riding. Learn the basics of conditioning your horse. Use in conjunction with 190R Equine Record Book. The member is required to have physical possession of the project animal by April 28 and is required to be physically involved on a daily basis of watering, feeding, decision making and care of their project animal.

EXHIBIT: Enter the exhibit animal(s) raised and carried in the 4-H horse project in as many classes as they are eligible, including showmanship.

189 - DRESSAGE

PROJECT: Develop your horse's physical abilities and learn how to control the horse's every move. Use in conjunction with 190R Equine Record Book. The member is required to have physical possession of the project animal by April 28 and is required to be physically involved on a daily basis of watering, feeding, decision making and care of their project animal.

EXHIBIT: Enter the exhibit animal(s) raised and carried in the 4-H horse project in as many classes as they are eligible, including showmanship.

SKILLATHON:

Youth are required to attend and participate in at least one skillathon to complete their project and be eligible for exhibition at the Marion County Fair. To exhibit at the Ohio State Fair, all county requirements must be met.

An alternative completion option is available for those that cannot attend the appropriate skillathon by contacting the Extension Office to set up an appointment. Those who participate in the alternative completion option will be ineligible for Outstanding Market Exhibitor.

To be eligible for Outstanding Market Exhibitor, youth must participate in each skillathon for the desired specie. For example, if Margo wants to be eligible for both market lamb and market swine OME, she must participate in both the sheep and swine skillathon.

GENERAL RULES FOR MARION COUNTY FAIR EQUINE SHOW

1. Each horse club will be responsible to provide workers for the classes.
2. Pen assignments will be made by the Junior Fair Board Department Superintendents.

3. All stalls must be cleaned when the animal is removed.
4. All Marion County horse exhibitors must participate in their appropriate **Grade Class with each project, and Skillathon to receive fair premiums in this department.**
5. All exhibitors must abide by dress code rules 179 Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows.
 - ✓ Plan ahead to have appropriate clothes on show day.
6. All youth age 19 and under, participating in any 4-H equestrian activity, are required to wear **properly fitted protective headgear** which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with the chin harness securely fastened at all times while riding or driving an equine.

It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian of the youth participant, to make sure that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use and is **properly fitted and in good condition**. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, show committees, officials, Extension personnel and volunteer leaders are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.

The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, show committees, officials, Extension personnel and volunteer leaders make no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective headgear. They further caution riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear, as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries in equestrian activities.

The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, show committees, officials, Extension personnel and volunteer leaders may, at his/her discretion, check a participant's protective headgear for proper standards. **If the youth is found to be wearing unapproved, defective, or improperly fitted headgear, he/she will not be permitted to participate in riding or driving activities until proper headgear is acquired.**

PREMIUMS

Production: A=\$4.00; B=\$3.00

All Other Projects: A=\$6.00; B=\$4.00

Supreme Showmanship: 1st - \$5.00; 2nd - \$4.00; 3rd - \$3.00

Supreme Horsemanship: 1st - \$5.00; 2nd - \$4.00; 3rd - \$3.00

