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2017 HANDBOOK

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I. WHO'S WHO IN THE 4-H HORSE & PONY PROJECT

Only members who are properly enrolled in either the Horse & Pony Project, the Horseless Horse Groom project or as an FFA member (see appropriate sections in this Handbook) can show a horse at the Sheboygan County Fair. Cloverbuds and Explorers are not permitted to show animals at the Fair. FFA members are responsible for following the rules and deadlines outlined in this Handbook!

If you are a **HORSE & PONY PROJECT MEMBER**, you are a regular 4-H member (in 3rd grade or above). Your grade and age as of January 1st of the current year will be maintained throughout the 4-H year. You own, lease, or manage a horse. If you lease or manage a horse, it is highly recommended that you have a written agreement with the owner of the horse addressing the horse's care, liability concerns, and other expectations. You are enrolled in Horse & Pony. You will follow the rules and guidelines set forth in the Horse & Pony Project Handbook.

If you are a **HORSELESS HORSE GROOM (HHG)**, you are a regular 4-H member (in 3rd grade or above). Your grade and age as of January 1st of the current year will be maintained throughout the 4-H year. You or a family member does not own a horse. You are eligible to be matched up with a Horse & Pony Member (a "Coach"), if available. You are designated "HHG" and will watch the Cloverleaf Crier for events specific to HHG, as well as attend all Horse & Pony Project events that interest you. You may be eligible to show your Coach's horse at the Fair in HHG classes. You will enroll in both Horseless Horse Groom and Horse Project. You will follow the rules and guidelines set forth in the Horse & Pony Project Handbook generally speaking, and specifically, refer to the HHG section of the Handbook.

If you are a **HORSELESS HORSE COACH (HHG-Coach)** you are a regular 4-H member (in 3rd grade or above). You will serve as a mentor for a Horseless Horse Groom. To be eligible as a coach you must have a horse be able to serve as a youth leader sharing foundational elements of the project including horse safety, handling and care (see HHG section in this handbook for further details).

When you read or hear about **THE COMMITTEE** (referred to throughout this Handbook), this refers to the Horse & Pony Project Committee comprised of elected adults and youth. Elections shall take place Sunday thru Monday of Fair each year and are open to project adults and youth (age 13 or over as of January 1st of the current year). Nominations should be submitted by the August Mandatory meeting to a Committee member in order to have bio's published in Nomination Binder. The requirements for both adult and youth will be listed on the back of nomination forms. Absentee ballots shall be mailed to chair of Nominating Recruiter(s) upon request. The Committee consists of 13 voting adult members and 12 voting youth members and is governed by its By-Laws and Guidelines. Regular monthly meetings are held at the extension office, usually on the fourth Monday of each month, and are open to all Horse & Pony Project members. The Committee will be referred to as "the Committee" throughout the Handbook.

FFA Members must follow all Handbook rules. See FFA eligibility on page 15.

Please be aware that you must be an enrolled (Regular or Horseless Horse Groom) 4-H member, 3rd grade and up, or a registered leader, to handle an equine animal at any 4-H event. Owners/Parents may manage an animal only in the case of a safety concern and must first notify a leader in the announcer's booth.

WEB SITE ADDRESS

The Horse & Pony Project has a web site. All forms are available on this site along with pertinent information and any changes in scheduling. The web site address is:

<http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/horse-and-pony-project/>

II. GLOSSARY OF TERMS

You'll be hearing a lot of new words, if you're new to the Sheboygan County Horse & Pony Project! This glossary is intended to help you understand some of what you hear.

CLOVERBUD This is not a term specific to the Horse & Pony Project, but to Wisconsin 4-H in general. It refers to 4-H members who are not old enough to participate in the regular 4-H program (3rd grade). They are enrolled in the Cloverbud project and attend Cloverbud activities (and often Explorer activities) designed for them by their club or the county. The Horse & Pony Project has some activities designed especially for these 4- H members.

CLOVERLEAF CRIER This is a monthly newsletter published for all 4-H members and distributed to all enrolled members. This is the publication that will contain many of the announcements, activities, and events of the Horse & Pony Project, as well as all other 4-H project areas. *These are generally distributed at your club's general meetings; check with your general leader if you are not getting your Crier. You may access the Cloverleaf Crier on the web at www.sheboygan.uwex.edu/4h/crierdir.*

EXPLORER This is not a term specific to the Horse & Pony Project, but to Wisconsin 4-H in general. It refers to 4-H members who are enrolled in the Explorer Project as a regular member. The Explorer project allows its members to investigate a variety of 4-H projects rather than focusing on one project. Many first-year members new to 4-H are encouraged to enroll as an Explorer to get a taste of a variety of 4-H projects.

HANDBOOK The book you are holding is the Horse & Pony Project Handbook. This Handbook will answer most of your questions and is revised by the Committee in the fall of each year. It is expensive to produce so please keep track of it. Also, please feel free to make recommendations to the Committee for future revisions. It will be referred to throughout the Handbook as "the Handbook."

HIPPOLOGY is an educational opportunity in the Horse & Pony Project dealing with knowledge of horses in the areas of breeds, colors, markings, feed, etc. Please see "OTHER EQUINE EXHIBIT AREAS" for further information.

QUIZ BOWL This is an educational opportunity in the Horse & Pony Project dealing with knowledge of several equine areas, including anatomy, nutrition, showing, judging, etc. Please see "OTHER EQUINE EXHIBIT AREAS" for further information.

STATE In the Horse & Pony Project, this refers to the State 4-H Horse Expo, the state horse show and educational competition held in Milwaukee two weeks after our County Fair. This is also called the "State 4-H Horse Show" and "State Expo." The terms have come to be used interchangeably. In the Horse & Pony Project, this does NOT refer to the State Fair, which is held in August. In order to show a horse at "State," you must qualify at the Sheboygan County Fair and be in 6th grade as of January 1st of the year you qualify.

STATE GYMKHANA If you are enrolled in the Horse & Pony Project and have completed 6th grade, you are eligible to participate. Gymkhana classes are timed speed events. You do not have to qualify; but you MUST pre-register by mid-August. State Gymkhana is held the weekend after fair. To participate at Gymkhana you must meet the requirements listed under **MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR HORSE & PONY PROJECT MEMBERS** in this Handbook.

STATE HUNTER/DRESSAGE If you are enrolled in the Horse & Pony Project and have completed 6th grade, you are eligible to participate. Handy Hunter class and Jumping & Dressage Clinics are held the Friday before the Hunter/Dressage show. You must be in 6th grade to compete at the state shows except for the educational events (clinics). You may be in 3rd grade or higher to attend the clinics. You do not have to qualify but you MUST pre-register by early June. The State Hunter/Dressage show is held in late June. To participate at the Hunter/Dressage show you must meet the requirements listed under **MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR HORSE & PONY PROJECT MEMBERS** in this Handbook.

All members intending to represent Sheboygan County at any of the State shows (such as the Hunter/Dressage Show, State Gymkhana, or State 4-H Horse Expo) must be a member in good standing (meet all requirements including, but not limited to, attendance, participation, ID sheets, and deadlines).

III. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR HORSE & PONY AND HHG PROJECT MEMBERS

Please read carefully. If you fail to complete or comply with all membership requirements for you and your horse, you will not be allowed to show your horse at the County Fair!!

A. ENROLLMENT

You must be correctly enrolled in the Horse & Pony Project through your local 4-H club by March 1st of the current year in order to show at the Fair. Exceptions WILL NOT be made after this date. You may still join 4-H and the Horse & Pony Project after that date, but you will not be eligible to show at the Fair that year. **HHG members must sign up for both Horseless Horse project and Horse Project.** If you are not sure of your enrollment status, you may call the UWEX office at 459-5903.

B. ATTENDANCE

<http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/horse-and-pony-project/>

There are project attendance requirements in order to be eligible to show at the Fair. These requirements will be enforced!

1. To be a member-in-good-standing all Horse & Pony Project members and HHG members must attend and sign in **at one of three mandatory Handbook meetings and the August pre-fair meeting.**
2. Members must also pay a \$20/member **project fee** with a maximum fee of \$50 per family made payable to the Sheboygan County 4-H Horse Project by the date of the last handbook meeting.
3. Members, families and other volunteers are *vital* to the educational opportunities the project is able to provide. Without your help at educational arenas, county-sponsored shows, clinics, and the fair 4-H will not be able to hold these opportunities for our members. **Parents/adult and youth members are strongly encouraged to contribute at least four service hours to the volunteer needs of the Horse and Pony Project**, of which, two hours are during the County Fair and two hours are at county horse project activities. If the needed number of volunteers are not identified by at least one week prior to the event the event will be cancelled.
4. Outstanding Attendance Awards – Project sign-in sheets will be available at all programs/events. Outstanding attendance will be presented at the Fair to those members who have attended 10-14 activities. Exceptional Attendance Awards will be given to those who have attended 15 activities or more.
5. **You must meet the requirements of your local 4-H club including meeting attendance.** You must be considered a *member in good standing* with your club.

C. PARTICIPATION

1. Many events are held on the County Fairgrounds. You are expected to participate in litter control, hay and manure clean-up around trailers at all of these events you attend, including Educational Arenas, drill teams, and shows. We appreciate the privilege of using the fairgrounds; please help us keep that privilege. Please enter the fairgrounds via gate 3 or 4, not gate 2 (by cattle barn).
2. You are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship and courteous behavior at all times, and certainly when involved in a Horse & Pony Project activity. You will not smoke, use foul language, drink alcoholic beverages, or use illegal drugs. Failure to comply with behavior expectations at a Horse & Pony Project activity may result in referral to the 4-H Educator for disciplinary action.
3. You should, at all times, treat animals humanely and with dignity, respect, and compassion. Complaints or concerns must be in writing. They must be signed and turned over to any member of the Committee to be dealt with on an individual basis.
4. **All members intending to represent Sheboygan County at any of the State shows (such as the Hunter/Dressage Show, State Gymkhana, or State 4-H Horse Expo) must be a member in good standing (met all requirements including, but not limited to, attendance, participation, ID sheets, and deadlines).**
5. The horse committee may make a decision to not allow participation in horse and pony project activities, if a horse or pony is a safety concern for members or others.

D. DEADLINES

Please read carefully. Failure to meet a Horse & Pony Project deadline will result in your ineligibility to show at the County Fair! All forms are available in the H&P Forms booklet and available on the website. . They may be duplicated if you need extras.

1. **All enrollment into 4-H and the Project is done online at wi.4honline.com and due by March 1st Re-enrollment in 4-H is due by November 1st**

2. **By April 1st** the following forms are due to the HHG committee chairperson indicated in the front of this Handbook and at the bottom of the below forms:
 - a. Horseless Horse/Groom Statement and Horseless Horse Project Liability Release Form
 - b. Coach Statement and Coach Liability Release Form
3. **By August 1st** the following forms are due to the Committee chairperson:
 - a. ID sheet on each animal and Horse Project member (including Horseless Horse members) attending the County Fair. You may ID up to three horses; however, only one may attend. If you need additional ID sheets, feel free to photocopy the one in the forms booklet or get more off the website. See “IDing Your Horse” for further information. **No ID changes will be accepted after August 1st identification deadline.**
 - b. Pledge and Emergency Release Form
 - c. Copy of current year’s negative Coggins test. In the upper right hand corner please print:
 1. Your premise ID
 2. Name of person exhibiting horse
 - d. Proof of current year’s vaccinations. ** The number of horses receiving any one vaccination must not exceed the number of doses purchased.
4. **By August 1st**
 - a. All sponsorships to the Horse & Pony project due/post marked to the Horse & Pony Project Treasurer. *Sponsorships are a vital component of funding the youth development programs of the 4-H Horse and Pony Project. In addition, it is important that young people associate the valuable opportunities they participate in with the costs of hosting these experiences.*
 - b. Steady Eddy Award due to Barbara Drewry-Zimmerman, N4396 Blueberry Lane, Plymouth, WI 53073 or Email: bzimmy@excel.net.
5. **By the August Mandatory Meeting**, the following forms are due:
 - a. Trailer Request Form, must be turned in if you plan on leaving your horse trailer on the Fairgrounds during the Fair. This should be sent to the Committee Chairperson.
 - b. Nomination for Award(s) should be sent to the Awards Committee Chair.
 - c. Tent Permit Request Form must be turned in if you intend to have a screen tent or canopy-type tent on the Horse & Pony grounds during the Fair. This should be sent to the Committee Chairperson. Maximum of one tent per club. Fair policy dictates the number of tents allowed, these will be given on a first come first serve basis.
 - d. Committee Nomination Forms for both Adults and Youth.
6. Coggins must be turned in the FIRST TIME each horse arrives at the Sheboygan County Fair Grounds
 - a. You must bring a printed copy with you as well as the original
 - b. There will be a \$1.00 fee per copy made

E. IDENTIFYING (IDING) YOUR HORSE

1. Project animals must be identified in order to be entered at the County Fair. All project animals must be identified by the exhibitor on or before August 1st of the current year, using the ID sheet, or copies of the ID sheet, provided in the H&P Forms Booklet. You may identify up to **three** horses/ponies, but only one of those three animals may be shown at the Fair.
2. Members may share a horse (ID the same horse) for the County Fair. For State Expo, however, “*Only members of the immediate family, and a 4-H youth paired with a Horseless Horse youth, are permitted to show the same project animal. Each family member may show any combination of five classes provided the horse is only shown once in a specific class number.*” This means that if you share a horse with another member outside of the family at the County Fair and both qualify, only one qualifying member will be able to exhibit at the State 4-H Horse Expo; siblings sharing a horse may share that horse at the State 4-H Horse Expo however that horse may not compete in the same class with two different riders, siblings or otherwise. If sharing a horse, each member must submit ***all paperwork required for IDing each entry.***
3. All ID sheets must contain color photographs of the animal in order to be accepted. Digital pictures are acceptable. Your coggins does not qualify, you must include pictures of both side, face and rear.
4. Each horse IDed must have a copy of a current negative Coggins included. You are responsible for getting us the current coggins.
5. Each horse must have a Premise ID# from the State of Wisconsin.
6. Each horse IDed must have proof of vaccination (Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis, Equine Influenza,

Rhinopneumonitis, and Tetanus) included. This proof can be either a certificate or a copy of the receipt with the horse's name on it. Per the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP), it is strongly urged that rabies, and West Nile boosters are kept current, and that your horse is on a regular deworming program. **Please remember that if you are using a store receipt as proof of vaccination the number of horses receiving any one vaccination may not exceed the number of doses purchased.

7. Each member IDed must have a copy of the 4-H Member's Pledge and Emergency Release Form, included in the forms book. Fill out the forms completely if it does not apply please fill in with N/A.
8. If you are considering exhibiting in pony classes at the Fair, your pony must be measured at the Sheboygan County fairgrounds at any Educational Arena or 4-H show before July 15th by any Committee member. Ponies must be 56" or 14HH and under. Mini-horses must be IDed as ponies. When entering your fair classes make sure to coordinate with all three IDed ponies or horses.
9. **HHG MEMBERS MUST SUBMIT ID SHEETS SEPARATE FROM THEIR COACH FOR THE HORSE THEY WILL SHOW AT THE FAIR.** HHG members may only show an animal properly identified by their Coach (a regular member) AND the HHG and shown at the Fair by their Coach. Horses/ponies not being used or shown by a regular member WILL NOT be allowed at the Fair or as part of the HHG project. **HHG members may have a back-up Coach, but must submit ID sheets for both Coaches/horses.** The Committee is not responsible for assigning a second Coach/horse.

F. HORSELESS HORSE GROOMS (HHG)

1. The HHG project is NOT a riding project. While your particular Coach may allow you to ride, this is NOT an expectation you should have going into this project. This project is intended to introduce youth who are not yet able to own a horse to the various aspects of owning a horse. This includes care, grooming, leading, handling, and safety. As far as showing, your Coach may allow you to show in the HHG classes at the fair, but is not required to do so. Your Coach is *not* expected to teach you to ride; if you are interested in learning how to ride, there are several qualified riding instructors in the area. If progressing in the show ring is a goal, the next step is generally to purchase or lease a horse of your own and enroll as a regular Horse Project member. **No member of your immediate family may own a horse.**
2. All HHG members should be properly enrolled as an HHG in the Horse & Pony Project. You must enroll as both a HHG and a Horse member; however you may only show as one or the other. You must choose one project or the other when you fill out your entry form for the Fair.
3. All HHG members must return their "Horseless Horse Groom Statement" and "Horseless Horse Project Liability Release Form" to the HHG chairperson by April 1st of the current 4-H year. These forms are necessary in the pairing process. HHG members who do not turn in these forms will not be paired with a regular member and will not be allowed to enter any horse show classes at the Fair.
4. **Each HHG member is responsible for correctly completing and turning in all forms, entries, etc., necessary for participation in this project. It is not the responsibility of the Coach to return forms, nor is it the responsibility of the animal's owner.**
5. **Each HHG member is required to use appropriate safety equipment at all 4-H sponsored events. This includes SEI-approved equestrian helmets, shoes/boots with definite heel, and appropriate tack.** Coaches are not required to provide equipment.
6. Each Coach is strongly encouraged to meet with his/her HHG at least four times before the Fair.
7. See section in the Sheboygan County Junior Fair Entry Book (available online at www.shebcofair.com) for information on entering exhibits at the fair.
8. There are often times where there are more HHG members than there are available horses. Many members feel uncomfortable sharing with a beginner for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is liability. Some project members don't feel "expert" enough, while still others have limited time available to help others. We are, therefore, limited in our resources. We will do our best to get you matched up with someone, but cannot guarantee it.
9. The HHG Chairperson has the ability to present to the horse & pony committee that a regular member and/or horse is not suitable for the HHG program.

G. EXCEPTIONS*

1. Any consideration of exceptions of the rules herein can be addressed to the committee in person or in writing. Concerns will be routed to the appropriate process which may include:
 - a. Brought to attention of Youth Development Educator
 - b. Shared with Fair Association
 - c. Put on the Horse & Pony Committee Agenda then deferred to committee or acted upon by the committee as a whole.

Exceptions to rules or consideration of unmet member expectations will be deferred to the Exceptions Advisory Committee who will make a recommendation for action to the committee of the whole.

IV. SHEBOYGAN COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR

(This is the qualifying show for the State 4-H Horse Expo)

A. ELIGIBILITY

1. You must be a member of a Sheboygan County 4-H Club and have satisfactorily met local club requirements and all Horse & Pony Project requirements and deadlines. See separate sections on “ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS,” “PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS,” and “DEADLINES” for further details.
2. **FFA members** in good standing are also eligible to show for premiums at the Sheboygan County Fair. The following criteria apply:
 - a. FFA members must be properly enrolled through their chapter headquarters.
 - b. The chapter headquarters must be located in Sheboygan County.
 - c. FFA members are expected to keep detailed records of their project as per their headquarters’ specifications.
 - d. FFA members are required to attend countywide meetings and clinics. See attendance requirements on page seven.
 - e. FFA members may not bring a horse to Educational arenas since they will not be covered by the Horse & Pony Project’s insurance.
 - f. FFA members are responsible for correctly entering their premium classes at the County Fair. Assistance may be obtained at any Educational Arena or by calling a Committee member.
 - g. FFA members must adhere to the age level guidelines as set forth by the Fair Board when entering premium classes at the Fair.
 - h. FFA members must send in an ID sheet by August 1st (See section on “IDENTIFYING(IDing) YOUR HORSE”.)
 - i. FFA members are required to use appropriate safety equipment at all 4-H sponsored functions including the County Fair. This includes SEI-approved equestrian helmets, shoes or boots with definite heel, and appropriate tack.
 - j. FFA members are not eligible to show or participate in any State 4-H or county horse events (i.e. Drill teams, education, etc.).

B. FAIR ENTRY

1. Each member, including HHG members, is responsible for correctly completing his or her fair entry forms. No changes will be allowed for incorrect entries after July 15th. Members may only exhibit in HHG or regular member classes, not both. Members are encouraged to ask for assistance at any Educational Arena or by calling a Committee member. Entry deadlines are strictly enforced according to fair association rules.
2. Fair entries are made online with the Sheboygan County Fair website.
<http://www.shebcofair.com/>.
3. The member’s grade as of January 1st of the current year should be used to enter appropriate grade categories.
4. Any animal 56” and under (as measured by a committee member) may be shown in either horse classes or pony classes, but not both. Any animals over 56” must be shown in horse classes. The Committee shall deal with any other equine project animals (i.e. donkeys and mules) on an individual basis.
5. Stallions over one year of age are prohibited at any 4-H event open to 4-H members only.
6. Only the 4-H members who have properly identified a certain animal may exhibit the animal. Volunteers in the check-in booth will compare ID sheets with the animal.
7. Members that are on the drill teams must enter walk/trot/canter classes if they canter on their drill team.
8. Members entering speed classes may not enter walk/trot classes
9. The Patrick Rogers Memorial Horsemanship Class is a fifth entry offered to members 14-18 years of age. This is not a premium class. Members must sign up on Wednesday or Thursday of the Fair. This class will be held Friday of the Fair. You must show the horse you are exhibiting at the Fair. *This is a walk/trot/canter class.*
10. The Nancy Becker Memorial Horsemanship Class is a fifth entry offered to members ages 13 and under. This is not a premium class. Members must sign up on Wednesday or Thursday of the Fair. This class will be held Friday of the Fair. *This is a walk/trot/canter class.* You must show the horse you are exhibiting at the Fair.
11. All entries in the trail classes at the Fair, except walk/trot, are eligible for the Zazpiakbat Trail Trophy. This award is given to the horse-and-rider combination with the best score.
12. All members are responsible for following the rules and regulations contained in the “Sheboygan County Junior Fair” newspaper received from their local club leader.

C. WALK/TROT HORSE CLASSES

1. Walk/Trot classes are intended for riders or horses with minimal show experience.
2. Walk/Trot exhibitors may show in the regular halter, Walk/Trot showmanship, and Walk/Trot trail classes.
3. You may not enter walk/trot/canter classes, speed, or Gymkhana classes. *The horse may be shown by another exhibitor in canter/speed classes.*

D. HORSELESS HORSE GROOM CLASSES

1. HHG members may exhibit in Horseless Horse classes only.
2. If you are not showing an animal at the Fair, refer to the section entitled “OTHER EQUINE EXHIBIT AREAS.”
3. You must have met all requirements (see “HORSELESS HORSE GROOMS (HHG)” section) of eligibility to show a horse at the Fair.

E. BARN AWARDS

1. Barn Awards are given for stall decorations as outlined below:
2. Sheboygan County Fair will automatically submit entry for your club to be eligible for barn awards and fair premiums.
3. It is encouraged that decorations are completed as early as possible and that decorating and bedding of stalls are started Monday of Fair week.
4. All decorations must be completed by noon on Thursday of the Fair to be eligible for awards.
5. No staples are to be used on any portable stalls. String, rubber cement, tape, etc. are permitted.
6. No glass will be used in stall decorations.
7. Stall plaques may not be covered by any decorations. If this is unavoidable, then the stall plaque information must be printed on a 3 x 5 card and displayed on the stall.
8. Emergency information cards must be placed on the upper corner of stall door closest to lock where it is easily accessible and removable. A copy is available in the H&P Forms Booklet or on website.
9. All clubs will be judged in their size category (large, medium, or small) on the following criteria:
 - a. **General Appearance - 20%**
 - a. 20 points possible based on over-all look of exhibit, eye appeal, etc.
 - b. **Cleanliness/Horsemanship – 25%**
 - a. 25 points possible for stalls clean and well bedded, horses clean, sweat marks, horse care, and groomed, aisles swept and clean, etc.
 - c. **Education/4H Promotion – 20%**
 - a. 20 points possible for educational aspect, logo, and appropriateness to 4-H and the Horse & Pony Project, etc.
 - d. **Identification – 15%**
 - a. 15 points possible based on identification. Are the club, exhibitor (first and last name) and horse clearly identified? Stall donors visible.
 - e. **Safety - 20%**
 - a. 20 points possible for overall safety. Halter and lead are on stall door, buckets and hay bags are hung safely, decorations are put up safely, aisle is free of obstacles (brooms, forks, and tack boxes), etc.
 - f. **Extra Credit – 10%**
 - a. 10 extra points possible for an attendant on duty, 4-H spirit, good manners, and friendliness to display, etc.
10. Judging is done by Committee appointees who will randomly tour the barns and score each area for the duration of the Fair. Barn awards will be given out on Monday of the Fair at the Project Awards Ceremony.

F. FAIR ARRIVAL REQUIREMENTS

1. **Health:** Livestock exhibits must comply with the animal health requirements listed in the Fair Entry Handbook (available online at www.shebofair.com). Horse exhibits must also comply with requirements listed in this Handbook under “IDENTIFYING (IDing) YOUR HORSE.” Generally speaking, these two sources have the same requirements; however, both should be checked.

2. **Arrival Time:** All animals must be brought to the Fairgrounds through the designated gate on Wednesday from 4-8PM or Thursday from 8AM-Noon.
 - a. No horses will be allowed in the barn before 4PM Wednesday of the Fair. If this happens, your club will not be eligible for barn awards.
 - b. Unloading is to be done at the northwest entrance to the Fairgrounds (enter through Gate 4).
 - c. Unless you have a Trailer Request Form on file with the Horse & Pony Project (see "Trailer Parking" below), you may not leave your trailer on the grounds overnight.
 - d. *Trailers may not enter or be parked on the fairgrounds after noon on Thursday or before 6PM on Monday of the Fair.*
3. **Fair Check-In:** If you did not pick up your Fair entry tickets earlier, they will be available for you to pick up at the Fair Office when you bring your horse at the times designated.
 - a. **ALL 4-H MEMBERS, INCLUDING HHG, EXHIBITING A HORSE IN ANY CLASS must check in at the arena show office by noon on Thursday of the Fair.** You must present your Fair entry tickets, and original Coggins. Your ID sheets will be returned at stall checkout Monday after 6 PM.
 - b. You will receive two identical back-tag numbers in your entry folder. You must wear one at all times while on your horse, in the barn and arena areas during the Fair.

G. STALL ASSIGNMENTS

1. Stall space will be provided for one animal per regular member as space allows.
2. In the event of more horses than stalls, portable outside stalls will be available. We will ask for volunteers to go outside (you may sign up for outside stalls by initialing the back of your identification sheet). In the event we are still short of stalls, selection for outside stalls will be determined by Committee discretion.
3. The Committee will have assigned stalls for members by club. Tentative stall assignments will be made available at the August mandatory meeting.
4. **Stall assignments for 2017 will remain generally in the same locations as clubs were located in the previous year with alterations made as needed base on number of members participating.**
5. Exhibitors must furnish all of their equipment as well as bedding, hay, and feed. No hay, grain, or bedding storage will be permitted in the aisles. Shavings may be available on the grounds for purchase during the Fair; please check with the Committee Chairperson to verify the status of shavings in a given year.

H. TRAILER PARKING:

1. If you are planning on leaving your trailer on the fairgrounds for the duration of the Fair, you must have a Trailer Request Form on file with the Horse & Pony Project (see "DEADLINES" in this Handbook) and your trailer must be parked in the designated area.
2. All requests must have the owner's signature and names of the 4-Hers using the trailer during the Fair.
3. A two-horse trailer must accommodate at least three 4-Hers; a three horse must accommodate at least four 4-Hers; a four-horse trailer must accommodate at least five 4-Hers for the duration of the Fair. The Committee reserves the right to combine any requests as necessary.
4. All towing vehicles must be detached from the trailer and may not remain with the vehicle for the duration of the Fair.
5. Trailers are allowed in the designated area only. Trailers parked without Committee approval will be towed away at the owner's expense.
6. No campers or RVs are allowed to park on the fairgrounds overnight.
7. Parking permits are issued according to Sheboygan County Fair Association Policy.
8. Trailers may not enter or be parked on the fairgrounds after noon on Thursday or before 6 PM on Monday of the fair.
9. Trailers will be moved to dressage arena starting at 5 PM Monday of the fair by members nominated for that job.

I. BARN AND GROUND RULES

SAFETY OF YOUTH, ANIMALS AND PEDESTRIANS IN THE AISLES IS CRITICAL!

1. All horses must have halter and lead rope hanging on the front of the stall when the horse is stalled.
 - a. Halters should not be left on the horse at night. Committee approval is required if a horse requires a halter, however it must be a breakaway type.
2. DO NOT tie the stall door shut at night without prior Committee approval.
3. Horses must be kept in the stall when in the barns. NO horses are allowed to stand in the aisle at any time.
4. All water buckets (we recommend having two buckets) and hay nets must be securely fastened at least as high as the animal's chest. Use of hooks for buckets and hay nets rather than tying is strongly encouraged. NO OPEN HOOKS ALLOWED!!
5. No dogs or bicycles are allowed in the barns at any time. Strollers are also discouraged in the barns.
6. Fans are allowed by permission from the Committee only.
7. Manure is to be placed in the appropriate containers, NOT alongside them. Failure to do this will result in CLUB'S ineligibility for barn awards
8. **Do not arrive at the horse barns prior to 6 AM as the horse grounds and horse barns will not be open until 6 AM. The horse barns will be open to spectators at 8 AM. All stalls must be cleaned by 8 AM and remain clean throughout the day. Barns will be closed to spectators and members at 10 PM.**
9. No one under the age of 21 is allowed to remain on the Fairgrounds during the night. Adults will be on duty overnight. Volunteers 21 years of age or older who choose to stay should assume they are on duty and adhere to all 4-H Volunteer Expectations.
10. It is recommended, for your safety and liability reasons, in cases when a horse is extremely agitated, ie. weather, fireworks, it is necessary that members and recommended for adults to stay out/leave the stall
11. It is recommended that members are to take full responsibility of their exhibit while at the fair. Only members are allowed in stalls, ie. Not friends, nor fairgoers etc.
12. Exceptions to the above rules will be heard by the Handbook Exceptions Committee for recommendation to and must be cleared with a majority vote of the entire Horse and Pony Project Committee.

J. RIDING RULES

(**=Applies to Fair only)

1. **Riding arenas and warm-up areas will be open from 6:30 AM until 8 PM (or until dark) everyday as possible, except Monday, when riding must end at 4 PM.** Some exceptions may be made based on project needs.**
2. No one may lunge or ride in the warm up arena, at any time, without recognized supervisor in attendance. **
3. Animals must be stabled when not being exercised. **
4. Riding is restricted to the following areas:
 - a. Warm-up arena. **
 - b. Main arena. **
 - c. Between warm-up arena and main arena ALONG THE NORTH FENCE AT A WALK immediately prior to your class. **
 - d. In the holding area east of the main arena while awaiting your class. **
5. No horses or ponies may be turned loose in either arena at any time.
6. Lunging will be allowed only in designated areas. **
7. When riding in any 4-H Horse & Pony Project event or sponsored event, members **are required to wear SEI-approved, fitted equestrian helmets with chin straps securely fastened**, proper boots or hard-soled shoes with heels, only shirts with sleeves will be allowed while riding, and appropriate tack. You may be referred to the 4-H Educator for disciplinary action, if this rule is not followed.
8. It is recommended that closed toed shoes should be worn in horse designated areas. No undergarments should be exposed. And any garment posing a safety hazard may be addressed. Your animal is on exhibit not the member! This is in effect at all county and state horse and pony project activities.
9. Horses MAY NOT be ridden by anyone not currently enrolled in the Horse & Pony Project at any Educational Arenas or project-member-only events.
10. Enrolled Horse & Pony Project Leaders, parents and equine owners may assist a member when needed for safety reasons. Please notify the show office when a someone other than an exhibitor must be on the horse. *

K. FAIR JUDGING

1. JUDGING DAYS

- a. All premium classes and state-qualifying classes will be held on Friday and Saturday of the Fair.
- b. Non-premium classes will be held as posted.
- c. The Committee reserves the right to combine any lots that have four or less entries and split any lots with more than eighteen entries, or as safety dictates.
- d. The Committee or the judge may dismiss a rider and/or animal they feel is endangering the safety of other persons or animals in the ring.

2. QUALIFYING TO COMPETE AT THE STATE 4-H HORSE EXPO

- a. You must have been in the sixth grade or higher as of January 1st of the current year to take a horse to the State 4-H Horse Expo. You may participate in educational events in third grade and above.
- b. You must qualify at the County Fair to take a horse to EXPO. Qualifying is achieved by receiving a blue ribbon (Danish or Regular).
- c. Trail classes (except Walk/Trot classes) are state-qualifying classes and may be entered as a premium class by regular members ages 3rd grade -18.
- d. The following classes are not state-qualifying: Hunter Hack, all Walk/Trot classes, (except HHG walk/trot classes). Halter classes, speed classes, Patrick Rogers Memorial class, and Nancy Becker Memorial class.
- e. All members enrolled in the Horse & Pony Project, the Horseless Horse Project, or the Clothes Horse Project may participate at the State 4-H Horse Expo in the educational divisions of clothes horse, judging, poster, photography, art, speaking and/or demonstration, model horse, drawing and painting, and hippology, etc. You need not have shown at the county level to participate in a State educational event (with the exception of Horse Quiz Bowl, where you need to be on the qualifying team. Teams qualify in May of the current year).
- f. ALL MEMBERS EXHIBITING AT STATE 4-H HORSE EXPO, whether with an animal or in the educational activities, MUST ATTEND THE STATE 4-H HORSE EXPO MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY AT A TIME AND AREA TO BE DESIGNATED DURING THE FAIR. Entries need to be in by noon on that day.
- g. Parental signatures are required to register for State 4-H Horse Expo so bring a parent and your checkbook with you.
- h. You may be asked to bring a picture of yourself for educational exhibits and an additional picture of you and/or your horse for animal exhibits.
- i. A \$15 stall deposit for State 4-H Horse Expo will be destroyed when the stall is cleaned. This stall deposit must be paid by separate check made out to Sheboygan County Horse & Pony

L. MONDAY FUN DAY

1. Labor Day at the Fair is a great way to end your five days of camaraderie!
 - a. In order to participate in Monday Fun Day, exhibitors must show in at least one premium class. This includes HHG and walk/trot exhibitors. *Cloverbuds may exhibit in designated classes without a horse.*
 - b. If you participated in walk/trot classes on Friday and/or Saturday, you must enter walk/trot classes on Monday, regardless of the horse that is used.
 - c. Registration for Monday games is to be completed by noon on Sunday. Entry blanks will be found in the folder you received upon check-in. NO entries will be accepted after deadline. Deposit entry slips in the box at the arena office.
 - d. Each member is allowed to participate in only three games.
 - e. Entries in tandem classes must include the names of both exhibitors on the one entry along with the horse's name(s).
 - f. Use the same back tag number for all Fair entries/premium classes or games.
 - g. Adult participation does NOT count as one of your three games.

M. THE END OF FAIR CHECKOUT

1. All animals must leave Monday of the Fair by the designated gate and not earlier than 6 PM. Trailers will not be allowed onto the fairgrounds until 6 PM Monday. After 6 PM., exhibitors are responsible for getting their animals, decorations, and all other belongings from the Fairgrounds.
2. Superintendents will not be responsible for anything left after 8 PM.

3. Early removal of any animal, decoration, or other belongings will result in loss of premium money and loss of eligibility to show at State 4-H Horse Expo and State Gymkhana.
4. All stalls must be cleaned when leaving on Monday night of the Fair. Failure to clean stall will result in loss of premium money and loss of eligibility to show at State 4-H Horse Expo and State Gymkhana.

V. REQUIRED SHOW RING APPAREL

As a courtesy to new members, the Committee is providing the current requirements for show apparel. This apparel is required for the County Fair and any horse shows expressly organized by the Sheboygan County 4-H Horse Project. These rules are provided by the Wisconsin State 4-H Horse Association. The Sheboygan County 4-H Mock Horse Show does not require show apparel; however helmets and boots are required. (See [4H.UWEX.EDU/ONLINPRO/DOCUMENTS/08 Equestrian Guidlines.pdf](http://4H.UWEX.EDU/ONLINPRO/DOCUMENTS/08_Equestrian_Guidlines.pdf) for specific appointments, ie. Bits, martingales etc.,)

DRAFT HORSE SHOWMANSHIP A show stick is optional. Clothing must be clean and neat. Dark colored pants or slacks with a belt are preferred. Boots must be worn. Hats, gloves, tie and coats of choice may be worn. Hair should be neat and confined. Shorts, skirts, sleeveless shirts, tank tops, farm names or personal exhibitor identification are discouraged.

HUNT SEAT DIVISION Riders should present a neat appearance. Riders should wear a hunt coat of solid color, pin-striped, or tweed, breeches or jodhpurs, and boots. Conservative colored SEI approved helmet, properly fitted with safety harness securely fastened, is to be worn at all times, while mounted. Spurs without rowels, crops or bats, and gloves are optional. Hair should be neat and confined. Ideally, all hair should be contained under the helmet. In excessive heat, hunt coats may be optional or banned by the judge. If not wearing a coat, long or short sleeved shirts are to be worn. No sleeveless shirts will be allowed. Spurs are prohibited in showmanship. Bridle, bit and saddle are required in all riding classes.

STOCK SEAT DIVISION Clothing must be workmanlike and neat. Riders must wear western style attire that includes long pants and a long sleeve shirt or jacket. Boots and an SEI approved helmet, properly fitted with safety harness securely fastened, is to be worn at all times, while mounted. A necktie, kerchief, or bolo tie is optional. Spurs, chaps sweaters, coats, and vests are optional. Hair must be neat and securely fastened if long, so as to not cover the rider's number. Spurs are prohibited in showmanship. Bridle, bit, and saddle are required in all riding classes except horses five years and under which may compete in a bosal rather than a bit.

SADDLE SEAT DIVISION Informal, Semi-formal or Formal attire may be worn at the option of the exhibitor, regardless of the time of day of lots. Conservative colors are appropriate (i.e., solid colors, herringbone, pin stripes, and other combinations of colors that appear to be solid) for the jacket. The exhibitor must wear jodhpurs and jodhpur boots. An SEI approved helmet, properly fitted with safety harness securely fastened, is to be worn at all times, while mounted. Hair should be neat and confined. Spurs without rowels, whips, crops, and gloves are optional in mounted lots. Spurs are prohibited in Showmanship. Bridle, bit and saddle are required in all riding classes.

GYMKHANA DIVISION An SEI approved helmet, properly fitted with safety harness securely fastened, is to be worn at all times, while mounted. Boots with cut out heel and exhibitor number must be worn at all times when exhibitor is riding horse/pony on the show grounds. Attire consists of pants/jeans and long sleeve shirt. Sleeves may not be rolled or pushed up. Shirts with long tails **MUST** have the shirt tail tucked in. Sweat shirts, sweaters or jackets will be allowed when weather conditions warrant. Belts are optional. Slip-on or Strap-On Spurs are optional. Other protective gear is strongly recommended (i.e. shin guards)

VI. PROJECT AWARDS

Project Awards ceremony will take place on Monday of the Fair. All members are expected to attend. Time and location will be announced during Fair. Members, leaders, and parents must submit nominations and applications on or before the August mandatory meeting for those awards requiring nomination. You may nominate yourself. Nomination forms may be mailed to the Awards committee chair, but must be postmarked on or before that same date. You may also hand your nominations in that night. Selections will be made by the Committee.

Awards requiring a nomination form are listed below.

Capelle Traveling Trophy Donated in memory of Waldemar Capelle, whose family was very involved in the 4-H Horse Project, this award is presented to that individual who exhibits overall outstanding achievement in 4-H with horses and related projects. Horse project members can nominate themselves for this award or be nominated by someone else.

Friend of 4-H Award given to that adult and/or business who has donated a special amount of time, money, or materials to the Horse & Pony Project. It may be a parent, businessperson, company, or leader.

Horseless Horse Coaching Member Award This is a traveling trophy award donated by the 1993 Hippology/Quiz Bowl Team. It is to be given to the Horseless Horse Coach who has demonstrated an outstanding willingness to work with a Horseless Horse Groom to teach them horsemanship and sportsmanship. The Coach must be a registered 4-H member in the Horse & Pony Project. The Horseless Horse Groom must submit written records of the Coach's involvement.

Horseless Horse Groom Award This traveling trophy donated by the 1983 Horse Bowl Team is awarded for outstanding achievement in the HHG Project. Written records of involvement in the Horse & Pony Project are to be submitted by the HHG applying for this award.

Most-Improved Horseman Awarded to the individual exhibiting the most-improved horsemanship skills throughout the year. Winning member must be enrolled in project for second year or later.

Storm Commander (AKA Ralph) Equine friend and Service Award This award is intended to honor horses that have served their human friends in a variety of positive ways. This award will be given to a horse that is both a best friend to their rider and one who has served their human friends in an extraordinary way.

Sundance Farm Most-Improved Horse Award A traveling trophy awarded to that horse showing the most improvement in character, discipline, training, versatility, or pleurably. The horse must be trained primarily by the 4-H member and must be in second year of project or later.

County Sportsmanship Award Awarded to that individual who has best demonstrated "good sportsmanship" during the Fair and throughout the 4-H year. This award is dedicated to helping youth learn good sportsmanship through horsemanship.

State Sportsmanship Award Awarded to that individual who has best demonstrated "good sportsmanship" during the State events and throughout the 4-H year. This award is dedicated to helping youth learn good sportsmanship through horsemanship.

Linda M. Reinwand Service Award Awarded to the individual 15 and older youth, who, over time, through their experience and knowledge of equines gave freely of themselves and has demonstrated excellence in horse husbandry.

Steady Eddie Award Awarded to one or more horses which exhibit attributes of repeated giving to the youth of the Sheboygan County 4-H Horse Project over a series of years. This award application is due August 1st

Betsy Rohde Quiz Bowl Award Awarded to the individual who has best shown the knowledge, participation, and sportsmanship recognizing Betsy Rohde's belief that all three traits are necessary when it comes to taking care of and showing our equine friends. This person must have competed a minimum of one year on the Senior Quiz Bowl Team and is to be nominated by other Quiz Bowl members, parents, or coaches.

Awards listed below are based on criteria not requiring a nomination form. An explanation is included with each description.

Barn Awards: All clubs will be judged in their size-category (large, medium, or small) on the following criteria: general appearance, cleanliness, horsemanship, education, 4H promotion, safety, and extra credit if attendant-in-charge exhibits good manners and 4-H spirit. (See section on "BARN AWARDS.")

Debbie Leynse Memorial Walk/Trot Trophy: In memory of Debbie, who loved animals and worked to the best of her abilities. It is presented annually to the outstanding participant in the Fair's Walk/Trot classes and is based on the highest number of points received at the County Fair.

Nancy Becker Memorial Trophy: In memory of a wonderful horsewoman, this is a class at the County Fair for project members 13 and under as of January 1st. It is to be judged on horsemanship. Patterns will be required. The winner is to be picked by the officiating judge. The winner of the class and the first runner-up will be announced. A plaque will be given, since this is a traveling trophy. Exhibitor must show on their own ID'd horse.

Outstanding and Exceptional Attendance Awards will be given to those members who have attended 10-14 activities for Outstanding, and 15 activities or more for Exceptional.

Patrick Rogers Memorial Trophy: In memory of wonderful horsemanship combined with sportsmanship, this is a class at the County Fair for project member 14 years and older as of January 1st of the current year. It is to be judged strictly on horsemanship. Patterns are encouraged for this class, but are not required. The winner is to be picked by the officiating judge. The winner of the class and the first runner-up will be announced. Exhibitor must show on their own ID'd horse.

Tissadi Memorial Trophy: Donated by Barb Drewry-Zimmerman in memory of a promising versatile Arabian who died too young. This traveling trophy is awarded at the Fair to the winner of the versatility class at the June Show, open to all 4-H members. The versatility class starts as English equitation then a three-minute tack change (with one assistant), then you are judged showing Western Horsemanship (patterns may be called for).

Lil' Buck 'A' Roo Award: Donated by Chuck and Nancy Williams, this award is presented to the gymkhana rider grades 3-5 accumulating the most points at both the Sheboygan County Horse Project Speed Show and the County Fair. You must sign up for high point on your entry at the county speed show. This is a traveling trophy awarded at the County Fair.

Wrangler Gymkhana Award: Donated by Robert and Dawn Boehlke, this award is presented to the gymkhana rider grades 6-9 accumulating the most points at both the Sheboygan County Horse Project Speed Show and the County Fair. You must sign up for high point on your entry at the county speed show. This is a traveling trophy awarded at the County Fair.

Rawhide Gymkhana Award: Donated by Richard and Pam Eder, this award is presented to the Gymkhana rider grades 10-13 accumulating the most points at both the Sheboygan County Horse Project Speed Show and the County Fair. You must sign up for high point on your entry at the county speed show. This is a traveling trophy awarded at the County Fair.

Zazpiakbat Trail Class Award: Donated by Barb Drewry-Zimmerman in memory of an Arabian gelding who was a great teacher and friend, this traveling trophy is awarded to that individual accumulating the most points in the Trail Classes at the Fair. Walk/trot members are not eligible.

Graduation from Project: Member must be officially graduating from 4-H.

VII. OTHER EQUINE EXHIBIT AREAS AND OPPORTUNITIES

CLOTHES HORSE This project is entered through your local club. Members sew and make items for the rider or horse and exhibit them at the Fair. The items can also be exhibited at the district and state events even if you are not enrolled in Sewing or Clothes Horse as long as you are in the Horse & Pony Project. Patterns and instructions are available at the 4-H office. Woodworking, leather craft, and other craft items that are horse related are also acceptable.

DEMONSTRATIONS/SPEECHES Following county guidelines, you may compete in the countywide events using horse-related topics. You may also compete at district and state events sponsored by the Horse & Pony Project. Top participants at the state level will be qualified for regional and national competition.

DRAWING AND PAINTING This can be taken as a Drawing and Painting project member or on your own. Drawing and Painting project members create horse-related works of art that may be exhibited at the Fair. You are able to exhibit your artwork at district and state events even if you are not enrolled in Drawing and Painting, but are in the Horse & Pony Project. Ask resource people for rules of entry and specifications.

DRILL TEAM If you are enrolled in the Horse & Pony Project, you are eligible to participate. Drill team is a form of riding done for spectators where a group of horses and riders move in patterns with a musical background. They practice first on foot without horses to learn the patterns and then, during summer, practice with their horses. Performances are given at the Fair and occasionally as guest performances at other events. Participants have the option of English or Western teams. Participants must exhibit in at least one Horse & Pony Project class on Friday or Saturday of the Fair to perform in Drill Team.

EDUCATION DAY Held in February or March by host county, this is an opportunity to learn about hippology, quiz bowl, team problems, model horse, clothes horse, posters, drawing and painting, photography and more.

EDUCATIONAL ARENAS If you are enrolled in the Horse & Pony Project, you are eligible to participate in or attend these Educational/Open Arenas. They are held at the Fairgrounds beginning in May of each year through August (see Calendar included in this Handbook for dates). The main ring will be open to riders from 6PM to 6:30PM. Each Educational Topic will begin promptly at 6:30PM and end no later than 8PM. It will provide an opportunity for you to learn with or without your horse with various professionals. The Calendar included with this Handbook will list dates; watch the Cloverleaf Crier for topics and presenters. Each Educational Arena counts as a meeting credit for Outstanding/Exceptional Attendance Award.

HIPPOLOGY If you are a Horse & Pony Project member, a HHG member, or a Clothes Horse Project member, you are eligible to participate. This is entered at district and state events. It is a timed testing of your knowledge of many horse-related topics such as breeds, colors, markings, feed, etc. Top participants at the state level will be qualified for regional and national competition.

HORSE JUDGING If you are a Horse & Pony Project member, a HHG member, or a Clothes Horse Project member, you are eligible to participate. This can be either individual or team events. A halter and riding class of four horses is judged for conformation and pleasurably. Scores are determined by comparing your placing against those of the judge. Anyone can compete at district and state. Top participants at the state level will be qualified for regional and national competition.

HORSE & PONY PROJECT YOUTH BUILDING EXHIBITS Horse & Pony Project members, HHG members and Clothes Horse Project members are able to show a number of items in the Youth Building during the County Fair. Categories range from various types of posters to model horses - see your Junior Fair Premium Sheet for class listings. Judging day for these projects is prior to Fair time. Projects must be brought to the Fair according to the schedule posted in the Junior Fair Premium newspaper, which you will receive from your club entry coordinator when you receive your Fair Entry forms. Talk with your project leader to plan your Youth Building exhibit.

HORSE QUIZ BOWL If you are a Horse & Pony Project member, a HHG member, or a Clothes Horse Project member, you are eligible to participate. Quiz Bowl participants study and learn about horses and related items such as horse anatomy, nutrition, showing, judging, etc. Meetings are held weekly in the winter and spring with competitions against other counties in May. Top teams are eligible to compete at regional and national levels.

MODEL HORSE Participants buy or build a horse model and compete against other participants in halter, showmanship, and action classes. Participants may enter their models at the County Fair as well as compete at district and state events. Check with your project leader for entry dates for State 4-H Horse Expo.

PHOTOGRAPHY This can be taken as a Photography project member or on your own. If enrolled in the Photography project, you may exhibit your equine photographs at the County Fair. If you are enrolled in the Horse & Pony Project, you can compete at district and state events. Ask resource people for rules of entry and specifications.

POSTERS These can be entered at the Fair through the Horse & Pony Project. These can also be entered at district and state events. Follow the rules in the County Fair Premium Newspaper.