

Winnebago County Horse & Pony Mentor Program

Mission:

The Winnebago County Horse and Pony Mentor Program is based on the 4H mission and goals. Participating in a mentor partnership will bring the opportunity for both members to make decisions and solve problems. It is the mission to build self-confidence, learn to accept responsibility, increase the sense of belonging, provide the opportunity to develop mastery and practice skills. Providing the opportunity to mentor new members also allows mentors to develop skills in leadership, citizenship and helps them to build life skills.

Policy:

It is Winnebago County Horse and Pony Mentor Program policy to match new members with qualified mentors to help support new members growth and skill development.

Participation Qualifications:

Mentor qualifications must include:

- Member must have been a member of Winnebago County 4H horse and Pony Project for at least 3 years.
- Member must have qualified and attended State 4H competition at least one time (this is in order to be able to guide the mentee in the event that they qualify to attend the state competition.)
- Member must be at least 14 years of age.
- Member must be in good standing with Winnebago County 4H and they must be able to follow the code of conduct (Member will conduct themselves in a 4H manner in all their interactions with the mentee).
- Member must be available to answer questions at fair.
- Member must have received formal training
- Member must be willing and able to contact the prospective mentee and set up meeting times.
- Member must complete a Mentor application form.
- Member will be willing to meet with the Mentee at least 3 times.
- Must sign waiver of liability to participate

Mentee qualifications must include:

- Mentee must be a member of Winnebago County 4h horse and pony project
- Mentee must complete a mentee application form
- Must sign waiver of liability to participate

Procedure for Requesting a Mentor:

1. Members interested in having a mentor will contact the Mentor Committee Chairs(Lea Ann Schneider or CJ Charniak) or will sign up at Horse and Pony Meeting.
2. Upon contact they will be given a Mentee Application.
3. It will be verified that they fulfill the qualifications to be a mentee.

4. The application will be completed and returned to the Mentor Committee Chairs (Lea Ann Schneider or CJ Charniak). The application will include contact information as well as what disciplines they are most interested in receiving a mentor for. This application will be used in the matching process to help match them with a mentor.

Procedure for Apply to be a Mentor:

1. Members interested in becoming a mentor will contact Mentor Committee Chairs (Lea Ann Schneider and CJ Charniak) or will sign up at a Horse and Pony Meeting.
2. Member will be responsible for getting an application at a meeting or online.
3. Potential Mentor will complete the Mentor Application and verify they meet the qualifications of a mentor.
4. The application will be completed and returned to the Mentor Committee Chairs (Lea Ann Schneider or CJ Charniak) no later than the chosen date.

Procedure to Match Mentee and Mentor:

1. Review all mentee and mentor applications and qualifications.
2. Contact mentee or mentor, if they are not qualified to participate at this time in inform them of this.
3. Review applications and match mentee and mentor based on the following considerations:
 - Location: distance from each other
 - Disciplines that mentee is seeking to improve upon and experience of a potential mentor in those areas.
 - Mentee specific Mentor request, if any
4. Contact assigned Mentor and share mentee application information
5. Ask Mentor to contact Mentee to set up initial practice.
6. Specific Mentor requests will be considered.

Procedure for Completing Match Expectations:

1. Mentor will contact mentee to set up initial meeting times. Please note that it is highly encouraged to meet at Open Ride times set up by the Horse and Pony Project. Mentor will attempt to contact mentee within 3 days of receiving the match. If the Mentor is unable to reach the Mentee after 3 attempts in one week's time, the Mentor will contact the Mentor Committee Chairs (Lea Ann Schneider or CJ Charniak) to inform them of the difficulty contacted the Mentee.

During this contact the following will be discussed:

- The mentor will discuss the mentee's expectations of the match with the mentee. (ie...how many times are they hoping to meet? How often are they hoping to meet? What would they like to learn from the mentor? What disciplines would they like to improve on?)
 - The mentor will arrange when and where they will meet.
2. When meeting with the mentee the Mentor will be a leader and use positive communication.
 3. The mentor will set up the next meeting with the mentee.
 4. The mentor will contact the Mentor Committee Chairs (Lea Ann Schneider or CJ Charniak) with any issues or concerns about the match.
 5. At the end of the year, the mentor and the mentee will be required to turn in their record sheet.

Current Mentor Committee Chair Contact Information

Please feel free to contact the Mentor Committee Chairs with any questions, application requests or concerns.

Youth Chair: CJ Charniak

Email: cjcharniak@att.net

Phone: 920-636-3765

Adult Chair: Lea Ann Schneider

Email: leaschneider@new.rr.com

Phone: 920-810-8886

Mentor Application

Contact information for Mentor:

Name: _____

email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

Mentor Qualifications: Check all that apply

- I have been a member of Winnebago County 4H Horse and Pony project for at least 3 years. List number of years in H&P Project _____
- I am at least 14 years of age. List age: _____
- I am in good standing with Winnebago County 4H and they must be able to follow that code of conduct (Member will conduct themselves in a 4H manner in all their interactions with the mentee).
- I will be available to answer question at fair.
- I am willing and able to contact the prospective mentee and set up practice times.
- I have attached a completed a Mentor application form.
- I am willing to meet with the Mentee at least 3 times
- I am willing to sign waiver of liability to participate.
- I will be attending fair.
- I have qualified and attended State 4H competition at least one time (this is in order to be able to guide the mentee in the event that they qualify to attend the state competition.)Strongly recommended
- I will sign the code of conduct form

Areas I am confident in mentoring.

I would be most interested in mentoring in the following areas:

I am NOT interested in mentoring in the following areas:

All information on this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I will comply with all 4h and Horse and Pony code of conduct expectations.

Signature of proposed Mentor

Date of Signature

Signature of Parent of proposed Mentor

Date of Signature

Mentee Application

Contact information for Mentor:

Name: _____

email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

Mentee Qualifications: Check all that apply

- I am a member of Winnebago County 4h horse and pony project
- I am willing to sign waiver of liability to participate
- I will sign the code of conduct form
- I will be showing at fair
- Model horse
- Riding/handling
- Horse bowl

Classes I am competing in at fair:

Areas I would like a Mentor to help me with:

All information on this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I will comply with all 4h and Horse and Pony code of conduct expectations.

Signature of proposed Mentee

Date of Signature

Signature of Parent of proposed Mentee

Date of Signature

*****Feel free to include a short bio about yourself and your horse along with photos (Not required)*****