Horse Happenings

GREENE COUNTY / 4-H   APRIL /2023

The best way to reach us is by phone/email. In this newsletter, you will find information on important dates for 2023 including a change in fair shows, EquiSTEP, horse paperwork, and more. Note: Times, dates are subject to change.

Horse Rule Book

All exhibitors should have a 4-H Horse Rule Book. If you need to order this, please email Zehring.5@osu.edu by May 1 to do so.

HOLD THE DATE!
Horse Exhibitor Meeting

Wednesday, April 19 via zoom. Link will be sent prior to the meeting date.

4-H Now App

Do you have the 4-H Now App? Make sure you download it today. We have easy links to 4-H Online, our newsletter, project requirements, camp information (and registration soon), animals, teens, Cloverbuds, a calendar where you can add events into your phone, and more!
It will change as we progress throughout the year. Please make sure you download it and say yes to alerts and helpful reminders will be sent through the app!
Find us in the iOS and Google Play App Stores or visit
https://grandstandsites.com/gs?c=Greene_County_4-H

Secure Date for Horses is April 28!

All paperwork needs to be turned into your advisor or the 4-H office before this date. Paperwork requirements can be found at the links below:
- Permission to Participate
- Horse ID
- Health Records (Coggins and Vaccinations)
- Member Health Form
- Horse Lease if applicable
- Horse Picture (Must be in color!)

This year we will NOT be accepting any paperwork via email or virtual mailbox.

Make sure you fully read the horse rule book to be aware of the minimum body condition score required for all horses used in Ohio 4-H horse activities.

Horse Show Information for Fair- UPDATED SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Show Dates for the Greene County Fair
Sunday, July 30 – English Day with fun show classes
Tuesday, August 1 – Western with fun show classes

Stalls will not be available this year for horse exhibitors. All exhibitors will need to haul in and haul out each night. NO trailers will be allowed to stay the week.

Included in your horse paperwork you need to show negative coggins test plus all vaccines your horse has been given. We are hearing in the office that some veterinarians are scheduled out for appointments so please get this done soon. All this paperwork needs to be included in the **April 28 deadline.**

Price Increase on 4-H Publications
Thank you for your support of Ohio 4-H project books and other resources. As a result of increased costs associated with their production and distribution, particularly for printing, the base price of project books has been raised to $8.00. Just like before, some longer project books cost more. The prices of other materials, such as resource handbooks, have increased slightly too. We appreciate your support of the cost recovery business model, which also provides for the Family Guide.
- State 4-H Office

Each club will be allowed 5 times to use the show arena before fair. Call the Extension office to schedule your dates. Two-week lead time will be strictly enforced. This is so the Extension office can notify Sr. Fairboard of the dates.

EquiStep
New for 2023!
This is a state mandated training for all horse exhibitors. All youth enrolled in a horse project (except Project #173 Horseless Horse) must complete a Greene County Horse Education Program. All first-time horse project participants should read 191R Horses, Safety and You. Books are available for purchase through the Extension Office.

- *Youth must complete Ohio 4-H's EquiSTEP program. The online course is housed on ScarletCanvas and is run by the State 4-H Office. Here is the link to enroll in/access EquiSTEP:* go.osu.edu/equistep2023

- To complete EquiSTEP, a participant must enroll using their own unique email address. (Participants should not use their school email addresses as the course enrollment invitation will be blocked by the school's email system.) Participants must view all five videos (introduction and STEPS 1-4) which last approximately one hour in total. Once the videos are completed, participants will be able to access the 10-question quiz. Participants must complete the quiz associated with the training and achieve a minimum score of 7 (out of 10) in order to pass the training. Once the quiz is successfully completed, participants will need to complete the course survey to trigger a certificate of completion. The certificate will be emailed to the participant's email address as well as their county's 4-H email address (countyname4h@osu.edu). The participant must select their correct county to trigger the email to the correct email address and they must click on the submit button at the end of the survey to trigger the email.

All Greene County Youth must complete the Horse Education Program (EquiStep) requirement by June 1.

Horse Bowl & Hippology Entry Tickets

This year's Horse Bowl & Hippology contests are being held in conjunction with Equine Affaire at the Ohio State Fairgrounds. Electronic entry tickets for the contestants and coaches listed on the online entry forms are being emailed to the coaches today at the coach's email address listed on the entry form. The only exception is for combined county teams. Tickets for youth on those teams will be emailed to their county's coach. Each electronic ticket has its own QR code so coaches will need to distribute (print or email) the tickets to the team members listed on the email with the tickets. If families need to purchase additional tickets, they may purchase them online at https://equineaffaire.com/events/ohio/ohio-attend/ohio-general-information/tickets/ or at the gate but tickets at the gate are cash only! All teams (coaches/contestants/family members) will need to purchase parking passes upon arrival, just as they would if the contests were held on campus.

PAS Horse Shows
- Visit http://horse.osu.edu for all information regarding PAS shows including dates, rules, and more.

Ohio State Fair

All youth who qualify and attend OSF will be required to upload their horse project identification form into 4-H Online. In addition, the vaccination and coggins results will need to be uploaded.