Horse Happenings

GREENE COUNTY / 4-H   February/2023

The best way to reach us is by phone/email. In this newsletter, you will find information on important dates for 2023, Enrollment Info., and more. Note: Times, dates are subject to change.

4-H Enrollment is OPEN! Please do NOT create a new account if you are having issues, call our office first. 4-H Enrollment deadline is April 1, 2023. Visit https://v2.4honline.com/ to complete it.

HOLD THE DATE!
Horse Exhibitor Meeting
Wednesday, April 19 via zoom.
Link will be sent prior to the meeting date.

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.

Volunteer Trainings
February 23 – Cloverbud Volunteer Training, 10:00 AM

All trainings will be held at the Greene County Extension Office.
Deadline for mandatory volunteer trainings is March 10, 2023.

Fair Information
Fair Dates July 30 – August 5

2023 4-H Enrollment is OPEN!
If you have changed your email, phone, address, please log in and update it.
Please visit http://v2.4honline.com/ to do so.

Horseshow Information for Fair

Show Dates for the Greene County Fair
Sunday, July 30 – English Day
Tuesday, August 1 – Fun Show
Saturday, August 5 – Western Day

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.

State Horse Information

State 4-H Horse Communications Contest
- Date: Saturday, March 4th
- Time: 9:00-11:30am
- Location: Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center in Columbus
- Cost: $10 per individual/$20 per team

(Pre-registration is REQUIRED, registration deadline is Friday, February 17th)
- The event schedule and registration link can be found online at:

https://ohio4h.org/events/state-4-h-horse-communications-contest-0

Youth Educational Clinic
- Date: Saturday, March 4th
- Time: 12:30-4:30pm
- Location: Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center in Columbus
- Cost: $5 (Pre-registration is REQUIRED, registration deadline is Friday, February 17th)
- Topics: Draft horse breeds, bits, fox hunting, respiratory diseases, and hoof care
- The event schedule and registration link can be found online at:

https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-hippologyjudginghorse-bowl-clinic

State 4-H Horse Poster Contest
- Registration/Poster Submission Deadline: Saturday, March 4th
- Posters MUST be delivered in person to 222 Animal Sciences (2029 Fyffe Ct) in Columbus by Friday, March 3rd or delivered in person between 9:00am-4:30pm at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center in Columbus during the State 4-H Horse Communications Contest and Youth Educational Clinic. Mailed entries will not be accepted.
- Cost: FREE
- Posters will be displayed at the Ohio State Fair Junior Horse Show and must score at least a 60% in order to receive credit toward the year-end achievement awards.
- The event schedule and registration link can be found online at:

https://ohio4h.org/events/state-4-h-horse-poster-contest