

# Horse Happenings

GREENE COUNTY / 4-H

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The best way to reach us is by phone/email. In this newsletter, you will find information on important dates for 2024, enrollment information, publication updates, and encouraging all youth to participate at fair.

## 4-H Enrollment:

Now open. All enrollment is due by April 1 at the latest. Visit <https://4honline.com>

## Project Enrollment

Youth must be currently enrolled for 2024 in the following if they want to participate at the Ohio State Fair or other statewide horse events.

1. State Trail Ride in September- must currently be enrolled in #188 Trail Riding
2. Roping- must currently be enrolled #187 Roping project
3. Dressage- must currently be enrolled in #189 Dressage

## Important Information

All 4-H members in good standing (enrolled by deadline, completed all requirements such as paperwork, Fair Entry, EquiSTEP) are eligible and encouraged to participate at fair. If there is a safety concern, volunteers will say that the youth is not ready or is unable to participate. We will have shows just as in the past and youth can participate even without the club participating.

## 4-H Now App

Do you have the 4-H Now App? Make sure you download it today. 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/gc?c=Greene\\_County\\_4-H](https://grandstandsites.com/gc?c=Greene_County_4-H)

#182: Small Equine- youth must complete #174 Beginning Horse Management *before* taking Small Equine

#190 Equine Record Book is required for the following horse projects: 175, 177, 180, 181, 182, 184, 187, 188, 189. Youth must complete a new record book every year.



## EquiSTEP

**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:**

<http://go.osu.edu/equistep2024>

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](mailto: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.**

## Year End Awards Program

### 8 State Competitive Events

- ☛ Horse Bowl
- ☛ Communications
  - ☛ Public Speaking
  - ☛ Individual/Team Presentation
  - ☛ Poster
- ☛ Hippology Contest
- ☛ Horse Judging Contest
- ☛ Skillathon
- ☛ Junior Horse Show
- ☛ Competitive Trail Ride
- ☛ Groom & Clean

### Certificate of Achievement

- ☛ Bronze (4-5 events)
- ☛ Silver (6-7 events)
- ☛ Gold (all 8 events)



## Important dates for horse exhibitors:

**January 1-** 2024 EquiSTEP now open (must be completed by June 1)

**April 1-** Enrollment Deadline

**April 9-** Horse Exhibitor Meeting by zoom

**April 12-** All horse paperwork is due to office

- [Permission to participate](#)
- [Horse ID](#)
- [Horse vaccination & coggins](#) (dated after Jan. 1 2024)
- [Member health form](#)
- [Horse lease](#) (if applicable)
- Horse picture (must be in color)

**June 1-** deadline to have EquiSTEP completed and certificate submitted (will open for 2024 on Jan. 1)

**July 1-** Fair Entry class selections due

**July 1-** High point entries, if applicable, due

**July 1 at 1:00 p.m.-** Deadline for OSF horse show registration

**July 22 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.-** Livestock skillathons (must bring 2024 record book!)

**July 23 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.-** Livestock skillathons (must bring 2024 record book!)

**July 28-August 3-** Greene County Fair

### Family Guide

The Ohio 4-H Family Guide will be mailed to all 4-H members from 2023. [It is posted here](#). Any new families can pick up a copy at our office.

## 2024 Horse Show Information for Fair

Show Dates for the Greene County Fair

**Sunday, July 28 –**

English Horse and some Fun Show Classes

**Tuesday, July 30 –**

Western Horse and some 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.

Showbills will be posted at a later date.



## New Publications for 2024- Email Pat to order books at [zehring.5@osu.edu](mailto:zehring.5@osu.edu)

A few changes are being made to horse publications for 2024.

**New (requires new book to be purchased)**

- #186 Gymkhana- available sometime in February
- #187 Roping- available sometime in February

**Revised or Replaced New Title (requires new book to be purchased)**

- #179R Uniform Rules for 4-H – available now!- Email [zehring.5@osu.edu](mailto:zehring.5@osu.edu) to order Horse Shows

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- #185 Equine Reproduction and Genetics

### 4-H Horse Rule Update:

**As mentioned, there is a new horse rule book that must be purchased and followed for this year.**

- 4-H Horse Show Exhibitors must choose one discipline within each riding style at a horse show. Exhibitors can still show English and Western. However, within English they must choose Saddle Seat or Hunt Seat. Within Western, they must choose Western or Ranch. This selection includes showmanship classes. (Please note that this does not affect Reining or Western Riding as there is no Ranch option for these classes.)
- Ranch Trail has been added to the rulebook and will be offered at the Junior Horse Show. Please note that the obstacles are different between the Trail and Ranch Trail classes, especially the type of gate that is to be used. The common rope gate that is used in Trail is not an acceptable type of gate in Ranch Trail. If a show is not able to offer Ranch Trail, an exhibitor showing in Ranch classes may show in Trail.
- Exhibitors are expected to purchase 4-H project books yearly. We have book checks at skillathons and book checks will be included in at the Ohio State Fair this year.

### New/Updated Ohio State Fair Info

- Exhibitors may enter a maximum of four (4) PAS horse classes at the State Fair Junior Horse Show, **plus** Ground Roping. (Ground Roping does not count towards the maximum of four (4) PAS horse classes).
- Youth wanting to show their horse at the State Fair Junior Horse Show in a showmanship, riding, or driving class must qualify in any two (2) PAS classes in order to compete at the State Fair Junior Horse Show.
- Youth wanting to show in Ground Roping **ONLY** at the State Fair Junior Horse Show are required to qualify in Ground Roping at a PAS qualifying show but are not required to qualifying in any other PAS horse class. Exhibitors showing in Ground Roping **ONLY** will not be charged a stall fee.
- All exhibitors wanting to show in Ground Roping at the State Fair Junior Horse Show are required to be enrolled in the Roping project book and must submit their completed project book to the show office the morning of the Ground Roping class for scoring which will count towards their overall class placing.
- Reminder: Counties may allow youth to qualify in more than two classes!
- Ranch Trail will now be offered at the Junior Horse Show. Exhibitors must qualify in Ranch Trail to be eligible to show in Ranch Trail at the Junior Horse Show. Exhibitors showing in any Ranch class at the Junior Horse Show will not be allowed to show in Trail at the Junior Horse Show.