

Horse Happenings

GREENE COUNTY / 4-H

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER /2023

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>

New Publications for 2024

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

New (requires new book to be purchased)

- #186 Gymkhana
- #187 Roping

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

- #179R Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows

Discontinued

- #185 Equine Reproduction and Genetics

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.

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.

Fair Information
Fair Dates July 28 – August 3, 2024



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 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

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/gc?c=Greene_County_4-H

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.

Volunteer Training Information for 2024

All volunteers are required to attend a training each year. The volunteer training dates were posted in the November 2024 Greene Clover newsletter posted on the website, app, and emailed to all families.

Ohio State 4-H Horse Information

4-H Horse Rule Update:

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

- Exhibitors must choose one discipline within each riding style at a horse show. For example, within English, they must choose what seat, either saddle OR hunt and for Western choose between western (pleasure, horsemanship, showmanship) OR ranch (riding, showmanship, pleasure, horsemanship). Youth can't do both. Youth can still show both western and English classes but have to pick within each.
- This includes showmanship classes as well so saddle seat showmanship or hunt seat showmanship for English showmanship and either western seat showmanship classes or ranch seat showmanship classes.
- 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.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

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)



Ohio 4-H 8 Competitive Events:

Youth are encouraged to participate in as many state level horse opportunities as available. There are additional awards and recognition. See picture to the side.