Handbook for Project Member Families
Year 2014
# Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Committee
## Year 2013-2014

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WALWORTH COUNTY 4-H HORSE & PONY COMMITTEE
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I-NAME
Section 1: Name- Walworth County 4H Horse & Pony Committee

ARTICLE II- PURPOSE
Section 1: To plan, promote and implement educational programs in the area of equine science for Walworth County youth and their leader.

Section 2: To assist in the development of educational activities in equine science that will enhance the growth and development of Walworth County youth.

Section 3: To stimulate interest in and promote youth programs with equines.

Section 4: To promote, sponsor and/or implement educational activities and events in equine science for Walworth County youth.

Section 5: To provide and/or encourage equine science and youth development for volunteer leaders.

Section 6: To plan and coordinate the Walworth County Horse & Pony shows (including judge selection and fair book changes).

Section 7: To provide an annual progress report (financial).

ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP
Section 1: Membership on the Committee is open to all persons without regard to sex, race, age, ethnic background, or economic circumstances and the Committee does not operate on a segregated basis.

ARTICLE IV- OFFICERS
Section 1: Officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

ARTICLE V- AMENDMENTS
Section 1: The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the Committee, provided notice of such amendments shall be given two (2) weeks prior to the meeting.
WALWORTH COUNTY 4-H HORSE COMMITTEE  
BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I- ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER
Section 1: Election of Committee Members – seven (7) senior members (age 19 and over), to serve two-year terms, and six (6) 4-H youth leaders to serve one-year terms. Four (4) adult members will be elected every two years (even years), with three (3) members being elected odd years. Youth members are to be elected yearly. The annual meeting of the Walworth County 4-H Horse and Pony Committee shall be held for 4-H members, leaders, parents, and interested horse people, for the purpose of electing new committee members. Voting for committee members will be open to parents/guardians, leaders, and youth members who have been enrolled in the 4-H Horse and Pony Project for at least one year. Representation on this committee will be from all aspects of the Horse and Pony project (riding, driving, educational, and horse-less horse).

Section 2: If a person (committee member) resigns or is dismissed before his/her term expires, he/she is out for the remainder of the year, plus one additional year to reset the cycle.

Section 3: Vacancies- Any vacancy occurring in the Committee may be filled by the affirmative vote of the majority of the Committee then in office.

ARTICLE II - CALENDAR YEAR
Section 1: The calendar year will end October 31, and the new year Wisconsin 4-H fiscal year is defined as will begin November 1.

Section 2: The Wisconsin 4-H fiscal year is defined as July 1st – June 30th and the project committee financial books must be rectified annually by June 30th.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS’ DUTIES
Section 1: The President shall reside at all regular and special meeting and perform such other duties as usually attached to the office.

Section 2: The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President when the latter is absent or for other reasons unable to act.

Section 3: The Secretary shall record minutes of all meetings of the Committee.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall receive and distribute funds for the Committee and shall present financial reports of the Committee, and be accountable to the Senior Leaders Association.

ARTICLE IV- COMMITTEE MEMBERS’ DUTIES
Section 1: Represent clubs comprising his/her area: Communicate needs of project members and leaders to Committee. Communicate and describe action of the Committee members and leaders. Promote the development of youth through participation in 4-H horse and pony projects. Encourage development and implementation of educational activities to strengthen the impact of youth, families, volunteer leader and community.

Section 2: Develop guidelines for 4-H horse and pony related activities.
Section 3: Provide leadership to plan, coordinate and evaluate the winter meetings, summer clinics, warm-up show and the County Fair.

Section 4: Evaluate and make recommendations on activities and materials for youth and leaders.

Section 5: If a member misses four (4) Committee meetings (for any reason), they will be removed from the Committee by the decision of the President and the 4-H Agent in charge.

ARTICLE VI- SUB-COMMITTEES
Section 1: Sub-committee shall be appointed by the President as necessary by the Committee.

Section 2: The responsibilities of the sub-committee shall be determined by the Committee.

ARTICLE VII- COMMITTEE FUNDS
Section 1: No part of the net earnings of this Committee shall inure to the benefit of any member or officer of the Committee or any private individual, except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Committee affecting one or more of its purposes; and no member or officer of the Committee or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any assets on dissolution of the Committee.

Section 2: Upon dissolution, all assets not required for distribution for discharge of liabilities shall be distributed for exclusively charitable and educational purposes for 4-H interests through the Walworth County 4-H Youth Agent.

ARTICLE VIII- QUORUM
Section 1: A quorum for transaction of business of the Committee shall consist of a majority of the Committee then in office.
Program Safety Regulations

Safety

Adults and youth participating in all high risk programs, including horses, ATV, bicycle, rock climbing/repelling, rollerblading, and ropes adventure courses must wear protective clothing, head and foot gear. Minimum requirements for these programs:

1. Protective head gear (SEI approved for the specific activity) which properly fits the participant.
2. Shoes or boots which provide protection from the hazards of said program.
3. Clothing appropriate for the activity which will protect the participants from the elements surrounding the event.

The policy means that all 4-H members and leaders (adult or youth) participating in the mentioned projects and/or activities need to use protective or safety equipment while participating. Approved safety helmets need to be worn while mounted or driving a horse, operating a bicycle or ATV, on roller blades, rock climbing or doing a challenge course.

If a 4-H club is listed as a sponsor or co-sponsor of an activity which includes the above listed projects, the helmet and safety equipment requirement applies for all participants. This includes adults as they need to be positive role models.

The goal of this policy is educational. We need to work for a safe environment for our youth. In the volunteer orientation program, the need for a safe environment is discussed. Therefore, if safety equipment which significantly reduces serious injuries is available, why would we not use it?

These standards apply to all 4-H activities, regardless of location. Meeting these standards may require the selection of an alternative site, or requiring the use of additional safety equipment, even though it is not standard practice for the facility where the 4-H activity is to occur. If these safety requirements are not followed, then the particular event is not eligible to use the 4-H name and emblem, nor will it be recognized as a part of the Extension program.

Should people decide not to comply, they need to be disqualified from the competition or asked to a least dismount, if during a non-competitive activity. When adults are serving in a leadership role, they are expected to meet the same safety requirements as the youth. If leaders fail to comply with the safety policy and individuals are participating without proper safety equipment and an injury occurs, the leader may be found negligent and application of liability insurance coverage would be questionable. This is a consequence which needs serious consideration.

Any classes which require 4-H membership to enter, or serves as a qualifying event for district or state competition must adhere to these safety policies.

It is strongly encouraged that 4-H groups set an example of using proper safety equipment and maintaining the highest standards of injury prevention.

To exhibit animals at any public event as a 4-H member, youth must be in at least 3rd grade during the current 4-H year.

This policy is for the safety of the 4-H member and the public at the public exhibition. The developmental ability and maturity level of the exhibitor and the unpredictable behavior of animals should be considered prior to involving a 4-H member in the exhibition of animals.
(1) The legislature intends by this section to establish the responsibilities of participants in recreational activities in order to decrease uncertainty regarding the legal responsibility for injuries that result from participation in recreational activities and thereby to help assure the continued availability in this state of enterprises that offer recreational activities to the public.

(2) In this section, “recreational activity” means any activity undertaken for the purpose of exercise, or pleasure, including practice or instruction in any such activity. “Recreational activity” includes, but is not limited to, hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, bowling, billiards, picnicking, exploring caves, nature study, dancing, bicycling, horseback riding, horseshoe-pitching, bird-watching, motorcycling, operating an all-terrain vehicle, ballooning, curling, throwing darts, hang gliding, hiking, tobogganing, sledding, sleigh riding, snowmobiling, skiing, skating, participation in water sports, weight and fitness training, sight-seeing, rock-climbing, cutting or removing wood, climbing observation towers, animal training, harvesting the products of nature and any other sport, game or educational activity.

(3) A participant in a recreational activity engaged in on premises owned or leased by a person who offers facilities to the general public for participation in recreational activities accepts the risks inherent in the recreational activity of which the ordinary prudent person is or should be aware. In a negligence action for recovery of damages for personal injury or property damage, conduct by a participant who accepts the risks under this subsection is contributory negligence, to which the comparative negligence provisions of s. 895.045 shall apply.

(4) (a) A participant in a recreational activity engaged in on premises owned or leased by a person who offers facilities to the general public for participation in recreational activities is responsible to do all of the following:

1. Act within the limits of his or her ability.
2. Heed all warnings regarding participation in the recreational activity.
3. Maintain control of his or her person and the equipment, devices or animals the person is using while participating in the recreational activity.
4. Refrain from acting in any manner that may cause or contribute to injury to himself or herself or to other persons while participating in the recreational activity.

(b) A violation of this subsection constitutes negligence. The comparative negligence provisions of s. 895.045 apply to negligence under this subsection.

(5) Nothing in this section affects the limitation of property owners’ liability under s. 895.52.

http://www.equinerisk.com/statestatutes/wi_equ.htm
Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project
Volunteers

A few words about volunteers and volunteering … Volunteers are unpaid not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless! We love our volunteers. We recognize the Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project would not be as successful as it is without the time, efforts, talents, and resources of our volunteers. In reality, the project would not exist without our volunteers.

Suggestions for Volunteer Leaders

- Communicate and listen!
- Help us to help you.
- Don’t presume we are on the same page as you are.
- If you need help with something, please ask or let us know.
- Try to give as much advance notice as you can.
- Try to communicate the same message to the entire group so others don’t feel left out or treated differently.
  Effective methods of communication:
  - Handouts
  - Posting messages
  - Group meetings to “check in” with members and parents

Suggestions for Members and Parents

- Listen and communicate!
- Actively participate!
- Be prepared to do your share and more! We can use all the help we can get! If you are not aware what “your share” might be – please ask. For example, tasks may include: caring for and cleaning up after your equine(s) and yourselves, assisting with tack and equipment, assisting with clinics and events.
- Readily offer assistance. If your offer for assistance is declined on one or more occasions, don’t let this deter you from offering assistance again and again and again.
- Don’t be afraid to say “Thank you” a lot! We want our volunteers to know that we value them and we very much appreciate them.
- Go a step beyond the Golden Rule, “Do onto others as you would have them do onto you.” Instead, “Treat volunteers even better than you would want to be treated.” - John Lydgate.
- Recognize and try to appreciate that volunteers are only human and they are likely to make mistakes. “You can please all of the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time, but you can’t please all of the people all of the time.” - John Lydgate.
- If you have a question about why something is being done the way it is being done – please ask.
- If you have a concern with respect to the skills or behavior of a volunteer leader, please approach him/her immediately and directly with your concern – be open and honest, courteous and respectful. If you are not comfortable in doing this, seek help from another member, or parent, or committee member, or key leader. Finally, if problem resolution is still not to your satisfaction, feel free to contact the UW-Extension office.
- Volunteer to assist with at least one 4-H event, such as: annual lock-in, weekly clinics, fun show, fund-raising events, Walworth County qualifying show, State 4-H Horse Expo, year-end banquet.
Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project
Parent Involvement

The Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project is fortunate to have many young people interested in our program. Adult involvement by a parent or another interested adult is essential for the safety and success of the members. As with any sport, conditioning and preparation of horse and rider takes many months of dedication. The Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project offers a number of educational opportunities, as well as seasonal riding, driving, and speed clinics for members to take advantage of. These clinics are supervised by a volunteer clinician who is well versed in their specific discipline. All of the clinicians need assistance when the members are training.

Clinics that need help are . . .
- Speed – help with equipment set up, take down, member supervision and safety.
- Riding – assist clinician as needed, supervise members and help ensure safety.
- Trail – obstacle set up, take down, and member supervision and safety at each clinic.
- Equine Ed. – material set up, take down, member supervision and safety.
- Driving – Assist per instruction of clinician, member supervision and safety.

Adult help is also needed at the Lock-In – an evening of food, swimming, education, and games.

Fun day also requires a great deal of adult help in many ways. It is a one day event.

The Qualifying Show is a two day event that requires adult help. Volunteers will be asked to help score with judge, hand out ribbons, get information to announcer, organize members entering the ring and preparing for the next event, announcing, and more. **One representative from each family is required to work a minimum of one (1) hour during the qualifying show.**

Fundraising is discipline specific. Each has a fundraiser to help offset costs associated with the events. Help at the fundraisers and also your patronage is needed.

Where ever an adult volunteer helps, always help with safety, supervision, student check-in, monitoring the gates, along with stall and arena cleaning. These are areas always needing attention.

With your help, the Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project looks forward to a safe and successful year.
1. The Junior Horse and Pony Department is open to any members of 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, or any other youth organization having adult leadership in Walworth County or Burlington FFA. No exhibitor may exhibit more than 2 head in the project. Team driving is exempt from this limit. Any exhibitor showing at a previous county fair during a calendar year in Junior Competition is not eligible to show in the same division at the Walworth County Fair.
   A. Managerial – Not to be owned by the exhibitor. Management (to include riding, driving, and grooming) to commence May 1 and to include at least 70% of the work associated with the managed animal.
   B. Ownership – To be owned by the exhibitor or the exhibitor’s immediate family (mother, father, brother, sister, or legal guardian) to be cared for by the member at least 70% of the time commencing May 1.
   C. Hardships – Must be appealed to the Horse & Pony Committee (see #12 Hardship Policy).
2. No exhibitor will be allowed more than one entry under each class.
3. Age Classification – Exhibitor base grade as of September (previous year).
4. Only Stallions born after January 1 of the exhibit year are eligible to be shown.
5. Truck and trailer drivers are asked to go in the North Gate and park.
6. All animals in the Junior Horse Show will be confined to the judging and loading area. RIDING OR DRIVING OF HORSES ON FAIRGROUNDS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. ANY PARENT, LEADER, OR SPECTATOR INTERFERING WITH THE DECISION OF THE JUDGE WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE JUDGING AREA FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY. THE DECISION OF THE JUDGE WILL BE FINAL.
7. In addition to Health Regulations in front of book, a negative Coggins test will be required for all County sponsored activities.
8. The Qualifying Show is an opportunity for our YOUTH to exhibit skills they have learned during the current project year. No professional groom or trainer is permitted to work with youth or horses in a professional paid capacity at the Qualifying Show. Horses cannot be driven, ridden or schooled by anyone other than the Exhibitor. Special permission for lunging another exhibitor’s horse for hardship cases only may be obtained prior to the Qualifying Show from the Committee. Special permit must be worn while handling the animal. Protests are to be filed according to Junior Department Rule #21, located in the front of the book.
9. ENTRIES: An exhibitor may enter as many classes as they are eligible for.
10. Show Committee will have work force including Ring Master for both shows.
11. TWO MINUTE GATE CALL: In each division, a period of two minutes from the time the first horse enters the show ring until the gate is closed will be allowed. (Time to be kept by ring person or gate person). At that time, the gate will be closed and the class will begin to be judged. Any exhibitor not in the show ring within this two minute period will be assumed to have SCRATCHED the class. Exception being in case of a tack change. In this case, the gate person must be notified ONE CLASS IN ADVANCE and will be given five minutes total.
12. HARDSHIP POLICY – To apply for hardship, the youth member/parent/guardian must contact any adult member of the Horse & Pony Committee and request a hearing. Depending on the time, the Committee will hear the hardship at the beginning of a regular meeting or a special meeting will be called to ensure deadlines are met. In no case will more than 15 days pass between the time of the request and the meeting. The youth member, with parent, guardian, or owner (in the case of
managerial animal), will come to the meeting and present their request for hardship along with
signed veterinarian certificates and all other necessary information pertinent to the request. A safety
concern may be addressed as a hardship when the youth member presents the request, with parent,
guardian, or owner (in the case of a managerial animal) along with a written statement by the
respective Walworth County 4-H Horse and Pony Project Leader. The youth member may or may
not be asked questions by the Committee. At this point, those requesting the hardship will be
excused so the Committee may discuss and vote on the hardship request. The youth member will
be notified of the Committee’s decision with 48 hours of the meeting date. The animal that is
hardshipped may not be exhibited for that project year. **If the hardship is requested, reviewed, or
approved after the Walworth County Fair registration deadline, the replacement animal will
not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion, premium money, or competing at the State 4-
H Horse Show.** The Committee will decide all hardship applications by a simple majority vote on
ballots. At least seven (7) Committee members must be present for the vote to be official.
COMMITTEE DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

13. Exhibitors must wear SEI approved protective headgear and proper footwear (according to
discipline) at all times while mounted or driving, including the practice ring and show ring.

14. To be eligible to show at the Qualifying Show, participants must pay Horse and Pony Project fees,
turn in identification forms, attend one (1) mandatory meeting, three (3) riding or driving clinics
and two (2) educational clinics held by or approved by the Walworth County 4-H Horse and Pony
Committee.

15. Ponies may enter only classes designated as a pony class. (NOTE: Once entered in the Pony
Division, exhibitor must remain in the Pony Division for the entire show). Ponies include heights
of 38”-56”. Any equine over 56” will be considered a horse. Ponies may be measured before
Exhibitor number is issued.

16. Miniatures are recognized as a horse breed, but for safety reasons for driving classes will be those
listed as 38” or under.

17. Members must be enrolled in Horseless Horse Project to enter Horseless Horse/Ponyless Pony
classes. A belt buckle will be awarded on cumulative points from performance classes at the
Qualifying Show and non-performance classes from Dept. 110, Section I, Class 1-12.
NOTE: Educational classes, including Hippology, are listed under Veterinary Science Dept. 110,
Sections L & M.

18. Belt buckles that are provided at this show are awarded by the Walworth County 4-H Horse and
Pony Project for eligible members. Exhibitors may only win one (1) belt buckle per year at the
Qualifying Show. Belt buckle recipients are encouraged to send a thank you note to the belt buckle
sponsor.

“NOTICE”

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE SECOND FRIDAY IN JULY
ENTER ALL EXHIBITS UNDER CORRECT CLASS NUMBERS
WRONG ENTRIES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED – NO EXCEPTIONS
Walworth Horse & Pony Ambassador Program

➢ What is the Ambassador?
   Any member of a particular group thought of as representing the qualities traits or habits of his or her group. The three youth will represent Walworth County at horse shows, leadership conferences, meetings and other activities such as parades and county and state fairs.

➢ Who can apply to become an Ambassador?
   An applicant needs to be at least 12 years of age as of January 1 2014. The applicant also must have been enrolled in the Horse & Pony Project for at least 2 years. Both boys and girls can apply.

➢ How can I apply to become an Ambassador?
   Fill out the application and mail it or e-mail to Ashley VanSchyndel by the Jan 15th 2015.

➢ How many Ambassadors will there be?
   There will be 4 ambassadors chosen by a panel of judges.

➢ What are the Expectations of the Ambassadors?
   The Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Ambassadors will be expected to represent our county to the best of their ability at the following Mandatory events.
   • Attend both Mandatory meetings (Feb + Mar)
   • Come to the Horse & Pony Lock-in for a couple of hours (Feb)
   • Tack Sale (Fun Show)
   • Work both days at qualifying show (Aug)
   • Ambassador booth (Walworth County Fair)
   • Silent Auction Banquet (Oct)
   • WI Horse Leadership Conference (Nov)

➢ Not-Mandatory- but suggested:
   • Midwest Horse Fair (Apr)
   • Burlington Chocolate Festival Parade (May)
   • Harvard Milk Day parade (Jun)
   • 4th of July parade (Jul)
   • Genoa City Days Parade (Aug)
   • Darien Corn Festival (Sep)
   • 1 day at State Horse Expo (Sep)
   • Northern Horse Fest (Fall)
   • Elkhorn Christmas parade (Dec)
   • Lake Geneva Christmas parade (Dec)
   • Sharon Christmas parade (Dec)
Do I have to fill out another page in my record book?

This is for fun! If you would like to add a page in your record book about the Ambassador Program that would be great, but it’s not mandatory.

Interviews

The interviews will be held with-in two weeks after the applications are due. I will inform you via letter when and where the interviews will be held.

What will I be judged on?

- Personal appearance, manner, and maturity (well groomed, appropriately attired, at ease and alert)
- Self Expression(able to communicate effectively, eye contact and evidence of original thought)
- 4-H leadership (ability to relate how skills are learned, leadership roles and experiences)
- Knowledge of project
- Neatness, grammar, spelling and punctuation on application.

How does the process of choosing an Ambassador work?

First, a panel of three unbiased judges will be chosen. After that, the applications you have sent me will be turned into the judges. The interviews will take place with the same three judges that have read over the applications.

Each applicant will be interviewed by all three judges. The judges will have a score sheet to score each applicant. After all three scores are added, the top four will be chosen to represent our county. The score sheet is put in place so that even the judges don’t 100% know who will be chosen.

You will receive a letter in the mail regarding the judge’s decision.

*Remember I do not have any say to whom is chosen to be an ambassador*

- Good luck and Relax

- If you have any questions please call.

Horse & Pony 4-H Ambassador Advisors
Ashley VanSchyndel & Deanna Kundert
1423 Weeks Rd W2652 State Line Rd
Elkhorn WI, 53121 Lake Geneva WI, 53147
akvan06@hotmail.com

262-210-6229
Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project  
Driving Program

Volunteer Leaders:
- Will & Nancy Swierenga, 7737 W S&D Townline Road, Darien, WI 53114, phone 262-882-5053
- Kathleen Markham, W6673 Territorial Road, Whitewater, WI 53190, phone 414-412-4385

Driving clinics are held at the Swierenga’s home in Darien.

Schedule:
- Mondays & Thursdays Miniatures
- Tuesdays & Fridays Ponies
- Wednesdays Teams
- Saturdays Anything Will is willing to coach

Parents and youth members should plan to arrive by 5:30 pm (Monday-Friday) to be ready for the clinic to begin at 6pm. SEI approved helmets are required when driving.

Cost (projected costs – subject to change):
- $20.00 per family for use/rental of Port-A-Pot.
- $50.00 per member for use/rental of equipment (harnesses, carts).

Activities:
In addition to the Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Qualifying Show (August) and State 4-H Horse Show (September) activities MAY include, but are not limited to:
- Trail Driving
- Columbus Carriage Classic, Columbus, WI, June
- Boone County Fair, Belvidere, IL, August
- Villa Louis Carriage Classic, September

Other:
Youth members and their families are expected to help care for their project animal(s) housed at the Swierenga farm. Member families sign up for weekly chores, to include feeding and watering the project animals. There are many opportunities for adult volunteer assistance.
County 4-H Horse & Pony Project  
Equine Education Program

What is the normal temperature range for your horse or pony?  
What is the normal pulse for your horse or pony?  
What is the normal respiration rate for your horse or pony?

It is important to know the answers to these questions if you own or lease a horse or pony. A veterinarian will want you to know this information when he/she is called upon to examine your horse or pony.

Equine Education is the name and learning is the game! 4-H offers unlimited opportunities to learn and provides lots of ways to show what you’ve learned – Demonstrations, Hippology, Horse Bowl, and Judging are some of the ways to get involved. Becoming involved in the Equine Education component of the Walworth County Horse and Pony Project is sure to be a valuable experience, whether you own or lease an equine now or whether you plan to in the future.

- Demonstrations and Speeches – Demonstrations (individual or team) or speeches on any horse-related subject are presented at the State 4-H contest held in Wausau (May).
- Hippology – Hippology is the study of the horse. In a Hippology contest, there are a series of stations with questions or pictures on a variety of horse related topics. Contestants are given 2 minutes at each station to fill in their answer sheet. Contests will be held at Wausau (May), Southeast Area Animal Science Day (June or July), and Walworth County Fair (August during pre-fair judging). Both individual and team awards may be earned at the State contest at Wausau (May).
- Horse Quiz Bowl – Horse Bowl is like a game show. You buzz in to answer questions and earn points for your team. Teams meet to study ahead of time. Competition is at the State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest, Wausau (May). Teams of 3-5 members compete at Junior and Senior levels.
- Judging – Horse judging allows you to turn the tables and be the one to judge classes of horses at halter and riding. Individuals and teams may compete in “reasons” where they must justify their placing. Contests are held at Southeast Area Animal Science Day (June or July) and State 4-H Horse Expo (September). Both individual and team awards may be earned at the State contest (September).
- Other: Art, Clothes Horse, Creative Writing, Drawing, Model Horse, Photography, Posters, Team Problems, Vet Science, Woodworking – may be exhibited or presented on any subject related to the horse at the State 4-H Horse Expo (September) and some may be exhibited at Southeast Area Animal Science Day (June or July).

Opportunities to compete at regional or state level forums are available for ALL (grades 3 and above) 4-H members participating in Equine Education.

- State 4-H Hippology & Horse Quiz Bowl Contests, Wausau: May 9th & 10th
- Southeast Area Animal Science Day: June or July
- State 4-H Horse Expo, State Fair Park, West Allis: September 11th & 14th

Opportunities to compete at national level forums are available for qualifying 4-H members in grades 9 and over participating in Equine Education:

- Quarter Horse Congress, Columbus, Ohio: October
- Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup, Louisville, Kentucky: November

Study Group Meeting Schedule for 2013-2014
Equine Education meetings are held at Elkhorn Area Middle School, 627 East Court Street, Elkhorn, WI. We try to meet twice a month January through early May to prepare for State 4-H Hippology and Quiz Bowl contests. All Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project members are welcome to attend.
NOTE: 4-H youth members must attend at least four (4) study group meetings to be eligible for State Quiz Bowl and Hippology Contests.

Please mark your calendar for Equine Education study group meetings to be held 6:30pm-8pm, at Elkhorn Area Middle School, 627 East Court Street, Elkhorn, WI as follows:

- Thursday, January 2, 2014
- Thursday, January 16, 2014
- Thursday, February 6, 2014
- Thursday, February 20, 2014
- Thursday, March 6, 2014
- Thursday, March 20, 2014
- Thursday, April 3, 2014
- Thursday, April 17, 2014
- Thursday, May 1, 2014

Be sure to mark your calendar for upcoming Equine Education activities:

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If you are interested in participating in Equine Education please contact:

Volunteer Adult Leaders:
- Torell Geffers, cell phone 920-527-1500

Volunteer Youth Leaders:
- Emily Geffers
- Melissa Schneider
Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project
Gymkhana (Speed) Program

Speed clinics are held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm (unless otherwise indicated) at the Walworth County Fairgrounds. We will be working on patterns exhibited at Wisconsin State 4-H Gymkhana, including: Cloverleaf Barrels, Flag Race, Key Race, LT Special, Plug Race, and Pole Bending. We will also learn exercises to work on at home to help the performance of our horses. Each week we will work on a couple of patterns. We run speed clinics in the outdoor arena, however, if the weather is bad we will only use the indoor arena. If the temperature is at or above 90 degrees at noon, we will not be riding. If you have a question as to whether we will ride or not, please contact a volunteer leader listed below:

Adult Volunteer Leaders:
- Christie & Jon Pogreba, cell phone 262-901-5143
- Judy & Collin Horlacher

Youth Volunteer Leader:
- Shannan Pogreba

Year 2014 Speed Clinic Schedule (subject to change)

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Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project
Horseless Horse/Ponyless Pony Program

You don’t need to own a horse of pony to be in the project.
Love any kind of equine, Mini, Pony, Horse or Mule.
Learn about the basic care, health and knowledge of the equine.

What is the Horseless Horse Project?
An interesting learning experience for youth who are interested in horses but do not have access to them or the people who are knowledgeable about horses. The project is designed to accommodate youth who have this interest in horses but know little or nothing about them. This group usually includes urban and rural youth of all social and economic levels.

Meeting Schedule for 2014
- Third Wednesday of the Month at 6:30pm
- Meetings will be held at the Como Community Church, starting February
  - W3910 Palmer Rd, Lake Geneva. Outside of Como
- Farm visits, Kundert Farm to be announced at prior meeting or on County News clip
  - W2442 State Line Rd Lake Geneva, WI 53147
- Other Locations will be announced at prior meeting or in County News clip

What can I do in Horseless Horse?
- To enter Horseless Horse/ Ponyless Pony on fair form, Look under Veterinary Science.
- Learn about horses and ponies without owning one (hands-on sometimes).
- Opportunities to compete at State level.
- Earn a Horseless Horse Belt Buckle as stated in the Fair Book (Department 106 Rule #17 and #18). Members must be enrolled in Horseless Horse project to enter Horseless Horse/ Ponyless Pony classes. A belt buckle will be awarded on cumulative points from performance classes at Qualifying Show and non performance classes from Horseless Horse/ Pony and Equine Education located in the fair book (Department 10, Division K, classes 1-13).
- If showing a horse or pony with a Buddy, Must attend a mandatory meeting, clinics, and complete proper paper work. Please check the schedules in the handbook, same as the Horse and pony project members.
- Most of all you will make new friends while having fun learning about equines.

Adult Volunteer Leaders
- Donna Kundert Phone: 262-275-5155
- Sandy Hill Phone: 262-206-2402
- Ashley VanSchyndel Phone: 262-2

Youth Volunteer Leaders
- Rebecca Kamps
- Kendra Horth

Or you’re Club’s Horseless Horse Project Leaders
Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project
2014 Schedule for Summer Clinics at Walworth County Fairgrounds

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To be eligible to exhibit at the Qualifying Show, riders and drivers must attend at least three (3) riding or driving clinics and two (2) educational clinics.

Members may arrive 1/2 hour prior to clinic to start getting ready. We hope to use the indoor, and outdoor horse arenas unless weather or outdoor arena condition is bad, then we will use the indoor arena only. If the temperature is at or above 90 degrees at noon, we may not be riding. If you have a question as to whether there will be a clinic, please contact a clinician. In case of inclement weather or any questions, please call:
- Laurie Olson 608-449-3588
- Beth Heine, 262-470-6428

Rules of Summer Clinics at Walworth County Fairgrounds
- No riding or driving unless designated adult clinician or adult committee member is present (see above for designated clinicians).
- All participants must wear an SEI approved helmet whenever they are involved with their project animals on clinic nights.
- All riding and driving participants must wear closed toe shoes that have a 1/2” heel.
- All riding participants must wear long pants.
- All shirts/tops must have a minimum 1” shoulder strap.
- Clinician or committee member has the right to excuse a participant for inappropriate attire.
- Riding participants must use a bridle and saddle on clinic nights. No bareback riding allowed.
- Only 4-H Horse & Pony Project members and 4-H leaders may ride or drive at clinics. FFA members may participate with proof of insurance. Leaders must wear a helmet when riding or driving.
- No riding or driving beyond arena areas, this includes grass areas and draft arena when supervision is not available.
- Clean up after yourself. If you use a stall you must clean it before you leave.
- The arenas are the property of the Walworth County Agricultural Society. They are kind enough to allow us to use these facilities, free of charge, for our clinics and shows. Please respect the property and help us show the Walworth County Agricultural Society and Fair Board that we appreciate their support of the Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project.
- 4-H accident liability insurance covers only registered participants. Parents – please be aware of this.
- Horses must be service-ably sound to participate at clinics.
Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project
Trail Class

This class is open to Western, Hunter, or Saddle Seat style of riding. You must ride your horse in accordance with specific discipline, i.e., English riders must post to the trot; Western riders using a curb (leverage/shank) bit are not allowed to use two hands on the reins, etc. Exhibitor may show either horse or pony.

**Attire/tack:** The attire and tack must be appropriate per style of riding. SEI approved safety helmet, with chin strap fastened MUST be worn in trail class.

**Class Routine:** Each exhibitor will individually execute course. A course diagram will be posted at least one hour before class is to begin. The diagram will indicate obstacles, path to be ridden, and the gait the horse will take between obstacles. No horse may enter the trail course area until the course and judge are ready. However, riders may be permitted to inspect the course on foot prior to the commencement of the class at management’s discretion.

**Course Requirements:** Course to include a minimum of six obstacles separately or combined. Care in preparing the course should be exercised to prevent a direct advantage to either a small or large horse. Course should include a jog and a lope of suitable duration to determine the way of going. Horses to be penalized for any unnecessary delay when approaching an obstacle.

Judges are encouraged to advance on to next obstacle any horse taking excessive time at an obstacle. After enough horses have completed the course for the ribbons being awarded, any horse with a major fault may be eliminated at the judge’s discretion.

The following will result in a no score on a particular obstacle, but does not mean disqualification from the class:

- Taking an obstacle in the wrong direction.
- Negotiating an obstacle from the wrong side.
- Skipping an obstacle unless directed by the judge.
- Negotiating obstacles in the wrong sequence.

**Recommended Obstacles:**

- Opening, passing through, and closing gate.
- Ride over at least four logs, poles, or simulated brush. These can be in a straight line, curved, zigzagged, or raised.
- Backing obstacles to be spaced a minimum of 28” (if elevated, 30” spacing is required).

**Optional Obstacles:**

- Wood poles.
- Ride over a bridge (with any obstacle on or under the bridge). Suggested minimum width 36” and at least 6’ long.
- Carry an object from one part of the arena to another (slicker, pail, halter, etc.).
- Riding through water.
- Running down into a ditch without lunging or jumping.
- Side passing.
- Mounting and dismounting from either side.
- Jumping (not to exceed 12”).
- Ground ties.
- Any other safe and reasonable conditions encountered along the trail.
Unacceptable Obstacles:
- Tires
- Animals
- Hides
- Rocking or moving bridges
- Water box with floating or moving parts
- Flames, dry ice, fire extinguishers, etc.
- Logs or poles elevated in such a manner that they would be permitted to roll

Guide to Spacing Obstacles:
- Walk-over poles: 18, 20, 22, or 24 inches apart OR distance between poles can be staggered, such as 12, 24, 22 inches.
- Trot or jog over poles: 2’6” or 3’6” apart
- Canter or lope over poles: 6, 7, or 8 feet apart.
- In and out jump at the lope: 12 feet between jumps.
- Spread jump: 2’6” wide and no higher than 24”. Also, make a spread jump by laying 4 or 5 poles on the ground and spacing them 12 inches apart, thus making a 4’ or 5’ spread jump.
- Back-through L: 28 to 30 inches wide.
- Trot or jog through L: 3’6” to 4’ wide.

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The trail class pattern will be the same as the one used by the State 4-H horse show. Please go to the state 4-H horse expo web site to find the pattern. The website address is: http://4h.uwex.edu/onlinpro/HorseHandbook.cfm
Show Clothing Options

**Western Show Clothing:**

Western show clothing can range from a white shirt and black jeans to colorful, sparkled, pattern shirts and matching pants.

Beginners typically wear a clean, pressed, long-sleeve, white button-down shirt, in a Western Cut. Black jeans are worn with boots that have a ½ inch heel. Beginners may want to match their saddle blanket to their pants. Helmets are worn for riding classes. The best choice for helmet is one that is SEI approved with a chin strap. Western hats can be worn for showmanship classes.

Advanced riders often use a more fancy dress style. Women may choose to wear fitted, long-sleeve, button-down shirts in a Western cut. These shirts often will have jewels, crystals, and other embellishments on them. They will often have matching cuffs and yokes. These colors are then repeated in the pants that are worn. Hat and boots may follow the same color theme. A second choice for women, is a fitted Western blouse. These generally zip in the front and have high, open, collars with French style cuffs. Again, the blouse may have yoks that match the cuffs and may include some type of embellishment.

Men tend to wear long-sleeve, button-down shirts in the Western cut either in subtle patterns or solid colors. At times, a Western scarf may be worn.

Both men and women usually wear fringed chaps that go along with their outfits. A good rule of thumb is to match your pants to your chaps in order to create a solid, clean line. Large belt buckles and embellished belts are encouraged.

The following page will give you some good suggestions to finding your show clothes and embellishments. Remember, bold colors and lots of sparkle will catch a judge’s eye, favorably, if put together well.

It is also important for advanced riders to match their horse’s tack to their color choice in clothing. Boots, saddles, bridles, and halters should be clean and polished. Saddle blankets should be clean. Hair should be neatly tied back and under a hat or helmet or in a bun. A hairnet can be used for loose hair or fly away hair.

In both beginner and advanced Western showing, Showmanship is about clean lines. Western Pleasure is where you can express your design and creativity.

**English Show Clothing:**

English show attire is traditionally more formal, and conservative. The clothing style worn for male and female is generally the same.

Show shirts are tailored with a high neckline and short, upright collar. They are worn completely buttoned, top to bottom. The shirt can be short or long sleeved. They are primarily white or light in color. Some English show shirts may be longer in the body and sleeve to accommodate the Dressage members.

English riders will also wear a show jacket. These jackets should be quite tailored with squared shoulders and a narrow waist. The length of the jacket should be just to the middle of your buttocks so not to interfere with the riders seat while mounted. They are generally dark in color, gray, or beige. Dressage jackets are black or pinstriped. Upper level dressage riders wear a shadbelly. This is a tailored, short-waisted jacket with tails.

Some English riders will wear a tie of some form. Women will wear stock pins. Men may wear a tie or stock pin.

Jodhpurs and Breeches are the type of pant worn. Jodhpurs are riding pants with an elastic cuff that is worn over riding boots. These should be the length of your inseam plus one inch, when you have your boots on. Jodhpurs usually will match the rider’s coat.

Breeches are more commonly worn. They are form-fitting and extend just below the calf. They may be front or side zip, pull-on, low-rise or full-seat. Breeches are normally beige but may range from rust to hunter green. Tall, black boots are worn over the leg of Breeches.

When shopping for fabric for Jodhpurs or Breeches, fabrics with Lycra are a good choice as they provide a tailored fit yet still allow for the movement of the rider.

English riders primarily wear a black velvet-covered helmet and black gloves. The best choice for helmet is one that is safety approved with a chin strap. Upper level dressage riders may wear a derby and white gloves.
Saddles, bridles, halters should be clean and polished. Dressage pads and all-purpose pads should be clean and are most commonly white. Hair should be pinned back and tucked under the helmet or in a bun. A hairnet can be used for loose hair or fly away hair. Boots should be polished. A well fitted English boot will fit closely to the leg and hit just below the knee. English horse and rider should have a well polished appearance for the show ring.

**Driving Show Clothing:**
Drivers of single horse/pony/mini should dress **cleanly and neatly** in a conservative manner without anything flopping or billowing about and distracting the judge or other participants.

**Helmets and covers** – Covers are normally black, either velvet or satin is acceptable. The cover can be other colors to match the turnout (outfit). Long hair should be put in a pony tail & tucked under the helmet or put in a hairnet; it shouldn’t be hanging loose. Covers are optional; helmets are not.

**Gloves** – normally brown, should match the color of the lines. TSC does carry gloves that will work. Don’t wait until the last minute to get them. The rubber grip bumps are ok to have. Check with older members for outgrown ones.

**Dark shoes & socks** – When you sit, the judge can see your socks if your pants rise up. The shoe should have a ½” heel. Wal-mart used to carry some inexpensive tie shoes that work well. Mens/boys section will have more variety than girls section

**Apron** – Remember the purpose of the apron is to keep your good clothes clean. Therefore, it should cover from your waist to mid-calf or toe of your shoe. The apron color should accent your turnout without drawing attention away from the entire picture. It can be monogrammed, patterned or solid. It can be buttoned, tied, or belted around your waist. It should be tucked under when the driver is seated so that the apron edges don’t become tangled in the wheels. I have seen talented moms take an oversize black woman’s skirt and cut a seam open. Then folded the top over and sewn it so that a black belt would fit though the opening and belt the newly formed apron onto the driver.

**Outfit** – The outfit should consist of pants, shirt & jacket. It should complement the color of your animal. Colors should be conservative; not vividly bright. Think of going to church on Sunday. I always advise to get the jacket a little large to allow for arm movement. Jacket sleeve length should come past the wrist a little bit when the arms are in the driving position. The shirt should button at the neck. Young men should wear a tie; Young women should wear a pin/brooch. Young boys can get away without a jacket by wearing suspenders. The shirt color is your choice.

**Gymkhana Attire:**
Long-sleeve, button-down shirts – fastened completely at collar and cuffs; long pants; boots; helmet.
Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project
Show Apparel

This is an informational page on what you will need to dress yourself for the show ring. It is hoped this information will help whether your only show is the qualifying show, or if you are showing every weekend at open or breed shows.

The following websites and shops are great for supplies for all your needs no matter what discipline you ride.

- If you sew or know someone who does, www.suitability.com is your website! They have patterns for all disciplines. This website also gives you information on where to buy ultra-suede for your chaps, appliqués or vests. A pair of good chaps for the Western rider is a plus, whether you buy them or have them made. English and Western riders – tailoring is a plus. **Always look fitted, clean and neat.**
- Swarovski crystals are great for glitzing Western outfits. Always buy the hotfix crystals or get the E3000 glue for them. Supplies may be purchased at Michaels and Hobby Lobby. The easiest way to “stone” your outfits is with a craft tweezers and a tea candle. Hold the hotfix crystal over the flame until the glue starts to bubble. Then place the stone where you want it. Be very careful not to drop it as it may burn the fabric.
- Another place to buy clothes is Goodwill. Go there to get a pant suit, blouse or blazer and put crystals on the jacket. Make sure the jacket is tailored and the pants are long enough – you have a Showmanship or Horsemanship outfit.
- Browse saddle shops, such as West 20 Ranch & Saddle Company, in East Troy; Timmermans, in Island Lake, IL; Horse Emporium, in Waukesha. Many shops give a discount to 4-H exhibitors.
- For the Western discipline, **male** exhibitors wear long-sleeve, button-down shirts (white or plaid), a bolero tie, dark pants or blue jeans (make sure they are long enough when mounted on the horse), chaps (optional), boots, and hat (when un-mounted) or helmet (when mounted). This attire is also acceptable for Western Showmanship (minus the chaps).

Please feel free to contact Genise Kamps, phone 262-203-2368, with any questions.
Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project
Mock Show and Fun Day at Walworth County Fairgrounds
Saturday July 12, 2014 starting at 9:00 AM – rain or shine

Mock Show
Showmanship classes are English Western or Saddle Seat
1. Horse showmanship - exhibitors 8-12 years old
2. Horse showmanship - exhibitors 13 years older
3. Pony showmanship - exhibitors 8-12 years old
4. Pony showmanship - exhibitors 13 years older
5. Mini showmanship - exhibitors 8-12 years old
6. Mini showmanship - exhibitors 13 years older
7. Line driving exhibitors 8-12 years old
8. Line driving - exhibitors 13 years older
9. walk/trot (horse/pony) equitation/pleasure - exhibitors 8-12 years old
10. walk/trot (horse/pony) equitation/pleasure – exhibitors 13 years older
11. English equitation/pleasure (horse/pony) - exhibitors all ages
12. Western equitation/pleasure (horse/pony) - exhibitors all ages

*Break* - Lunch

Fun show/ Games
13. Costume class - exhibitors all ages
14. Pony at halter Jumping - exhibitors all ages
15. Mini at halter Jumping - exhibitors all ages
16. Speed and action (mounted) - exhibitors all ages
17. Carrot trail all equines and ages
20. Plug Race (mounted) - exhibitors all ages
21. Cloverleaf barrel racing (mounted) - exhibitors all ages
22. Lead line with partner (horse/pony) - exhibitors all ages
23. Simon says (mounted) - exhibitors all ages
24. flag-n-sand (mounted) - exhibitors all ages
25. Egg and spoon (mounted) - exhibitors all ages
26. Egg and spoon (in hand/ line driving) - exhibitors all ages
27. Ribbon race (mounted with partner) - exhibitors all ages
28. Pole bending (mounted) - exhibitors all ages

**If you participate in a mounted class, you cannot participate in an in-hand class.** Classes 9-12 walk/trot may not enter canter classes.

No limit on classes that you can enter (other than above).
Must sign up at least 2 classes prior to the class that you want to enter.
All Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project safety rules and general rules apply; including SEI approved safety helmet worn for all classes (classes 7-26) excluding showmanship, appropriate shoes and apparel.
Stalls must be cleaned after use.
For more information contact a Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project Committee member.
Tack Sale

Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Ambassador Tack Sale

July 12th
9am – 4pm
Walworth County Fair Grounds
Draft Horse Barn
411 East Court St.
Elkhorn, WI 53121

Saddles, Bridles, Halters, Brushes, Clothes
anything horse related!!

Ambassadors include:
Katrina Schell
Keven Quast
Kendra Hoerth

Ashley VanSchyndel (Adult Advisor)
akvan06@hotmail.com

If you would like to bring something please e-mail Ashley VanSchyndel. With your name and about how many items you will be bringing. Table set up is at 7:00 am pick up is 4:30 pm
There is no charge for tables but 10% of your total sale will go to benefit the Walworth County Horse and Pony Ambassadors.
Scholarships

Shelia DeGrave Memorial Scholarships

Two scholarships are given: one in the amount of $500 and one in the amount of $250.

Walworth County 4-H Horse and Pony Project Scholarship

One scholarship to be given in the amount of $200 plus any donations received up to a maximum of $500.

Both scholarships are open to all graduating high school seniors continuing at a 2 or 4 year post graduate school. For applications and criteria please go to the Walworth County 4-H website at http://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/. Then go to the Scholarships & Awards section to find the applications.

Walworth County Sportmanship Award

Walworth County 4-H Horse and Pony Project Sportmanship award nominees will be chosen by project leaders. To be turned in to Donna Kundert or Laurie Olson by July 1st. 4-H members are encouraged to recommend award winners to their project leaders.
Statement of Understanding / Authorization

This form should be completed prior to participation in a 4-H event. Please be sure that the completed form is given to the person in charge prior to the 4-H event.

Name: ___________________________________________ Date: __________________

Mailing Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ________________ Zip: ______________________

Phone: ___________________________ Date of Birth: ___________________________

In consideration of ___________________________________________ (youth’s name) having been accepted by the Cooperative Extension Service to attend ___________________________________________ (indicate activity)
on ___________________________ (date) ___________________________ 
(time).

I hereby release the University of Wisconsin-Extension, its employees and volunteer 4-H leader(s) from any financial responsibility for sickness/accident to him/her while in transit to, transit from, and in attendance of the above authorized 4-H event. I hereby authorize the event’s responsible person to incur expense considered necessary to insure prompt attention in case of serious sickness/accident. I agree to pay for necessary expenses incurred, if this is not covered by an accident/sickness insurance policy.

Additionally, I hereby give consent to the official chaperon(s) to use reasonable disciplinary action with my son/daughter of youth at this activity and have discussed it with my son/daughter.

Signed: ____________________________

(Parent or Legal Guardian)

4-H Club: __________________________________________________________________

If your 4-H’er is currently taking any medicine or has any allergies, please list them below:

Medicine: __________________________________________________________________

Allergies: __________________________________________________________________

In case of emergency, please indicate where you can be reached. (If necessary, use a friend’s phone number).

Daytime Phone Number: __________________ Night Phone Number: __________________
Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project
Belt Buckle Sponsorship

For many years, a very nice Belt Buckle was awarded to the top performing 4-H member for Showmanship. This award was sponsored by the family of Tom Long, in his memory. Although the Tom Long Memorial funding is no longer available, the Belt Buckle trophy has become a very popular award and the Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project is committed to carry on the tradition of awarding a Belt Buckle Trophy for top performers.

Each Discipline is responsible for obtaining sponsorship funds for the belt buckles. If no sponsorship is obtained, no belt buckle will be awarded.

- Mini Showmanship
- Pony Showmanship
- Horse Showmanship
- English Equitation
- Western Horsemanship
- Driving Reinsmanship
- Education
- Horseless Horse
- Gymkhana

The Riding Discipline and the Driving Discipline are responsible for 3 sponsorships each. The Education, Horseless Horse and Gymkhana Disciplines are responsible for 1 sponsorship each.

The cost of a Belt Buckle sponsorship is $45, which includes the purchase of the Belt Buckle, as well as the engraving.

If you are interested in contributing towards a Belt Buckle, please complete the bottom section and return it to an adult committee member.

The Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project appreciates your support.

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Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project
Belt Buckle Sponsorship Form

Name: ______________________________________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: ___________________________________________________________________

Phone: ______________________________________________________________________

Amount you wish to Contribute: ______________________________________________________________________

Class you wish to Sponsor: ______________________________________________________________________

Signature: ______________________________________________________________________
Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project
Identification Form and Checklist

Please Note: A participant may identify four project animals (use one ID form per animal, whether horse or pony).

____ Animal #1 (circle one): Riding Driving Horseless Horse
____ Animal #2 (circle one): Riding Driving Horseless Horse
____ Animal #3 (circle one): Riding Driving Horseless Horse
____ Animal #4 (circle one): Riding Driving Horseless Horse

Member Information:
Name ____________________________
Address __________________________
Phone # __________________________ 4-H Club __________________________
Parents’ Names ____________________
Premise ID ______________________

Horse / Pony Project Member Horseless Horse Project Member
List the name of your Horseless Horse buddy ______________________

Animal Information:
Circle one: Horse Pony Mini
Horse or Pony’s Name __________________________
Type of Breed __________________________ Color __________________________
Age __________________ Gender ________ Height ______

Checklist:
____ Will you own or assume management of your project animal on or before May 1st.
____ Have you included a copy of your current Coggins?
____ Have you included your $20.00 registration and insurance fee? (Checks should be made payable to the Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project).
____ Have you attached two color photographs of your entire horse or pony to your Coggins sheet?
____ Have you read and do you understand Wisconsin Equine Activity Statute S 895.525 (1994) Participation in recreational activities?

My parents and I have read and discussed the summer clinic safety policies. We agree with and support them.

________________________________________  __________________________________
Project Participant’s Signature  Parent / Guardian’s Signature

Return completed identification forms, copy of Coggins, $20.00 registration and insurance fee and two color photographs no later than May 1 to:
Committee President: Laurie Olson 12608 East County Road X, Clinton, WI 53525
OR
Key Leader: Donna Kundert, W2442 Stateline Road, Lake Geneva, WI 53147 (horseless horse)
OR
Will and Nancy Swierenga, 7737 S&D Townline Road, Darien, WI 53114 (for driving ponies or minis)

Please do not send any paperwork or money to the UW Extension Office
Code of Conduct

- No riding or driving unless designated adult clinician or adult committee member is present.
- All participants must wear an SEI approved helmet whenever they are involved with their project animals on clinic nights.
- All riding and driving participants must wear closed toe shoes that have a 1/2” heel.
- All riding participants must wear long pants.
- All shirts/tops must have a minimum 1” shoulder strap.
- Clinician or committee member has the right to excuse a participant for inappropriate attire.
- Riding participants must use a bridle and saddle on clinic nights. No bareback riding allowed.
- Only 4-H Horse & Pony Project members and 4-H leaders may ride or drive at clinics. FFA members may participate with proof of insurance. Leaders must wear a helmet when riding or driving.
- No riding or driving beyond arena areas, this includes grass areas and draft arena when supervision is not available.
- Clean up after yourself. If you use a stall you must clean it before you leave.
- The arenas are the property of the Walworth County Agricultural Society. They are kind enough to allow us to use these facilities, free of charge, for our clinics and shows. Please respect the property and help us show the Walworth County Agricultural Society and Fair Board that we appreciate their support of the Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project. This includes the fairs no alcohol policy.
- 4-H accident liability insurance covers only registered participants. Parents – please be aware of this.
  - Horses must be service-ably sound to participate at clinics.

I understand and agree to follow the rules listed above.

Riders signature__________________________________________________________

Parent signature________________________________________________________
Walworth County 4-H Horse & Pony Project Areas of Interest Form

Name: _______________________________ Date: __________________

Parent’s Name: _______________________________

Address: ______________________________________

City: __________________ Zip: __________________

Phone Number: _______________________________

Email: _______________________________________

4-H Club: ____________________________________

Age: __________________ Years in Horse & Pony Project: __________________

Please check boxes below indicating areas you are interested in participating:

- [ ] Horse Riding
- [ ] Pony Riding
- [ ] Horseless Horse
- [ ] Horse Driving
- [ ] Pony Driving
- [ ] Equine Education
- [ ] Dressage / Jumping
- [ ] Mini Driving
- [ ] Ambassador
- [ ] Speed / Gymkhana
- [ ] Other (explain below)
- [ ] Drill Team

As a 4-H parent, I am interested in volunteering at the following Walworth County Horse & Pony events:

- Brat Hut Fundraiser at Fran’s Piggly Wiggly, in Elkhorn, March 30, 2014, and April 5, 2014 Equine Education
- Gymkhana Clinic at Walworth County Fairgrounds, Sunday, June 22, 2014 from 10am - 2pm
- Brat Hut Fundraiser at Frank’s Piggly Wiggly, in East Troy, June 28, 2014 for Gymkhana
- Fun Day at Walworth County Fairgrounds, Saturday, July 12, 2014
- Brat Hut Fundraiser at Frank’s Piggly Wiggly, in East Troy, April 26, for Gymkhana
- Qualifying Show at Walworth County Fairgrounds, August 23 & 24, 2014
- Brat Hut Fundraiser at Frank’s Piggly Wiggly, in East Troy, Saturday May 24, 2014, for Sheila Degrave Memorial Scholarship Fund

Parent’s Name: _______________________________

Address: ____________________________________

City: __________________ Zip: __________________

Phone Number: ____________________________ Email_____________________________________________