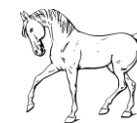




SO YOU ARE TAKING A HORSE PROJECT



There are many choices of projects, county and state fair exhibits associated with horse projects. This page contains some basic information to assist you in preparing for your project experience. Good luck!

	Project Books Records Required	Date of Possession	County Registration Papers Required?	Judging	Quality Assurance	Vaccinations
173 Horseless Horse	Project Book One-time project	NA	No	Special Interest Judging at Fair	NA	NA
174 Beginning Horse Management	This is a 3-year project book but follow the instructions on page 9 each year!	April 15	Yes, May 1	Skillathon Judging prior to fair	All Equine Members MUST complete online EquiSTEP Horse Safety & Ethics program by May 1 annually. Access instructions will be included in the horse mailing.	4 or 5 way vaccinations for influenza and tetanus are recommended Coggins is recommended for county fair and required for Ohio State Fair.
175 Light Horse Selection	Books 175-189 Require 190R Equine Record Book in addition to project book (must bring both to Skillathon) 179R Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows is recommended. It is updated every 3 years.					
177 Horse Training						
180 Learning to Jump						
181 Draft Horse						
182 Small Equine						
184 Standardbred Horses						
186 Gymkhana						
187 Roping						
188 Trail Riding						
189 Dressage						

FAIR AND SHOW – WHAT DO I NEED TO PACK?

Show Clothes

Grooming Equipment
Shovel, Pitchfork

Tack
Broom

Feed and containers

A FEW THINGS TO KNOW:

- ❖ The Horse project books can be complicated. Most need a new book each year. All but 174 needs a separate record book. #174 is a three-year book but has very specific instructions on its completion. Be sure to read the section above for your project.
- ❖ Members wishing to take 182 Small Equine must first complete at least one year of 174 Beginning Horse Management first.
- ❖ **All** Equine project members (except Horseless Horse) must complete the Equine EquiSTEP programming annually by May 1.

- ❖ All members wishing to exhibit at The Ohio State Fair must first qualify at a PAS (Performance Against a Standard) Show. One PAS opportunity will take place on the last day of fair. No horses may be trailered in for this event.
- ❖ Pickaway County has a 4-H Horse Key Leader who assists with 4-H educational events. In addition, 4-H Horse meetings take place in January, March, May and September. All advisors, parents and members are welcome!
- ❖ Registration packets are mailed to all horse exhibitors by April 1. All forms must be completed and returned by May 1.
- ❖ Stalls – all horses must be stalled at the fairgrounds for the entire fair. Stall assignments will be available the week prior to fair.
- ❖ Horses arrive on Saturday of fair between 12:00-4:00 pm. **All horses must be stalled by 4:00 pm.** Barn meeting will take place at 5:00pm with horse check-in immediately following. All exhibitors must be present.
- ❖ Horses may not leave during fair week until Saturday night from 11:00pm-1:00am or Sunday between 8:00am-12:00 noon.
- ❖ All horses and ponies must have a Body Condition Score (BCS) of at least a 4 to be present or exhibited in 4-H or Jr Fair events.
- ❖ Measurement cards – all ponies and small horses must be measured.
- ❖ Helmet rule – all 4-H members participating in any 4-H or Junior Fair activity must wear a properly fitted and secured, approved helmet at all times. Failure to follow this will result in disciplinary action.
- ❖ It is recommended that a parent/adult be present whenever a youth is practicing in the arena.
- ❖ The Pavilion (horse arena) is utilized for shows other than horses. The arena is closed for set up prior to the start of these shows. A schedule for arena use will be posted at fair. Please be courteous in sharing the facilities.
- ❖ Read your fairbook! Pay special attention to the Junior Fair rules and horse show rules.
- ❖ Junior Fair Horse shows take place three days of fair on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.
- ❖ Much more information about horse projects and opportunities can be found at: www.pickaway.osu.edu and <http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/horse>

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