

LaPorte County 4-H Horse & Pony Newsletter

February 2024

Hello Easy Riders,

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 20th at 7:00pm in the Small Projects building at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds. Horseless Horse will meet at 6:00pm.

First & Second Year Members:

At the February 20th meeting, there will be a meeting for our first and second year members. The meeting will be at 6:30pm. Our volunteers will share useful information about 4-H horse and pony.

Officer Elections:

The Club will be electing officers at the February meeting. To be eligible for office, you need to be an active member and be ready to speak as to why you would be a good club officer. Please review the officer roles that will be available attached to this newsletter.

T-Shirt Designs:

It was shared that we are looking to do Club t-shirts this year. We would like our members to create a design for the t-shirts. You will submit your design and the Club will vote on which design will be used. More information on this will be shared at the meeting on Tuesday.

Vaccination Day:

There will be an Equine Vaccination Day on Saturday, May 11th from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the fairgrounds. We will be sharing more information as the date gets closer.



CLUB OFFICER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

PRESIDENT

- *Work with club officers
- *Work on meeting agenda with club officers and club leader
- *Lead the club meetings
- *Provide opportunities for club members to express opinions and participate in meetings
- *Be courteous and fair to all.
- *Be model club member.
- *Notify club leader and vice president in advance if unable to attend the meeting or activity

VICE PRESIDENT

- *Serve as chair to plan club activities and events
- *Survey members to learn their interests and ideas for club programs
- *Work on meeting agenda with club officers and club leader
- *Arrive early for meetings to prepare
- *Know the duties of the president so you can conduct a meeting in the president's absence

SECRETARY

- *Take complete and accurate notes during the meeting
- *Record any motions made during the meeting.
- *Be prepared to read the motion as stated. *Prepare minutes of the last meeting
- *Record names of club officers.
- *Help club officers and club leader to develop meeting agenda
- *Arrive early to prepare for meeting
- *Let the club president and club leader know in advance if unable to attend the meeting.
- *Provide a copy of meeting minutes in your absence to present at the meeting.
- *Prepare any club correspondence and share any club correspondence

TREASURER

- *Maintain accurate records of club funds
- *Work with club committee treasurer
- *Prepare treasurer's report to share at club meetings
- *Help club officers and club leader to develop meeting agenda

RECREATION LEADERS

- *Plan a recreation activity for each meeting
- *Be enthusiastic and encourage others to have fun
- *Plan activities that everyone can do
- *Get everyone involved
- *Stop the activity before the group gets bored
- *Participate in planning club meetings and activities

HEALTH/SAFETY LEADERS

- *Participate in planning club meetings and activities
- *Provide some type of health/safety information at club meeting. This can be guest speaker, demonstration, activity, etc
- *Arrive early to help prepare for meeting

SONG LEADERS

- *Lead the club in singing or get others to lead
- *Work with club officers and club leaders and songs to be used
- *Know the 4-H Song and teach it to other members

LaPorte County 4-H Horse & Pony - 2024 Schedule

The club meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm CST. Horseless Horse meetings will begin at 6:00pm.

No December meeting	Community Project: Elder Tree
January 15, 2024	4-H Enrollment Deadline
January 16, 2024	Horse & Pony Meeting - Small Projects Bldg
February 20, 2024	Horse & Pony Meeting - Small Projects Bldg
March 19, 2024	Horse & Pony Meeting - Small Projects Bldg
April 16, 2024	Horse & Pony Meeting - Small Projects Bldg
May 1, 2024	Culver's Give Back Night
May 11, 2024	Equine Vaccination Day
May 15, 2024	Animal Enrollment Deadline
May 21, 2024	Horse & Pony Meeting - Horse & Pony Barns
June 1, 2024	Vaccination Deadline
June 18, 2024	Horse & Pony meeting - Horse & Pony Barns
	Final date to turn in Project Book
July 5, 2024	Animal Check In for Fair
July 6 - July 13, 2024	Fair Week

There will be several work days scheduled. Those may be before the May and June meetings along with a few scheduled Saturdays. More information will come as the dates get closer.

This is a tentative schedule. Dates and times are subject to change. Please follow us on FaceBook, the Remind App or email for Club updates.

Should you have any questions, please contact us by email at lp4horse@gmail.com or the Extension Office at 219-324-9407.

Let's make 2024 the best fair yet!

LaPorte County 4-H Horse & Pony Leaders