



LaPorte County 4-H Horse & Pony Club Newsletter

JUNE 2025

Hello E-Z Riders!

Our next club meeting and last one before the fair will be on Tuesday, June 17th at 7:00pm at the Horse & Pony arena at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds . Horseless Horse will meet at 6:00 at the west end of the open barn which is next to the new cattle barn.

There will be a work day at 5:30!

- **Final date to turn in High Point qualification sheet & project book. Sheets must be turned in at the meeting, no later!! If you are needing 1 more work day, we will have days following the meeting that can count towards high point. But the qualification sheet MUST still be turned in at the meeting!**

Link for the new web page:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/laporte/4-h/horse-and-pony.html>

IMPORTANT FAIR INFORMATION!

Fair Entry:

Fair Entry is due today, Friday, June 13th!! This is where you will need to go for class sign ups as well as stall reservations.

All 10 year and last year members:

Banners are provided for our last year and 10 year members. Please send a photo to the club email by June 13th so they can get ordered. Thank you seniors!!

lp4horse@gmail.com

2025 Scholarships:

Seniors should have received an email from extension with the link for the 2025 scholarships. Here is the link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScID_zIzU5gLZRCnCqQSmE1bkNfQ5QXFvCxMdqwODqsHcQFg/viewform

Work Day:

We will be having a work day before the meeting, starting at 5:30. Please show up in proper WORK attire! We will be in need of some tools to help during the work day if you could bring them. Wheelbarrows are greatly needed, rakes, gloves, shovels, and brooms. We will need many hands to set up the south hoop barn stalls. We will also be pulling weeds by the photo booth and the arena, racking out leaves in the closed barn stalls, sweeping up sand by the exit gate, and zip tying name boards to stalls in hoop barns.

- Are you needing more work days? Please don't stress! We are going to be having more work days after the meeting that can count towards your high point. You MUST still turn in all of your paperwork at the meeting, but if you still need just 1 more work day, we can add it to your high point sheet. But your sheet still must be turned in to committee member at the meeting for it to count

Ambassador project:

Your club ambassadors, Audrey Forney & Dixie Hay will be making "birthday boxes" for local centers in need. They are asking for some items to reach their goal of 50 boxes! Here is the link:

<https://www.walmart.com/lists/shared/WL/323e42e5-0b31-433e-832f-482abaee9bb6>

If you could bring items to the next meeting that would help them with their goal!

Club T-shirt Day:

Let's show our appreciation to all of our sponsors for our club and all plan to wear our club t-shirts the Friday of fair week, July 11th!

Stall assignments:

Stall assignments will be done on fair entry. This will need to be submitted before you can sign up for classes. Stall assignments will be posted on Remind and Facebook page once they are completed.

Pizza & Dance Party!!!

Sunday, July 6th, we will be having a pizza and dance party provided by the club! Please stick around after the last class to watch the Horseless Horse kids show, then the Drill Team performance. Party will start after the drill team performance!

Check-In Day Theme:

Lets have some fun on check in day!! Come dressed in your best hawaiian/beach theme to go with the fair theme of Making Waves in 2025! Dress up your horse and yourself, go all out if you want! There might be a fun prize for the Best Costume/Best effort!!

Patterns:

Patterns will get posted to Remind and Facebook once we receive them from the judges.

Fair Photographer:

We will be having a photographer for the fair!! Natalie Hoepf at Lake Photography has offered to do photos for fair week. She will be there throughout the week but is unavailable after 4:00 on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Here is how she is setting it up:

I'll post an online gallery with my watermark on the Lake Photography's Facebook page, and anyone interested can contact me to purchase. Once they have paid electronically, they will receive an online gallery with an instant download. The cost is \$5/image.

She will also be offering MINI SESSIONS!!

A 15 minute- mini session with 10 edited images costs \$75 and requires a 50% deposit. (This is \$50 less than I usually charge for mini sessions.) Family and sibling shots are allowed for these!

If anyone is interested in scheduling mini sessions prior to the fair so you can get a banner made for your stall, she is also offering that. Here is her contact information
219-221-2689 Natalie

<http://www.facebook.com/lakephotographymc>

<http://www.lakephotography.biz/>

Check-In day/Process:

Check in will be Saturday, July 5th from 8-10am. Please follow the attached traffic flow for arrival. You will pull in and keep everything in the trailer until you are released.

Once you are checked in and released you can unload your horse only and enter the makeup arena to line up for vet check. Trailer must keep moving and then re-enter the north parking lot where you can unload tack. Vet check will be in the main arena. Once you are vet checked you can exit the main arena and then take your horse to their assigned stall. Please come back up to the Horse & Pony office area to receive your fair packet. Fair packets will include fair passes, back numbers, class schedule, welcome packet, and your classes that you signed up for on fair entry. Please go over classes and let the committee know if there are any corrections that need to be made.

Important from Fair Board!!!:

- There will no longer be any trailer parking across the street from the fairgrounds. That is now going to be overflow parking for the fair. All trailers must be parked in the back trailer parking lot, which is north of the north parking lot.
- Tack can be brought in on the 4th, but please know that there will be no security until July 5th.

Curriculum Books:

Book 1, Giddy Up & Go, is currently on back order. We will give an update at the meeting. All other books will be available at the meeting.

Here is the book you will need and chapters to complete.

• Grade 3	Giddy Up & Go	Ch. 1,2	Pgs 6-20
• Grade 4	Giddy Up & Go	Ch. 3,4	Pgs. 21-33
• Grade 5	Head, Heart, & Hooves	Ch. 1-3	Pgs. 9-20
• Grade 6	Head, Heart, & Hooves	Ch. 4-6	Pgs. 21-32
• Grade 7	Head, Heart, & Hooves	Ch. 7-10	Pgs. 33-48
• Grade 8	Horse Care	Ch. 4-8	Pgs.21-39
• Grade 9	Horse Care	Ch. 9-13	Pgs. 41-59
• Grade 10	Riding the Range	Ch. 1-3	Pgs. 9-26
• Grade 11	Riding the Range	Ch. 4-8	Pgs. 27-42
• Grade 12	Riding the Range	Ch. 9-13	Pgs. 43-60

LaPorte County 4-H Horse & Pony - 2025 Schedule

The club meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm CST.

Horseless Horse meetings will begin at 6:00pm.

June 13, 2025

Fair Entry Deadline

June 17, 2024

Horse & Pony meeting - Horse & Pony Barns

***Final date to turn in High Point qualification sheet**

***Project Book due**

***Work Day before meeting**

July 5, 2025

Animal Check In for Fair 8-10am

July 5 - July 12, 2025

Fair Week

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 lp4hhorse@gmail.com or the Extension Office at 219-324-9407.

LaPorte County 4-H Horse & Pony Leaders

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Youth Committee Members: Kyra Nicholson, Lily Mrozinski, and Ophelia Baughman