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*NEW in 2018 - 179 Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows available.

*All Horse projects (including Horseless Horse) will be judged on Livestock & Skill-A-Thon Judging on July 12th from 1:00-6:30.*

*One Equine Record Book (190R) should be completed by each member annually in horse projects 175 and higher*

1) First year 4-H horse project members are required to attend the Safety and Ethics Horse Meeting on May 1st at the Jr. Fair Building, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
2) Project should be taken through clubs specializing in 4-H horse projects.
3) The Horse Helmet Policy will be in effect for 2018. See the Horse Newsletter on the Web for more information.

Horseless Horse Guidelines: Learn about horses without owning one. Over 20 different horse-related subjects are covered in easy-to-use worksheets. Also useful for the educational portion of club meetings. Written for the beginner but suitable for members of all ages.
Judging Requirements: Completed project book and an exhibit of something learned in the project.

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Beginning Horse Management Guidelines: This beginning-level project is for ALL youth starting in the 4-H horse program. The basics of caring for a horse, learning to ride, and Showmanship are covered in 170 pages, many with color photographs.
Judging Requirements: Completed project book, participate in the Wood County Junior Fair Horse Show, follow all rules in the Wood County Fair book, and turn in all Horse Show entries to your 4-H Advisor.

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Light Horse Selection Guidelines: Judge horses and classes after studying basic horse anatomy for a sound basis in the selection for pleasure or breeding stock.
Judging Requirements: Completed project book, an exhibit of something learned in the project or participate in the Wood County Junior Fair Horse Show, follow all rules in the Wood County Fair book and turn in all Horse Show entries to your 4-H advisor.

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Basic Horse Training Guidelines: Train horses from birth to maturity. Understand horse behavior and how to use it to create a good relationship between horse and horseman. Includes the CD Basic Horse Training by Dr. Robert Kline.
Judging Requirements: Completed project book, participate in the Wood County Junior Fair Horse Show (member may show their horse as a Horse Production project which would consist of only one class. If a member chooses, he may enter the horse in competition in a showmanship class at the fair or if the horse is ready, it may be entered in regular saddle horse competition. This decision must be made when fair entries are made in June.), follow all rules in the Wood County Fair book and turn in all Horse Show entries to your 4-H advisor.

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Learning to Jump

Guidelines: Want to put your horse skills to work on something new? This project starts with a foundation of proper riding techniques, then teaches you the basics of how to jump in an easy-to-understand sequence of exercises. Expert tips and a trouble-shooting guide keep you on track to have fun and stay safe while learning to jump.

Judging Requirements: Completed project book, participate in the Wood County Junior Fair Horse Show, follow all rules in the Wood County Fair book, and turn in all Horse Show entries to your 4-H Advisor.

4-H Draft Horse

Guidelines: Are you fascinated with draft horses and want to know more about these magnificent giants? Learn about their care, feeding, harnessing, hitching, showing, and much more with this updated project book.

Judging Requirements: Completed project book, participate in the Wood County Junior Fair Horse Show, follow all rules in the Wood County Fair book, and turn in all Horse Show entries to your 4-H Advisor.

Standardbred Horses

Guidelines: Learn how to safely harness your horse to a cart and drive, whether it is a Standardbred racehorse or a pleasure driving horse.

Judging Requirements: Completed project book, an exhibit of something learned in the project or participate in the Wood County Junior Fair Horse Show, follow all rules in the Wood County Fair book and turn in all Horse Show entries to your 4-H advisor.

Equine Reproduction and Genetics

Guidelines: Explore breeding and mare and foal management in a project that requires commitment. Basic Horse Training and Horse Nutrition should be taken before this project is considered. This is a 2-3 year project.

Judging Requirements: Completed project book, present a scrapbook or diary of what was done and learned through this project to the judge.

Trail Riding

Guidelines: Team up with your horse for competition or pleasure trail riding. Learn the basics of conditioning your horse.

Judging Requirements: Completed project book, participate in the Wood County Junior Fair Horse Show, follow all rules in the Wood County Fair book and turn in all Horse Show entries to your 4-H advisor.

Dressage

Guidelines: By patiently developing a horse’s mental and physical abilities, youth work toward a perfect understanding between horse and rider. This project asks youth to “Complete a “Planning Your Project” section, several activities, learning experiences, and citizenship/leadership activities; keep records; and write a one-page report.

Judging Requirements: Completed project book, participate in the Wood County Junior Fair Horse Show, follow all rules in the Wood County Fair book and turn in all Horse Show entries to your 4-H advisor.

Horse Nutrition

Guidelines: Explore digestion, nutrients, feedstuffs, rationing and poison plant identification to protect the health of the horse you love.

Judging Requirements: Completed project book, an exhibit of something learned in the project or participate in the Wood County Junior Fair Horse Show, follow all rules in the Wood County Fair book and turn in all Horse Show entries to your 4-H advisor.

Horse Safety

This is required reading by all 4-H’ers and their parents to acquaint them with the safety issues involved with a 4-H horse project.