

LaPorte County 4-H Horse & Pony Club Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2025



Hello E-Z Riders!

Our next club meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18th. Horseless horse will meet at 6:00, Horse & Pony at 7:00PM at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds Small Projects building.

***NO 1st/2nd year member meeting until March.**

4-H Enrollment:

Please make sure you are enrolled for the 2025 year. Please visit <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> to enroll.

Club Outing:

Mark your calendars for MARCH 2!! We have rented the ice skating rink at Central Park Plaza in Valparaiso from 6-10PM. All Horse & Pony Members and family are invited to attend. This is a free event provided by your club so come and enjoy!!

Tack Sale Help:

Volunteers are needed for the tack sale. This can be used towards your community service needed for high point.

- Thursday evening 3/20/25 to set up tables
- Friday evening 3/21/25 to help vendors get moved in
- Sunday 3/23/25 to help vendors move out, put away tables and chairs, and get trash to dumpsters.

Please contact Kristy Chambers to volunteer 574-876-4316.

Updated High Point:

High point has some changes this year. There will be only 2 high points for each division, contesting and an all around. The new qualifying classes are attached below.

Club Officers:

Our January meeting was cancelled so we will be electing club officers at our February meeting. Below is a list of the positions we need to fill and the responsibilities. Please begin thinking about nominating someone you think would fill these positions well for your club.

CLUB OFFICER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

PRESIDENT (1-int/sr member)

- *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 a model club member.
- *Notify club leader and vice president in advance if unable to attend the meeting or activity

VICE PRESIDENT (1-int/sr member)

- *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 (1)

- *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 (1)

- *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 (2-3)

- *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 (1)

- *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 (2-3)

- *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 - 2025 Schedule

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

Horseless Horse meetings will begin at 6:00pm.

January 15, 2025	4-H Enrollment
February 18, 2025	Horse & Pony Meeting - Small Projects Bldg
March 2, 2025	Club social event-Ice skating @Central Park Plaza, Valpo
March 18, 2025	Horse & Pony Meeting - Small Projects Bldg
April 15, 2025	Horse & Pony Meeting - Small Projects Bldg
May 15, 2025	Animal Enrollment Deadline
May 20, 2025	Horse & Pony Meeting - Horse & Pony Barns * Work day before meeting
May30-June 1, 2025	Horse Camp for 1st & 2nd year members
June 1, 2025	Vaccination Deadline
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
July 5 - July 12, 2025	Fair Week

There will be more work days scheduled, 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 lp4hhorse@gmail.com or the Extension Office at 219-324-9407.

LaPorte County 4-H Horse & Pony Leaders

Superintendent: Libby Wilson

President/Asst. Superintendent: Scott Mrozinski

Vice President: Dawn Nicholson

Secretary: Angie Swanson

Treasurer: Alisha Baughman

Co-treasurer: Libby Wilson

Sr. Leader: Danielle Ekovich

Co-Sr. Leader: John Langford

Jeff Hay, Jaime Cipares, Chris Smith, Jen Schweizer, and Dustin Erwin

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

LaPorte County Horse Judging
& EZ Riders Club Presents

2025 TACK SALE

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ENTRY
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MARCH 22 9AM - 4PM

MARCH 23 9AM - 2PM

ALL TIMES ARE IN CST

LAPORTE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

COMMUNITY & SMALL PROJECTS BUILDING

2581 IN - 2 LAPORTE, IN 46350

10,000 SQ FEET OF NEW & USED TACK INDOORS

SILENT AUCTION

FOOD VENDORS ON SITE



FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT KRISTY CHAMBERS 574-876-4316 OR
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LaPorte County 4-H Horse & Pony 2025 High Point Awards

To be eligible for a High Point, club member must FULLY complete the Participation Sheet and have it turned in by **June 17, 2025** .

Club members will be eligible for ONE High Point Award with ONE horse/pony during fair week.

All club members will select which High Point Award they wish to compete for at the time of fair check-in.

If you bring multiple horses/ponies, you must select which ONE horse/pony will be your high point animal to compete with.

Members will NOT be allowed to change their selection once classes begin on the first day of fair.

Members DO NOT have to compete in all eligible classes to qualify for High Point. If you do not make a High Point selection, you will not be eligible to receive a High Point Award.

Members will be either in Western Pleasure and Western Bareback OR Ranch Pleasure and Ranch Bareback. Members will not be eligible for both.

HIGH POINT AWARDS & QUALIFYING CLASSES

ALL AROUND: Trail, Western Showmanship, English Showmanship, Western Pleasure or Ranch Pleasure, Western Pleasure Bareback or Ranch Bareback,

Horsemanship, Ranch Riding, English Pleasure, English Equitation,
Hunter Hack

Divisions: Junior Horse, Junior Pony, Intermediate Horse, Intermediate
Pony, Senior Horse, Senior Pony

Tie Break Class: Trail

CONTESTING: Speed & Action, Cloverleaf Barrels, Flag Race, Pole Bending, Stake Race

Divisions: Junior Horse, Junior Pony, Intermediate Horse, Intermediate Pony,
Senior Horse, Senior Pony

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