



LaPorte County 4-H Horse & Pony Club Newsletter

APRIL 2025

Hello E-Z Riders!

Our next club meeting will be on Tuesday, April 15th at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds Small Projects building.

Horseless horse will meet at 6:00

Horse & Pony at 7:00PM

Horse Camp:

Horse camp will be **May 30-June 1** for any 1st and 2nd year member. Please use the QR codes on the flyer to sign up as a camper or a junior leader. Or you can sign in to your 4-H online account and find this through the events tab. Flyers are available on the new club website through extension.

Vaccination Day:

Doc Smith will be at the fairgrounds on Saturday, May 10th from 10-12 doing vaccinations. **Please note vaccinations need to be done by June 1st to attend the fair but these also need done before attending any clinics.**

Animal Enrollment:

All animals need to be enrolled **MAY 15TH!** This is done through your 4-H Online account. You can upload your vaccination forms here too but we do need a hard copy turned in. You will need to upload 2 pictures of each horse. Front facing and side facing with face and all 4 feet. *Add any and all backup horses! Backup horses can be enrolled under as many members as needed but only 1 can take to fair.

Sponsorships:

All sponsor names will be on the back of club shirts this year. Forms are needed by **MAY 20th**. Please start reaching out for sponsorships. These sponsorships help offset costs for member awards, club outings, judges fees, and class trophies, etc. Sponsorship form is attached to this email.

Fair/Class Schedule:

2025 class schedule is attached! Please note a few added exhibition walk/trot classes. If you are only participating in walk/trot classes, you will be able to participate in contesting classes this year.

Stall assignments:

Stall assignments will be on fair entry. This will need to be submitted before you can sign up for classes. More info to come when fair entry is open.

5 Yeah Jackets:

If you are a 5th year member, we need your jacket size. Please see Danielle Ekovich after the meeting or message her on the Remind app with your jacket size.

Club T-shirt:

The club is providing 1 free t-shirt for all club members. Please go to the google form link and fill it out for each member. <https://forms.gle/izidZGhtdMwbH6da7>

Clinic Schedule:

Clinic schedule will be available at the next meeting and they will start in May. Shannon Barnes at Stateline Stables (10411 N. 200 E. LP) has 2 upcoming contesting clinics in April. Tuesday, April 22nd and Tuesday April 29th both at 5:30 CST.

New Website Link:

We have been working with extension to get our website changed. Purdue extension will now have our club information and forms available. Here is the link: <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/laporte/4-h/horse-and-pony.html>

Curriculum Books:

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.

May 15, 2025	4-H Enrollment
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

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

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