



LaPorte County 4-H Horse & Pony Club Newsletter

JANUARY 2025

Hello E-Z Riders!

Our next club meeting will be on Tuesday, January 21st. Horseless horse will meet at 6:00, Horse & Pony at 7:00PM at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds Small Projects building.

4-H Enrollment:

Please make sure you are enrolled for the 2025 year.

Please visit <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> to enroll.

Elder-Tree Event:

A huge thank you to Rita Beaty for organizing this event. It was a success! Thank you to everyone that participated and to those that came to the nursing home. We were able to go in the home this year. We sang carols up and down the hallways, passed out the presents to residents, and visited with some of the residents.

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.

Club Officers:

Our January meeting we will be electing club officers. 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 21, 2025	4-H Horse & Pony Meeting - Small Projects Bldg
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