

LaPorte County 4-H Horse & Pony Club Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2026



Hello E-Z Riders!

Our next club meeting will be on Tuesday, February 17th. Horseless horse will meet at 6:00, Horse & Pony at 7:00PM at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds Small Projects building.

Club Officers: Congrats to your 2026 club officers!!

President: Audrey Forney Vice President: Lily Mrozinski
Secretary: Brooklyn Gogel Treasurer: Gabby Garner
Song & Rec. leaders: Parker Jonas, Owen Freitag, Brayden Baker,
Beatta Baighman, Ali Denhart, Brielle Gogel
Health & Safety leaders: Ophelia Baighman & Alex Adams

4-H Enrollment:

Please make sure you are enrolled for the 2026 year. If you are not enrolled you will not receive any communication from extension. Please visit <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> to enroll.

Tack Sale Help:

Tack sale will be March 21 & 22. Volunteers are needed for the tack sale. This can be used towards your community service needed for high point.

- Friday evening 3/20/26 to help vendors get moved in
- Sunday 3/22/26 to help vendors move out

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

Ambassadors Barn Dance:

Pre-sale tickets will be available for Horse & Pony members. Your ambassadors will be there 15 minutes before the February meeting and after the meeting if you wish to secure your spot at the dance. Please bring cash. Tickets are \$10/person or 3 for \$25. Dance is MARCH 7th!! There will be line dancing instruction!

Your 2026 ambassadors are going to be putting on the barn dance for a fundraiser for the Horse & Pony club and the LaPorte Animal shelter. They are still in need of door prize donations. If you are able to donate please see Julia or Brooklyn.

Guest educational speaker:

We hope you enjoyed Dr. Madisyn Walters from Full Range and Remedy Chiropractic. This month Dr. Aarie Szuba from Oak Knoll Veterinary Clinic will be speaking. Please have some good questions for her if you'd like! Anyone that comes to the meeting wearing red, please find a club officer for a sucker!

Horse Camp:

Horse camp is for 1st and 2nd year EZ Riders. Dates are May 1-3 and will be held at the fairgrounds horse and pony arena. More information on sign ups to come.

Drill team:

The drill team call out meeting will take place following the February meeting. Those interested in joining the drill team please stay after the meeting for more information from Coach Jaime Ciperas.

Curriculum changes:

Grades 3-5: Book 1

Grades 6-8: Book 2

Grades 9-12: Book 3

We will have what chapters to do at the meeting. Older grades...if you already have book 4, please don't worry about getting a new book. We will just have you do 2 chapters in your current one.

Communication:

Newsletters will be sent out via email from the extension office the Friday before each meeting. Please read for important information. We also have a Facebook page: LaPorte County 4-H Horse and Pony Club. As well as the Remind app. Please text @ezrid to 81010 to join. Here is the link to our website that is through the extension website. <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/laporte/4-h/horse-and-pony.html>

LaPorte County 4-H Horse & Pony - 2026 Schedule

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

Horseless Horse meetings will begin at 6:00pm.

February 17, 2026	Horse & Pony Meeting - Small Projects Bldg
March 17, 2026	Horse & Pony Meeting - Small Projects Bldg
April 21, 2026	Horse & Pony Meeting - Small Projects Bldg
May 15, 2026	Animal Enrollment Deadline
May 19, 2025	Horse & Pony Meeting - Horse & Pony Barns * Work day before meeting
June 1, 2025	Vaccination Deadline
June 12, 2026	Fair Entry & Stall assignment Deadline
June 16, 2024	Horse & Pony meeting - Horse & Pony Barns *Final date to turn in High Point qualification sheet *Project Book due *Work Day before meeting
July 11 - July 18, 2026	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 lp4horse@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: Jaime Ciperas

Secretary: Dawn Nicholson

Treasurer: Alisha Baughman

Co-treasurer: Libby Wilson

Sr. Leader: Danielle Ekovich

Co-Sr. Leader: Jeff Hay

Chris Smith, Jen Schweizer, John Langford, and Dustin Erwin

Youth member: Ophelia Baughman and Lily Mrozinski