

MECOSTA COUNTY

4-H HORSE HANDBOOK

2025



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4-H PLEDGE

“ I PLEDGE”

My Head to clearer Thinking,
My Heart to greater Loyalty,
My Hands to larger Service, and
My Health to better living for
My Club, my Community
My Country, and my World.”

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DEADLINES

4- H Member/Leader Registration-----	December 1, 2025 for returning members April 1, 2025 for New Members
Horse Project sponsorships for State Consideration-----	June 1, 2025
Horse Registration & Coggins Test Results Due -----	May 1, 2025
Pony Measuring- Fairgrounds-----	Approved By April 30, 2025
Deadline for Show Registration-----	June 1, 2025
All Record books due for Fair Participation-----	June 1, 2025
Community Service Hours for State Consideration-----	June 1, 2025
Mecosta County Fair Registration-----	TBD by Fairboard
State Horse Show Registration & Fee----- (only if qualified for State Horse Show)	July 1, 2025
Year End Points-----	August Leaders Meeting

MICHIGAN & MECOSTA COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROGRAMS 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 31- February 1, 2025	Judging Workshop	MSU Pavilion
March 15, 2025	State Hippology Competition	MSU Pavilion
March 7-9, 2025	MI Horse Expo	MSU Pavilion
March 29, 2025	4-H/ FFA Horse Judging Competition	MSU Pavilion
June 7-8, 2025	Mecosta County 1 st Qualifying Show	Mecosta County Fairgrounds
June 18-20, 2025	Exploration Days	MSU
June 21-22, 2025	Mecosta County 2 nd Qualifying Show	Mecosta County Fairgrounds
July 6-12, 2025	Mecosta County Fair	Mecosta County Fairgrounds
August 15-17, 2025	MI State 4-H Horse Show	MSU Pavilion

2025 HORSE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

President	Tiffany Spedowski	231-287-0113
Vice- President	Cayla Zimmerman	231-660-2476
Secretary	Sarah Doering, Laura Cole, & Nicki Kantz	
Treasure	Julie Strohkirch	231-629-2620
Show Secretary	Janet Snider	231-629-2620
Co-Show Secretary	Tiffany Spedowski	

COMMITTEES

Horse Show & Handbook Review	Julie Strohkirch- Chairperson, Deb Niedzielski- Co- Chair Tiffany Spedowski, & Janet Snider
Year-End Awards	Tiffany Spedowski- Chairperson Deb Niedzielski
Budget Committee	Julie Strohkirch- Chairperson Tiffany Spedowski Deb Niedzielski
Developmental & Educational	Deb Niedzielski- Chairperson Tiffany Spedowski, Janet Snider, Julie Strohkirch, Sarah Doering
Fundraising Committee	Julie Strohkirch- Chairperson Tiffany Spedowski, Janet Snider, Cayla Zimmerman, Deb Niedzielski
State Horse Show	Tiffany Spedowski- Chairperson Janet Snider, Deb Niedzielski, Nicki Kantz, Laura Cole, Sarah Doering Julie Strohkirch
ROC Committee	Hippology- Chairperson Tiffany Spedowski, Deb Niedzielski

BY-LAWS OF THE MECOSTA COUNTY 4-H HORSE AND PONY PROJECT

I. Purpose

- A. To promote and provide educational experiences through horse husbandry and relates activities.
- B. To provide assistance in the selection of horses.
- C. To provide assistance in raising and caring for horses.
- D. To assist in carrying out Horse & Pony Project activities.
- E. To promote and provide experience in leadership.
- F. To establish rules and regulations governing Mecosta County 4-H Horse & Pony Project activities.
- G. To develop a 4-H Horse & Pony program to benefit each and every member.
- H. To recognize and recruit volunteer leaders and teen leaders.
- I. To emphasize youth development.
- J. To emphasize safety methods when working with youth and their horses.

II. Voting and Membership

- A. Voting membership shall consist of one vote per active club.
- B. An active club is one in which:
 - 1. Members and leaders are registered by December 1st of the current program year.
 - 2. The Club is represented by a registered leader, teen leader, or designated club parent at **minimum of 50% of the meetings** of the Mecosta County 4-H Horse Leaders, serves and plays an active role in at least one committee.
- C. At least 50% of active clubs need to be present to make as a quorum.
- D. Roll call vote will be taken to record proposal votes.

III. Officers

- A. Officers shall be elected by the voting membership. Elections will be held no later than early November. The term of office for all officers and committees is one year.
- B. Duties of officers shall be as follows:
 - 1. President shall:
 - a. Preside at all Mecosta County 4-H Horse Leader meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure.
 - b. Be an ex-officio member of all regular and special committees.
 - c. Perform all duties as normally required for this office.
 - d. Shall present a written agenda at each meeting.
 - 2. Vice- President shall:
 - a. Conduct meetings in the absence of the President.
 - b. Assist the President in proper conduct of meetings and business.
 - c. Stand-in for other officers in case of their absence.

3. Secretary shall:
 - a. Keep a complete and accurate record of minutes of all meetings.
 - b. Take care of all correspondence.
 - c. Present minutes to all meetings.
 - d. Presents minutes to 4-H Office.
 - e. Keep a record of attendance for each meeting.

4. Treasure shall:
 - a. Shall, each month, accept and keep correct accounting of all money received and dispersed.
 - b. Shall deposit Horse Project money in a checking account with the Treasures, and Presidents signatures on the signature card (persons may not be from the same family).
 - c. All Checks must be signed by the treasure.
 - d. All expenditures shall require approval of the Mecosta County 4-H Horse Leaders before checks can be written.
 - e. Follow all financial guidelines as described in the Michigan 4-H Financial Guideline Handbook.

5. Point Secretary shall:
 - a. Keep track of division each 4-H member rides in
 - b. Keep show points for each 4-H point show and fair
 - c. Keep track of qualifying points for state rider designation
 - d. Keep track of Jeanne Moss Award speed point tally
 - e. Submit point sheets to 4-H office in a timely manner after each show
 - f. Submit total show point tally to year-end committee chairman for year-end awards

IV. Order of Business (for regular meetings)

- A. Roll Call
- B. Minutes of previous meeting
- C. Communications and Treasures report
- D. Extension Office Report
- E. Old Business
- F. New Business
- G. Adjournment

V. Committees

- A. Standing committees shall be determined at the time of officer elections on a volunteer basis followed by a vote selection of a chairman
- B. Each club leader or club representative to actively serve on a minimum of one committee.

C. Standing committees and their responsibilities are as follows:

1. Year-end Awards Committee
 - a. Provide a description of county awards.
 - b. Determine what awards are possible.
 - c. Determine how points are to be accumulated. Accumulation shall start on 8/1 of fall preceding, and end on July 1 of the award year.
 - d. Arrange with the 4-H office to compile and keep point records for award year.
 - e. Plan Year-end Awards Banquet.
 - f. Order Awards, prepare certificates as appropriate.
 - g. Get Demonstration Award winners names following fair.
2. Horse Show Committee:
 - a. Be responsible for horse show events at the two qualifying shows.
 - b. Propose showbill of classes for approval, then submit it to the 4-H office.
 - c. Propose show dates for approval.
 - d. Secure show dates with the Fair Board for their approval.
 - e. Submit showbill and rules to Fair Board to publish in the Fair Book.
 - f. Propose all show judges for every event at all shows for approval
 - g. Submit judges contract information to 4-H office to be sent out
 - h. Submit overnight accommodation information for judges to 4-H office and the treasure.
 - i. Be available at the horse shows to assist hosting clubs, if needed.
 - j. Order ribbons – 10 placings, Grand and Reserve for speed.
 - k. Prepare judges' score cards and keep as record of placings.
 - l. Organize workdays prior to the first horse show and ensure grounds are in good shape.
3. Budget Committee
 - a. Propose a budget for the upcoming season.
 - b. An audit of the books in November prior to the election of new officers
4. Handbook review Committee
 - a. Review By-Laws and Constitution of the Mecosta County 4-H Horse Project.
 - b. Propose revisions deemed necessary or desirable.
 - c. Submit revised Mecosta County 4-H Horse & Pony Project Handbook draft to 4-H office to print for February.
5. R.O.C. Committee
 - a. Set show times, events, practice schedules with time and locations, and eligibility requirements for participation.
 - b. Organize, set-up and conduct ROC practices and show events. Obtain ribbons, timers, judges, obstacles and roping equipment.
 - c. Prepare judges score card and turn in with placings to point secretary.
 - d. Submit judges contact information for payment to Horse Leaders and Fair board.

INFORMATION NEEDED FOR EACH HORSE SHOW

1. Secure timers, First Aid Kit, PA system, trail, jumping, and gymkhana equipment, if needed.
2. Provide lunch and refreshments for judge, ringmaster, announcer, record keeper, trail judge, and gymkhana judge,
3. Stalls cannot be reserved until the Monday prior to the first qualifying show. Stall tags will be provided and must be filed out by each member. Stall tags will only be removed by an executive board member after stall has been inspected. If stall is left dirty a \$15 cleaning fee will be charged to that member. If the fee is not paid, the member will lose their show points from that show.
4. Have a copy of official 4-H Horse and Pony Show Rules and Regulations at announcer's booth.
5. Be aware of all the rules and regulations regarding 4-H (appropriate tack, treatment, of horses, safety standards set by Mecosta County and Michigan State University and Michigan 4-H Youth Development).
6. All clubs are responsible for securing show help such as ringmaster and announcer.
7. Accepted Horse Show help assignments are obligatory. Remember volunteering is commitment to full fill however, if unable to handle obligations notify the Show Committee immediately.

IF A PROBLEM ARISES, CONTACT LEADERS TO ASSIST WITH HANDLING ANY DECISION THAT AFFECTS OUR YOUTH.

INFORMATION NEEDED FOR FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS

1. Post phone numbers of vets.
2. Inspect stalls.
3. Attend superintendents meeting prior to fair.
4. Secure nightly barn duty for horse barns.
5. Secure ring stewards and announcers for all horse events during the week of fair.
6. Assign tack trailer locations for clubs.
7. Meet with State Vet and complete coggins check.
8. Complete and submit paperwork for premium classes.
9. Other responsibilities as assigned or designated by Fair Board.

Barn Duty People are required to:

- a. Know names of leaders, superintendents and locations of their campsites.
- b. Check stalls periodically.
- c. Make sure all 4-H'ers are out of the barns by 11:00pm, lights out and quiet.
- d. Make sure no alcoholic beverages are being consumed in barn and show area.
- e. Make sure there is no smoking in the barns or use of illegal substances.

MECOSTA COUNTY 4-H HORSE AWARDS

Jeanne Moss Memorial Award-given to the 4-H member with the Highest Speed Point total from the two state qualifying shows and fair.

Jeanne Moss was a tremendous advocate for her children and grandchildren throughout their 4-H years. Not only was she caring, kind, supportive, and loyal, she was a friend to all. Everything you could possibly ask for in a mother, grandmother and friend. After her unfortunate passing in 1996, and with a very special thanks to Linda Bechaz (Schuberg) for her creativity and ingenuity, a plaque was made. This very special plaque was passed out every year at the fair to the person with the most speed points until 2023. Going forward the youth member will receive a Banner and a T-shirt to keep. This award will be presented by the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Jeanne Moss on Saturday of Fair week.

YEAR END AWARDS

Explanation of Mecosta County 4- H Horse Project Year-End Awards System:

The following year-end awards are available, depending on available funds, to all 4-H Horse and Pony project members, based on points earned during the 4-H year (August 1- July 1) and will be presented at the Horse Year-End Awards Banquet in the fall.

1. Sportsmanship Awards- Available to all project members. This award will be nominated by a 4-H Leader, one nomination per club, at each pre-show and fair. Areas of particular interest are helpful to others, attitude, and courtesy, although not limited to. Awards will be awarded by voting at Year-End Banquet. One vote per club.
2. High Point Show Award- Ten places to be awarded for each division: Pony, Novice, 12 & Under, 13-15, and 16-19. Points are compiled from the two state qualifying shows and fair.
3. Educational Award- 1st -6th Places will be awarded in each age division: 12 & Under, 13-15, 16-19. Recipients will be selected by points compiled in educational activities.
4. Community Service Award- One award for each age division: 12 & Under, 13-15, 16-19. Awards will be determined by participation hours earned in community service.
5. Sponsorship Award- First, Second, and Third place awards for top three members overall in earnings and sponsorship points and one award for Highest Total Donations collected.
6. ROC Points will not be added to Year -End points. ROC points will be kept separately and have their own awards. No ROC points will be considered for state competition.

HORSE ACTIVITY POINTS

Sponsorship:

- One point for each sponsorship (suggested donation \$10.00)
In support of the 4-H Horse Project, it is an expectation that each member raises a minimum of \$20.00 in sponsorship donations. Sponsorships will be accepted all year

Educational:

- One point for each Youth Committee meeting and each Leader Committee meeting.
- One point for each Mecosta County Quiz Bowl, Hippology, Horse Judging
- Two points for State Quiz Bowl competition and Hippology competition
- Two points for Regional or State Horse Judging Competition (per competition)
- One point for each oral report given to your group or to the entire 4-H group
- One point for each Demonstration given to your group or to the entire 4-H group
- One point for each Clinic(special educational event you attend which is open to your group or the entire 4-H group). *Clinics eligible for points must include all county and state clinics brought to the club or county leader's attention as well as club clinics if they are available to everyone in the club and someone is present and running the clinic in an educational manner. Only one point per event, per day will be awarded. You must sign-in on the provided sign-in sheet to receive points. Paid private lessons and fun get-togethers are not eligible for points in this category.*
- One point for each meeting of your local club that contains an educational component.
- One point for completing Project Book which is due June 1st
- One point for being an Officer in your local group
- Two points for competing in Team Competition, Costume, and Versatility
- Two points for being a member of 4-H Council

Community Service:

- Participation hours will be kept for each service you give to the community. Examples- your group singing carols at a foster care home; your group prepares and delivers holiday baskets; you join county wide 4-H community services; general 4-H county “work bees” and PEP. A 4-H member cannot collect hours for community service projects completed with another organization or school sponsored events 501(c)(3) organizations can be used for community service projects. The executive board will make the final decision if there is a question concerning an activity.

Show Points accumulated using the following schedule regardless of the number of riders in the class:

First Place (10 points)
Second Place (9 points)
Third Place (8 points)
Fourth Place (7 points)
Fifth Place (6 points)

Sixth Place (5 points)
Seventh Place (4 points)
Eight Place (3 points)
Ninth Place (2 points)
Tenth Place (1 point)

EXPLANTON OF STATE SHOW/YEAR-END POINTS/HORSE REGISTRATION

State 4-H Horse Show

- Must be 13 years old or older to attend the State 4-H Horse Show.
- Must complete a minimum of 5 hours Community Service time before June 1st which is offered through your club or open to all 4-H members. Community Service will be verified by the committee members who were at the State Horse Show Committee meeting.
- Must have a minimum of 2 Educational Points and a minimum total of \$20 in sponsorship by June 1st
- Must turn in age-appropriate Project Record Book with an accuracy of 80% to the Educational Committee by June 1st. Books must be completed fully with no questions left blank.
- Must complete a Fitting & Showmanship class at one points show. You do not have to use your point horse in this class.
- Show points are kept on one horse. If you are showing more than one horse, you must designate which horse is your point horse on your horse registration form. Your point horse is the horse you will be taking to the state show.
- Points earned in qualifying horse shows with the exception of ROC points, will be tallied for state horse show consideration. In the case of a “tie” highest points in
 - Fitting & Showing (then to)
 - Equitation- Huntseat & Western
- Members showing in the Novice Divisions are not eligible for State Competition.
- Coggins test is required to attend the State 4-H Horse Show.
- State Delegates will pay registration fee at time of entry.
- Members are to show in the same division at State as they qualified in.

YEAR END POINTS

1. All points must be turned in by a leader at the August Leaders Meeting of the current project year to count for year-end awards.
2. Only one horse is your point horse. **Back-up horses will not collect points.** Only one switch allowed per project year. Accumulated points will stay with each horse and not transfer if a switch is made.
3. You must notify the entry booth of change of horse shown in a class to collect points on it.
4. All point sheets will be kept by leader(s) and must be signed by leaders and turned into the
5. Year-End Committee to be valid.

HORSE REGISTRATION

- . Horses must be registered by May 1st. Use the registration form included in this handbook.
- . 4-H member may show no more than two horses.
- . Horse changes will be considered for the following circumstances ONLY:
 - a. Death of a project animal
 - b. Lameness of project animal
 - c. Project animal is considered unsafe for 4-H member

**The Horse Leaders Committee will review and make decisions regarding exceptions.

Negative Coggins Test required by May 1st for all horses registered. Coggins must be valid through August 31st of the current calendar year. A legible photocopy must be attached to the Horse Registration papers.

MECOSTA COUNTY 4-H PROJECT GENERAL/FAIR RULES

- To bring a project horse to the fair, members must be at least 8 years of age on January 1, 2025. Cloverbud 4-H'ers may participate in Lead Line 5-7, Walk Trot 7, Cloverbud Fitting & Showmanship, Cloverbud Trail, and Cloverbud Costume Class only.
- During lead-line classes, the rider must be led by an adult (18 years or older) and must have a lead-line attached to a halter, which has been placed under the bridle. This class is appropriate for all Cloverbuds 5-7 years old. No Spurs will be allowed in this class.
- Walk/Trot 7-year-old riders must have an adult (18 years or older) in the ring to act as a spotter. This person does not have to hang on to the halter but must be close by in case of an emergency. This class is for 7-year-olds only. Halters must be worn under the bridle and bump spurs only will be allowed if necessary.
- 4-H Cloverbud members must wear SEI-ASTM approved helmets for all Cloverbud horse experience. Bike helmets do not qualify. All Cloverbuds must have their feet in stirrups while on their horse.
- Rules, announcements, Vet list with phone numbers, and safety information shall be posted at each barn and must be followed.
- The arena may be used for practice only under supervision of an adult or leader.
- Only 4-H Horse & Pony Project members, leaders, and immediate family may ride a 4-H members registered horse on the fairgrounds during 4-H activities.
- Appropriate boots and long pants must be worn at all times in the arena (absolutely no tennis shoes or sandals). It is also advised that club leaders and parents be responsible for seeing appropriate shirts are worn for practice. Short sleeve Western shirts will be acceptable in Gymkhana classes (no t-shirts, tank tops, or sleeveless shirts). No sunglasses will be allowed in the show arena. Prescription transition lenses are accepted.
- Horses and ponies may be mounted and walked in a safe manner between the barn and arena on show days. At all times, horses and ponies shall be led to and from the arena and mounted inside the arena.
- Wash racks may be used at any time with consideration being given to other species being prepared for classes. Horses should not be left unattended at the wash racks.
- Bareback riding is acceptable inside the arena only and must be wearing an SEI- ASTM approved helmet.
- Horses and ponies must be bridled when ridden, and halters must be accessible, when in stalls at all times.
- No stopping on the rail in the arena; mounting and dismounting in center of arena only.
- Halter or lunging practice in the arena is to be done in the center of the arena only.
- All horse in the arena should be worked in the same direction at all times- **pleasure gates only**.

- One rider on a horse at a time.
- No riding in the barns
- No riding near the midway rides, camping areas, livestock areas, or stands at any times. Riding will only be done in designated areas.
- **Pleasure gaits only** during all exercise practice times, including practice jumps and gymkhana.
- Project animals considered being at risk to the public and/or other exhibitors will not be allowed to exhibit. Determination will be made by the 4-H Horse Leaders, and Horse Superintendent.
- No 4-H'er will be allowed with bare feet or open toes shoes while handling a horse at any Mecosta County 4-H function.
- Any misconduct with or improper care of a horse/pony or youth may result in being asked to leave the fairgrounds with loss of premium.
- Unthrifty animals with low body score (as noted in 4-H Show Rules and Regulations on page 5, #34) determined to have lice, health issues or an unsoundness may result in not being allowed to exhibit and maybe asked to leave the show grounds.
- Horse & Pony Project Record Books are available in six age groups- 16-19, 13-15, 12 & Under, Cloverbuds 7 yr olds, Cloverbuds 5-6 & Pee Wee 4 & under. The project record books are designed to be submitted at the county fair in the record book premium division. Premium classes are rated A, B,C with Cloverbuds and Pee Wee's receiving participation ribbons only.
- The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion in Fitting and Showmanship are eligible to and encouraged to compete in the Showmanship Sweepstakes.
- Project members must be registered by April 1st of the current calendar year, and project animal registration forms submitted to the 4-H office by May 1st of the current project year. 4-H members may show no more than two horses.
- Fair registrations are due to fair entry online by (Date TBD by fair board). Registration for other qualifying shows must be turned into your leader by June 1st. Additions and deletions will be accepted on the day of the show. Members must also meet the Jr Fair Board requirements to show at the Fair. Please see Jr Fair Board Rules and Regulations online.
- Only one stall per 4-H member will be allowed at the fair. Cloverbuds will not be allowed to stall their horses at the fair. Any exceptions to this must be cleared through the Horse Superintendent and Horse Leaders Committee. Barns close at 11:00 p.m. during fair week.
- Stalls cannot be reserved until the Monday prior to the first qualifying show. Provided stall tags must be filled out by each member and will be removed by an executive board member. If a stall is left dirty a \$15 cleaning fee will be charged to that member. If the fee is not paid, the member will lose all accumulated points towards the year end awards.

- Camping sites will be available at point shows for an additional fee, determined and collected by the Fair Board.
- All leaders or their adult representatives have the authority and responsibility to see that rules are followed. Violations may result in 4-H'er being disqualified and asked to leave with loss of premiums.
- All participants in all Hunter (over fences, on the flat, and bareback), Dressage, all Bareback, Saddle Seat, all novice classes, and Gymkhana (speed) classes must wear properly secured protective riding helmet that bear the ASTM-SEI Certification label while mounted. Cloverbuds must wear helmets at all times. Bike helmets do not qualify.
- Exhibitor may show in the novice division no more than two years, unless approved by Horse Leaders Committee. Novice walk/ trot is available for all novice riders who are not comfortable with the canter. Novice riders may only ride in Novice division classes. Novice Fitting & Showing does not count as years riding. The Novice Division is intended for beginning riders not green horses and exhibitors age 13-19. All 8-year old's will be considered Novice W/T. Special concerns and considerations will be addressed by the Horse Leaders Committee.
- **Exhibitor must show in the same division all year**, unless approved by leaders committee. Novice walk/trot may be moved up in the Novice division with approval of leader committee., but will not then be eligible to go back to Novice Walk/Trot. Novice exhibitors may participate in Gymkhana events in the appropriate division at the discretion of their leader. **Novice Walk/Trot riders must trot if riding Gymkhana classes and can only ride in 4 out of the 7 Gymkhana classes at each show.**
- Ponies may be ridden in pony division or in age division but not both. Ponies cannot be taller than 56 inches in height, with ½" allowed for shoes. All ponies must be measured by Horse Show Committee prior to first show the date and location to be set by committee. Ponies who have been previously measured and under 50 inches and/or over 12 years of age do not have to be measured again. Special concerns and considerations will be addressed by the Horse Leaders.
- Divisions are:

16-19 years of age 13-15 years of age 12 & Under (9) years of age Cloverbuds 5-7 years of age ROC- Novice, Intermediate, Advanced	Pony 9-19 years of age Novice W/T 8-19 years of age Novice 13-19 years of age Pee Wee 4 & Under (Non 4H Registered)
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- In Gymkhana, the rider must ride into the arena. The rider must dismount in the ring. **THE HORSE MUST BE UNDER CONTROL.**
- Patterns cannot be changed once the class has started. A re-ride will be given to an exhibitor at the judge's discretion.
- Grand and Reserve Champions for Gymkhana at fair will be determined in each event. They will be determined by tacking the top two speeds from each division and then the top two from those eight will be the Grand and Reserve.
- Any disputes **must** go through Horse Club Leaders.

- Anyone who shows unsportsmanlike conduct can be asked to leave the show grounds and will lose all show points accumulated during the show.
- All class sheets & Horse Registrations forms must be turned into the Extension Office by the 4-H Leader only.
- No rider can ride in a class twice.

PROUD EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM (PEP)

1. All riders should be able to ask their horse to walk forward, halt and turn left and right.
2. Riders must control the horse at all gaits in the show ring. Leaders and Side walkers are a safety element only and are not expected to influence the performance of the horse and rider.
3. Riders must be 4-H members currently enrolled in the Mecosta County 4-H Horse Program or enrolled in the Mecosta/Osceola 4-H PEP Program.
4. All riders will be required to wear SEI-ASTM approved riding helmets for riding and groundwork. Bike helmets do not qualify.
5. Riders are responsible for providing their own horse, volunteers (as needed) and headgear.
6. All riders must be accompanied by their 4-H PEP riding instructor who will act as their coach or as the head coach for the group if there is more than one participating rider from the program.
7. Horses must be in good condition and be suitably trained to meet the needs of the rider.
8. Horses may be borrowed from the riding program to which the rider belongs or from another source.
9. PEP members may show in Novice Fitting & Showmanship, PEP Western Horsemanship, PEP Western Pleasure and Novice Trail Class.

ROPING AND OBSTACLE COURSE
R.O.C
Project Guidelines and Requirements

R.O.C. Committee Chair- Hippology

1. R.O.C. Project is open to all 4-H youth who are currently registered and members in good standing in the Mecosta County 4-H Youth Development Program, in the following age groups: Novice, Intermediate, Advanced.
2. Youth **MUST** preregister for R.O.C. Project by the last Friday of March of the current program year.
3. Project meeting dates and certification dates, along with a list of items needed for the project will be furnished to participants at the first meeting.
4. All participants, regardless of experience, or number of years in the project are required to certify annually to participate in the project and R.O.C. Classes during the pre-fair qualifying shows and the Mecosta County Agricultural Free Fair. To participate, required safety certification is required of all participants. Novice riders may do ground roping. Ground roping participants do not need to certify.
5. All youth must attend a minimum of 50% or more of all offered clinics and mounted practices. Certification will occur at specified session. Ground Roping is available at all practices.
6. Youth do not have to own a horse to participate in the R.O.C. Project. Youth without a horse may only participate in ground roping classes. Novice members and Cloverbuds may only participate in ground roping events.
7. There may be an additional fee at riding sessions and clinics where you bring your horse. Fees are due at the time of the session.
8. Participants that are ground ropers only and do not participate in the Mecosta County Horse Program will pay a \$5.00 show fee at each pre-fair qualifying show. Horse program youth that participate in the weekend shows will pay the standard \$30.00 weekend fee.
9. Educational points will be awarded for attendance at R.O.C. Classes and show points will be awarded for participants using their designated point horse. R.O.C. show/event points will go towards R.O.C. year end awards only.
10. Your roping horse **MUST** be one of your two (2) 4-H project horses. Youth may choose to certify both of their 4-H project horses in the R.O.C project.
11. All 4-H state and county rules apply.
12. All participants and their families will be required to assist with show set-up or take-down as well as their normal operations of the show.

FAIR WEEK EVENTS

For Horse Members

SCHEDULE

MONDAY-

7:00 pm. Horses in place
Horse Demonstrations

TUESDAY-

2:00 pm Fitting & Showmanship Classes 1-5 (all Divisions except Cloverbuds)
Trail Classes 47-49
110. Versatility 15-19
111. Versatility 14 & Under

WEDNESDAY-

1:00 pm Jumping Classes 107-109
Huntseat Classes 11-25
Saddleseat Classes 28-29

½ hour after last Class

Gymkhana Classes (Cloverleaf, Flags, Down & Back) 67-78

THURSDAY-

9:00 am Roping & Obstacle

FRIDAY-

9:00 am Western Classes (30-44)
45 Reining
46 Ranch Riding
112. Team Competition

½ hour after last Class

Gymkhana (Poles, Stake Race, Speed & Action, Keyhole) 51-66

1 hour after last Gymkhana Class (Subject to Move)

Costume Class ages 8-19

SATURDAY-

11:00 am Cloverbud showmanship
Pee Wee Showmanship
Cloverbud Leadline
Cloverbud Walk/Trot
Pee Wee Leadline
Cloverbud Trail
Cloverbud Costume

FAIR WEEK EVENT'S

For Horse Members

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

VERSATILITY (Open to all ages 9-19 Except Novice)

Exhibitors will need back numbers. Patterns will be posted. Exhibitors will ride:

1. English first- exhibitors will be asked to perform a pattern and will be worked on the rail.
2. After they are lined up- attendants will be called in (a maximum of 3 attendants) and once in place, you will have 3 minutes to change into Western appointment.
3. You will then be asked to go to the rail for ring work, then you will have to perform a pattern.
4. All Exhibitors will go to a makeup area and be called in individually for the Cloverleaf pattern.
When everyone is done, you will line up in the center of the arena again.
5. A question will then be asked of all exhibitors and placing will occur.

DEMONSTRATIONS (Open to all ages 8-19)

Demonstrations will be judged on the following:

- Eye Contact and Voice Projection will affect your score.
- Time should be 5-7 minutes. Too long or too short will result in loss of points.
- Introduction (15 pts)- grab and hold the audiences attention.
- Body (30 pts)- clear, organized, correct information
- Summary (10 pts)- reinforce important points
- Use of Props (30 pts) handling of horse and “tools”
- Questions (15 pts)- repeat the question and answer clearly
- Total – 100 points possible
- Demonstration guide available at 4-H Office

COSTUME (Open to all ages)

All Cloverbuds participating in the costume class will receive a participation ribbon. Each exhibitor will be required to write a brief description on a 3x5 card of who they are and what their costume represents for the announcer to read. Proper footwear must be worn during the class.

Costume Class will be judged on the following:

- Originality
- Tolerance of horse to costume
- Theme consistency between exhibitor and horse.
- Costumes must be safe for horse and rider.

TEAM COMPETITION

Any 4-H member (age 8-19) may compete in these events with their Leaders approval and MUST use their OWN horse.

1. Four (4) members to a single team. Members of each team will be drawn from hat.
2. Team members will meet and decide who will ride in each different event.
3. Competition consists of four events:
 - a. Fitting & Showmanship
 - b. English Pleasure
 - c. Western Pleasure
 - d. Cloverleaf
4. One member of each team rides in ONE event, unless not a compete team. Each team member will earn points in the event they ride in.
5. Team placings will be based on points earned by all members for each event. EXAMPLE: If there are 10 teams 1st place =10 points 2nd place = 9 points etc.
6. When point are added together for all events, teams will be awarded ribbons for 1st -10th place. If a tie occurs, there will be a question asked by the judge to the involved teams.

TRAIL

Trail will be judged on the performances of the horse over obstacles, with emphasis on manners, response to the rider, and attitude. Credit will be given to horses negotiating the obstacles with style and some degree of speed, providing carefulness is not sacrificed, and to horse showing the capability of picking their own way through obstacles. The horse shall be penalized for any unnecessary delay while approaching the obstacles. **After 3 failed attempts horse and rider must move on to next obstacle.** Horses with artificial appearance over obstacles should be penalized. Except for junior horses shown with hackamore or snaffle bit, only one hand may be used on the reins, except that it is permissible to change hands to work an obstacle. While horse is in motion, riders hands shall be clear of horse and saddle. Horses must not be required to work on the rail. The course must be designed, however, to require each horse to show the three gaits (walk, jog, lope) somewhere between obstacles as a part of its work and will be scored as a maneuver.

CLOVERBUD TRAIL- This will be a simple walk/trot class. Lead line exhibitors must be led by an adult (18 years or older) and must have a lead-line attached to a halter, which has been placed under the bridle. In Walk Trot 7, riders must have an adult (18 years or older) in the ring to act as a spotter. This person does not have to hang on to the halter, but must be close by in case of an emergency. All Cloverbud members must wear SEI-ASTM approved helmets.

MSU EXTENSION WEATHER POLICY FOR 4-H EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Prior to event being held, the program site should be evaluated for emergency shelter options if inclement weather occurs.

Rain

Depending on the amount of rain and the type of activities being held, programs may need to be suspended temporarily. If rain is hard or heavy, program coordinators must evaluate the site for safety before restarting events. This is especially important for events in which you are riding horses (for the safety of both the rider and the horse) or, when the possibility of injury might increase due to wet or muddy ground.

Thunder & Lightning

“If you hear it, clear it”. It is impossible to have thunder without lightning, even if you do not see the lightning. When thunder is heard or lightning spotted, **all programming must cease** and participants must be moved to a safe, indoor shelter until the person in charge of the event or program decides the weather is clear and safe to initiate programming again. “Safe to initiate programming again”, means no thunder and lightning are heard or seen or 20 minutes.

Tornado

If a tornado warning or watch is issued by the weather service, all program participants and observers should be encouraged to seek shelter in designated areas. Event cancellation may result if weather persists.

ALCOHOL AT 4-H SPONSORED EVENTS

There is NO ALCOHOL permitted at any 4-H sponsored event. This includes animal shows sponsored by 4-H clubs that may be open to non-4-H members, camps workouts where parents are observing and/or public clinics that may be sponsored by 4-H groups as fundraisers.

These are all 4-H sponsored events and even though the participants may not be 4-H members or volunteers we cannot permit alcohol on the premises. In the case of fairs, the policy of the fair board, regarding alcohol use on the fairgrounds would apply. However, during 4-H activities and shows at the fair, alcohol should not be consumed by anyone participating in or attending the event. It is also important to include the “No Alcohol Allowed on Premises” policy on any show bills or fliers that 4-H groups distribute so potential participants now about the policy prior to arrival at the event site.

If event participants (adults and/or youth) are not following the “NO ALCOHOL” rule, it is the responsibility of the hosting group to enforce this rule. The Extension Office will enforce this policy. Attendee would either need to leave the event or stop the unacceptable behavior.

Michigan State University liability coverage will not be in place for groups who do not comply with this policy.

HORSE SHOW CLASS SIGN-UP (Due June 1st)

Exhibitor Name: _____ 4-H Age _____ Division Riding In: _____

Horse's Name: _____ Point Horse (circle one) YES NO Back # _____

Club Name: _____ Club Leader Signature _____

Class Number & Description	Class Number & Description	Class Number & Description
1. Fitting & Showmanship 16-19	47. Trail 15-19	79. Stationary Ground Roping Novice
2. Fitting & Showmanship 13-15	48. Trail 14 & U	80. Stationary Ground Roping Interm.
3. Fitting & Showmanship 12 & U	49. Trail Novice	81. Stationary Ground Roping Adv
4. Fitting & Showmanship Pony	50. Cloverbud Trail	82. Challenge Ground Roping Novice
5. Fitting & Showmanship Novice	51. Polebending 16-19	83. Challenge Ground Roping Interm.
6. Cloverbud Fitting & Showmanship	52. Polebending 13-15	84. Challenge Ground Roping Adv
7. Pee Wee Fitting & Showmanship	53. Polebending 12 & U	85. Goat Tying Novice
8. Leadline	54. Polebending Pony	86. Goat Tying Intermediate
9. Walk/ Trot 7 yr olds	55. Stake Race 16-19	87. Goat Tying Advanced
10. Pee Wee Leadline	56. Stake Race 13-15	88. Calf Tying Novice
11. Huntseat Equitation 16-19	57. Stake Race 12 & U	89. Calf Tying Intermediate
12. Huntseat Equitation 13-15	58. Stake Race Pony	90. Calf Tying Advanced
13. Huntseat Equitation 12 & U	59. Speed & Action 16-19	91. Mounted Goat Tying Intermediate
14. Huntseat Equitation Pony	60. Speed & Action 13-15	92. Mounted Goat Tying Advanced
15. Huntseat Equitation Novice 13-19	61. Speed & Action 12 & U	93. Mounted Calf Tying Intermediate
16. Huntseat Equitation Novice W/T	62. Speed & Action Pony	94. Mounted Calf Tying Advanced
17. Huntseat Pleasure 16-19	63. Keyhole 16-19	95. Stationary Mounted Roping Inter
18. Huntseat Pleasure 13-15	64. Keyhole 13-15	96. Stationary Mounted Roping Adv.
19. Huntseat Pleasure 12 & U	65. Keyhole 12 & U	97. Challenge Mounted Roping Inter.
20. Huntseat Pleasure Pony	66. Keyhole Pony	98. Challenge Mounted Roping Adv.
21. Huntseat Pleasure Novice 13-15	67. Cloverleaf 16-19	99. Mounted Heading Advanced
22. Huntseat Pleasure Novice W/T	68. Cloverleaf 13-15	100. Mounted Heading Intermediate
23. English Bareback Equitation 15-19	69. Cloverleaf 12 & U	101. Mounted Heeling Advanced
24. English Bareback Equ. 14 & U	70. Cloverleaf Pony	102. Mounted Heeling Intermediate
25. English Bareback Pony	71. Flags 16-19	103. Cutting Intermediate
26. Crosspoles Hunter Hack Open	72. Flags 13-15	104. Cutting Advanced
27. Hunter Hack Fences Open	73. Flags 12 & U	105. Obstacle Course Intermediate
28. Saddle Seat Equitation Open	74. Flags Pony	106. Obstacle Course Advanced
29. Saddle Seat Pleasure Open	75. Down & Back 16-19	
30. Western Horsemanship 16-19	76. Down & Back 13-15	
31. Western Horsemanship 13-15	77. Down & Back 12 & U	
32. Western Horsemanship 12 & U	78. Down & Back Pony	
33. Western Horsemanship Pony		FAIR ONLY CLASSES
34. Western Horsemanship Novice 13-19		107. Crosspoles Open
35. Western Horsemanship Novice W/T		108. Equitation Over Fences Open
36. Western Pleasure 16-19		109. Hunter Over Fences Open
37. Western Pleasure 13-15		110. Versatility 15-19
38. Western Pleasure 12 & U		111. Versatility 14 & U
39. Western Pleasure Pony		112. Team Competition
40. Western Pleasure Novice 13-15		
41. Western Pleasure Novice W/T		
42. Western Bareback Equitation 15-19		
43. Western Bareback Equitation 14 & U		
44. Western Bareback Pony		
45. Reining Open		
46. Ranch Riding Open		

MECOSTA COUNTY 4-H QUALIFYING SHOWS

June 7th and 21st

SATURDAY 8:00 am					
1	Fitting & Showmanship 16-19	COST: \$30.00 (COVERS SAT & SUN) THERE WILL BE A FAMILY CAP OF \$60 PER WEEKEND 4-H RULES WILL APPLY-RIBBIONS FOR 10 PLACINGS AGE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025 CANCELLATION DECISION TO BE MADE BY LEADERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class Registration closed when prior class enters the ring Gate will close TWO minutes after proceeding class is dismissed unless there is FIVE minute tack change which must be requested at least two classes prior to the TACK CHANG TIME. Pee Wee classes are for 4 & Under Non-Registered youth only Trail Class will be in a separate area Novice Fitting & Showing does not count as years riding experience A \$15 stall deposit may be charged Riding classes will be split at the discretion of the Judge and Show Committee. No exhibition Rides Walk/Trot 7 yr old's may not ride in any other class Leadline must be lead by an adult and must have a leadline attached to the halter which has been placed under the bridle All Cloverbuds must have their feet in stirrups when on their horse Cloverbuds must have an adult in the ring in case of an emergency. All Cloverbuds must wear an SEI-ASTM approved helmet at all times. Bike helmets do not qualify. Crosspole entries cannot compete in any other jumping class Only Mecosta County 4-H'ers are eligible for open classes 			
2	Fitting & Showmanship 13-15				
3	Fitting & Showmanship 12 & U				
4	Fitting & Showmanship Pony				
5	Fitting & Showmanship Novice				
6	Cloverbud Fitting & Showmanship				
7	Pee Wee Fitting & Showmanship				
8	Leadline				
9	Walk/Trot 7 year old's				
10	Pee Wee Lead line				
49	Cloverbud Trail				
	15 minute break				
28	Saddleseat Equitation Open				
29	Saddleseat Pleasure Open				
	*** 15 minutes break***				
11	Huntseat Equitation 16-19				
12	Huntseat Equitation 13-15				
13	Huntseat Equitation 12 & U				
14	Huntseat Equitation Pony				
15	Huntseat Equation Novice 13-15				
16	Huntseat Equitation Novice W/T				
17	Huntseat Pleasure 16-19				
18	Huntseat Pleasure 13-15				
19	Huntseat Pleasure 12 & U				
20	Huntseat Pleasure Pony				
21	Huntseat Pleasure Novice 13-15				
22	Huntseat Pleasure Novice W/T				
23	English Bareback 15-19				
24	English Bareback 14 & U				
25	English Bareback Pony				
26	Crosspoles Hunter Hack Open				
27	Hunter Hack Fences Open				
	*** 15 Minute Break***				
46	Trail 15-19				
47	Trail 14 & U				
48	Trail Novice				
	*** 15 Minute Break***				
		SATURDAY (FOLLOWING PLEASURE CLASSES)			
30	Western Horsemanship 16-19	51.	Polebending 16-19	67.	Cloverleaf 16-19
31	Western Horsemanship 13-15	52.	Polebending 13-15	68.	Cloverleaf 13-15
32	Western Horsemanship 12 & U	53.	Polebending 12 & U	69.	Cloverleaf 12 & U
33	Western Horsemanship Pony	54.	Polebending Pony	70.	Cloverleaf Pony
34	Western Horsemanship Novice 13-15	55.	Stake Race 16-19	71.	Flags 16-19
35	Western Horsemanship Novice W/	56.	Stakes Race 13-15	72.	Flags 13-15
36	Western Pleasure 16-19	57.	Stakes Race 12 & U	73.	Flags 12 & U
37	Western Pleasure 13-15	58.	Stakes Race Pony	74.	Flags Pony
38	Western Pleasure 12 & U	59.	Speed & Action 16-19	75.	Down & Back 16-19
39	Western Pleasure Pony	60.	Speed & Action 13-15	76.	Down & Back 13-15
40	Western Pleasure Novice 13-15	61.	Speed & Action 12 & U	77.	Down & Back 12 & U
41	Western Pleasure Novice W/T	62.	Speed & Action Pony	78.	Down & Back Pony
42	Western Bareback Equitation 15-19	63.	Keyhole 16-19		
43	Western Bareback Equitation 14 & U	64.	Keyhole 13-15		
44	Western Bareback Equitation Pony	65.	Keyhole 12 & U		
45	Reining Open (1 st Show)	66.	Keyhole Pony		
46	Ranch Riding (2 nd Show)				

ROPING AND OBSTACLE COURSE SHOWBILL

June 8 and June 22

- Cost:\$30.00- Covers Saturday & Sunday
- Non-horse participants showing ground classes only on Sunday- \$5.00 Charge
- All 4-H rules apply
- Ribbons for 10 placings
- Age as of January 1, 2025
- Cancellations decisions to be made by Leaders
- Participants must have passes certification and made minimum practice requirements to participate at shows.
- Novice riders and Cloverbuds are eligible for ground roping events only.
- All participants must wear a SEI-ASTM approved helmet in all mounted classes. Ground Ropers have the option of wearing a helmet or traditional western style hat for competition.
- 5 minutes tack changes can be requested as needed
- All ground classes will be first, there will be a break for participants to get their horses ready prior to mounted classes.

SUNDAY- 10:00 am

79. Stationary Ground Roping- Novice
80. Stationary Ground Roping- Intermediate
81. Stationary Ground Roping- Advanced
82. Challenge Ground Roping- Novice
83. Challenge Ground Roping- Intermediate
84. Challenge Ground Roping- Advanced
85. Goat Tying- Novice
86. Goat Tying- Intermediate
87. Goat Tying-Advanced
88. Calf Tying- Novice
89. Calf Tying- Intermediate
90. Calf Tying- Advanced
- *** **Break*****
91. Mounted Goat Tying- Intermediate
92. Mounted Goat Tying-Advanced
93. Mounted Calf Tying- Intermediate
94. Mounted Calf Tying- Advanced
95. Stationary Mounted Roping- Intermediate
96. Stationary Mounted Roping- Advanced
97. Challenge Mounted Roping- Intermediate
98. Challenge Mounted Roping- Advanced
99. Mounted Heading -Advanced
100. Mounted Heading- Intermediate
101. Mounted Heeling- Advanced
102. Mounted Heeling- Intermediate
103. Cutting- Intermediate
104. Cutting- Advanced
105. Obstacle Course- Intermediate
106. Obstacle Course- Advanced

ROPING AND OBSTACLE COURSE FAIR WEEK

- All 4-H rules apply
- Ribbons for 10 placings
- Age as of January 1, 2025
- Cancellation decisions to be made by Leaders
- Participants must have passed certification and made minimum practice requirements to participate at shows.
- Novice riders and Cloverbuds are eligible for ground roping events only.
- All participants must wear SEI-ASTM approved helmet in all mounted classes. Ground Ropers have the option of wearing a helmet or traditional western style hat for competition.
- 5-minute tack changes can be requested as needed.
- All ground classes will be first, then a break for participants to get their horses ready prior to mounted classes.
- Championship winners will be determined by score cards/times. If there is a tie, there will be a championship class to determine overall champion.

CLASSES

- 79. Stationary Ground Roping- Novice
- 80. Stationary Ground Roping- Intermediate
- 81. Stationary Ground Roping- Advance
- *** ***Stationary Ground Roping Championship******

- 82. Challenge Ground Roping- Novice
- 83. Challenge Ground Roping- Intermediate
- 84. Challenge Ground Roping- Advanced

- 85. Goat Tying- Novice
- 86. Goat Tying- Intermediate
- 87. Goat Tying-Advanced
- *** ***Goat Tying Championship******

- 88. Calf Tying- Novice
- 89. Calf Tying- Intermediate
- 90. Calf Tying-Advanced

*** ***Break******

- 91. Mounted Goat Tying- Intermediate
- 92. Mounted Goat Tying- Advanced
- 93. Mounted Calf Tying- Intermediate
- 94. Mounted Calf Tying-Advanced
- 95. Stationary Mounted Roping- Intermediate
- 96. Stationary Mounted Roping- Advanced
- 97. Challenge Mounted Roping- Intermediate
- 98. Challenge Mounted Roping- Advanced

- 99. Mounted Heading- Advanced
- 100. Mounted Heading- Intermediate

******Mounted Heading Championship******

- 101. Mounted Heeling- Advanced
- 102. Mounted Heeling- Intermediate
- 103. Cutting- Intermediate
- 104. Cutting- Advanced
- 105. Obstacle Course- Intermediate
- 106. Obstacle Course- Advanced

*** ***Obstacle Course Championship******

MECOSTA COUNTY 4-H FAIR SHOWS

4-H RULES WILL APPLY--- RIBBIONS FOR 10 PLACINGS ---AGE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025

- Class registration closed when prior class enters the ring.
- Gate will close **TWO** minutes after proceeding class is dismissed unless there is a requested tack change.
- Maximum 5 minute tack change must be requested at least 2 classes prior to tack change time.
- Novice Fitting & Showing does not count as years riding experience.
- Riding classes will be split at the discretion of the Judge and Show Committee.
- NO exhibition rides
- Cancellation decision to be made by the leaders.
- All Cloverbuds must wear SEI-ASTM approved helmets at all times. Bike helmets do not qualify.
- Leadline is for 5-7 year old's only.
- Cloverbuds must have feet in stirrups when on their horse.

TUESDAY, JULY 8th- 2:00 pm

*** *Fitting & Showmanship Open & Novice Open****

1. Fitting & Showmanship 16-19
2. Fitting & Showmanship 13-15
3. Fitting & Showmanship 12 & U
*Championship****
4. Fitting & Showmanship Pony
5. Fitting & Showmanship Novice

*** *Fitting & Showmanship Championship****

*** *Break****

47. Trail 15-19
48. Trail 14 & U
49. Trail Novice
110. Versatility 15-19
111. Versatility 14 & U

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH – 1:00pm

107. Crosspoles Open
108. Equitation Over Fences Open
109. Hunter Over Fences Open

****1/2 hour Break****

*** *Huntseat Equitation Open & Novice****

11. Huntseat Equitation 16-19
12. Huntseat Equitation 13-15
13. Huntseat Equitation 12 & U
14. Huntseat Equitation Pony
15. Huntseat Equitation Novice 13-19
16. Huntseat Equitation Novice W/T
17. Huntseat Pleasure 16-19
18. Huntseat Pleasure 12 & U
19. Huntseat Pleasure Pony
20. Huntseat Pleasure Novice 13-19
21. Huntseat Pleasure Novice W/T

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9TH- CONTINUED

*** Saddleseat Open***

28. Saddleseat Equitation Open
29. Saddleseat Pleasure Open
****English Equitation*

*** *English Pleasure Chairperson****

23. English Bareback equitation 15-19
24. English Bareback Equitation 14 & U
25. English Bareback Equitation Pony

*** *1/2 hr Break****

67. Cloverleaf 16-19
68. Cloverleaf 13-15
69. Cloverleaf 12 & U
70. Cloverleaf Pony
71. Flags 16-19
72. Flags 13-15
73. Flags 12 & U
74. Flags Pony
75. Down & Back 16-19
76. Down & Back 13-15
77. Down & Back 12 & U
78. Down & Back Pony

*** *Championship classes are open to Mecosta County 4-H Members only. Top two exhibitors from each qualifying class will compete.* ***

Pre-registration for Fair is TBD

**See Fair Book under “ Open Horses' Classes are open to NON 4-H members only Classes will run in this order: Open Adult, Open Adult Novice, Open Youth, Open Youth Novice.

MECOSTA COUNTY 4-H FAIR SHOWS

4-H RULES WILL APPLY--- RIBBIONS FOR 10 PLACINGS ---AGE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025

- Class registration closed when prior class enters the ring.
- Gate will close **TWO** minutes after proceeding class is dismissed unless there is a requested tack change.
- Maximum 5 minute tack change must be requested at least 2 classes prior to tack change time.
- Novice Fitting & Showing does not count as years riding experience.
- Riding classes will be split at the discretion of the Judge and Show Committee.
- NO exhibition rides
- Cancellation decision to be made by the leaders.
- All Cloverbuds must wear SEI-ASTM approved helmets at all times. Bike helmets do not qualify.
- Leadline is for 5-7 year old's only.
- Cloverbuds must have feet in stirrups when on their horse.

THURSDAY, JULY 10TH- 9:00am

Roping & Obstacle Course
Classes 79-106

FRIDAY, JULY 11TH 9:00 am

*** *Western Horsemanship Open & Novice****

30. Western Horsemanship 16-19
31. Western Horsemanship 13-15
32. Western Horsemanship 12 & U
33. Western Horsemanship Pony
34. Western Horsemanship Novice 13-19
35. Western Horsemanship Novice W/T
36. Western Pleasure 16-19
37. Western Pleasure 13-15
& U
38. Western Pleasure 12 & U
39. Western Pleasure Pony
40. Western Pleasure Novice 13-19
41. Western Pleasure Novice W/T

*** *Western Horsemanship Championship****

*** *Western Pleasure Championship****

42. Western Bareback Equitation 15-19
43. Western Bareback Equitation 14 & U
44. Western Bareback Equitation Pony
45. Reining Open
46. Ranch Riding Open
110. Team Competition

FRIDAY, JULY 11TH - CONTINUED

*** ½ hr Break***

51. Polebending 16-19
52. Polebending 13-15
53. Polebending 12 & U
54. Polebending Pony
55. Stake Race 16-19
56. Stake Race 13-15
57. Stake Race 12 & U
58. Stake Race Pony
59. Speed & Action 16-19
60. Speed & Action 13-15
- Speed & Action 12 & U 61. Speed & Action 12
62. Speed & Action Pony
63. Keyhole 16-19
64. Keyhole 13-15
65. Keyhole 12 & U
66. Keyhole Pony

*** *1 hour after completion of Gymkhana****

Costume class ages 8-19 (Subject To Change)

SATURDAY, JULY 12TH- 11:00 am

6. Cloverbud Fiting & Showmanship
7. Pee Wee Fitting & Showmanship
8. Cloverbud Leadline
9. Cloverbud Walk/ Trot 7 yr olds
10. Pee Wee Leadline
49. Cloverbud Trail

*** ½ hr Break***

Cloverbud Costume Class 5-7 yr old's
Pee Wee Costume Class 4 & U

**Mecosta County 4-H Horse Project
Registration Form**

CLUB: _____

EXHIBITOR NAME: _____ BACK # _____

EXHIBITOR'S AGE (as of Jan 1): _____ DIVISION RIDING IN : _____

T-SHIRT SIZE: _____

NAME OF POINT HORSE: _____

BREED: _____ AGE: _____ SEX: _____ COLOR: _____

OWNER SIGNATURE: _____

NAME OF BACK UP HORSE: _____

BREED: _____ AGE: _____ SEX: _____ COLOR: _____

OWNER SIGNATURE: _____

Rules Signature Form

We have read the Mecosta County 4-H Horse Handbook and understand the Rules and Deadlines of the Mecosta County 4-H Horse Program.

EXHIBITORS SIGNATURE: _____

PARENTS SIGNATURE: _____

LEADER SIGNATURE: _____

Back side of registration form

HORSE SPONSORSHIP FORM

CLUB: _____

NAME OF SPONSOR: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ **AMOUNT GIVEN:** _____

THIS IS THE RECEIPT – GIVE TO SPONSOR

The Mecosta County 4-H Horse Program thanks you for your support. Money donated will be used for year-end awards, judges fees, ribbons, show supplies and equipment at the discretion of the 4-H Horse Project Leaders.

Signed (4-H Horse member) _____

Amount Given: _____

Please make checks to the Mecosta County 4-H Horse Project

Thank You

Back side of Sponsorship form

Back side of Community Service Hours log

