

Attention Horse Members: Save this sheet! It contains many dates and details about the 4-H Horse Project in Southern St. Louis County that you need to know!

2012/2013 4-H Horse Project Guidelines

The 4-H Horse Project Development Committee (HPDC) also known as the Hurricane Hooves Horse Club of Southern St. Louis County has established these goals:

- To recognize that 4-H is a great introduction to horse activities. The HPDC wants to foster a welcoming atmosphere and provide educational opportunities for new members, novice members and experienced horse owners.
- To provide opportunities to County 4-H'ers to learn more about horses and share their knowledge with each other. We recognize that improving skills and increasing knowledge is important to Project Development.
- To provide opportunities for friendly and cooperative competition within our 4-H community.
- To develop an HPDC sponsored Community Service Project.
- To maintain good communication with the Extension office through timely meeting minutes that include the date, time and location of the meeting and future meeting times for publication in 4-H newsletters.

Important Dates:

May 1, 2013 -- Deadline for Enrollment in 4-H

A 4-H member must be enrolled in the County 4-H Horse Project by May 1, 2013 in order to be eligible to show at the State 4-H Horse Show. Our County HPDC chooses to allow those who enroll after this date to show at the County 4-H Horse Shows. You must be in at least the 3rd grade as of September 1, 2012 to participate in horse activities with a horse **and** be enrolled as a regular 4-H'er, not a Cloverbud. (Note: the State 4-H Program is not allowing Cloverbud members to ride horses unless it is a lead-line class).

May 15, 2013 – Deadline for Horse ID Forms

A 4-H member must submit Horse Identification Forms to the Extension Office by May 15, 2013 in order to be eligible to show that horse at the State 4-H Horse Show. Each 4-H'er may submit up to 5 Horse ID forms. A 4-H member may submit a Horse ID form after May 15, 2013 and before the Fair pre-registration date of June 17, 2013 to qualify a horse to be shown at the County Fair only. The ID'd horse or horses may be either owned or leased by the 4-H member but must be in the member's care from the time it is ID'd until the County Fair. (If your ID'd horse or horses cannot participate, a vet certificate of unsoundness or death will allow you to substitute another horse to show at the County Fair, with approval by the HPDC, but that horse will not be qualified to attend the State Horse Show.)

Coggins Tests and Vaccinations

A Coggins test dated after January 1, 2013 will be required for participation with your horse in any County Horse Project activity. Call your vet early in the season so you will have this test before the first 4-H horse activities start in June. Submit a copy of Coggins test results with your Horse ID forms and carry extra copies with you to 4-H horse events. In addition, we strongly recommend that your horse be vaccinated for Eastern and Western Encephalitis, Rhinopneumonitis, Tetanus, Flu, and Rabies at least 30 days prior to participating in any group activity with your horse.

Records

Each 4-H Horse Project Member will be required to maintain and turn in records of their Horse Project Activities in order to participate at County 4-H Horse Shows. **Records should be turned into the Extension office on or before July 10 if you plan to participate in the County Fair.** Records must include:

- Horse Achievement Record with a minimum of Step 1 completed the first year that the member shows and ½ step completed each year thereafter.
- 4-H Horse Health Chart
- 4-H Horse Project Record

Records can be mailed out to members by requesting them from the 4-H Office. Copies of the health chart and horse project record are also available on the County 4-H website in the document library for printing at your convenience: <http://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/4H>

Fundraising or donation

Because horse events account for many expenses, each horse project member participating in 4-H horse shows and open ride events must participate in 5 hours of Federation approved fundraisers. If 5 hours are not completed by the July 10 State Qualifying horse show, each member has the option of paying \$25 each, or \$40 per family in lieu of fundraising time.

Safety

- Helmets will be required for all mounted Southern St. Louis County Horse Project activities. There will be no bareback riding, riding double or riding in barns at any such activity. 4-H rules will apply at all HPDC activities. (Short sleeve shirts will be allowed on open arena nights.) You must walk with your horse in all pedestrian areas. Absolutely no horses are allowed on the race track.
- For the year 2013, a safety clinic will be held on June 25th at the Dirt Floor Arena. All County Fair riders are expected to attend unless they have been excused by the 4-H Program Coordinator.

County Participation Points

See the accompanying handout on the “Member in Good Standing” program.

County Fair Shows & the State Qualifying Show

Be sure to pre-register for the 4-H Horse Shows at the County Fair by June 17th. Online registration is available at www.stlouiscountymn.gov/4H.

The State Qualifying Horse Show has been set for Wednesday, July 10. A costume class and music-in-motion classes will take place at a 4-H Fun show on Thursday, July 11.

Thanks for your attention!