Welcome

Welcome to the Carver County 4-H Horse Project (including Horseless Horse, Horse Related and Horse Training). The mission of the Carver County 4-H Horse Project is to promote and encourage fun, teamwork, friendship, sportsmanship, fair competition, leadership, education, responsibility, and organization skills. The final outcome is to develop a well-rounded youth. Horse Project meetings and activities should involve cooperative learning, be organized, structured, and handled in an appropriate manner.

The Carver County 4-H Horse Project Handbook was put together to help guide the Carver County 4-H Horse Project member. A team of 4-H members, volunteers, and staff have worked together to provide this helpful information. Every effort has been taken to insure its accuracy. If there are questions, please contact the Extension Office. Watch for updates, changes, and additional Horse Project information in emails, mailings or newsletters that are emailed to 4-H families.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 27……………………………………….….Horse PDC Meeting
February 7 ...................... Annual Tack Swap, Waconia Farm Supply
April 28.......................Horse PDC Meeting, 7pm, Bayview Elementary
May 6..........................Practice (games) & Fairground clean up
May 13..........................Practice (pleasure) & Fairground clean up
May 15...............................4-H Enrollment deadline
May 15.....................4-H Horse IDs and Leases due to Extension Office
May 16..............................The Lindenruh Farm Horse Show (Carver Co. Fairgrounds, Circle C fundraiser)
May 20.............................Practice (games)
May 27.............................Practice (pleasure)

June 1 .... Clinics (Adv Game @ 6pm and Beg/Int Game @ 7:30pm)
June 3..............................Practice (games)
June 8 .... Clinics (Adv Game @ 6pm and Beg/Int Game @ 7:30pm)
June 10..............................Practice (pleasure)
June 15 ... Clinics (Adv Game @ 6pm and Beg/Int Game @ 7:30pm)
June 17..........................Practice (games) & Stall set-up @ 6:30pm
June 20-21 ...............................Overnight Encampment
June 21..............................Hope Rides Open Show
June 22.............................Rain make-up date for Game Clinics
June 24...............................Practice (pleasure)
July 1..Intent to Stall, Dues, & County Fair Registration Forms due
July 1.............................No Practice Night Due to Taste of MN
July 6.. Clinics (Adv Pleasure @ 6pm and Beg Pleasure @ 7:30pm)
July 8.........................Practice (games) & Good Samaritan Fun Show
July 13 Clinics (Adv Pleasure @ 6pm and Beg Pleasure @ 7:30pm)
July 15..............................Practice (games)
July 20 Clinics (Adv Pleasure @ 6pm and Beg Pleasure @ 7:30pm)
July 22.............................Practice (pleasure)
July 29.............................Rain make-up date for Pleasure Clinics
July 29...............................Cloverbud Practice
August 1...............................$30 fee due to Extension Office**
August 1.............................Achievement Books Completion Due Date

**for members who did not participate in Tack Swap
August 4-9 .................................................. Carver County Fair
August 4 .................................................. Horses may begin to stall
August 4 .......... General Project Judging Day 11:00am to 5:00pm (Includes: Horseless Horse, Horse Related and Interviews)
August 4 ................ Horse Show Check In 5:00pm to 8:00pm (Must check-in to ride)
August 5 ................ Horse Show Check In: 10:00am to 12:00pm (Must check-in to ride)
August 6 ....................... Horse Games Show, 9:00am-5:30pm (8:45am, all riders in arena for opening ceremony)
August 7......... Horse Training, Cloverbud, Pleasure and Trail Show, 8:30am to 4:30pm (8:15am, all riders in arena for opening ceremony)
August 9 ....................... Stalled Horses Released at 8:00pm
September 9 ........ Horse stall take-down – all parents needed!! Please report promptly at 6:30pm.

4-H PLEDGES

Pledge of Allegiance
I pledge of allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with Liberty and Justice for all.

4-H Pledge
I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, my health to better living, for my family, my club, my community, my country and my world.

4-H STAFF AND WEBSITES –

The Carver County 4-H Horse Project is part of the Carver County 4-H Youth Development program. The 4-H Youth Development program is part of the University of Minnesota Extension, Carver County. Extension Staff are responsible for administering the 4-H program.

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Carver County Extension website: www.extension.umn.edu/county/carver
Minnesota 4-H website: www.4-H.umn.edu
MN 4-H Horse Project website: http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-h/projects/animal-science/horse/  [Horse ID forms, Horse Rule Book, Achievement Book, Training Book, Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Horse Hippology, etc.]
Volunteer Spot: Updated links associated with specific signups will be communicated via email.
ALL HORSE PROJECT MEMBERS

**Fundraising Policy:** The Carver County Horse Project is very active with many events happening throughout the year. The cost for the program needs to be covered by fundraising or its members. For this reason this policy stands for all active Horse Project members:

Each Horse Project member is expected to help out at least one Horse Project Fundraiser per year, or pay a $30 fee to the Carver County Horse Project. The $30 fee, if applicable to your family, is due to the Extension Office by August 1st. The Tack Swap is the main fundraiser. Fundraising dollars and fees collected help support activities and awards. Scholarships are available for families that will experience financial hardship by this fee. Contact the Carver County 4-H Program Coordinator for more information.

**Horse Project Development Committee (PDC)** is here to promote the horse project in Carver County and assist all members with their project needs. Meetings are held periodically throughout the year. All 4-H Horse Project volunteers, parents and members 6th grade and older are encouraged to participate. Watch the monthly Clover Updates for meeting details.

**Headgear Requirement:** 4-H Horse Project members are required to wear ASTM/SEI approved protective and properly fastened headgear. 4-H members not wearing protective headgear will not be able to participate in 4-H Horse Project events and activities. A copy of the helmet policy is available at [http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/policies/MN-4-H-Horse-Helmet-Policy.pdf](http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/policies/MN-4-H-Horse-Helmet-Policy.pdf)

**Negative Coggins Requirement:** MN 4-H Rule: Any horse participating in ANY 4-H event, must have a current ID and negative coggins on file at the Local Extension Office. Negative Coggins can be uploaded, along with the horse identification, to a specific 4-Hers 4-H Online profile. Coggins tests are due to the Extension Office prior to participating in clinic & practice nights, Encampment or the Count Fair 4-H Horse Show. Negative Coggins will be required on site for the Lindenruh Horse Show. A Coggins test is a blood test performed on a horse by a veterinarian to test for Equine Infectious Anemia.

**Other Information:**

- Participants bring their animals to the 4-H Events/Activities and the Carver County Fair at their own risk.
- Strangles: If your horse is showing any of the signs listed below, you must keep your horse at home:
  - High fever, poor appetite, depressed, discharge from nose, swollen lymph nodes or difficulty breathing.

If you are boarding your horse(s) at a location where Strangles has been detected, you must have your veterinarian write an official note stating that your horse is free and clear of Strangles and may come ming with other horses. Submit this note to the Extension Office.
• 4-H events, involving horses, are designed for 4-H youth riders only. Adult 4-H or non 4-H volunteers or guardians are not allowed to ride in the ring or on the fairgrounds during practice nights. Non 4-H friends and/or 4-Hers outside of the Horse Project may not participate in Carver County 4-H Horse Project Clinics or Practices.

Parents:

• Parent or guardian is expected to work 2 hours at the Carver County 4-H Horse Show. Sign-up will be available prior to the fair on the on-line Volunteer Spot. Be looking for horse related and volunteer emails leading up to the fair.

• Reminder to parents: alcoholic beverages and the use of tobacco products are strictly prohibited at all 4-H events and activities.

• Parents are expected to uphold the MN 4-H code of conduct including being courteous and respectful, and exhibiting good sportsmanship.

**RULEBOOKS / PROJECT RECORDS / ACHIEVEMENT BOOKS / FORMS**

• Contact the Carver County Extension Office or visit the MN 4-H Horse Project website:

**4-H YOUTH RECORD KEEPING**

Record keeping encourages youth to reflect on their experience so they can share it with others and learn. All 4-H members are encouraged to maintain Project Records on their projects.

Project Record forms can be accessed at http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/youth-records/.

**CLOVERBUD**

Cloverbud (grades K-2) activities involving a horse will require an adult or responsible person to be in control of the animal. Control means to handle and/or lead the animal. In the case of the horse project, horses must be on a lead line. Cloverbuds can participate in up to three of the offered Cloverbud Horse classes at the fair. A copy of the policy is available at Important Dates: http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/be-a-4-H-member/docs/4-h-cloverbud-parent-factsheet.pdf

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May 15............. 4-H Horse IDs and Leases due to Extension Office

July 1..............Intent to Stall & County Fair Registration Forms due

August 1 ..............................$30 fee due to Extension Office** **for members who did not participate in Tack Swap

August 4.....Horseless Horse Project judging & Horse Project check-in, 5pm-8pm: Cloverbud Show Participants must also check in.

August 5.....Horse Project check-in, 10am-12pm: Cloverbud Show Participants must also check in.
August 7…………………Horse Show (Cloverbuds), 8:30am-4:30pm
*Horse and Rider should be ready to show by 8:15am.
**Members who turn in forms after the deadline will be allowed to participate at the County Fair. However, they will be ineligible to receive County Fair champion, reserve champion placings and state fair trips. Members who turn in Intent to Stall form after the deadline will be ineligible to stall horse at fair.

HORSELESS HORSE & HORSE RELATED

Horseless Horse offers the opportunity to study and learn about the horse for members that do not own or lease a horse.

Horse Related project members will learn about horses and will create an exhibit to demonstrate what they have learned. Horse Related project members have a horse but do not need to bring their horse to the fair to present a project in this area.

Important Dates:
May 15...............................................................4-H Enrollment deadline
July 1..................................................... County Fair Registration Forms due
August 4…………Horseless Horse & Horse Related Project judging
August 9 .................State Fair 4-H Trip paperwork due, if eligible
**Members who turn in forms after the deadline will be allowed to participate at the County Fair. However, they will be ineligible to receive County Fair Champion Placings and be ineligible for a State Fair trip. Members who turn in Intent to Stall form after the deadline will be ineligible to stall horse at fair.

HORSE TRAINING

This project area has been designed to help you train your untrained horse using a step-by-step process. The Horse Training book will guide you through the process. It will also provide you an opportunity to track your process.

Horse Training books are available from the Carver County Extension Office. They can also be accessed at http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/animal-science/horse/docs/horsemanship-manual.pdf.

Horse Training project rules and guidelines handout are available from the Carver County Extension Office. They can also be accessed at http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/animal-science/horse/docs/4-H-horse-project-rulebook.pdf.

MN 4–H Horse Training project website: http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-h/projects/animal-science/horse/training-project.html.

Helpful Information:
- The horse being trained may not have been previously trained. The only trainer allowed to train/work with the horse, during the project, is the 4-H member. Horses worked with by trainers will be disqualified from the project.
• A designated Carver County 4-H Horse Project Volunteer must review and sign-off on the 4-H Horse Training project member's book, every year by August 1st. Volunteers will be available during practice nights. [Parents may not review/sign-off on their own child's book.]

• Any age horse may qualify, provided that it has had no training beyond lunging. Your horse may not have been previously ground-driven or rode when you begin.

• Member may not complete more than 3 levels per year. The levels must be completed in order.

• Horses in the Horse Training project may not be ridden in the County Fair until level 3 training has been completed and signed-off.

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August 1 .........................Horse Training book sign-off deadline & Horse Achievement Book deadline
August 1 .................................$30 fee due to Extension Office** **for members who did not participate in Tack Swap
August 4.............................. Horse Project check-in (Horse Training), 5pm-8pm
August 5.............................. Horse Project check-in (Horse Training), 10am-12pm
August 7......................Horse Show (Horse Training), 8:30am-4:30pm *Training is first class of show*
August 9 ............................State Fair 4-H Trip paperwork due, if eligible

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DRILL TEAMS

Drill team provide an opportunity for youth to develop drill team skills as well as leadership and teamwork skills; and to enhance the 4-H Horse Project while creating a positive environment for the youth to develop mentoring skills with other youth. Drill team incorporates coordination and timing with briskness or movement in a manner that is synchronized with others in the drill team. Variety and creativity in attire and routine are allowed to be developed by the team and their drill leader.

Drill teams are new to Carver County 4-H. Please be on the lookout for information, workshops and practices where 4-Her can learn and explore what this program has to offer.


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4-H HORSE PROJECT MEMBER ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM:

This program has been designed to help youth explore many exciting and fun parts of the 4-H Horse Project. There are two parts to the Achievement Program: one is the achievement book; two is the horse interview at the Carver County Fair. The achievement book is a prerequisite to the horse interview. As you move through the program you will:

- Find the 4-H Horse Project more interesting and enjoyable.
- Develop knowledge and understanding necessary for proper care, maintenance, and handling of horses.
- Develop project skills and personal skills.
- Advance according to your individual abilities and interests.
- Become eligible to earn county fair bonus show points.

County Fair Show Point Eligibly Requirements (Achievement Book)  4-H members, must complete a half level in the achievement program, every year by August 1st, to be eligible for county fair show bonus points. (Max of 5 bonus points for Achievement Book.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that all Carver County 4-H Horse Project members participate in the Horse Member Achievement Program, in addition to keeping Project Records.  **This recommendation does not include Cloverbuds or Horseless Horse Project members.

Horse Member Achievement books are available from the Carver County Extension Office. They can also be accessed at http://www1.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/docs/horse-achievement.pdf.
HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR ACHIEVEMENT BOOK

- Each level must be completed in order. As you accomplish each skill, check it off in the space provided. You may take up to two years to complete each level.
- A designated Carver County 4-H Horse Project Volunteer must review and screen each skill. [Parents may not review/screen their children's skills.] 4-H youth should be prepared to demonstrate their skills, on a horse, for the volunteer.
- A list of adult sign-off volunteers is listed at the end of this document.
- 4-H Youth are responsible for having their Achievement Book reviewed and signed off by a 4-H Volunteer. Sign-off must be completed by August 1st. 4-H youth are also responsible presenting their signed and dated achievement book at horse check in at the Carver County Fair to prove completion.
- Level 6 must be approved by an official judge at the MN State 4-H Horse Show. 4-H Members working on Level 6 will be eligible to go to the MN State 4-H Horse show to be tested. A recommendation from your County Project Leader or Program Coordinator is needed for this level.
- Once all skills have been completed, you are eligible for a completion award and ready to advance to the next level.
- The Achievement Book is the prerequisite to the Horse Interview.

AGAIN IN 2015!! HORSE INTERVIEW

In an effort to expand the horse achievement program, the horse interview has been added to expand a 4-Hers knowledgebase and understanding of their project area. This is an optional experience for 4-Hers to verbally demonstrate their achievement book knowledge and earn horse show bonus points. Those that have met all achievement book, county and state deadlines will have the opportunity to earn bonus points.

4-H youth will register to participate in Horse Interviews when they register for show classes for the Carver County Fair. Youth will also be asked to indicate a time range they would be able to be on the grounds to participate in a horse interview. Interviews must be conducted in person. Horse Interviews will be held during general judging day on Tuesday, August 4th from 11:00am to 5:30pm. 4-Hers will be assigned a judging time slot based on the time availability they provide on their fair registration.

Content: Horse interview questions will be based on which achievement level 4-Hers have completed, in combination with years in the 4-H Horse Project. Interviews will be conducted by a knowledgeable horse judge.

Bonus Points: Participation in the Horse Interviews will also provide 4-Hers with the opportunity to earn bonus points for the County Fair Horse Show. (Max of 5 bonus points for Horse Interviews.)
The Horse Achievement Book is a prerequisite to the Horse Interview.

**4-H HORSE PROJECT BOWL**

Project Bowls are an exciting way for youth to explore the Horse Project area. Teams compete in competitions with questions. Winners of the Regional Bowls advance to the State Bowl. Practices begin in the winter. Regional Bowls are held in March and April. Teams begin to form in January. For more information, or if you are interested in participating, contact the Extension Office.

MN 4-H Horse Project Bowl website: http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/animal-science/horse/events/horse-bowl.html

**4-H HORSE HIPPOLOGY**

Hippology is an activity that can make learning fun for 4-H members by letting them exhibit their knowledge and understanding of equine science and husbandry in a friendly but competitive setting. Youth compete in teams or individually at the State 4-H Horse Show. Winning teams represent Minnesota in National Competitions. Teams compete in phases, as follows:

1. Examination Phase
2. Station Phase
3. Judging Phase
4. Team Problem

MN 4-H Horse Hippology website: http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/animal-science/horse/hippology/index.html

For more information, or if you are interested in participating, contact the Extension Office.

**4-H HORSE SPEECH AND DEMONSTRATIONS**

This event is held at the State 4-H Horse Show. Youth in grades 6th and older, and younger than 19, are eligible to participate. Speech and Demonstrations must pertain to the horse industry. Demonstrations may be an individual presentation or by a team of two. [Live horses are not allowed.]

MN 4-H Horse Speech and Demonstrations website: http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/animal-science/horse/speech-demonstration.html

For more information, or if you are interested in participating, contact the Extension Office.
**4-H HORSE JUDGING**

In this event, 4-H youth will make a careful study of a horse, measuring it against an accepted ideal. Horse Judging is an art in which a knowledgeable person express their opinion of a class of animals by placing them in ranking order; and be able to orally defend the order of placement.

Participants may enter the contest as a team or as an individual. The contest takes place at the MN 4-H State Horse Show.

MN 4-H Horse Judging website: [http://www1.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/animal-science/horse/events/judging-contest.html](http://www1.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/animal-science/horse/events/judging-contest.html).

For more information, or if you are interested in participating, contact the Extension Office.

**4-H HORSE TACK SWAP [CARVER COUNTY]**

This is the annual fundraiser to support Horse Project activities and events, including the Carver County Fair 4-H Horse Show. Vendors and public purchase and sell tack at the sale. The Carver County Horse Project earns a commission on each sale. All Horse Project members are required to work the Tack Swap, or another Carver County Horse Project Fundraiser. 4-H Horse Project members that do not work at the fundraiser(s) will be asked to pay a $30 fee to the Carver County 4-H Federation. Confidential scholarships are available, if this fee will be a financial burden to the family. Contact the Carver County 4-H Program Coordinator with any questions.

**4-H HORSE ENCAMPMENT [CARVER COUNTY]**

This is an overnight event in which Carver County 4-H members and families gather at the Carver County fairgrounds. Some past highlights included a roping clinic, a horse training seminar, driving clinic, jumping clinic, mini fun show, bonfire and great food. Horse Encampment information will become available in the spring or early summer. Note: A non 4-H Horse Show (Hope Rides) occurs the morning of June 21 at the Carver County Fairgrounds.

**4-H CLINICS AND PRACTICE NIGHTS [CARVER COUNTY]**

Horse Project members are invited to practice and participate in clinics over the summer at the Carver County fairgrounds to improve their skills. Carver County 4-H Horse Project Volunteers lead and supervise these activities. Activities will be canceled if a Carver County 4-H Horse Project Volunteer is not present.

Clinic and Practice night information will be distributed to 4-H Horse Project members in the spring. Copies available at the Extension Office or [www.extension.umn.edu/county/carver](http://www.extension.umn.edu/county/carver)

The practice nights are a designated time for 4-H youth riders only. Adult 4-H or non 4-H volunteers or guardians are not allowed to ride in the ring or on the fairgrounds during practice nights. Non 4-H friends and/or 4-Her not in the Horse Project may not participate in Carver
County 4-H Horse Project Clinics or Practices. [Please note that non 4-H friends and parents are not covered by 4-H’s accident insurance.]

Clinic and Practice Nights Reminders:

- 2 screened adults are required to be present any practice night. Practices will be cancelled if not enough volunteers are present.
- Practice Nights will be cancelled due to inclement weather or poor arena conditions. Notification will be sent with as much advance warning as possible given the circumstances.
- All riders need to follow the 4-H headgear policy in order to participate.
- Walk/Trot times will be established on a nightly basis by the adult volunteers on duty. If you wish to ride a walk/trot time, please seek out one of the volunteers upon arriving. If there is no request, no designated time will be allotted. The walk/trot time will be between 30 and 45 minutes, with no minimum number of participants. Any rider may participate as long as proper gaits are maintained.
- Stay alert and practice courtesy.
- Proper ring etiquette consists of always keeping at least one horse length between your horse and any other horse around you.
- Think left-left when passing from the opposite direction. At most arenas the rule is to pass left shoulder to left shoulder if going in the opposite directions.
- Don’t mount on the track. The proper thing to do is to lead your horse to the center of the arena to a location away from other horses and to then mount your horse.
- Riders moving at the faster gait have priority on the track. If you are walking or riding slower, move to the inside of the track.
- Communicate with other riders. Let other riders know your intentions so you don’t accidentally collide, etc.
- If someone falls off – stop. If you’re the closest rider, dismount and offer assistance. Wait for an Adult Volunteer before moving an injured rider. Help the person and catch their horse if it is loose. If the rider is injured, appoint someone to call for help.
- No talking or texting on cell phones while riding.
- Keep gates closed while riding in an arena.
- Please pick up after yourself and your horse.

**COUNTY FAIR**

- Participants bring their animals to the Carver County Fair at their own risk.
- 4-H members may only exhibit their own or leased horse (mare or gelding). An owned horse may be used as a project animal by more than one member as long as all requirements are met. Note that a leased horse may not be shown by another person during the lease period.
- With safety in mind, only stallions foaled in the current 4-H year will be allowed at the county fair. Male foals may be shown, but yearling and older stallions are ineligible as 4-H projects. The age of the horse shall be computed on the basis of a calendar year starting
January 1st of the year foaled. It is considered to be a weanling during the first calendar year following its foaling date.

- 4-H members may only show one horse in each class. An exhibitor may show two horses as long as it is in a separate division/class. State fair trip, high point and points will follow the horse/rider combination.

- Trainers and adults are not allowed to exercise, workout or ride 4-H members' horse(s) at the Carver County Fair.

- 4-H Horse Project members are required to check-in on Tuesday (5pm–8pm) or Wednesday (10am–12pm) at the Carver County Fairgrounds. Members who do not check-in will be scratched from ribbon placings, but may ride for participation only.

- County Fair Check Out: Check-out is 8pm on Sunday. Horses and projects must be on exhibit until 8pm on Sunday. All horses and projects must be removed, and stalls cleaned out, by 10pm on Sunday. Failure to comply will result in loss of County Fair premium check and State Fair 4-H Horse Show trip.

- 4-H members may add/delete/switch classes during Horse Project check-in at the Carver County Fair. Scratch cards will be available the day of the show; however, no other changes or additions will be allowed the day of the show.

- Horse Project exhibitors will receive one premium no matter how many classes they participate in.

- 4-H Food Stand: it is expected that all 4-H members exhibiting at the County Fair must work one shift at the 4-H Food Stand. Contact your club leader or the Extension Office for your club’s pre-determined shift(s). If you are unable to work your scheduled shift, please contact the Extension Office. Independent members must also work a shift. All youth who would like to be eligible for a state fair trip [in a project area] are expected to work a Food Stand shift.

- Carver County Fair 4-H Premium book will list schedules, rules and other helpful information for 4-H fair entries. This list will become available in early summer. Copies will be distributed to families. They may also be accessed at the Carver County Extension website at [under Publications] [www.extension.umn.edu/county/carver]

- Carver County Fair website: [www.carvercountyfair.com](http://www.carvercountyfair.com)

STALLING

- Horses may be brought to the fairgrounds beginning Tuesday of the fair. Barn security begins at 11pm, Tuesday of the fair.

- Stalled horses are to remain in the 4-H Horse Barn from 12pm Wednesday through 8pm Sunday, unless excused with a written release from the Official Carver County Fair
Veterinarian. Horses that are removed before 8pm on Sunday will forfeit their premium check and any state fair trip(s) they have earned.

- 4-H Horse Barn security begins Tuesday at 11pm. Security will close the barn each evening, Tuesday-Saturday, at 11pm. No one is permitted in the barn after 11pm, unless special permission is given, veterinary assistance is required, or to participate in a Carver County Fair Horse Show that is running late. The barn security attendant will stay overnight in the barn.

- A stalling fee, of $12, will be collected along with the Intent to Stall form [due July 1st]. This fee is refundable only if you are not assigned a stall.

- Barn Watch: each family that is stalling a horse will be required to sign up for a barn watch shift during the fair. A parent is required to be present during each barn watch shift. Sign up will be available prior to the fair, via the on-line Volunteer Spot.

- Stalled horses must be shown in at least one Horse Project Show class at the fair.

- 4-H members are responsible for keeping their horses fed and watered. They are to keep their stall, tack stall and surrounding area clean and tidy. Remember to keep electrical cords, etc., away from horses. It is recommended that horses be walked at least 3-4 times per day.

- Stalls must be completely cleaned out and stripped of bedding before checking out on Sunday between 8-10pm.

- 4-H members assume liability of their tack and equipment left in the horse barn.

- The Carver County Fair is a public event. 4-H members and their families are expected to be respectful, courteous and aware of the public at all times. Please represent Carver County 4-H in a positive way at all times.

**STALLING POINTS**

- Stalling is available to youth 3rd grade and older. Cloverbuds are allowed to stall!

- Stalling points will be tracked by the Extension Office. The points will remain confidential.

- Individuals are expected to track their points, in addition to the Extension Office.

- Points will accrue between September 1st through July 15th.

- Intent to Stall forms and $12 stalling fee will be due by July 1st. Members who turn in their form and fee after July 1st will be ineligible to stall.

- Members will be notified of stalling option by approximately July 15th. Members with the most points will be assigned stalls.
• Placement in the barn is not determined by quantity of points. Placement in the barn is at the discretion of the Extension Office. The Extension Office will do their best to place members based on the requests made on the Intent to Stall form.

• If there are extra stalls, after all 3rd grade and older stalling placements have been made, then Cloverbuds will have the option to stall, based on points. If there are still stalls available, then 4-Hers with the lowest amount of points will be asked to stall to be eligible for a state fair trip.

• A 2nd stall will be available only if all options to fill stalls have been exhausted; this will be determined by points.

**How to earn stalling points**

**County Level Activities:**

• 1 point for exhibiting a Horse Related project at the previous year's fair.

• 2 points for participating in Hippology at the previous year's State Horse Show.

• 2 points for participating in Horse Judging at the previous year's State Horse Show.

• 3 points for participating in Horse Project Bowl in the current 4-H year.

• 2 points for each youth that represent Carver County at a State Level Horse event, including: Project Bowl and the State Horse Show. (See above for Hippology and Horse Judging Points.)

• 1.5 points for participating in Horse Encampment in the current 4-H year.

• 1.5 points for each Horse Clinic series attended in the current 4-H year. [Maximum of 3 points for this activity.]

• 1 point for participating in the Good Samaritan Fun Show in the current 4-H year.

• 1 point per hour worked at the Carver County 4-H Tack Swap. [Maximum of 4 points for this activity. (To take effect in 2016) Parent(s) participating will be tracked and points used in a tie-breaker situation.]

• 3 points for parent, or older teen, helping with stall set up. [Maximum of 3 points.]

• 3 points for parent, or older teen, helping with stall take down. [Maximum of 3 points.]

• 1 point for each youth that has a parent, or adult, who registers to be an official volunteer leader at practice and/or clinic nights. [Maximum of 4 points.] Official volunteers must complete the screening process with the Extension Office.

• 1 point per meeting for each youth that has a parent, or adult, attend Horse PDC meetings during the current 4-H year. [Maximum of 3 points.]

• 1 point per meeting for Horse Project members who attend Horse PDC meetings during the current 4-H year. [Maximum of 3 points.]
• 1 point for each youth that has a parent, or adult, who serves on a Horse PDC Sub-committee and takes an active role in participating in sub-committee’s Horse Project event/activity.

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**Club Level Activities:**

• 1 point for every 2 club meetings attended.

• 2 points for participating in your club’s community service project. [Maximum of 2 points.]

**Other Activities:**

• 2 points for participating one year past high school.

**HERDSMANSHP CONTEST**

The purpose of the contest is to develop knowledge and skill in proper care, handling and housing of animals on public exhibition. Herdsmanship should focus on teamwork, showing pride in exhibits, learning to pick-up and take care of area, interacting with public, proper care and treatment of animals (feed, water, animal and pens clean, animal health, etc.). Herdsmanship should be a fun and educational activity.

**Helpful Information:**

1. The Horse Barn needs to be open to the public by 7am: doors open and overnight barn security items moved out of sight.

2. 4-H members, their club and volunteers are responsible to keep the Horse Barn, stalls and walkways clean and presentable during the Carver County Fair, examples include:
   a. No feed pans in stalls.
   b. Clean water in stalls.
   c. Isles / walkways swept and clean.
   d. Clean animals, free of manure stains.
   e. Open tack spaces should be organized and free of clutter and hay/shavings.

3. Watch of additional information to be released closer to the fair.

**COUNTY POINTS AND CHAMPION AWARDS**

Awards will be given to the top 6 eligible riders for 1st-6th place in each class, in all age groups. Exception: the Horse Training Project will only receive one award. Participants receiving blue or red ribbons will be eligible for county points. Pleasure and Games will each have a champion and
reserve champion award given to the individual horse/rider combination accumulating the most points in each age divisions and Novice division.

**Combined/all-around award** will be given to the individual horse/rider combination that participate in both the Pleasure and Games Shows who accumulate the most points in each of the age divisions [4 age divisions] and in the Novice division.

All riders who have met state and county deadlines are eligible for Champion Awards. Champion and reserve champion award points will be distributed as follows:

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In case of ties, the member with the most first places will win, then second places, then third places. If there is still a tie the winner is drawn out of a hat by the judge.

**STATE FAIR TRIP ELIGIBILITY**

MN 4-H determines the number of State Horse Project trips for each county. Carver County state fair trip winners are determined by a point system. Points are earned during the Carver County Fair.

Eligibility:

1. Must be a 4-H member, grade 6 and older.
2. All Carver County deadlines met:
   a. Enroll in 4-H by May 15th.
   b. Turn in copy of Horse ID, photo and lease (if applicable) by May 15th.
   c. Turn in 4-H Carver County Fair Entry Form by July 1st
   d. Provide proof of Negative Coggins at Fair Check-In or earlier
3. MN 4-H Horse Project rules and qualifications met. You may obtain a copy of the MN 4-H Horse Show rules from the Extension Office. Or you may access a copy at [http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/animal-science/horse/events/state-horse-show.html](http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/animal-science/horse/events/state-horse-show.html).

**STATE FAIR TRIP POINT SYSTEM**

- The point system is tallied by a point tabulator and verified by a second person at the Carver County Fair. There will be two separate point divisions and state trip line ups: Pleasure and Games. The horse and rider combination with the highest point scores will
receive state trips in their respective line ups. This will be ranked by time (games) or judge (pleasure) across all participants in grades 6 and above, not by placing in age classes.

- Quantity of trips allocated between Games and Pleasure will be based off of the prior year’s discipline participation of youth 3rd grade and older, including novice riders.
- State fair line ups will be displayed in the 4-H office at the Carver County Fair.
- **Bonus Trip Determination (if a bonus trip is awarded)**
  The winner of this trip will be announced after the shows have been completed and youth have exhausted the line up on either side. The 2 youth who are next in line for pleasure and games will be compared to see who has the most points. Pleasure classes will use an 8 point scale (5 classes) and Game classes will use a 10 point scale (4 classes), so that both disciplines will be based on a 40 point scale.
  - In case of ties, the member with the most first places will win, then second places, then third places. If there is still a tie the winner is drawn out of a hat by the judge.
  - A participant may ride 2 horses, but in different divisions. (Pleasure and Games)
  - If the exhibitor shows the same horse for both pleasure and games, two totals will be tabulated on the horse and rider combination (games and pleasure).
  - If an exhibitor is awarded two trips, they must choose one trip. The remaining trip will be awarded to the next highest point earner.
  - State Horse Show participants may ride at the State Horse Show in all classes in which they earned a blue ribbon at the county fair.
  - Carver County is given a limited number of spots for the Trail Class. The rides will be given to youth who placed the highest in the Trail Class at the County Fair. This is not a separate trip.

**State Trip Qualifying Classes for Games** [Barrel Racing, Key Hole, Jumping Figure 8 and Pole Weaving]

**State Trip Qualifying Classes for Pleasure** [Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Western Equitation, English Pleasure, English Equitation]

Points will be awarded to participants who place 1st through 10th. Only blue ribbon placings will be awarded points.

For games, if a participant does not meet the county or state requirements for a state trip but placed in the top 10 blue ribbons, their points will be awarded to them. The next contestant gets the next available point value and so on.

For Pleasure, if a participant does not meet the county or state requirements for a state trip but placed in the top 10 blue ribbons, their points will be awarded to them if they choose to participate in the call back class.

Riders will not be required to follow dress codes in Pleasure call back classes. (4-H understands that riders may share tack and equipment.)

The times for the Game Events will be scored as one group, grades 6-13.
The number of points awarded for each placing will be as follows, regardless of the number of contestants:

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**Bonus Points:** A maximum of 10 points can be earned by any 4-Her that completes their achievement book and interview. (5 points each.) These bonus points will only be applied to State Fair Trip Points. Those that have completed level 5 will automatically receive credit for their achievement book.

**Trail Class**
Trail Class will not count toward pleasure trip points. Carver County is given a limited number of spots for the Trail Class, determined by MN 4-H. The rides will be given to youth who placed the highest in the Trail Class at the Carver County Fair, who have also been awarded and accepted a Horse Project State Fair trip. Note, this is not a separate State Fair trip.

**Bonus Trip Determination (if a bonus trip is awarded)**
The winner of this trip will be announced after the shows have been completed and youth have exhausted the line up on either side. The 2 youth who are next in line for pleasure and games will be compared to see who has the most points. Pleasure classes will be converted to an 8 point scale (5 classes) and Game classes will use a 10 point scale (4 classes), so that both disciplines will be based on a 40 point scale. This will only be used for bonus trip determination.

**GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

**4-H Program Coordinator:** Designated Extension Staff member that administers day to day activities for the Carver County 4-H youth development program.

**Carver County Fair 4-H Premium book:** 4-H project list with schedules, rules and other helpful information for 4-H County fair entries. Refer to this list when completing your Fair Entry form [due July 1st].

**Coggins Test:** is a blood test performed on a horse by a veterinarian to test for Equine Infectious Anemia. A negative Coggins test is required before bringing any horse to a 4-H event or activity.
**Horse Project Project Development Committee (PDC):** Is a group of volunteers, parents, leaders and 4-H members 6th grade and older who meet to promote and help organize the activities and events for the horse project members in Carver County.

**Regional Extension Educator:** provides leadership and management of the County and Regional 4-H youth development program. The name and contact information for the current Regional Extension Educator is listed on the Carver County Extension website at [www.extension.umn.edu/county/carver](http://www.extension.umn.edu/county/carver)

**Novice Horse Project Member:** is a rider, of any age, that has minimal experience in horse show competition. If a member has won a 1st place in any age class at a previous Carver County 4-H show, they will need special permission to ride as a Novice.

**ACHIEVEMENT BOOK VOLUNTEER SIGN OFF**

(This list may be subject to change throughout the 4-H year as volunteers are added. Updates will be communicated via email.)

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