



Holmes County Horse Program Check List



- _____ 1. Complete 4-H membership form and give to your club advisor.
(Must be to advisor in time for April 1 deadline)
- _____ 2. Suggest each member be affiliated with a 4-H Horse Club that
will mentor members. Member may continue primary
membership in a community club.
- _____ 3. Follow rules in Holmes Co. Fair Book and Ohio Uniform Rule
Book. *Please check the HC Fair Book for updated Horse
Program Rules.*
- _____ 4. Complete following paperwork (located on the Holmes Co.
OSU Extension website, holmes.osu.edu):
 - _____ Permission to Participate in 4-H Horse Activities
 - _____ Disclosure/ Release of Claims/Horse Program Code of
Conduct (prior to any 4-H activities)
 - _____ Horse Identification Form (by June 1)
 - _____ Lease Agreement, if applicable (by June 1)
 - _____ Fair Penning Assignment Form (by July 1)
- _____ 5. If qualifying at an out of county show, PAS Out of County form
must be obtained from OSU Extension Office prior to Show.
- _____ 6. All first year members must view two videos, *Every Time,*
Every Ride and *Horses, Kids, & Ethics.*
- _____ 7. Attend required number of clinics/shows.
- _____ 8. Attend no less than four club meetings.
- _____ 9. Attend Livestock Project Evaluation and Skill-a-thon.

For more information, please contact:
OSU Extension Office at 330-674-3015
Bits & Bridles (Lori Nicholson) at 330-231-2464
Rim Rock Riders (Cindy Funk) at 330-567-2399
Nashville Jolly Farmers (Jane Houin) at 330-763-1017



Holmes County 4-H Youth Development Horse Program

Participant Code of Conduct

All 4-H members participating in or attending any event sponsored by the Holmes County 4-H Youth Development Program are required to conduct themselves according to the Holmes County 4-H Horse Program Code of Conduct.

The following are not permitted by 4-H members at Holmes County 4-H sponsored events:

- Possession of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs;
- Cheating or misrepresentation of project work;
- Theft, destruction, or abuse of property;
- Violation of established curfew;
- Unauthorized absence from programming site;
- Physical, verbal, emotional, or mental abuse of another person;
- Possession of a weapon unless participating in an authorized shooting sports program;
- Possession of a harmful object with the intent to hurt or intimidate others; or
- Other conduct related to attitude, behavior, or actions not appropriate of youth involved in 4-H Youth Development activities as determined by event manager, club advisor or Ohio State University Extension Professional Staff.

If the Code is violated, the following steps may be taken:

- Adult chaperones or advisors will be made aware of the situation;
- Parents may be called for transportation home at the parents expense
- The member may be barred from participating in future 4-H events; and
- If laws are violated, the case will be referred to the police

Signature of Participant: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: ___/___/___ Club Name: _____

****All 4-H Volunteers sign a Standards of Behavior contract that guides a volunteer's behavior during their involvement in Extension programs. The primary purpose of this Standards of Behavior is to insure the safety and well-being of all Extension program participants (i.e., members, their parents and families, professionals, and volunteers). It is expected that 4-H Volunteers model healthy and respectful behaviors to our 4-H Youth and assist youth in their efforts to adhere to the Code of Conduct.**

**PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN
4-H HORSE ACTIVITIES
DISCLOSURE AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS**

I, _____, have chosen to participate in the Ohio 4-H Horse Program and its related horse activities. I understand that this participation will involve contact with horses and may give rise to a risk of physical injury.

I am aware that:

- A. Horses have a tendency to behave in ways which may result in injury, death, or loss to riders, or other persons in the immediate vicinity;
- B. Horses may react in an unpredictable way to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals;
- C. Riding a horse may give rise to a risk of injury from hazards arising from the surface or subsurface of the ground in which these riding activities occur;
- D. While in the vicinity of a horse or while riding a horse, I may be involved in a collision with another horse, another animal, a person, or an object;
- E. Other participants in the program may fail to maintain control over a horse or fail to act within their abilities, thus causing harm to me or other participants; and
- F. Other participants in the program may act in a negligent manner, which could result in harm to me.

As parent or guardian I have discussed with my child the need to behave in a safe manner. I will make sure that my child wears appropriate clothing and footwear during horse activities. I further agree that my child shall be subject to the helmet policy which is reprinted for convenience on the reverse side.

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in club, county, district and state 4-H horse activities and the use of services and facilities made available through these 4-H horse activities, I do release and forever discharge for myself and my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, the Ohio 4-H Horse Program professional and volunteer leaders, agents, The Ohio State University and its Board of Trustees, its administrators, faculty and staff, from all claims, demands, and causes of action for personal injury or any other damage which may arise out of or be in any way related to my participation in this activity or program.

I understand that my child is not required to participate in any horse activity, but grant permission for him/her to do so, despite the possible risks. I recognize that by participating in these activities, as with any physical activity, my child may risk personal injury. I hereby attest and verify that I have been advised of the potential risks, that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in these activities, and that I assume any expense that may be incurred in the event of an accident, illness, or other incapacity, regardless of whether I have authorized such expenses. As a parent/guardian, I assume the same risk for myself, and other family members and friends present at these horse activities.

Signed: _____
(4-H Member)

Date _____

Signed: _____
(Parent or Guardian)

Date _____

This form needs to be signed and on file for each youth participant in any 4-H horse program activity. The form needs to be signed each year and before a youth participates in the Ohio 4-H Horse Program Activities.

Under Ohio law, Section 2305.321 of the Revised Code, an equine activity sponsor, professional, volunteer, participant or other person is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in the equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

4-H Equine Mandatory Helmet Use Policy

All youth 19 years and under, participating in any 4-H equestrian activity, are required to wear properly fitted protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with the chin harness securely fastened at all times while riding or driving an equine.

It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian of the youth participant, to make sure that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.

The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders make no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear, as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries in equestrian activities.

The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Judges, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders may, at his/her discretion, check a participant's protective headgear for proper standards. If the youth is found to be wearing unapproved, defective, or improperly fitted headgear, he/she will not be permitted to participate in riding or driving activities until proper headgear is acquired.

**Return to your local
OSU Extension, Ohio 4-H Program Office
By:**



4-H HORSE CERTIFICATE

4-H Member's Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

Zip code _____

Name of club _____

Name of Animal _____

Date Animal Born _____

Mare Gelding Stallion

Reg. or Grade _____ Breed _____

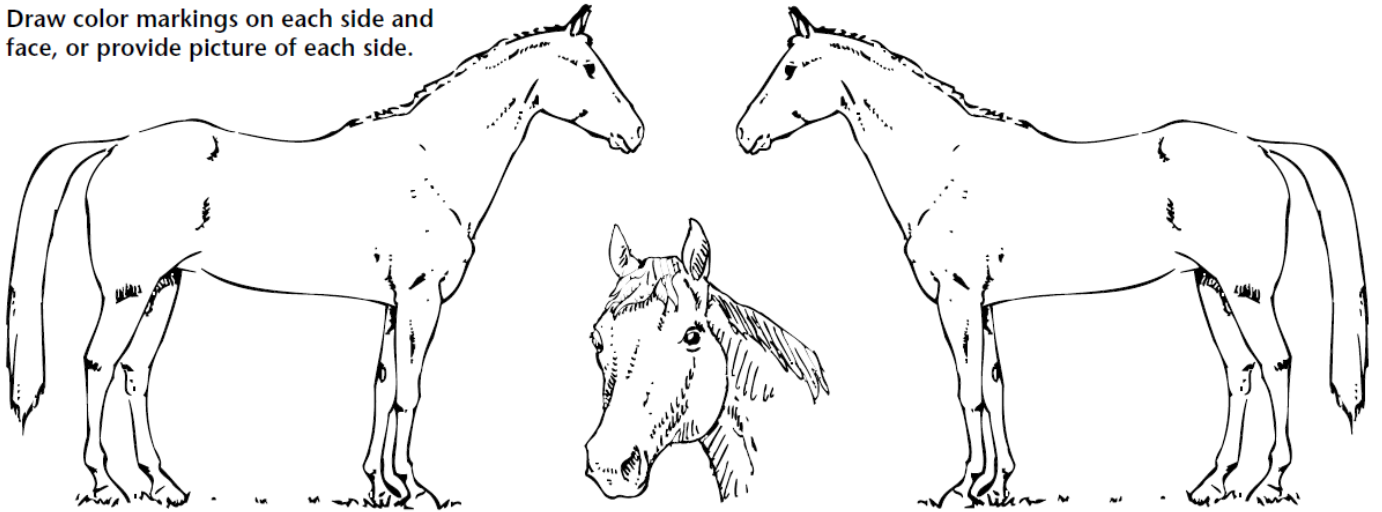
Name of Sire _____

Name of Dam _____

Identification of Animal _____

Registration number, color, etc. Identify as thoroughly as possible.

Draw color markings on each side and face, or provide picture of each side.



When was animal acquired for 4-H project? _____

Month

Day

Year

Signature of 4-H Member

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Signature of 4-H Leader

Signature of Ext. Youth Educator or Assigned Representative Year

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Holmes County Photo ID Page

Please include current year photos of your 4-H project horse.

Front

Side 1

Side 2

Rear