

# Dane County 4-H Horse & Pony 2018-2019

To: Horse & Pony Project Members

From: Dane County 4-H Program Coordinator, Lisa Curley

Welcome to all new and returning Dane County 4-H Horse & Pony project members. Please carefully review the Horse & Pony educational requirements for the 2018/2019 project year. **Be sure to read thoroughly as there are changes this year.**

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Visit the Dane County 4-H web site for all Horse & Pony information:

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/dane4hyouth/4-h-projects/horse-pony/>

You will also find event details on the Dane County 4-H Horse & Pony Education Committee Facebook group.

All 4-H members who participate in Dane County approved Horse and Pony events must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or parent designee if they are 14 years old or under. When attending a hands-on clinic with a project animal, 4-H members should always wear proper attire. This includes boots, long pants if riding western, breeches or jodhpurs if riding Hunt or Saddleseat, and an SEI approved helmet. **NO TANK TOPS OR SHORTS.** If these rules are violated, the consequences could include asking the child and/or animal to be removed from the clinic and/or withhold credit for the educational event.

Many volunteers are involved in planning and running educational clinics. Please be considerate to those who are giving their time to the youth of Dane County. In order to receive full credit for the clinics, you must arrive on time and be in attendance for the entire clinic. **NO CELL PHONE USE DURING A CLINIC WHETHER AUDITING OR PARTICIPATING.** Project members must attend at least one Dane County 4-H Horse & Pony approved clinic (a clinic posted on the Dane County 4-H website) with a declared project animal. Driving has additional requirements. Please read over the education form. We hope you learn many new skills, share your knowledge with others and have a great project year!

**See Reverse Side For Additional Information**

# Attn: Horse & Pony Members and Leaders!

## *There have been some changes to the Dane County Horse & Pony 2018-2019 Educational Requirements.*

### New this year:

1. The educational requirement has been modified from previous years for those who will show at the Dane County Fair. The only two requirements that carry over are the safety training and attendance at one hands on event with a declared animal.
2. If at any time you have questions regarding the education requirements, please reach out to the 4-H Program Coordinator at 608-224-3702.

### Reminders:

1. All education forms will continue to be due to the Dane County Extension Office on or before June 15, 2019. **No late forms will be accepted.**
2. Private lessons, farrier appointments and vet appointments do not count as education hours.
3. It is the expectation that the declared horse or pony is the project animal attending the approved clinics if you are exhibiting at the Dane County Fair.
4. All Horse & Pony information will be on the Dane County 4-H website.

Appreciation for our 4-H volunteers! The Dane County 4-H Horse & Pony Education Committee strives to provide quality educational opportunities for all Horse & Pony members. This includes Horse & Pony project members that may not want to participate at the Dane County Fair. All educational events/clinics are open to participation and auditing by any youth that is a member of the Horse & Pony project.

### **4-H Code of Conduct**

#### **As a 4-H participant, I will:**

- Be curious to learn
- Be respectful to self and others
- Work to positively resolve problems or differences
- Accept guidance from Extension volunteers and staff
- Follow program rules, curfews, dress codes, policies, and rules of the facility being used.
- Use appropriate language, exhibit good sportsmanship, and be a positive role model.
- Comply with local, state and federal laws.
- Abstain from use of alcohol, illicit drugs, and tobacco during 4-H events and activities.
- Fully participate in scheduled activities and orientations.
- Respect others' property and privacy rights.
- Abstain from child abuse (physical, sexual, emotional and neglect), harassment, hazing and bullying.
- Refrain from all sexual activity/contact
- Accept personal responsibility for behavior including any financial damage.
- Follow safety rules.