

Dane County 4-H Horse & Pony

2019-2020 Education Requirement and Clinic Information

Welcome to all new and returning Dane County 4-H Horse & Pony project members. Please carefully review the Horse & Pony educational requirements for the 2019/2020 project year. **Be sure to read thoroughly as there are changes this year.**

- **All youth planning to show at the Dane County Fair must meet the educational requirements below and submit their education card online (<https://go.wisc.edu/gg442d>) by June 15, 2020.**
- **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**
- Dane County Fair entry forms have a separate process. Please refer to the Dane County Fair website and Department 6 guidelines for additional information related to Fair deadlines and processes.

4-H requirements for Horse and Pony and Horseless Horse members to show at the Dane County Fair:

1. All members Grade 3 or higher are required to attend a Dane County 4-H Horse and Pony Education Safety Orientation clinic once prior to showing at the Dane County Fair. Members who have successfully completed a safety orientation in prior years do not need to repeat the training.
 - a. Dane County Safety Orientation Clinic is Sunday, April 5, 2020 from 10:00am-12:00pm at the UW-Extension office, 5201 Fen Oak Drive, Madison.
 - b. If there is a conflict with the April 5 Safety Clinic, please contact the 4-H Program Coordinator at 608-224-3702 or 4Hinfo@countyofdane.com for other options to complete the requirement.
2. **All 4-H Members are required to bring one declared project animal to at least one hands-on Dane County 4-H Horse & Pony approved clinic.** 4-H members in grade 13 who have fulfilled the requirement of attending an education event with their horse for the previous three years are exempt from the 2020 educational requirement.
 - a. Dane County Horse and Pony Education Committee sponsored clinics are approved. Participation in these clinics will be verified by attendance rosters.
 - b. Other hands on events/clinics will need to be approved by the 4-H Program Coordinator.
3. **Driving (line or cart):** 4-H members wishing to show at Dane County Fair in driving must participate with their declared project animal in one hands-on Dane County 4-H Horse & Pony approved driving clinic. A knowledgeable reinsman, 17 years or older, must ride in the cart if the driver is in grade 8 or under and the pony/horse is 40 inches or greater.
4. Participants must sign the roster for each Dane County Horse and Pony Education Committee event attended.
5. In order to receive full credit for the clinics, you must arrive on time and be in attendance for the entire clinic.
6. If attending a pre-approved event (not sponsored by the Dane County Horse and Pony Education Committee), the participant must have the clinician sign the education card.
7. If you need to cancel from a 4-H sponsored clinic you must contact the clinic coordinator at least 48 hours prior to the start of the clinic. You must also have a verbal/written confirmation from the clinic coordinator.
8. 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 ASTM/SEI approved helmet. **NO TANK TOPS OR SHORTS.**
9. 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 15 years old or under.
10. **NO CELL PHONE USE DURING A CLINIC WHETHER AUDITING OR PARTICIPATING**
11. 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.

Private lessons, farrier appointments, vet appointments do not count toward the educational requirement.

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

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/dane4hyouth/4-h-projects/horse-pony/>

You will find event details on the [Dane County 4-H Horse & Pony Education Committee Facebook group](#).

Dane County 4-H Horse and Pony Project contact information

Education Requirement Questions?

- Lisa Curley, 4-H Program Coordinator, 608-224-3702, curley.lisa@countyofdane.com
- 4-H Support Staff 608-224-3705, 4hinfo@countyofdane.com

Horse and Pony Clinic Questions?

Contact the Dane County 4-H Horse and Pony Education Committee:

- Heather Nelson, H&P Education Committee Co-Chairperson, hnelson38@gmail.com
- Jolene Doerfer, H&P Education Committee Co-Chairperson, jodoerfer@yahoo.com

Appreciation for our 4-H volunteers!

- 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.
- 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.

Information on Uploading Education Forms

After completing the education requirements, youth will upload forms on the

[Education Requirement Upload Portal: https://go.wisc.edu/gg442d](https://go.wisc.edu/gg442d)

- To qualify to show at the Dane County Fair with 4-H, FFA or other Dane County youth organization, youth exhibitors must meet species education requirements and submit proof by June 15, 2020 at 11:59pm.
- Access to a Google Account is required to upload documents in the portal. This helps keep documents secure. Youth can utilize their school account or utilize a family account. If the youth does not have access to a Google Account, please email 4Hinfo@countyofdane.com for an alternative option.
- To upload the education card, please save the document as a JPEG, TIFF, or PDF. Youth can take a picture of the education card to upload. Upload documents at original size - **do not reduce size**.

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.
- Follow safety rules
- 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.