

WISCONSIN 4-H HORSE ASSOCIATION

INTRODUCTION

In the beginning...

In the summer of 1965, two meetings were held to discuss the idea of starting a State 4-H Horse Show. The meetings were under the direction of Quin Kolb (Specialist Meat & Animal Science) and James A. Everts (Assistant State 4-H Leader) from the University of Wisconsin. A tentative class schedule was proposed and counties were surveyed to determine interest and support. The counties responded expressing a great deal of interest.

On December 5, 1965, the first meeting of the Wisconsin 4-H Horse Committee was held at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Campus Stock Pavillion. Another meeting, held on January 8, 1966, saw the basic guidelines and rules installed for the first State 4-H Horse Show. The Show would be held in Madison at the Dane County Fairgrounds on September 10-11, 1966.

The purpose of the State 4-H Horse Show differed from that of most horse shows, in that it was not for charity or financial gain. **EDUCATION OF 4-H HORSE PROJECT MEMBERS WAS THE PRIMARY AIM OF THIS SHOW!**

In 1967, the State Show Committee was incorporated into the Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association. Seven directors took on the task of carrying out the original purpose of the Association... "To plan, promote and execute educational programs in the area of horse science for Wisconsin youth and their leaders".

As we are today...

The Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association has continued to grow and expand over the years. Our membership now includes all leaders currently enrolled in Wisconsin's 4-H horse and pony project. **This handbook provides information on opportunities in the 4-H horse and pony project.**

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Working in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension . . . utilizing the talents of countless volunteers, members, and directors...the Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association has continued to provide and support quality learning opportunities for Wisconsin 4-H Horse & Pony Project members, parents, and leaders. We are limited only by our vision...what we see now is far different than the humble beginning of our Association...what we will become in the future is left to our imagination. One thing seems certain, however, we will remain committed to the purpose set forth over a quarter-century ago!