

Hello Jackson Co, 4-H Horse Member,

Welcome to our 2023 season, we are so excited to have you with us this year. Please read this letter carefully as it will provide with all the information about paperwork that is required from our members.

Sponsors: Due April 10<sup>th</sup>. Each rider is asked to get at least \$40 minimum in sponsors for the year for the program, this money will help offset costs of Achievement, Fair, and help us put on different educational programs for the youth in our county. Please see the attached form for your sponsors to fill out and to have returned to Dawn Keirns.

Horse Certificates are due May 1<sup>st</sup> to either superintendent, you can deliver it to Amanda Duncan at 3745 Blackman Road Jackson MI ( there is a drop box on the post at the top of the drive way), email it to [jacksonco4h@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonco4h@gmail.com) or [midknightryders4h@gmail.com](mailto:midknightryders4h@gmail.com). You also have the option to meet up with Beth Marker, please contact her to arrange meeting with her. With any questions, please contact Amanda or Beth. Just a reminder that you can select 2 projects for the year, please indicate on the form which is the primary and secondary. \*Required with the certificates are a negative coggins and color pictures. If your coggins has colored pictures this can count for color copies.

For Exhibitors 13 and over for saddle horses & 11 and over for Mini, who are interested in showing at the Michigan 4H State show please fill out the form to be considered for delegacy. The form will also need to be accompanied by \$65 for the State show fee. If you do not become a delegate this will be returned to you. State Show will be held August 18<sup>th</sup> (Mini and Gymkhana Classes), 19<sup>th</sup>, (Sr 16-19 pleasure show) and the 20<sup>th</sup> (Jr 13-15 pleasure show). *Show information is subject to change.* If you are showing a Mini and Saddle horse and are eligible to show at state show with both, please fill out 2 forms and submit the fee for both projects.

May 1<sup>st</sup> Achievement forms will be sent out to everyone to have returned by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Achievement is June 25<sup>th</sup> this year!

We also have a few camp clean up meetings coming up to get our show grounds ready to for the year. They are April 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup>. Every family is required to come to one of the dates. Start time 9am for each day. We have a lot of work to do. There was a lot of damage done in the recent storms and we will need as many people out there as possible.

Rose City Horse shows. The sign up for volunteer spots will be live May 6<sup>th</sup>, everyone will receive an email that will indicate how many spots will need to be filled for each family. Please keep in mind it is required for each family to help at the shows as they are a fundraiser for our county, and we offer a discount for our county's 4H members.

For all Jackson Co 4H horse members participating in the Rose City Shows you are eligible for the \$50 ride all day fee per horse and rider combination. This will include up to 9 regular classes. You will have to pay the class fee for additional classes, sweepstakes classes, and high point fees. Office fee is waived for qualifying youth that will not meet 9 class limit. Cloverbud/ Peewee riders do not pay the office fee at all. This discount is only for Jackson Co youth showing at the Rose City Shows.

Jackson county Fair paperwork will be out to exhibitors by June 1<sup>st</sup> and will be due by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Jackson County Fair is August 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. Show schedule will be given out in June with paperwork.

Please reach out to your superintendents with questions or concerns.

We look forward to an amazing year!

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