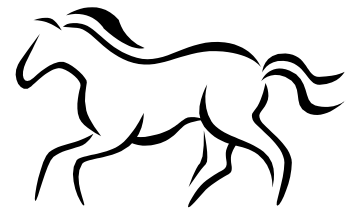
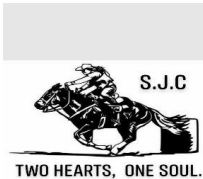




St. Joseph County, MI 4-H HORSE COUNCIL



2025 4-H Gymkhana Program Workouts and Requirements



Gymkhana is the term used to collectively describe classes where the speed of executing a given riding pattern is timed. St. Joseph County 4-H Gymkhana classes that will be offered at the 2023 St. Joseph County Grange Fair include:

- 🌀 Barrels
- 🌀 Keyhole
- 🌀 Flag Race
- 🌀 Pole Bending
- 🌀 Speed & Action
- 🌀 Down & Back
- 🌀 Horsemanship
- 🌀 Showmanship

Shirel Hart is the St. Joseph County 4-H Gymkhana Program Coordinator. Shirel is dedicating several nights this summer to working with any and all St. Joseph County 4-H members interested in increasing their knowledge and skills - plus their horse's/pony's skills - in the Gymkhana area. You are required to attend a minimum of **two (2)** workouts and be approved by the St. Joseph County 4-H Gymkhana Program Coordinator to compete at the **2025 Fair**. Returning 4-H Horse/Rider combo may forgo two (2) workout minimum if approved by Shirel. Member is responsible for verifying approval.

Following is the **2025 Gymkhana Workout Schedule**. Note that all workouts start (be ready to go) at **4:00 or 6:00 p.m.** but at different locations. There will be instruction and/or a demonstration at the start of each workout. Please be sure and post this schedule with your family calendar so you don't miss workouts you're interested in!

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event(s)</u>
Thursday, May 15	6:00 p.m.	Teresa Howk's +	Poles / Barrels
Sunday, May 18	4:00 p.m.	Horseman's Association~	Horsemanship
Tuesday, June 10	6:00 p.m.	Horseman's Association ~	Barrels / Down and Back
Thursday, June 19	6:00 p.m.	Teresa Howk's +	Speed & Action / Flags
Sunday, June 22	4:00 p.m.	Horseman's Association ~	Poles
Thursday, July 10	6:00 p.m.	Fairgrounds *	Patterns / Exercises / Barrels
Thursday, July 17	6:00 p.m.	Teresa Howk's +	Keyhole / Horsemanship
Tuesday, July 29	6:00 p.m.	Horseman's Association~	Flags
Sunday, August 3	4:00 p.m.	Horseman's Association ~	
Thursday, August 21	6:00 p.m.	Teresa Howk's +	Barrels / Down & Back

Any show that Shirel is attending can also count as a workout, just get with her at the show to confirm. For further information and questions contact Shirel Hart at 269/506-6390.

Please come prepared. At **all** workouts you will need a negative Coggin's test report, helmet (ASTM approved), boots or riding tennis shoes, show halter, your horse's headgear (both show & work), breast collar and protective boots for your horse. Speed workouts are for everyone whether you are a walk trotter who needs to learn control or you would like to put patterns and a handle on your horsemanship horse or you are an advanced barrel racer.

- + Teresa Howk's Farm, 62809 W. Fish Lake Rd, Sturgis, MI 49091
- ~ Horseman's Association, 21388 Centreville-Constantine Rd, Centreville, MI 49032.
- * Use the **Franklin St. gate** to enter the fairgrounds. Please report to the horse show arena by driving around the back of the race track (do not cut in front of the grandstands).

Note: You must have a negative Coggin's test with you before entering the fairgrounds.

Reminder: Workouts will be cancelled if there is a Thunderstorm Watch/Warning, Tornado Watch/Warning or a Heat Advisory issued two hours prior to the start time of the workouts.