November 2023

# Waukesha-County Horse Project



Waukesha County 4-H Horse Project





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#### **Upcoming Events:**

- 4-H Project Days Clinic Sunday, November 19
- WC4HHA Board Meeting Wednesday, December 6
- 4-H Project Days Clinic Sunday, December 17
- WC4HHA Board Meeting Tuesday, January 2
- 4-H Project Days Clinic Sunday, January 21

Add the Horse Project calendar to your Google calendar here!

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# Welcome!

The new project year for the Waukesha County 4-H Horse and Horseless Horse Projects is underway. Welcome back to our previous members and welcome to all of our new members!

For those who have been part of the project in the past, this year will look a little different. Big changes will be coming in regards to our circuit shows. The Waukesha County Fair horse events will very likely have significant adjustments.

There are also more changes coming at the state level shows. As our project needs shift and evolve, we must adapt and evolve as well to give our members the best possible experience.

We hope that you all take advantage of the opportunities offered and would love to hear back from everyone about what they would like to get out of the project. I hope you're excited for all that is to come!

# **Partnerships**

This year we will be partnering with two local horse clubs. Please check them out and consider joining! (not required)





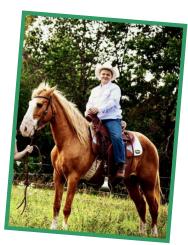
# Featured 4-Hers of the Month

#### Horse Project Member-Madeline MacLeod

This is Maddie's fourth year in the horse project and she is this year's Waukesha County Equine Ambassador! Maddie and her paint mare Willow show at our pleasure shows and also enjoy speed events. Along with riding, Maddie is also an avid hockey player.







#### **NEW Horse Project Member-Wyatt Adkins**

This is Wyatt's first year in 4H and the horse project. They have a 22 year old QH mare named Sadie and a 10 year old Walker mare named Zoey. Even though Wyatt has grown up with horses, he only started taking formal lessons this year. He hopes to grow his riding skills, learn what halter classes and showmanship is all about, and make some like minded horse friends. When he isn't doing horse things, he likes be outdoors hunting with his dad.

# **Meet the Board**









If you are an adult and are interested in helping to guide the future of our youth, we encourage you to attend our monthly virtual meetings and/or join the board. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.

Youth members are also encouraged to attend the board meetings and join our Youth Board. Time commitment is minimal, but the benefits could be substantial. Drop into the meeting to find out more!

### **Horseless Horse**

Horseless Horse members are welcome and encouraged to attend any and all Horse Project activities, including meetings, clinics, and shows. Even if you do not have a horse, there are things to learn at every event!

There are clinics for all project members at the Washington Club 4-H Project Days on the third Sunday of each month in Big Bend. These will cover horse care and equipment, There will also be additional clinics and educational opportunities that will be posted soon.

Project Days sign up link is: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094AADA922A57washington5#/

Any member of the horse project or the horseless horse project can earn year-end awards by completing volunteer requirements, attending clinics, and participating in at least one of our shows. There are hippology (horse knowledge) classes at each show with no horse required!



#### Tack Sale

This is the Waukesha County 4-H Horse Project's largest fundraiser of the year. 100% of the proceeds benefit our youth's equestrian education through the 4-H Horse Project in Waukesha County.

The annual WC4-HHA Tack Sale is one of the most well attended tack sales in Wisconsin. This sale has been a HUGE SUCCESS due in part to the venue at the Waukesha County Expo (Forum Building), our vendors, and our amazing volunteers. This year's tack sale will be held on:

Sunday, February 11
9am to 1pm

Please mark your calendars. We need all hands on deck to make this a successful event. Also, you don't want to miss out on all the all the goodies for sale!



# **Year End Awards Banquet**

We recently celebrated the 2023 4-H season with our year-end banquet. Thank you to all of the youth members and leaders that attended our gathering at Thunder Bay Grille on Sunday, November 5. We had a nice turnout and the members in good standing for the year left with beautiful prizes. Now to make the next year even better!





# **Happy Retirement!**

Thank you to Barb Shudy for her dedication to the Waukesha 4-H Horse Project. She just retired as treasurer after holding several board positions over her 50 years of volunteer service.