

April 2024



Midwest Horse Fair

April 19-21 at Alliant Energy Center in Madison

Whether you are a seasoned horse professional, new horse owner, or horse admirer, there is something for everyone to enjoy at the Midwest Horse Fair!

- Watch demonstrations by 25 different breeds, learn about different disciplines and horse organizations, and watch some fast-paced drill team performances
- Attend one of the hundreds of clinics, seminars, and educational events presented by some of the top horse professionals from around the country.
- Come meet the horses up close by touring the Pavilions.
- Browse the 500+ vendor booths offer shopping opportunities with something for everyone.
- Enjoy the “mane” event Friday and Saturday evening as back to back nights of PRCA Rodeo competition return to the Blain's Farm & Fleet Coliseum!



The Midwest Horse Fair is the top 3-day horse fair in America. Held in Madison, Wisconsin at the Alliant Energy Center, it has been growing and going strong since 1979. Every year the Midwest Horse Fair gets bigger & better, and this year will be no exception! The Midwest Horse Fair is owned by the Wisconsin Horse Council, Inc. All proceeds from the Fair are returned to the WHC and are used to represent and foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin, to promote the equine through leadership, education, service, and communication, and to take a proactive role in the future growth and development of the equine industry.

More information can be found on their website [HERE](#). Tickets can be purchased online or at the gate.



Upcoming Events:

- Hippology Clinic
Thursday, April 11
- Midwest Horse Fair
April 19-21
- 4-H Project Days Clinic
Sunday, April 21
- WC4HHA Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 7
- 4-H Project Days Clinic
Sunday, May 19

Project Forms Due

In order to be in good standing with the club, members must submit all required forms by **May 1** to Brenda Wolf.

Fillable forms available on our website [HERE](#)

Good Standing Requirements

In order to be eligible for year-end awards and be able to show a horse or other exhibit at state shows, a Horse Project or Horseless Horse Project member must be in “Good Standing” with the project. Requirements for Good Standing are:

- Attend or make up Mandatory Meeting
- Sign up with the horse project by March 1
- Submit Project forms by May 1
- Attend four educational Clinics
- Complete four volunteer hours at events
- Meet any requirements of your club

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

31 Add the Horse Project calendar to your Google calendar [HERE!](#)



Meet the Board



Brenda Wolfe
President



Amie Lalor
Vice-President



Megan Peterson
Secretary



Angie Conto-Smith
Treasurer

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!



**MEETING
MINUTES**

Featured 4-Hers of the Month

Horse Project Member—Sophia Scepanski

Hello, my name is Sophia Scepanski. I am 17 years old and have been showing horses at Waukesha County Fair since I was in about 3rd grade. Showing horses has impacted my life so much by showing me how I can devote my time to doing something that feels so rewarding at the end of the day.



Horse Project Member—Brooklyn Jones

Brooklyn is an 18 year old senior at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, and plans to attend Carroll University next year with a dual major in business and animal behavior science. Brooklyn and her horse Blaze have shown English, Western, Hunter/Jumper and Dressage. Brooklyn boards Blaze at Bella Creek Stable in Eagle.

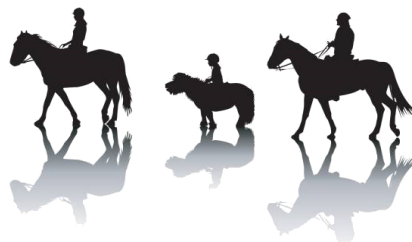
April Assignment: What have you been doing with your horse?

There are so many fun things to do with horses besides just showing. What have you been up to with yours?

For the next newsletter, I would love to add pictures of what you and your horse have done for fun this month. Have you gone on a trail ride? Practiced a new obstacle? Learned a new trick? Tried a new discipline? Ridden bareback for the first time? Attended a clinic?

If you don't have a horse, show us your best horse drawing or photograph, or let us know some fun horse fact you've learned.

Send your pictures and a short caption to Waukesha.horse@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you!





Equine Ambassador

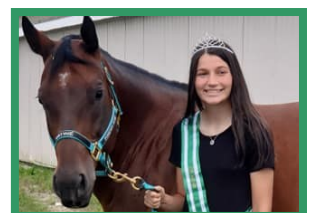
Waukesha's Equine Ambassador program strives to provide an opportunity to practice advanced leadership skills related to mentoring other project youth and to represent and promote the 4-H Horse program for public relations purposes at county and state events.



2023-24 Madeline MacLeod



2022-23 Delaney VanderBerg



2021-22 Sage Kaiser

Did you miss the Mandatory Meeting?

Links and information about making up the meeting can be found on the website [HERE](#)

Any member in Good Standing in 9th grade or above may apply. The Equine Ambassador is expected to attend and be visible at 4-H approved shows, attend the Waukesha County Fair and fulfil daily expectations, attend the state 4-H show as Equine Ambassador, and attend Midwest Horse Fair as Equine Ambassador.

Being Equine Ambassador is a wonderful way to positively represent and spread awareness about the project. It is also a great way to increase your leadership skills and it looks great on college and scholarship applications!

If you are interested, please complete the form [HERE](#) and submit by May 1.

CONFORMATION

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The Balanced Hoof

Dorsal View, Palmar View, Lateral View, Balanced Hoof, Unbalanced Hoof, Normal Hoof, Contracted Heel

Hoof-Pastern Angles

Normal Hoof-Pastern Angle, Normal Stride, Long Toe-Short Heel Pastern Angle, Long Stride, Short Toe-Long Heel Pastern Angle, Short Stride

Conformation Faults Involving the Hoof

Toe-In "Padding" Foot Swings Outward During Gait Pattern, Grade 1, Grade 2, "Coon-Footed", Club Feet, Grade 3, Grade 4

Knee Conformation Faults

Over at the Knee, Stress Area, Calf Knee, Stress Area, Knock Knees, Stress Area, Bow Leg, Stress Area

Metacarpal Conformation Fault

Bench Knees Lateral Placement of Metacarpal, Stress Areas

Pastern Conformation Faults

Ideal Pastern Conformation Angle, Short Upright Pastern, Long Upright Pastern, Long Sloping Pastern

Ideal Hindlimb Conformation

Parallel Shoulder-Pastern Angle, Ideal Conformation, Ideal General Lateral Profile, Standing Under Lateral Fault, Camped-Out Lateral Fault, 90°, 90°, Tuber Coxae, Point of stifle, Semi-membranosus, Semitendinosus, Isosceles Triangle, Caudal View, Lateral View

Conformation Faults Viewed Caudally

Base Narrow: "Toe-In", Base Narrow: "Toe-Out", Base Wide: "Toe-In", Base Wide: "Toe-Out", "Padding", "Plating", Area of Stress, Area of Stress

Conformation Faults Viewed Laterally

Post Legged, Area of Stress, Camped-Out Behind, Area of Stress, Standing Under, Area of Stress, Sickle-Hocked, Area of Stress



4-H Project Days
Clinics Signup

The
More
You
Know

The
More
You
Grow



To Make the Best
BETTER

Did you know?

- The average lifespan of a horse is 25-30 years.
- The only remaining breed of truly wild horse is the Przewalski's horse native to Mongolia. All other "wild" horses are actually feral domesticated horses.



Learn more about...

- [Midwest Horse Fair](#)
- [Safety around horses](#)
- [Balance exercises](#)
- [Intro to Vaulting](#)

Do You Know What the Different Ribbon Colours Mean?

Red Ribbon
Be Careful, I Kick!

Yellow or Blue Ribbon
I'm a Stallion

Green Ribbon
I'm Young/Inexperienced

White Ribbon
I'm For Sale!

HORSE COUNCIL
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Hippology Practice

- Which of the following is NOT a purpose of the saddle blanket/pad?
 - To protect the horse's back
 - To absorb sweat and moisture
 - To protect the saddle
 - To provide decoration
- Which of the following will NOT affect a horse's nutrient requirements?
 - Coat Color
 - Age
 - Environment
 - Activity Level
- What is NOT true about blue eyes on horses?
 - Horses with bald faces commonly have blue eyes
 - Eye diseases are more common with blue eyes than brown eyes
 - A horse can have one blue eye and one brown eye
 - Blue eyes are more prevalent in some breeds than others.
- What grooming tool is this?
 - Mane comb
 - Soft brush
 - Hoof pick
 - Curry Comb
- Which is NOT a team sport?
 - Polo
 - Drill
 - Gymkhana
 - Sorting



Horse Gaits

Read about the gaits, and click the links to see each in action

Walk—The walk is a four-beat gait. When walking, a horse's legs follow this sequence: left hind leg, left front leg, right hind leg, right front leg, in a regular 1-2-3-4 beat.

Trot—The trot is a two-beat gait. A very slow trot is sometimes referred to as a jog. In this gait, the horse moves its legs in unison in diagonal pairs.

Canter/Lope—The canter is a controlled three-beat gait that is usually a bit faster than the average trot but slower than the gallop.

Gallop—The gallop is very much like the canter, except that it is faster, more ground-covering, becoming a four-beat gait. It is the fastest gait of the horse, averaging about 25-30 miles per hour.

Pace—In the pace, the two legs on the same side of the horse move forward together, unlike the trot, where the two legs diagonally opposite from each other move forward together. In both the pace and the trot, two feet are always off the ground.

Ambling—Horses that are able to amble are referred to as "gaited". A four-beat gait, the primary feature of ambling is that one of the feet is bearing full weight at any one time, reflected in the term "singlefoot". All ambling gaits are faster than a walk but usually slower than a canter. They are smoother for a rider than either a trot or a pace. Examples are:

[Saddle Rack](#) • [Rack](#) • [Tolt](#) • [Running Walk](#) • [Fox Trot](#)



Menomonee Falls Saddle Club
 N75W25500 WI-164
 Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Fox River Saddle Club
 West 20 Ranch & Saddle Co.
 W4812 WI-20
 East Troy, WI 53120

Waukesha Expo Center
 1000 Northview Rd
 Waukesha, WI 53188

Wisconsin Fair Park
 1000 Northview Rd
 Waukesha, WI 53188

EIconn Farm
 N49W20683 Lisbon Rd
 Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Project Days:
 Christ Lutheran School
 22970 Maple Ave
 Big Bend, WI 53103

Aliant Energy Center
 N49W20683 Lisbon Rd
 Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Wisconsin Equine Clinic & Hospital
 N49W20683 Lisbon Rd
 Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Waukesha 4-H Show Schedule

Sunday, June 2, 2024
Pleasure Show
 West 20 Ranch & Saddle Co.

Saturday, June 15, 2024
Speed Show
 Menomonee Falls Saddle Club

Saturday, June 22, 2024
Pleasure Show
 Menomonee Falls Saddle Club

Sunday, June 23, 2024
Pleasure Show
 West 20 Ranch & Saddle Co.

July 17-21, 2024
Waukesha County Fair
 Waukesha County Fairgrounds

Friday, August 2, 2024
Speed Show
 Menomonee Falls Saddle Club

Saturday, August 3, 2024
Pleasure Show
 Menomonee Falls Saddle Club

Sunday, August 18, 2024
Pleasure Show
 West 20 Ranch & Saddle Co.

Saturday, September 21, 2024
Speed Show
 Menomonee Falls Saddle Club



Waukesha County Fair Registration

Registration for the Waukesha County Fair is open now until June 15. Showing at fair is a highlight of the year for many members. Even if you don't have a horse to show, there are still classes you can enter, including hippology, model horses, photography, educational posters, and more!

Livestock classes Dept 206
Educational classes Dept 210

Find out more information on our website [HERE](#)



Waukesha 4-H Clinics

Thursday, April 11, 6:00p
Hippology Clinic
 EIconn Farm
 Friday-Sunday, April 19-21

Midwest Horse Fair
 Mail summary of clinic attended
 4hclinics@gmail.com
 Alliant Center, Madison

April 21, 1:00p
Show Clothes
 Project Days

[4-H Project Days Clinics Signup](#)

May 19, 1:00p
TBD
 Project Days

Saturday, June 9
From The Judges View with Dan Grunewald \$
 Menomonee Falls Saddle Club

Wednesday, June 19, 5:30p
Trail Obstacle Clinic
 Waukesha County Expo Center

Saturday, July 20, 10a
TBD
 Waukesha County Expo Center
 During Fair



Members learning about first aid and grooming tools at Project Days



Members touring the Wisconsin Equine Clinic surgical suite



State 4-H Events

May 10-11, 2024
State Horse Speaking & Demonstration, Horse Bowl and Hippology
 Entry Deadline: Postmarked by April 1
[More Information Here](#)

June 28-30, 2024
State 4-H Hunt & Dressage Show & Clinics
 Entry Deadline: Postmarked by May 15
[More Information Here](#)

September 7, 2024
State 4-H Gymkhana Show
 Entry Deadline: August 1
[More Information Here](#)

September 13-15, 2024
State 4-H Horse Expo
 Entry Deadline: August 1
[More Information Here](#)

