



Horse and Pony Express

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Editor's Note

I have tremendously enjoyed serving as your Horse & Pony Express editor for two years now. It has been fun meeting new people as well as learning new skills while being a part of the H&P team. However, as I look into my future I realize that I will not be doing this forever.

Consequently, we are looking for a new youth editor to work along side me for the next several months and then take over. Please e-mail me so I can tell you more about this great opportunity!

Sincerely,

Sara Harn

Youth Editor, Horse & Pony Express

Thank you

The 2009 Dane County Fair is in the past and we hope everyone had a good time and met some new friends and enjoyed being with old friends. The weather was great with only one short down pour on Friday that required us to close the practice arena for the afternoon.

This was the **best year** ever as far as volunteer help with the horse shows. We want to give an *extra thank you* to the families that helped to fill up all the spots on the Saturday and Sunday shows. We know these show days are very busy for everyone and we greatly appreciate you taking two hours out of your day to help us. It really made those shows run very smoothly. We saw a lot of new faces helping us up front at the arena. We can't do it without you!

Please take some time to fill out the survey at the end of this issue. We really would like to hear from the exhibitors and their families as to what went well and what you think we could improve on.

Good luck to everyone going to State 4-H Horse Expo in September and we look forward to working with all of you again next July.

Dane County Fair Horse & Pony Superintendents

Calendar

State Gymkhana Show

When: Sept 12 to 13, 2009

Location: State Fair Park, West Allis, WI

State 4-H Horse Expo

When: Sept 17 to 20, 2009

Location: State Fair Park, West Allis, WI

State 4-H Horse Expo Information

State 4-H Horse Expo is Wednesday, Sept 17th through Sunday, Sept 20th and we have 65 participants going this year. When you arrive on the grounds, you will be directed to the barn where Dane County is located. You must move your truck and trailer immediately after you are unloaded. The grounds will be open at noon for check-in and the horses need to stay in their stalls until 5:30PM.

Stall Decorations:

All horse stalls and tack stalls will be pre-assigned. You can pick up the stall decorations once you are unloaded. We are asking everyone to put up and tear down their own decorations. For those of you arriving on Wednesday, plan to put up your decorations before you begin working and bathing your horses; please allow enough time.

Check Out:

When you are ready to leave, all bedding must be taken out of the stalls and stall decorations taken down. You can call Judy Walker, Barb Waters, or Jolene Doerfer and one of us will check you out and return your \$25 deposit check.

Barn Rules:

The barn rules are very different and stricter than Dane Count Fair, so everyone please be sure to read them. The rules were included in the State packet you picked up at fair. We want everyone to be in good standing with 4-H for our county.

Pizza:

Pizza will be available for participants (and immediate family) on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at approximately 11:30 AM.

Volunteers:

We need volunteers to help set up decorations on Wednesday and take down on Sunday. We have relied on the Horse & Pony drivers the past several years to help take down and clean up because they show on Sunday. Let's all help out this year so the drivers can concentrate on their show!

If you didn't qualify for State Expo this year and plan to attend in the future, we recommend that you come out and see what it is all about. Those of you that would like to come out and support your friends can find the class list for dates and times on the website:

www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/Wisconsin4-HHorseExpo.cfm

Questions?? Call:

Judy Walker cell 608-219-4327
Barb Waters cell 608-444-9222
Jolene Doerfer cell 608-220-9466)

What is a Winner?

A winner has dedication, desire, and discipline. He or she knows when to be humble and when to be exuberant. A winner will not give up. He or she has pride and respect for others. Sure, winning is great, but the blue ribbon will only give you a few moments of glory. There are many more valuable things one can get out of showing which will last a lifetime. One of these is friends. Friends are forever.

Life's greatest joys don't come from winning, but from the priceless time spent with friends!

By AJQHA second VP Scott Halter page 6, Spring 1993 (submitted by Don Warren).

Hippology Team Has Winner at Area Animal Science Days

Anna Sornberger, Katie Harn, and Sara Harn represented Dane County this year at the Southwest Area Animal Science days held June 30th in LaCrosse. Anna took home top honors in the senior division while Katie was third. Sara squeezed her test in during a break from dairy judging that day and was second in the intermediate division. Congratulations to these hard working individuals!

Practice for the team will begin in January, 2010 as we look forward to state competition the first Saturday in May. All 4-H youth are invited to join us in learning more about horses. For further information please contact Michele Harn at 608-558-3436 or by e-mail: micheleharn@hotmail.com

Dane County Youth Top Ten at State 4-H Hunt & Dressage Show

Dane County Horse & Pony was well represented at the State 4-H Hunt & Dressage show held June 26th to 28th in Sheboygan County. The following youth were top ten: Lauren Brischke, Cailyn Shave, Hailey Sasse, Caitlin Bloyer, Gabrielle Sasse, Rachel Vernig, and Ellen Schneider. Most of these talented youth were top ten in multiple events! For a full listing of results go to: www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/HuntDressageresults09.rtf

Join the Horse & Pony Education Committee

September is the start of the educational year for the Horse & Pony Education committee. New youth and adult members are *always* welcome! Monthly meetings the first Thursday at 7 pm are held at the 4-H office located at One Fen Oak Court on Madison's east side. For further information please contact one of the officers. Remember youth get educational hours for time spent at meetings. Your ideas for clinic events can be submitted in writing or in-person at a meeting.

Dane County 4-H Horse & Pony Education Committee

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2009 DANE COUNTY FAIR SURVEY

Please take some time to give us your feedback regarding the 2009 Dane County Fair.
It will only take a few minutes. Thank you!

I really liked the following about this year's fair:

I did not like the following about this year's fair:

I have the following suggestions about making next year's fair better:

Mail this form to:
Kathy Dern
5178 Hilltop Road
Fitchburg, WI 53711

We start making changes in September, so please send your comments as soon as possible.