

THE ADAMS COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROGRAM 2023 GUIDEBOOK



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The Horse Committee

Purpose - Promote, plan, coordinate and execute educational activities embracing traditional and current equine industry philosophies for the youth and adults in the 4-H horse program and community.

Values –

- 1. Children first!** Committee members will put children first, and focus on safety and programming that will benefit all children in the horse program.
- 2. Respect:** Committee members will treat each other with respect in all situations.
- 3. Open and Honest:** Committee members will be open and honest with each other.
- 4. Collaborative mindset:** Committee members will work together, respecting and valuing all opinions.
- 5. Dedication:** Committee members will work hard, be engaged, follow through with commitments, and willingly train others.

Facts:

- Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend meetings. 4-H members and Leaders are especially encouraged to attend.
- Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm., in the Extension Office.
- Plans all the County-wide horse events for the 4-H year. This includes: clinics, lessons, horse shows, and Fair.
- We have many sub-committees working hard to provide great opportunities for our 4-H horse members ANYONE is invited to attend these meetings to help make decisions.
- There are many opportunities to get involved in the Horse Program and volunteer!

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Like us on Facebook: ADCO Horse Program <https://www.facebook.com/adcohorse?fref=ts>

4-H Website: www.adamscountyextension.org

Information about the 4-H program in Adams County

To sign up for the Adams County weekly E-minders follow this link: <http://colostate.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=960ffb76cf47ae48dad099ec7&id=e93923c335>

Important Dates to Remember

February 1, 2023

4-H Re-Enrollment Deadline \$40 or \$150 per family(\$10 Late fee after this date)

April 1, 2023

4-H Enrollment Deadline for new members

April 19, 2023

Mandatory Horse Helmet Clinic for all new horse members.

May 1, 2023

Horse ID Sheets & Animal Care Forms Due- **Use 4-H Online**

June 15, 2023

Level testing Deadline for County Fair

June 27 or 28, 2023

Animal Record Book Interviews - 4:30pm - 7:00pm, Dome Rendezvous Rooms

July 1, 2023

Fair Entries Due, in-hand 4:30 pm,

July 10, 2023 5:00 -or 6:00 pm

Written Test-mandatory for **all 4-H horse members** to compete at the County Fair.

July 27, 2023 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Fair arrival and check in, and vet health checks

July 28, - 30, 2023

Fair Horse Show

September 8, 2023

Record Books due, in-hand by 4:30 pm, in the Extension Office.

***For an up-to-date clinic, lesson day, and level testing schedule please watch your 4-H Newsletters in your email and also check out our website for the Calendar of events each month.**

The Horse Project

Registration of Horse Project

- A.** Project horse is a horse that the 4-H member has:
1. Filed a horse Horse ID Sheet on 4-H Online by the designated deadline, May 1, of the current year.
 2. Complete access to at all times;
 3. Responsibility for the care and management;
 4. Kept complete records for and turned in the record book to their project leader by the required deadline to be announced by the project leader.
 5. Any horse that the 4-H member intends to show at Adams County Fair must have a horse certificate (ID) on 4HOnline by the May 1st deadline and must be included in the record book.
- B.** Change in designation. Members may change their designated project horse(s) on or before June 1st of the current year by filing a new horse certificate with the County 4-H office. After that date, changes in designation of project horse(s) will not be allowed for **any reason**. **NOTE:** It is best to register all horses you might use that meet the requirements for being a project horse. Records must be kept and turned in for every project horse registered.
- C.** Sharing a horse(s) by more than one member is permissible provided each member is actively involved in the management, care, and training of the shared horse(s). **NOTE:** State Fair rules preclude sharing a horse; therefore, only one person may enter the shared project horse at State Fair.

Project year is from October 1 through September 30, or when a new 4-H member enrolls.

Horse ID Sheets

Horse ID Sheets are found on 4HOnline and on Page 4 of the E-Record book. **You will need to complete the form on 4HOnline by May 1, for each horse you plan to use in your 4-H project. Also, be sure to include one ID sheet for each horse in your record book when it is turned in.**

ID sheets should include quality, clear, color photographs. The photos should be taken at distance that allows all distinguishing markings to be seen on the horse. Horses should not have blankets, saddles or riders on them in the photograph. Halters are acceptable. All horses that will be used for show must each have a horse ID form.

Horse Leasing Information

4-H Horse Members who do not own a horse may lease a horse from an individual if they so choose. There is a form available on the Adams County Extension website www.adamscountyextension.org. Those leasing a horse must complete this form and turn it in to the Extension Office on or before May 1.

Animal Care Forms

It is the responsibility of every 4-H member to ensure that proper care is taken of their animal(s) according to acceptable methods of good animal husbandry, as set forth by Colorado State University Extension and the Colorado Department of Agriculture. A healthy animal requires sufficient food, water, shelter, and appropriate health care. Cruel and inhumane training methods are prohibited in the Colorado State University Extension 4-H Program and will not be tolerated. Specific animal husbandry guidelines and humane training methods are provided in the 4-H Horse manual. It is necessary for the local County Extension office to know the location of all 4-H livestock/horse projects.

All Horse members must Complete this form on 4HOnline by May 1st. Members are required to fill out this form in paper form and turn into the office if their animals are kept at a location apart from your home.

Horse Record Books

Every Horse project member must keep and complete a horse record book. Horse members should use the Horse E-record book.

http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/index.php

Due in-hand to the Extension office by 4:30 pm, September 8, 2023. New member's records begin on the day of enrollment.

A Horse record book score sheet can be viewed at www.adamscountyextension.org.

Record books **must** include a copy of the horse ID sheet for each animal you listed in 4HOnline as a project animal;

and **must** include records for those animals. **All Record Books must have a club leader's signature, as well as the 4-H member's signature and a parent's when turned in!**

From the Adams County Fair Premium Book*

Record Books -Livestock, Horse and Small Animal

1. All 4-H Livestock, Horse and Small Animal Division Exhibitors must attend a pre-fair interview at which time they must present an up-to-date record book to be eligible to show at the Adams County Fair.
 - i. If the record book is determined to not be up-to-date, the member must present an up-to-date record book by the start of the Adams County Fair, RMembers must complete and turn in (by deadline) a record book for each species in which they exhibit at Fair. If a record book is not completed for each species exhibited, the member will forfeit premiums and be ineligible to exhibit that species at the next year's Fair.
2. Books must be submitted using a Green 4-H record book cover, available from the 4-H Mall or the Extension office.
- 3.

Make sure to download your horse record book now and start to work on it. Horse record books can be downloaded here: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/animals/> . If you missed my record book workshop and want info on what record book(s) you need, how to fill them out etc. check out the slides from **that** workshop: <https://adams.extension.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/67/2021/05/Record-Books-Workshop.pdf> Or feel free to pop on an join my next virtual recordbook workshop April 2th at 5:30pm.

Horse Rule Books & Horse Manuals

The ADCO 4-H Horse Program follows the rules in the 2022 4-H rule book. You are encouraged to read the Horse Manual for your 4-H project. Horse manuals and the 4H Horse Rule book are available through 4H Online.

Helmet Policy

All Adams County 4-H members are required to wear ASTM/SEI approved protective headgear with secured harness at any and all county 4-H events (shows, clinics, open rides etc.) while mounted on an equine or in a vehicle (cart, wagon, buggy etc.) being pulled by an equine. Adams County 4-H members will also be expected to wear ASTM/SEI helmets at any and all non-county 4-H equestrian events. All first year 4-H Horse project members and a parent/guardian of first year members are required to attend a **MANDATORY** helmet education class in order to be eligible to show at Fair.

ALL 4-H Members and a parent/guardian are required to attend a **MANDATORY** helmet education class in order to show at Fair.

Dates will be announced in the 4-H Newsletters. **Cost-free helmets will be provided for all first year members attending the mandatory class**, and discounted helmets will be available for veteran members and parents attending the class.

Horse Levels Testing

Levels testing is a statewide program promoting safety and skill advancement. These include both a written test and a riding test. **All levels require both the written and riding portions with the exception of the Horse Project Intro – Safety Test.**

Written tests are taken at the Extension Office prior to the Riding test. Study guides for the written tests may be found at www.adamscountyextension.org and on the News and Events page by scrolling down to the HORSE tab.

In order to show at the Adams County Fair all horse members must have obtained level certifications for all disciplines in which they plan on competing prior to the Fair entry deadline! No exceptions!

The Adams County Horse Committee will be scheduling clinics to help horse members prepare for levels testing.

Levels testing days will be scheduled before the deadline.

Level Stipulations for participation at 2023 Adams County Fair: Deadline for level testing is June 15, 2023. All riders must hold the proper level certification for the discipline and level entered!!!

- Showmanship: 4-H members that plan to only exhibit in showmanship classes and do not plan to enter any mounted classes, must pass the Horse Project Intro– Safety Test (Handling section).
- Walk Trot: Riders that plan to enter Walk Trot classes must pass the Horse Project Intro – Safety Test (Handling and Riding sections).
- Driving: Any 4-H member that plans to enter driving classes must pass the Driving Test **and** Level I written exam.
- English: All riders entering English classes must hold **English** level 1 or higher certification in order to ride English.
- Western: All riders entering Western classes must hold **Western** level 1 or higher certification in order to ride Western.
- Gymkhana: All riders entering Gymkhana classes must hold **Western** level 1 or higher certification in order to ride Gymkhana.
- Working Ranch Horse: All riders entering Working Ranch Horse classes must hold a **Working Ranch Horse** level 1 or higher certification in order to ride in Working Ranch Horse classes.

Horsemanship Leveling

1. The Colorado 4-H Horse Levels Testing program strives to not only help ensure the safety of our horse members, but also aid our horse members in their horsemanship skills advancement. At the Adams County Fair and Colorado State Fair, some competition classes are broken by level and age of rider to allow for experience-based competition. To compete at the Adams County Fair 4-H Horse show, members must be AT LEAST leveled in the riding safety (walk/trot) level. Most levels require the member to pass a written knowledge test (safety/walk-trot excluded) as well as a riding test for different disciplines. Leveling must be completed by July 1st of the current year (at the latest). Members with a goal of leveling up this year should begin to study for their written test, and work with their project horse on the skills they need to test on.

- i. Written Test Study Guides:

- <http://adams4h.org/4-h-horse-project/>

- ii. Horse Level Riding Test Rubrics:

- <https://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/horse-resources/levels-testing/>

- iii. Where/when to take the written test: (written tests required for levels 1-4) Written tests can be taken at the 4-H/Extension office during business hours (M-F 8-4:30pm). No appointment required. If you need to test after business hours, contact me to schedule a time. Tests can be taken multiple times (must wait a day in between) so feel free to come in to take the test simply to get a better idea of what to study for!

- iv. Where/when to take the riding test: (required for walk/trot – level 4)

1. Safety “aka walk/trot” & Level 1 – this test can be administered by any certified 4-H Horse Leader. County ride nights are a great opportunity for this!
 2. Levels 2 – this test must be administered by a trained 4-H Horse Levels rater and should be a rater from outside your club.
 3. Levels 3-4 – this test must be administered by a trained 4-H Horse Levels rater and should be a rater from outside Adams County.

Colorado 4-H Horse Raters list -

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13awvDTJqcb8QBWuVSBd0vgFl8dLEpU_IVm35u_Edxo8/edit#gid=0

Hippology/HorseBowl

Hippology is an activity that can enhance learning for 4-H members by letting them exhibit their knowledge and understanding of equine science and husbandry in a competitive setting. The term "Hippology" comes from the Greek word "hippo", meaning horse, and "ology", meaning "the study of". Participants will be able to demonstrate their experience and knowledge gained by studying the anatomy and physiology of the horse, parasites, feeds, tack, disciplines, breeds and just about everything horse. Phases of a Hippology contest include a written exam, identification of items shown on slides, judging, ID stations, and team problems. Participating in the Hippology program will only enhance your horse project experience.

The primary objective of **Horse Bowl** is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. Play consists of double elimination tournament style matches. Participants must work with four to five team members to answer questions to the best of their ability. Competing as team members assists youth with the development of social skills, cooperation and managing feelings, as they become comfortable with working alongside others toward a common goal; integrity and sportsmanship are also developed through the Horse Bowl experience. This project is conducive to both traditional rural 4-H members with equine experience and urban youth who do not have the opportunity to raise animals. Members are required to participate in Hippology in order to participate in Horse Bowl.

Horse Judging

Horse judging is an art where an authoritative person expresses his/her opinion of a class, by his/her order of placement. The ability of a judge to express his/her opinion orally reinforces his/her order of placement. For the judge to give a convincing set of oral reasons, she/he must compare the horses in the class while keeping in mind the "ideal" accepted model of that breed and/or type of performance. We are all very excited to be offering Horse Judging as an option again this year.

Adams County Scholarship & Award Information – due May 1st

Each year the Adams County 4-H Horse Committee awards a scholarship to a deserving 4-H member who is entering their higher education. The application can be found at the following link:

<http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/CoopExt/Adams/4h/scholarships.htm>

Adams County Fair

The Adams County Fair Premium book can be found on the 4-H website:

www.adamscountyextension.org

- **Entry Deadline:** July 1, 2023
- **Written Test: (Mandatory)**—July 10, 5: 00pm or 6:00pm
. **This is the only time the written test will be given, no exceptions**
- **Health Checks:** Will be available: Thursday July 27, 4:00 – 7:00 pm;
In lieu of attending the scheduled health checks a health certificate issued within 7 days of arrival must be presented to the show office.
- **Fair Arrival & Check In:** July 27 4-7pm. This time slot is for show packets and stall check-in. **Horses will not be allowed to enter horse barn or arenas until health checks have been completed or health forms submitted to show staff.**
- **Judging:** July 28 -30, beginning at 8:00 am.
 - Friday July 28th - Ranch Horse Show starting at 9am
 - Saturday July 29th - Performance Show English First then Showmanship/Western 8am
 - Sunday July 30th - Gymkhana 8am
- **Round Robin Showmanship:** Saturday August 5th. (Please see Round Robin section of Premium Book)
- **Departure:** Anytime exhibitor has completed showing OR the final Sunday of Fair, at 5:00 pm. **Stalls must have ALL decorations, trash and manure removed. Clean shavings may remain.**

Fair Awards:

Ribbons will be given through 5th place.

Points are accumulated for each class as follows:

- 1st place = 6 points
- 2nd place = 5 points
- 3rd place = 4 points
- 4th place = 3 points
- 5th place = 2 points
- 6th place = 1 point

The **written test** will count as a “**point class**” in each division.

ALL point ties will be broken by the written test score. A second tie will be broken by a randomly drawn class.

High Point and Reserve Individual Awards will be given for each of the following:

SHOWMANSHIP :

Walk-Trot Showmanship 8-10
Walk-Trot Showmanship 11-13
Walk-Trot Showmanship 14-18
Level I Showmanship – 8-10
Level I Showmanship - 11-13
Level I Showmanship – 14-18
Level II Showmanship – 8-10
Level II Showmanship – 11-13
Level II Showmanship – 14-18
Level III & IV Showmanship – 8-10
Level III & IV Showmanship – 11-13
Level III & IV Showmanship - 14-18

WALK TROT - All ages

WESTERN:

Level I – 8-10 year olds
Level I – 11-13 year olds
Level I – 14-18 year olds
Level II – 8-13 year olds
Level II – 14-18 year olds
Level III and IV – all ages

WORKING RANCH HORSE:

Level I – 8-10 year olds
Level I – 11-13 year olds
Level I – 14-18 year olds
Level II – 8-13 year olds
Level II – 14-18 year olds
Level III and IV – all ages

DRIVING - All Ages

ENGLISH:

Level I – 8-10 year olds
Level I – 11-13 year olds
Level I – 14-18 year olds
Level II – 8-13 year olds
Level II – 14-18 year olds
Level III and IV – all ages

GYMKHANA:

8-10 year olds
11-13 year olds
14-18 year olds

Other Fair Awards given:

Sportsmanship - ages: 8-10, 11-13, 14-18

This award is based on how the 4-H members conduct themselves during the Fair. All competitive activities should be enjoyed for the activity itself, with consideration for fairness, ethics, respect and a sense of fellowship with competitors, especially 4-H activities. It's important to exercise life skills or virtues we learn in 4-H, such as: being a "good winner" and not a "sore loser", respect for both authority and opponents, and establishing working relationships and friendships.

Herdsmanship - ages: 8-10, 11-13, 14-18

This award is based on how well the 4-H member takes care of their animal, their belongings, and the barn environment.

Record Book - ages: 8-10, 11-13, 14-18

Musical Freestyle - "People's Choice" award

Stall Decorations – Club

Daily Individual Stall recognition for care of animals and cleanliness.

Colorado State Fair Information

In order for 4-H members to participate at the Colorado State Fair they must hold a Minimum of a Level II card per discipline. For more information about the State Fair Horse Show, follow this link: <http://www.coloradostatefair.com/p/238>

Adams County 4-H Open Riding Policies and Procedures

Adams County or Adams County 4-H sponsors a total of two open riding opportunities per week for members and leaders of the 4-H Community free of charge. The following shall be guidelines used during each of these times for all participants.

Monday/Wednesday – 4-H Horse Clinics, Club Riding, Open Riding (5:00 – 8:00 pm) ***This time is meant for ADCO 4-H horse project members only. They will be the only participants permitted to ride during this time.***

This event will be monitored by the Extension Office and Adams County 4-H Horse Committee Volunteers and horse leaders. You can be excused by these people for disobeying the policies and guidelines as set.

This event is a riding event led by experienced 4-H members and/or designated horse project leaders in Adams County. Occasionally this may also be designated a 'clinic time' where an outside clinician will offer specific instruction to members.

Leaders will not be permitted to ride during this time, unless it is a part of the guided instruction being given to the participants present. *All leaders or clubs who would like to lead a clinic or riding session must work with the Horse committee and Adams County 4-H Office to schedule this time.*

All riders must have an Adams County 4-H Riding card with them at all times and be prepared to present it at the request of the Adams County Parks Staff, 4-H staff, or an executive officer of the horse committee. All riders must adhere to the 4-H open riding guidelines at all times and can be dismissed from the current and all future open rides should they not obey these guidelines.

Obtaining a Riding Card and defining “active” horse leader

Members: All 4-H Horse project members will receive a 4-H Riding Card after they enroll and become active members in the Adams County 4-H Program. They must have this card with them at all 4-H riding events (clinics, open ride, Monday ride nights).

Leaders: the following guidelines must be met annually in order for 4-H Horse project leader to obtain a riding card to be used at Open Riding, for horse project meetings/instruction on the grounds, participation in clinics (should room be available).

-Be a voting member or hold and Executive office on the 4-H Horse Committee *AND/OR*

-Be a club project leader for the horse program and be designated by your 4-H Clubs organizational leader. We will allow initially two leaders per club, should a club have the need for more, we will discuss these on a case by case basis. *AND/OR*

-Be an active leader and active volunteering clinician for the Adams County 4-H Program. Meaning, if you’re someone who volunteers to put on an educational clinic for members who are also registered as a horse leader, you will be given a riding card.

Adams County Horse Clinics

The Horse Committee offers a large variety of clinics and lesson opportunities each year in all disciplines.

Monday/Wednesday Night Clinic Nights

You have the opportunity to ride with an expert for only \$10. Some Monday and/or Wednesday night's we will have a clinician working on horsemanship skills in some manner with our 4-H members. Most Monday/Wednesdays will be on a drop in basis where you can have the clinician answer your questions and help you on whatever discipline you most need help. This means that you may show up tacked up for the discipline you prefer (English or Western). On other nights we will have a specific topic (such as showmanship) and you will have to sign up for a specific time slot. Unless otherwise stated there will be a portion of the arena available for 4-H kids only open riding (for those not wanting clinic opportunity).

Please watch your email newsletters and website for specific details.

ADCO Open Horse Show Series

We are offering two open shows per discipline this year. At each show we will be giving Daily High Point and Reserve High Point per discipline and age division. Please see web site for details. www.adamscountyhorse.com.

The Open Horse Show Series follows the rules in the 2022 4-H rule book.

Personal attire must follow the 4-H rule book for each discipline.

In all classes, points are accumulated by the exhibitor – one horse one rider combination.

Ribbons will be given through 6th place.

Points are accumulated for each class as follows:

1st place = 6 points

2nd place = 5 points

3rd place = 4 points

4th place = 3 points

5th place = 2 points

6th place = 1 point