



**MSU Extension**  
**2023 Ingham County Horse Committee**  
**4-H Horse Project Camp**

June 25-27, 2023

Ingham County Fairgrounds | Mason, MI

The 2023 three-day Horse Project Camp is designed to prepare youth for fair and local horse shows. Participants will be grouped together based on skill level and areas of interest.

Riding improvement instruction is offered for various levels of skill from walk-trot through advanced. A variety of sessions and clinics will be offered ranging from English, Western, Gymkhana, and Ranch.

Members of the Michigan 4-H program, 8-19 years of age, may register. Any youth who is not a current 4-H member must join 4-H prior to registering for camp (there is no fee to be a 4-H member). Participants provide their own horse, tack, stall bedding, and supplies and are required to care for their own horse during the three-day camp. Horses must remain on the fairgrounds for the entire camp. Camping is allowed, if there is a parent or guardian with the participant between 5:30 pm and 7:30 am in the camping area. Camp coordinators will not be responsible for any camper from 5:30 pm to 7:30 am.

All 4-H rules apply at camp, along with additional rules and guidelines listed in this document.

**THE CAMP COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL HORSE CAMP IN THE EVENT OF LESS THAN THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED TO MANAGE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. IN THIS INSTANCE, FULL REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED.**

**Horse Camp At a Glance (see schedule on page 4 for details)**

**\*Note:** The Ingham County 4-H Leader's Horse Show will be held on Friday and Saturday at the fairgrounds.

**Sunday, June 25**     8:30 am - 4:30 pm Clinics  
5:30 pm Pizza for camp families

**Monday, June 26**     8:30 am - 4:30 pm Clinics  
5:30 pm Super Showmanship Clinic (optional)

**Tuesday, June 27**     8:30 am - 5:00 pm  
6:00 pm Twilight gymkhana show (free to horse camp participants)

**For more information:**

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Website: <https://bit.ly/horsecamp4h>

# 4-H Horse Project Camp - General Information & Rules

## PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY TO PREPARE FOR CAMP

Violation of camp rules could result in the camper and their animal being sent home.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **There is a minimum expectation of members to have walk/trot riding ability. This is not a “learn to ride” with no previous experience type of camp. The camp committee reserves the right to dismiss those not deemed qualified to ride.**
2. Participants must be 8 years of age by January 1, 2023 and must be a Michigan 4-H member (youth may join 4-H for free at any time throughout the year).
3. If parents need to contact camp staff in an emergency, they may contact the Fair office during normal working hours (8:00 am - 5:00 pm) 517-676-2428. For after-hours emergencies, contact a Camp staff member (cell phone numbers are listed on page 1).
4. If at any time a horse camp representative feels that a child is ill, a parent will be required to come to camp to attend to their child. Our camp nurse is Debbie Bingham 517-488-1340.
5. A negative 2023 Coggins must accompany the camp registration form.
6. Campers will be required to bring their own lunches and snacks. There will be a limited number of snacks and water available throughout the days. If your child has food allergies, please indicate them in when registering for camp.
7. Please use only PINE shavings in stalls. Shavings are available for purchase from Crest View Tack.
8. All stalls will need to be completely cleaned and approved by a 4-H Camp Staff member before leaving the fairgrounds. Any fees charged by the fairgrounds for unclean stalls will be passed on to the camper assigned to the stall. **Please indicate in the online registration form if you are planning on attending the Leader's Open Show. The staff will attempt to keep your stalls in the same barn.**
9. Participants and Teen Volunteers may not leave the grounds from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm without permission from one of the supervisors. For those camping, see camping rules.
10. Bicycles, skateboards, or wheeled vehicles of any kind are strictly forbidden.
11. Drugs, alcoholic beverages, and smoking materials will not be allowed. Appropriate measures, including notifying parents and/or police intervention will be taken.
12. Parents, instructors, personal trainers, and other family members are NOT TO INTERFERE with the instructors or riders during riding sessions. If there are problems or concerns, PLEASE direct them to any member of the camp staff. Anyone interfering will be asked to leave the fairgrounds.
13. The care of your animal, (i.e. water, feed, stall cleaning, cooling down the horse) is the **CAMPER'S RESPONSIBILITY**. If at any time, a camp representative feels that a horse may be ill, the owner will be called and will be required to come to camp and check on the animal. If it is deemed an emergency, the emergency veterinary contact from the stall card will be called.
14. Friends are discouraged from visiting participants during camp.



## SAFETY RULES

1. Ride only your own horse. No riding double. No riding Bareback.
2. Any vehicles being driven to camp MUST be parked in the open field EAST of the roadway and left there during camp hours. (7:30 am – 5:30 pm) **PLEASE NO DRIVING ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF THE SOUTH END SHOW ARENA DURING CAMP HOURS!**
3. Ride only in designated areas. **Horses must be led (not ridden) from the barns to the assigned rings.** Do not get on horse until an instructor is present in the ring and equipment has been checked. (i.e. helmet, tack)
4. All horses must be bridled with a bit when riding including gymkhana. Exceptions must be presented to the committee by a club leader or parent.
5. All campers must wear an ASTM-SEI approved helmet when riding - **REGARDLESS OF RIDING STYLE.**
6. Proper Western or English riding footwear (with a ½" heels) must be worn around the horses at all times. NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO RIDE WITHOUT PROPER FOOTWEAR. NO OPEN TOED SHOES OR BARE FEET ALLOWED WHILE HANDLING YOUR HORSE.
7. If your horse is dangerous or unmanageable it may be sent home at the camp Committee's discretion.
8. Horse's exhibiting obvious signs of illness or unsoundness may require a medical clearance from a veterinarian before participating in camp.
9. TWO WATER BUCKETS must be hung on the front wall of each stall. The buckets must be hung chest high for the horse and must be full when leaving.
10. Hay bags must be tied at an appropriate height so a horse is not able to get a leg caught in the hay bag.
11. Dogs must be on a leash at all times.

## FAIRGROUND CAMPING RULES

1. **Any Non-Scheduled activities after 5:30 pm must be supervised by a parent/guardian.** This includes, but is not limited to, bathing and grooming of horses, and stall cleaning. Camp staff are not responsible for campers after this time. Unsupervised campers will be asked to stop the activity and arrange supervision or a ride home.
2. NO HORSES OUT AFTER 9:00 PM.
3. Activity must be discontinued, and barn lights out at 10:00 pm.
4. For those camping, a fee of \$25 per night will need to be paid by check to the Ingham County Fairgrounds. This fee must be paid at the check-in and campers will receive a pass to place in the window of their camper.

## FEES

\$110.00 first family member, includes camp t-shirt

\$100.00 second family member, includes camp t-shirt

\$90.00 third family member, includes camp t-shirt

\$80.00 fourth + family members, includes camp tshirt

\$15 Extra camp t-shirt

\$35 Extra camp sweatshirt

\*A limited amount of scholarships are available through the Ingham County 4-H Horse Comittee. Email [gwyn.shelle@gmail.com](mailto:gwyn.shelle@gmail.com) for more details.

## REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

The registration form is online and can be found at the QR code or visit:

<https://bit.ly/horsecamp4h>. **Registration opens March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Registration deadline is May 22, 2023.** Payment method is by check. Make checks payable to Ingham County 4-H Horse Committee. Mail payment to the following or drop off at the Ingham County 4-H office. Please note campers name on the check:

Gwyn Shelle, Attn: Ingham County 4-H Horse Camp  
6484 S. Chandler Road  
Saint Johns, MI 48879



## TENTATIVE 2023 CLINICS (CLINICS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON INSTRUCTOR AVAILABILITY)

**Please note: Walk/trot and beginner riders will have customized clinics with an individual instructor who will teach equitation, horsemanship, patterns, trail, and ranch.**

Intermediate/Advanced Rider Sessions	Non-Riding Sessions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Becoming a Better Rider</li><li>• Discipline Rail</li><li>• Drill Team Exercises</li><li>• English Equitation Extreme Patterns</li><li>• English/Western Riding</li><li>• Gymkhana</li><li>• Ranch Pleasure</li><li>• Ranch Riding</li><li>• Showmanship</li><li>• Trail</li><li>• Western Dressage</li><li>• Western Horsemanship Extreme Patterns</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Craft</li><li>• Competitive Horse Judging</li><li>• Farrier</li><li>• Form to Function</li><li>• Handling Stress at Horse Shows</li><li>• Horse Health/First Aid</li><li>• Horse Massage</li><li>• Horse Nutrition</li><li>• Toxic Plants</li><li>• Judges Round Table</li><li>• Photography</li><li>• Show Prep</li></ul>

## TENTATIVE 2023 SCHEDULE

<p><b>Saturday, June 24</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5:30pm - 7:00pm: Camp check-in</li></ul> <p><b>Sunday, June 25</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8:30 am - 8:45 am: All camp welcome</li><li>• 9:00 am - 9:30 am: Warm-up In Hand/Simon Says</li><li>• 9:45 am - 10:15 am: Non-Riding Clinic</li><li>• 10:45 am - 11:15 am: Non-Riding Clinic</li><li>• 11:30 am - 12:15 pm: LUNCH Break</li><li>• 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm: TBD</li><li>• 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm: Non-Riding Clinic</li><li>• 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm: Riding Session</li><li>• 5:30 pm - Pizza for horse camp families</li></ul>	<p><b>Monday, June 26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8:30 am - 8:45 am: All camp welcome</li><li>• 9:00 am - 10:30 am: Riding Session</li><li>• 10:45 am - 11:30 am: Non-Riding Clinic</li><li>• 11:30 am - 2:15 pm: LUNCH Break</li><li>• 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm: Riding Session</li><li>• 2:15 pm - 2:45 pm: Non-Riding Clinic</li><li>• 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm: Riding Session</li><li>• 5:30 pm: Super Showmanship Clinic (optional)</li></ul> <p><b>Tuesday, June 27</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8:30 am - 10:00 am: Riding Session</li><li>• 10:30 am - 12:00 pm: Riding Session</li><li>• 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm: Practice Show Pleasure classes only</li><li>• 6:00 pm: Gymkhana Twilight Show (horse camp riders show for free)</li></ul>
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