



MSU Extension
2024 Ingham County Horse Committee
4-H Horse Project Camp

June 19-21, 2024

Ingham County Fairgrounds | Mason, MI

The 2024 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 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. They 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 Overview

Tuesday, June 18 5:30-7:00 pm - Camp Check-in

Wednesday, June 19 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Clinics
5:30 pm - Pizza for camp families

Thursday, June 20 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Clinics

Friday, June 21 8:30 am - 1:00 pm Clinics

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***Note:** The Ingham County 4-H Leader’s Horse Show will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 21-22, at the Ingham County fairgrounds.

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, 2024 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 2024 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 or participants may bring their own shavings.
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 camp staff members. 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 the horse, (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 indicated on the registration form will be contacted.
14. Friends are discouraged from visiting participants during camp.



SAFETY RULES

1. Campers may only ride their 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). **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 4-H 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" heel) 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. Horses exhibiting obvious signs of illness or unsoundness may require a medical clearance from a veterinarian before participating at 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 camp check-in (cash or check payable to Ingham County Fairgrounds) 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 t-shirt

\$15 Extra camp t-shirt

\$35 Extra camp sweatshirt

*A limited amount of scholarships are available through the Ingham County 4-H Horse Committee. Email gwyn.shelle@gmail.com for more details.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

Registration opens March 1st, 2024. Registration deadline is May 13, 2024. The registration form will be available at the QR code or visit:

<https://bit.ly/horsecamp4h>. Payment can be made by check or cash at camp check-in. Make checks payable to the Ingham County 4-H Horse Committee.



TENTATIVE 2024 RIDING SESSIONS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON INSTRUCTOR AVAILABILITY)

Please note: Walk/trot and beginner riders will have customized riding sessions 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">• Becoming a More Balanced Rider• Discipline Rail• Drill Team Exercises• English Equitation• English/Western Riding• Gymkhana• Ranch Pleasure• Ranch Riding• Showmanship• Trail• Western Horsemanship• Beginning lead changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Craft• Dentistry• Saddle Fitting• Farrier• Handling Stress at Horse Shows• Horse Health/First Aid• Horse Massage• Horse Nutrition• Judges Round Table• Banding/Braiding• Photography• Show Prep