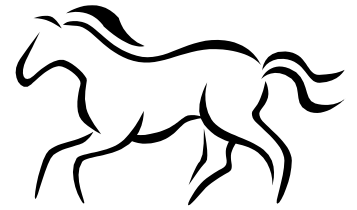
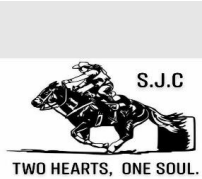




# St. Joseph County, MI 4-H HORSE COUNCIL



## 2023 4-H Gymkhana Program Workouts and Requirements



Gymkhana is the term used to collectively describe classes where the speed of executing a given riding pattern is timed. St. Joseph County 4-H Gymkhana classes that will be offered at the 2023 St. Joseph County Grange Fair include:

- ☞ Cloverleaf
- ☞ Keyhole
- ☞ Flag Race
- ☞ Pole Bending
- ☞ Speed & Action
- ☞ Down & Back
- ☞ Horsemanship
- ☞ Showmanship

Shirel Hart is the St. Joseph County 4-H Gymkhana Program Coordinator. Shirel is dedicating several nights this summer to working with any and all St. Joseph County 4-H members interested in increasing their knowledge and skills - plus their horse's/pony's skills - in the Gymkhana area. You are required to attend a minimum of **two (2)** workouts and be approved by the St. Joseph County 4-H Gymkhana Program Coordinator to compete at the **2023 Fair**. Returning 4-H Horse/Rider combo may forgo two (2) workout minimum if approved by Shirel. Member is responsible for verifying approval.

Following is the **2023 Gymkhana Workout Schedule**. Note that all workouts start (be ready to go) at **6:00 p.m.** but at different locations. There will be instruction and/or a demonstration at the start of each workout. Please be sure and post this schedule with your family calendar so you don't miss workouts you're interested in!

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event(s)</u>
Tuesday, May 23	Fairgrounds*	Cloverbud friendly / Barrels
Tuesday, June 6	Horseman's Association~	Flags
Tuesday, June 13	Fairgrounds with Desperados & Tumbleweed*	Cloverbud friendly / Horsemanship / Down & Back (Timed)
Tuesday, June 20	Horseman's Association~	Poles
Tuesday, June 27	Fairgrounds*	Cloverbud friendly / Speed & Action / Keyhole
Tuesday, July 11	Teresa Hawk's Farm, 62809 W Fish Lake Rd. Sturgis	Training with patterns
Tuesday, July 18	Fairgrounds with Tumbleweed*	Cloverbud friendly / Barrels
Tuesday, July 25	Horseman's Association~	Flags
Tuesday, August 1	Fairgrounds*	Cloverbud friendly / Horsemanship
Tuesday, August 8	Horseman's Association with Desperados~	Poles
Tuesday, August 15	Fairgrounds*	Cloverbud friendly / Speed & Action / Keyhole

Any show that Shirel is attending can also count as a workout, just get with her at the show to confirm. For further information and questions contact Shirel Hart at 269/506-6390.

**Please come prepared.** At **all** workouts you will need a negative Coggin's test report, helmet (ASTM approved), boots or riding tennis shoes, show halter, your horse's headgear (both show & work), breast collar and protective boots for your horse. Speed workouts are for everyone whether you are a walk trotter who needs to learn control or you would like to put patterns and a handle on your horsemanship horse or you are an advanced barrel racer.

~ Horseman's Association, 21388 Centreville-Constantine Rd, Centreville, MI 49032.

\* Use the **Franklin St. gate** to enter the fairgrounds. Please report to the horse show arena by driving around the back of the race track (do not cut in front of the grandstands).

**Note:** You must have a negative Coggin's test with you before entering the fairgrounds.

**Reminder:** Workouts will be cancelled if there is a Thunderstorm Watch/Warning, Tornado Watch/Warning or a Heat Advisory issued two hours prior to the start time of the workouts.