



## **NEW MEMBER PACKET**

### **Objectives of Club**

The Johnson County Horse Club aims to help 4-H members:

- Develop leadership, initiative, self-reliance and sportsmanship.
- Develop an appreciation of horseback riding as a healthy and wholesome recreation.
- Develop knowledge of how to own/lease/care for a horse including training, safety, health.
- Promote greater love for animals and humane attitude towards them.
- To be better prepared for citizenship responsibilities through working in groups and supporting community projects and activities.

### **Club Introduction**

4-H is about youth and adults growing together to become better citizens. 4-H uses learning-by-doing projects, club meetings, community service, and fun experiences for young people and adults as they work toward attaining life skills that can be used every day.

Membership in 4-H is open to anyone between the ages of 7 – 18. 4-H age is determined by age on January 1 of the 4-H year. For example, a 4-Header turning 13 after January 1, has a 4-H age of 12 for the year. Joining 4-H is easy. Just come visit a club meeting, decide if it is right for you and your family, then turn in enrollment paperwork to the club leader. There is not cost to join 4-H. The 4-H year begins on October 1 and ends on September 30.

Once you join, you will be added to our roster and email list and will begin receiving regular email information and club news. In the meantime, we hope this welcome packet will give you information and help you get a feel for what types of things to expect throughout the year.

### **The 4-H Pledge**

I pledge  
my **Head** to clearer thinking  
my **Heart** to greater loyalty  
my **Hands** to larger service  
and my **Health** to better living for  
my club, my community, my country, and my world.

### **4H Motto**

To Make the Best Better

When you join, you will need to fill out the following forms and turn them into your leaders to be able to participate in club activities (all forms are in your packet):

- 4-H Enrollment Form
- Kansas 4-H Participation Form – for all 4-Her's and parents
- 4-H Volunteer Information Profile – for all parents
- Horse Identification Certificate – form to be completed and signed by county agent by May 1 of each year if the member owns or leases a horse that will be shown at County Fair, District Qualifying shows or State Fair. Photos of horse are required.

**Also included in this packet is:**

- General club information
- Membership Directory
- Club By-laws
- Your Guide to 4H Programs in Johnson County
- Annual County Club Days information

**Helpful websites include:**

Horse Club - Monthly newsletters, information and important dates – [www.jocohorseclub.org](http://www.jocohorseclub.org)

Johnson County K-State Research office - [www.kansas4-h.org](http://www.kansas4-h.org)

Johnson County Extension office - [www.johnson.ksu.edu](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu)

Johnson County Fair Home Page – Information about County Fair [www.jocokansasfair.com](http://www.jocokansasfair.com)

Johnson County Extension Agent – Kaitlyn Peine [kaitlyn.peine@jocogov.org](mailto:kaitlyn.peine@jocogov.org)

Johnson County Extension Office – 913-715-7000

**Horse and Horseless Horse Projects:**

Horse project is for members who own or are using a family-owned horse for their project.

Horseless Horse project is for members who do not own a horse, but are interested in learning about horses. If a member leases a horse, he/she should enter as horseless horse.

All breeds of horses are allowed.

**Officers for 2010-2011:**

- President-
- Vice President-
- Treasurer-
- Secretary-
- County Council-
- County Council Alternative-
- Parliamentarian-
- Corresponding Secretary –
- Historians-
- Reporter-
- Recreation Leaders-
- Sergeant of Arms-
- Community Leaders-

## **Calendar of Events:**

### **October**

- Officer Initiation Ceremony – During membership meeting. Officers for year are sworn in
- Fall Party – At a farm or member's home. Activities include pot luck dinner, pumpkin carving contest, games, cooking around the fire, etc

### **November**

- Thanksgiving basket – food items are collected to provide celebration for those in need or some similar community service.
- Overnighter – a fun activity planned for all ages. Last year it is a trip to Great Wolfe Lodge. The schedule for this event varies by year.
- Educational trip – the committee decides the place based on educational value, location and available funds. In the past members went to watch the World Quarter Horse show in Oklahoma and they went to Kentucky to visit various horse farms and the KY Horse Park. The schedule for this event varies by year.
- County wide achievement banquet – this event recognizes 4H members who have worked to achieve officer pins, annual member pins and/or project awards. County and state awards, scholarships and leaders are also recognized.
- Quiz bowl practices begin – we meet every other week to review material and try practice quiz test sessions to prepare for Panorama which takes place in February.

### **December**

- Christmas Adopt a family – the members meet at Wal-mart and buy gifts and food for a family that needs some help. We break up in teams with certain items to buy and a specific budget. When we are done we have some lunch and then go caroling and deliver cards to a local nursing home.
- Gift exchange as social activity at end of meeting. Each member brings a \$5 gift and receives one in return.

### **January**

- Year-end Awards banquet - A potluck dinner is held to celebrate end of the year awards and recognition of new members. These awards are based on participation in horse club and any member can elect to participate in the awards program.

### **February**

- Panorama – This event is held overnight at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Parents drive to Manhattan, leaving Saturday morning and returning Sunday afternoon. Events include the following:
  - Hippology (“hippo”- “horse”, “ology”-“Study of”) is an educational activity for youth who want to demonstrate their knowledge of horses in a friendly, competitive setting.
  - Quiz Bowl
  - Horse Jeopardy (9 and under)
  - Crafts (9 and under)
  - Photography contest
  - Logo contest
- Club Days – This is a county competition where members can compete demonstrating their various talents such as music, singing, playing an instrument, dancing, public speaking,

demonstration, project talks, etc. The Horse club typically enters a Group line dance. Practices occur 2 times per week in January and February. Any member who receives a top purple or alternate top purple ribbon in any event at the county competition is invited to participate in that event at the Regional competition. (See Club Days pages for more info.)

### **March/April**

- Trail rides – We try to have 2 trail rides each year – depending on the weather. Last year an overnight campout was done in the spring at Hillsdale Lake and all had great fun.
- Arena Clean ups - The last day of the Johnson County Fair is a car demolition event in the horse arena. This event is a big fund raiser for the Fair Board, but it causes car parts to be left in the arena. The Horse Club cleans up the arena as a community service project and also to make it a safe place to ride horses throughout the summer. Arena clean ups will be scheduled several times in the spring and again in the fall. You need to participate in at least one arena clean up for end of year awards. When we meet, bring a bucket and gloves.
- Horse Clinic – As a club, we try to sponsor at least one horse related clinic each spring. For example, showmanship, hunter hack, trail class. Each year varies.

### **Summer**

- Circuit Show Fund Raiser – This is the main fundraiser for the year. We organize and plan a circuit show for Memorial Day weekend, with a rainout date later in the summer. All 4-Her's and their families participate in staffing the show by helping at the registration table, gates, in the ring, awards table and/or concession stand.
- 4H camp at Rock Springs Ranch – each county gets a chance to spend 4 days at the Rock Springs camp. The members stay in cabins, eat in the dining hall and do lots of fun activities. The dates vary but our county goes in June each year.
- Jo Co 4-H Horse Shows – The club sponsors 3-4 horse shows throughout the year. Each show provides a low-key setting to practice events for county fair.
- Drill team – Drill team consists of horses and their riders performing a routine with various patterns. Our drill team has performed at the Johnson County Fair and at The American Royal Horse Show. Practices are held 1-2 times per week during the summer.
- District qualifying show – held in early July. Riders from 9-18 choose the classes they would like to show in. If they are awarded a blue or purple ribbon by the judge, they qualify in that specific class and may enter in that class at the Kansas State Fair. To enter State Fair, members must be at least 9 years old, must have passed the Level 1 (for ages 9-13) and/or Level 2 (ages 14 and over) Achievement tests. The tests consist of a written exam and a riding exam. They are designed to ensure members have a basic level of knowledge about horses

### **August**

- County Fair – The Johnson County Fair is where you show what you have learned by bringing your projects for judging. This is usually Monday through Saturday, the first week of August. The horse show is Tuesday and Wednesday. 4-H horses can be stalled on site during the fair and we encourage members to do so. Each member who shows their horse is required to serve a shift as a barn monitor. There is a stall decorating contest. There are opportunities to do demonstrations in the round pen.

## **Budget:**

The items below identify ways we raise funds and ways we have spent the funds we raised in past years. The amount allocated to each use of funds is based on the money that has been raised.

- Sources of funds
  - Circuit show operations-class fees, concession stand
  - 4H horse show class fees
  - Donations, grants, contest winnings
- Uses of funds
  - Educational trip
  - Panorama trip
  - Overnighter field trip
  - Fall party
  - Year end awards/dinner
  - Charitable donations
  - Website fees
  - KS 4H journal
  - Rodeo Queen sponsorship
  - Horse show judges
  - Horse show ribbons, trophies, prizes
  - Senior graduation gifts
  - Historian book
  - Drill team
  - Stall decorating
  - New member t-shirts/materials
  - Officer installation supplies
  - Officer dinner meeting

## **Participation:**

### **Ways to be involved**

- Attend meetings
- Help on a committee
- Work at circuit show fundraiser – gates, awards, concession stand
- Help with community service project
- Help with arena cleanups
- Be on the Panorama/quiz bowl team
- Be a member of the line dance group for club days
- Do a presentation or performance at club days
- Participate in Horse judging events and study sessions
- Give a presentation at a meeting
- Be on the drill team
- Do a presentation at county fair
- Help with stall decorating at county fair
- Display project work at county fair

### **Ways to show leadership**

- Making/seconding a motion in a meeting
- Serving as a committee member or chairperson
- Serving as a club officer
- Serving as a junior leader
- Serving as a County Council member
- Teaching/helping others with their projects

### **Ways to be recognized**

- Year end awards – requirements include:
  - Attend at least 5 Horse Club Meetings
  - Participate in 1 Community Service
  - Participate in 1 Arena Clean-up
  - Help with fundraising
  - Participate on a committee
- Club day performances
- Panorama participation
- Record book
- Achievement pins
- Officer pins
- Kansas State project awards
- State fair participation (requires qualification)

## Projects:

Our club is very active with horse and dog projects and has many activities, clinics and shows for these projects. We also try to have leaders for some other projects such as: rabbits, poultry, public speaking, etc... If we do not have a project leader for your project interest, we will help connect you with a leader in the county for that project.

Below is a list of other 4H projects. The Kansas State website has more detailed information about each project. To learn who is the leader of each project, contact Pat Geier at the extension office 913-715-7000.

- Beef
- Citizenship
- Clothing and Textiles
- Communications
- Dairy Cattle
- Dog Care and Training
- Electric
- Entomology
- Family Studies
- Fiber Arts
- Food and Nutrition
- Forestry
- Geology
- Goats (Dairy)
- Goats (Market)
- Health and Wellness
- Home Environment
- Horse
- Horseless Horse
- Leadership
- Meats
- Performing Arts
- Pets
- Photography
- Plant Science
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Reading
- Self-Determined
- Sheep
- Shooting Sports
- Small Engines
- Space Tech
- Swine
- Visual Arts
- Wildlife
- Woodworking

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