2018

Elkhart County 4-H Saddle Club

Survival Guide

SADDLE CLUB MEETS:
THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

Find us on Face Book: Elkhart County Saddle Club
Website: www.elkhartcounty4hsaddleclub.com
Pledge to the American Flag

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

4-H Club Pledge

I pledge...
My HEAD to clearer thinking,
My HEART to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service,
My HEALTH to better living.

For my club, my community, my country, and my world.

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.

4-H Motto

"To make the best better."

4-H Colors

Green and White
Elkhart County 4-H Saddle Club
Leadership 2016

Adult Leaders

Jennifer Cripe  Organizational  Cell:  574-215-7912
Ashley Holdeman  Educational Leader  Cell:  574-354-7403
Heather Riegsecker  1st/2nd Year Member  Cell:  574-370-0443

4-H Club Officers

President  Bobby Smith  Jr. Leaders:  Cailee Hines, Laci Johnson
Vice President  Gracie Riegsecker  Kaylee Cripe, Hannah Grindle, Julia Ely, Iolana Reedy,
Recording Secretary  Lavina Freestone  Grace Knisley, Zac Gonzalez, Lucas Pittman,
Corresponding Secretary  Sierra Cross  Libby Meyer, Tiffanie Double, Kaitlyn Sanders,
Health and Safety  Sydney Smith  Alexa Evans, Cory Hilty and Amber Yeager

Advisory Board

President  Ryan Eby  574-238-7981
Vice President  Mike Kurtz  574-849-9516
Secretary  Heather Riegsecker  574-370-0443
Treasurer  Casey Lapczynski  574-360-7808
Members  Nicole Rawlings  574-238-3142
Andy Yeager  574-361-7025
Michelle Cross  574-536-9489
JD Double  574-596-8242
Todd Hines  574-361-3767

Fair Board Representative  Todd Hines
Purdue Extension Office  574-533-0554
Livestock Agent  Robert Kelly
4-H Fair Office  574-533-3247

To Enroll 4-H Members:  www.elkhartcounty4h.org
Saddle Club website:  www.elkhartcounty4hsaddleclub.com
Elkhart County 4-H Saddle Club 2018

**PROJECT**

**Organizational Leader**
10 year member/Retiring Members
Computer/Data Entry/online sign up
T-shirts
Awards
Maintenance/Buildings and Grounds
Completion Essay/Handbooks
Horse Enrollment/Vaccines/Lease
Ring Stewards/Gate worker/Announcers
Workshifts
Stall Pick/Camp Sites/Trailer Spots
Horse Camp
Website/Social Media

**LEADERS**

**Educational Leader**

Jennifer Cripe
Heather Templeton/Michelle Hart
Janae Kurtz/Adora Truex
Nikki Wiggins

Jennifer Cripe
Heather Riegsecker
Stacy Shields
Casey Lapczynski

Mike Kurtz/JD Double
Melanie Crowel
Gina Grindle
Casey Lapczynski
Michelle Cross
Todd Hines
Jennifer Cripe
Ryan Eby

**Project Leader**

Flag Carriers/Singers Fair week
Transportation
Open Arena
Fall Campout
Drill Team
Fall Family Fun Show/Award Banquet
Fair Fun Show
Grounds Beautification
Scarecrow for fair week
Fair Parade Float
Fundraising/Corporate Sponsors
Horse Bowl/Hippology
Judging Team
Midstates Team

**Parents! If there is a committee that you would like to be a part of**

**Please Please contact the above Leader and we will get you signed up!**

We want as many involved as we can to make our club great!
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**1/15 Last Day to Register with State for 4-H**

*If this is not done--NO EXCEPTIONS CAN BE MADE!!*

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*Please be sure to check the Website as any changes in dates/locations will be posted there!*

** More information on these activities on following pages
Why do we pay dues of $45.00 a year to participate in Saddle Club??

This seems to be a huge question asked each year below is just a partial list of things your dues help pay for each year.

1) Guest speakers for monthly meetings/judges for shows/ribbons for shows
2) Equipment to run fair/shows/camp etc....Gas/Maintenance/New equipment when needed
3) Horse Camp for 1st and 2nd year members (yes they are charged but that fee does not cover cost)
4) We offer 172 classes during fair week with award/judges ground maintenance
5) Building Maintenance-stall rental for fair week/repairs to concession, barn, show booth etc.
6) 24 Open arena events to attend/practice etc. here at grounds
7) July Schooling show free of charge with judge here to help answer questions
8) Family Fun Show/Family Camp Out--main dish provided/prizes
9) Supplies to operate the club: Paper/printing/office supplies etc
10) Future building projects--as you know many changes are coming to the fair grounds and we have to be prepared to cover potential cost that will be passed onto clubs for the changes.

What do sponsorships cover??
Sponsorships go to help cover the cost of the above as well. This club offers so much to its members. We all know anything to do with horses seems to come with a large price tag and being able to offer all of the above things to 175+ kids each year comes with a hefty cost.

If you would like further information please ask a leader or board member!

Box Stall Selection

Box stall selection will be done at the July Meeting. They will be chosen in the following order:

1) The top 30 4-Hers incentive earners (more explained in meetings and will be posted on line)
2) 10 year member
3) 9 year member
4) 8 year member and so on until we are out of stalls.

This is the most fair system we have come up with to choose stalls. The only way you are guaranteed a box stall if you are a 1st or 2nd year member is to be in the top thirty incentive earner spots. We do our best to meet everyone's needs/wants for a box stall but we are limited on space. If you have an animal that requires a box stall and you are a 1st or 2nd year member you may want to consider trailering the animal in on days that you show.

Please see website for more information on box stall selection!!
What is Open Arena???

Riding is a great joy and an enjoyable skill that will last a lifetime. Learning to ride well and safely will provide club members with a lifetime of enjoyment. The purpose of Open Arena is to provide club members with the opportunity to learn and practice skills necessary to become better and safer riders. Open Arena will give club members an opportunity to ride and practice in the exact environment that horse/rider combination will participate in during fair week.

This year Open Arena will be structured event where specific riding and event skills will be taught and evaluated. Adult and Junior 4H leaders will supervise Open Arenas and provide instruction and guidance to the club members. In addition, new and more seasoned riders will have plenty of opportunities to practice event and riding skills within the arena environment. The items listed on the schedule will be offered. If time allows we will set up and do other patterns and things. This is not meant to deter anyone from coming but to be sure you are aware of what is going on and attend on a night you know the event you are wanting to work on will be offered!

A schedule will be available on the website. Our goal is to offer as many different topics as possible. Changes to schedule will be on website and facebook. Cancellation notices for weather will be posted on facebook.

When: Every Tuesday and Wednesday evening from April 17-July 11 from 5pm until 8pm (weather permitting)

Where: Elkhart County 4H Saddle Club Arenas

Contacts: JD Double

Tues night
Weds night

General Rules and Courtesies
Riders may not mount until the Project Leader has Arrived!!
Do Not Lunge in a ring with riders present
Keep Language and discussions appropriate for 4-H environment - encourage do not discourage!
Wear appropriate safety equipment including helmets and boots
Provide supervision for children who are not riding
Do not race horses anywhere on grounds - walk outside of arenas
Sportsmanship and Horsemanship are required.
Excessive use of whips, crops or spurs is not part of the 4-H program. If the leader deems the use to be excessive rider may be asked to leave.

Fair Week Campsites
Saddle Club is one of the only clubs to have designated campsites. We do currently have a waiting list to get a campsite. You do not need to reapply every year as you will retain your spot as long as you have a child enrolled in saddle club. (This spot may not be passed down from generation to generation) So if you have grandchildren entering the club they do need to get on the waiting list as well.
If you have questions on how this works or to get on the list please see Todd Hines.
How Can **YOU** get more involved in Saddle Club??

**Hippology**: This group studies the horse using extensive research and written material. In contests with other 4-Hers--taking written test to show their mastery of the material.

*Meets Thursday Nights (January thru March)*
*Travels to Purdue for State Contest the end of March*

**Horse Bowl**: This group studies the horse using extensive research and written material. In contests with other 4-Hers -- they respond aloud in a "Quiz Bow" format.

*Meets Thursday Nights (January thru March)*
*Travels to Purdue for State contest the end of March*

**Judging Team**: This group meets at different stables to learn the conformation of various breeds. They compete to judge horses' conformation based on breed standards.

*Meets Tuesday Nights*
*Travels TBA*

**Drill Team**: A precision riding group that meets at the fairgrounds weekly to learn riding patterns that are performed in competition and parades.

*Meets Thursday nights at the Saddle Club Arena (April - July)*

**These groups are grouped by age so all ages and levels of knowledge are encouraged to be a part of these groups. Wonderful way to learn a lot about horses as well as make great friends within the club.**

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**How Can Parents Get More Involved in Saddle Club??**

We have many great opportunities for parents to get more involved with Saddle Club. Our goal is to get everyone involved in this great club. All parents wishing to volunteer/supervise 4-H members must be approved with the 4-H extension office. Please let Jennifer Cripe or Ashley Holdeman know if you are interested and we will get the paperwork started for you. This does include a background check, behavior form signed, reference checks, child abuse training class, and a copy of your photo ID. Thank you for supporting your club!
Mid-States Team Tournament Information/Team Selection

Mid-States Team Tournament is a one day event held in Kendallville, Indiana. This event brings county teams together usually over the 4th of July weekend to compete, as a team, in specific Pleasure and Contesting events. Each county brings their best riders together to compete against each other as a team.

4H Club Members have the opportunity to represent Elkhart County as part of the Mid-States Team. Enrolled members are eligible to sign up for a spot on the team. The Midstates Committee will choose a horse team and a pony team consisting of 8 members each and one alternate per team. Horse and Pony teams will score separately from each other. For more on how the team is chosen please see website.

The events are as follows for horse and pony teams (only the size of the animal determines horse or pony team, not the age of the rider):

- Showmanship
- English Equitation
- Western Pleasure
- Western Horsemanship
- Keyhole
- Poles
- Flags
- Barrels

In addition to the Tournament there is an open speed show offered throughout the weekend. Camping and box stall are available. The tournament is on Saturday morning 7am and the awards are usually over by 4pm. So please, if you sign up for a team opportunity, plan for your family to spend at minimum the entire day Saturday.

For more information on how the Midstates team is chosen and more information on how to challenge for a spot on the team please go to the website!

Fair Week Costume Class Theme

2018 Costume Class Theme is: Holidays!
What is Horse Camp???

Horse Camp is for first and second year members. (if we have room we do allow third year members) Campers bring their horses to the fairgrounds, they eat, sleep and breathe horses. Campers are under the supervision of adult leaders and junior leaders. During the camp experience, the 4-Hers learn to correctly groom, tack, wash, safely tie, clean stalls, and much more! Leaders and junior leaders get to know the new members better and make recommendations on progress where the 4-Her will find success. 4-Hers will be better prepared for fair week after attending camp!

**All first and second year members will be placed in Walk Trot unless a parent ask for their child to be advanced to a canter group. Once a parent request this a child will be evaluated by a leader to be sure they are safely riding at a canter with solid control of the animal. Once the 4-Her shows in a canter class they are not eligible to go back to a walk trot group even if they purchase a new animal and are not as advanced on this animal. This decision is based on the rider not the animal. All third year members are required to show at a canter.

Parent/Adult Help Wanted:
Parents are needed to make horse camp a success. Parents can help by volunteering to cook for campers or assist leaders in giving the 4-H campers a safe and fun camping experience. Do you have a full time job? Ask the leaders what help is needed in the evening hours. Activities continue until bedtime!!

Contacts for Horse Camp information:
Jennifer Cripe  574-215-7912   Ashley Holdeman  574-354-7403
Heather Riegsecker  574-370-0443   Casey Lapczynski  574-360-7808

**Please note: We are here at camp to teach the 4-Her about Saddle Club and what to expect during fair week. We are not able or equipped to train horses during this time. All Campers must be able to mount and ride the animal safely at check in. If they can not the 4-Her may remain at camp but the parents will be asked to remove the animal from the camp. This is for everyone’s safety—staff, camper, and animal. Any questions please see Jennifer Cripe or Ashley Holdeman.
WORK SHIFTS--Defined and Explained

To provide the club with safe stabling, up to date equipment, judges and awards, our club needs each member to contribute his/her time. The greatest need for member participation is during Fair Week.

You will be responsible to sign up for work shifts at our general club meetings. Be sure to write down the times you select! **Due by May 15th**

**Fair Week**
1) Each 4-Her is responsible for 3 work shifts (fair week or outside shows/duties)
You must be on time for your shifts. If you cannot make your shift, it is your responsibility to get someone to cover your duties!

**Concession Stand Responsibilities (All ages of 4-Her)**
- Take orders and collect money
- Clean assigned area prior to end of shift
- Fill condiments
- Assist adults with food preparation

**Barn & Ground Duty (3-5th grade 4Hers only!)** This will meet 4 times throughout afternoon.
- Sweep the barn and keep aisles clear
- Clean bathroom
- Keep horse wash rack/paths/roads free of manure (use the tubs provided)
- Pick up trash around barn, show areas and concession stand

*Please note this is not a 4 hour straight shift it meets short times at 4 different times during day*

**Show booth duty requirements (All ages of 4-Her)**
- Gates (open/shut) senior level only
- Ribbons and Trophies
- Window-take paperwork
- Set up/take down for events

2) One ADULT per family is responsible for 3 concessions or 1 of other shifts listed below
You must be on time for your shifts. If you cannot make your shift, it is your responsibility to get someone to cover your shift duties.

**Concession Stand Responsibilities (Adult)**
- Prepare food (fry or grill, must be over 18)
- Operate cash register and handle all money

**Barn Duty Overnight fills all adult work shift**
- Only adults can stay overnight (2 men or 2 women at one time)
- Keep aware of what is going on in barn and under tents all night

**Arena/Show booth**
- Gates/check in
- Show booth
- Arena set-up/tear down
- Computer work

*This is not guaranteed to be an inside the show booth shift...you must come dressed and prepared to be working gates/arena set up etc.*

**IF YOU MISS A WORK SHIFT IT WILL REQUIRE WORKING TWO SHIFTS TO MAKE UP! IF YOU DO NOT FULFILL YOUR WORKSHIFTS AS A 4-HER OR ADULT YOU WILL NOT Be Eligible for a Stall or Trailer Spot Next Year!**

*If you sign up for shift and can not complete it (you are showing or gone) it is up to you to find a replacement to cover for you. Try to sign up on days you do not show!!!*

**10 year and Retiring Members need to have all shifts completed prior to Fair Week!**
Elkhart County 4-H Saddle Club
Completion Project

Essay topic for 2018: Trailer Safety
Due by May 15th!!!

While all members are encouraged to show their horse or pony at the county fair, that is not how the 4-H project is completed. Project completion requirements will depend on how many years the 4-H member has been in the club as outlined below.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd year Members
Club members in their first, second or third year will complete three (3) activities in the Horse and Pony level book.

4th through 10th year Members
Club members who have been in the club four or more years will complete their project with one of the choices below:

A. Writing an essay on a specific horse topic (chosen by leaders each year--topic noted above.
   (The essay will be a minimum of 300 words and a maximum of 400 words. It may be typed or neatly hand-written)

B. Performing Junior Leader duties at five (5) meeting (January through May). This requires prior approval and signing of agreement. You MUST attend the junior leader meetings prior to general meetings for training in order to qualify for essay waiver.

C. Giving a demonstration or illustrated speech at a club meeting.
   Demonstrations/talks must be scheduled with a leader prior to the meeting. Any demonstrations at meeting will be without horses.

This is your completion project for Saddle Club!
You will not receive Fair Passes without this being turned in!
No Exceptions will be made on this!
Where can You find Inexpensive Riding Clothes and Equipment??

Before you shop make a list of what you will need for each class you plan to participate in!! Consult your rule book before purchasing!
You will see all varieties of clothing and tack during classes--just because you do not have lots of bling or silver does not mean you can not be competitive!

1) The Tack Swap is a great place to purchase gently used items that other members have outgrown or no longer need! Other club members are a great resource to help you choose items you will need for each class! 5:00 PM Feb 13th for club members in Sheep Swine
2) Internet--there are lots of websites that sell used clothing and equipment!! EBay and Craigslist are just a few!!
3) Shop the consignment sections at the local tack stores. Often offer great used clothing/tack at fraction of the cost.

Do Your Homework Before Buying Your First Horse by Doug Householder

Seek experienced counsel: Contact a knowledgeable horse owner or professional horse trainer. Check horse magazines for articles written for first time horse buyers.

Choosing a breed of horse is your choice: Horses are generally classified into three types. Stock horses: includes Quarter Horse, Paint and Appaloosa breeds. Hunter horses: includes the Thoroughbred and Thoroughbred Crosses. Saddle type: includes Morgans, Arabians and Saddlebreds. Buy the type of horse that fits your desires and your area's horse activities.

Registered versus grade horses: Registration papers do not make a horse better than he is. However, registration papers do show the age, markings, parentage, record in some case, and previous owner of the horse.

Should you buy a mare or gelding? I recommend purchasing a gelding. Mares are breeding animals. When not pregnant they cycle year-round. Riding mares that are in heat can be a problem for young or inexperienced riders.

What Age to Buy? Old enough to be well-trained and seasoned with several useful years ahead of them. Riding horses are usually trained during their 2,3,4, and 5 year old years and continue throughout a horse's life. First-time riders need horses that are fairly well trained and safe out in the real world. This horse does what he is trained to do for the rider, regardless of the rider’s skill level. An untrained horse or a horse with limited training isn't for the beginner. A trained 6 to 12 year-old horse is ideal, and even 13 to 20 years old are good.

Color is the first thing most inexperienced people consider in the buying process. It should be the last consideration.

Regardless of what horse you choose to buy, have the horse vet-checked by your veterinarian before you buy it!!

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Vaccination Requirements for 2018

New Vaccination requirements have been put into place for all horses and ponies! This is not something as a club we have any control over. Please remember all Horses and ponies that could possibly be shown at Fair or brought to Horse Camp must have proof of vaccination no later than May 15.

Karin Jensen will offer Shots at a discounted rate with no office call fee to saddle club families. She will be at the saddle club barn Tues March 14th and Weds April 19th. Sign ups will be at offered at meetings!

- Eastern and Western Equine Encephalomyelitis
- Rhino pneumonitis/ EHV type 1 and 4
- Equine Influenza
- Tetanus
- Rabies

Ten Questions to Ask your Vet: February is a great time to have your Vet out for routine vaccinations. This is a good time to discuss your horse's daily care. Here are ten general questions to ask your vet:

1. Is my horse too fat or too thin?
2. What vaccinations do you recommend above the list that is required by 4-H?
3. What is the best way to keep my horse worm free?
4. Are there any plants in this area I need to worry about poisoning my horse?
5. Are there any supplements I can add to my feed to make my horse's health better?
6. Is the feed I'm giving my horse the best for his age, condition, and use?
7. Is my horse showing any signs of arthritis or other hoof, leg, or joint problems?
8. What's a good time to reach you if I have a non-emergency question about my horse's health?
9. How much should I expect to pay each year for vet care?
10. Is there a 24 hour number I can use to reach you if I have an emergency with my horse?

Most vets don’t keep records of what medications and vaccines are given to large animals. Keep your own records by writing down your horse’s name, the date of the vet’s visit, and what was done.
What you will need to have completed to get your fair passes on July 9, 2018

**In fairness to all members if you have any of the items missing you will not be given your passes to the fair until the item is completed---there will be no exceptions to this rule!**

Done

1) Enrolled in 4-H by January 15 deadline
2) Membership paid to club $45.00 (1st member) $15.00 (2nd child)
   $10.00 (3+ child)--No required Sponsorship this year By May 15th
3) Box Stall Fee $35.00 or Tie Stall $10.00 fees paid-request due May 15th
4) Horse Enrolled on State Website by May 15th
5) Proof of Vaccinations by May 15th
6) Essay/Level Book Completed--By May 15th
7) Signed up for Work shifts by May 15th

Barn and Fair Rules

**Lunging your horse during fair or at open shows:**
Line-lunging is to be done by the 4-H member (or immediate family member) early in the morning, up to an hour before showing begins. Line-lunging will not be allowed once there mounted riders in the arena--so plan to lunge EARLY or LATE on show days.

**4-Her must be present during lunging --No Exceptions!!!**

**Exercising your horse:**
Horses should be excised twice daily for at least 15 minutes. 4-H members may only ride their own horse. No double riding. Only ride in designated arenas. Horses are not allowed past the fence on the north side of the barn, and must stay between the paved drives to the east and west of our area. Long pants, boots and a helmet must be worn while riding. No spaghetti strap tank tops.

Barn rules:
Do not ride or sit on your horse in the barn or stall.
Do not leave any tack on horses while in their stalls.
Each stall must have a minimum of 3 inches of sawdust (trailer mats may be placed underneath).
No trimming, farrier work or hoof painting is to be done in the barn.
No running, yelling, or smoking in the barn.
Announce when you are backing a horse out of a stall or coming into the barn so people can move out of the way.
Do not dump water at the doors/entryways of the barn (it makes a soggy mess).
Do not sweep and push waste out the doors (use a shovel and remove the waste).
No strollers, balloons, or wheelchairs in the barn for the safety of ALL.
*tie red ribbon in your horse's tail if it kicks out (this is for the barn and for riding as a signal to stay back)*
Always use a wheelbarrow for removing waste.
Parking Rules
for Shows, Clinics, Open Arenas, Drill Team and any other function held at our arena

There is to be no parking of horse trailers or tying horses off trees in the West side of the Saddle Club Arenas. There is plenty of parking, if parked correctly, in the South and East sides of the Saddle Club Arenas. We must keep our area clean so this means to pick up manure and hay at every event. We have wheelbarrows in the barn and the manure pit area is always available. We also have tubs for use at wash rack so no manure should be carried down the drain. Please be responsible so we may keep using our own facility without any problems from the Fair Board.

When coming to any events with your horse at the Saddle Club Arena we are to be using Gate 5 or 7 (fair week). We are not to use Gate 1 or Gate 2. All of this is just reminders for most of our families, so please be mindful of our new members who may not yet know the rules and help each other and give a hand if needed.

*Fair week you need to park your vehicle in the green lot. If your vehicle is parked along the creek during fair week you will be towed at your expense!*

Parking Horse Trailers
During Fair Week**

**You may not park along the creek during fair week your vehicle will be towed!!!**

4-H Members who show 4 or may days during fair week may request to park a trailer inside the gate in our south lot during fair week. Once requested, trailer spots are assigned based on space availability and rotate each year. The parking is LIMITED and so the advisory board requires that families cooperate and share trailers whenever possible. The back of your trailer needs to be centered and against the stake. There is a 35' Length limit for trailers parked in the south lot. In fairness to all members this is enforced.

(Trailer is measured from very front tip to the very back end--so measure twice!)

*It is a FAIR rule that during the week of fair NO GENERATORS of any kind are allowed. NO ONE MAY PLUG IN for electricity/power in the South horse trailer parking area. The only allowed electric hook-up is in the campsite area. NO EXCEPTIONS!!*

See the map of the Fairgrounds--Locate the "GREEN LOT E" for long term parking--you may not park your vehicle inside the fair grounds unless you have a parking tag permitting you to do so. Our club does have designated parking on the Creekside (that would be the South side of the road leading out of Gate J as marked.) This parking is ideal for hay storage and during the week of fair. You must display your pass to park in this area.

*Trailer parking request will be accepted in writing at the June Meeting*
2018 Elkhart County 4-H Saddle Club
Fair Schedule

Saturday July 21st
Vet Check-In: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon
Schooling over jumps--1:00 P.M.
JUMPING COMPETITION 2:00 P.M.
DRESSAGE 4:00 P.M.
Drill Team 5:30 P.M
Exhibition Classes 6:00 P.M.

Sunday July 22nd
Vet Check-In 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Fair Parade
CONTESTING 6:00 p.m.
(Barrels and Keyhole)

Monday July 23rd
ENGLISH HALTER & PERFORMANCE: 9:00 A.M.
PLEASURE DRIVING
CONTESTING 6:00 P.M.
(Poles and Speed & Action)

Tuesday July 24th
WESTERN SHOWMANSHIP & HALTER: 9:00 A.M.
CONTESTING 6:00 P.M.
(Flags, Down and Back, & Stake Race)

Wednesday July 25th
WESTERN PERFORMANCE : 9:00 A.M.
Pleasure, Ranch Horse Pleasure, Horsemanship,
Western Reining, & Western Riding
FUN SHOW 6:00 P.M.
(subject to change if rain date needed for contesting)

Thursday July 26th
WALK/TROT TRAIL : 9:00 A.M.
TRAIL immediately following
Costume Class 4:00 P.M. (2018 Theme is Holidays)

Friday July 27th
WALK/TROT VERSATILITY : 8:00 A.M. (Pleasure/Barrels)
VERSATILITY JR/SR: approx 8:30 A.M.
RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING 4-H MEMBERS: 5:00 P.M.

Saturday July 28th
Clean out barn, tear down stalls, clean horse trailer spots
CHECK OUT BY 10:00 A.M.--MUST HAVE BEEN BOARD APPROVED TO LEAVE EARLIER!!
2018 Phone-A-Thon

We want to try something new! So grab your phone and a list of 25+ people you can contact about supporting saddle club. We will be setting up a time you can come hang out with your saddle club friends and make some calls to bring in sponsorships to the club. Any money raised will go towards your fundraising totals for the year. The date has not been finalized yet so please watch the website for a day in February to raise money for your club! All money raised will be used towards the 4H shows offered this year.

Fair Week Checkin

Saturday July 21, 2018 10-12:00  Sunday July 22nd 9-11:00

All animals coming to the fair that will be kept in the barn or tents will need to be vet checked prior to being put into a stall. Check-in times are listed and this is the only times we can guarantee a vet will be on site to clear your animal. If you can not for some reason make it to check in during these times you will need to contact a member of the advisory board to set up a time to meet with the vet. This will be based on the vet's availability and the animal will not be allowed to enter the barn/tent until this has been completed. The animal will need to be kept at the tie rack or at a trailer until the vet arrives. What do you need to bring to check in...1) copy of the animals vaccinations either that paper provided to you by the club that the vet signed or receipt from the vet's office showing date/name of animal and vaccinations given. (this also needs to be kept with you all week at fair- if you are approached by a member of the Purdue Extension office you will be asked for this form and have 5 minutes to produce it)  2) An emergency contact phone number to use when completing your vet card.

When you arrive you will be asked to pull forward to the front of the unloading area and unload the horse/tack/feed etc. And then take the trailer to the green lot. We will have junior leaders and adults there to assist and guide you. Trailers that have spots around the arena will not be allowed to be parked during these unloading times. Once the check in times are done you may bring the trailers in and put them in their spots for the week.

Fair Week Checkout

Saturday July 28th 8:00 -10:00 A.M.

If you need to check out any other time than the above listed time you must have Advisory Board Approval!

It has been a long, but great week! Our week can't end until our area is neat and clean. The fairgrounds is very picky on how our area looks when we leave so please understand we will be picky on your area before you can remove your animal or trailer from the grounds. In order for us all to get to go home please do your part in picking up trash, manure and anything you see that does not belong on our grounds.

1) Stalls: If you are in the barn you must remove all saw dust, manure, and decorations from your stall area. Sawdust and manure need to be moved to the manure pit. Stalls need to be swept with a broom . An advisory board member must sign your vet card accepting the condition.

If your stall is in a tent you do not need to remove saw dust/manure just your personal items. But you still need to have an advisory board member sign your vet card.

2) Tack room: Please remember to take all tack, buckets etc from the barn tack room.

3) Trailer areas must be free of manure, hay, trash, etc. A leaf rake must be used to remove all loose hay from the ground. All trash must be picked up. An advisory board member must sign your vet card before your trailer can be removed from its spot.

If you leave and do not have all signatures on your card or your area is dirty you will not be eligible for a stall or trailer spot the following year.
2018 Show season will offer High Point for both Contesting and Pleasure

Elkhart County Saddle Club members will have the opportunity to earn points showing at the April, May, June July and August shows offered at the Saddle Club Arena. We are still working out the details so please check the website for more information. If you have ideas for awards that you would like to see offered please let Jen Cripe, Ashley Holdeman or Nicole Rawlings know!

Master Showperson/Round Robin

Master Showperson is a class you must qualify to enter. To qualify you must receive 1st or 2nd place in English or Western Showmanship. Both Junior and Senior level exhibitors can show in the Master Showperson class. If the same exhibitor wins both English and Western Showmanship they will choose which they want to represent in the Master Showperson Class. Only the top placing Senior exhibitor in the Master Showperson Class will be eligible to represent the Elkhart County Saddle Club at the Large Animal Round Robin Event offered by the Elkhart County Fair.

Parade of Champions

Parade of Champions is an opportunity for the livestock clubs to show the Champions of their species. For Saddle Club we have 175 champions (as we see each class winner a champion) however we have been limited to sending just four participants. We have decided that the class that best represents our species and is judged closest to the other livestock is Halter. We will offer this opportunity to both the Overall Champions for English and Western Halter Classes. After the completion of the Western Halter Class it will be offered on first come basis for the four spots. You are welcome to take your animal to the beef/dairy arena to walk with you through the parade. Please know that there will be several other animals such as goats/sheep/cattle in the arena and if your animal has not been exposed to this it could be stressful on the animal. This is still a new opportunity for us and until we have been through the process a few more times we would recommend a picture of your animal and your Champion Ribbon and Halter be taken in place of the animal.

Walk/Trot Class Eligibility

All first and second year members will be placed in Walk Trot unless a parent ask for their child to be advanced to a canter group. Once a parent request this a child will be evaluated by a leader to be sure they are safely riding at a canter with solid control of the animal. Once the 4-Her shows in a canter class they are not eligible to go back to a walk trot group even if they purchase a new animal and are not as advanced on this animal. This decision is based on the rider not the animal. All third year members are required to show at a canter.

Family Fun Show!

Date: 9/7-9/9

We want to try something new this year! We are going to have a family fun show weekend! Bring your family and your horses and spend the weekend with your saddle club friends! We will have our awards banquet and carry in on Saturday. There will be games, trail rides, contesting events, and so much more. Please watch the website for information and contact for reserving a campsite/stall.

Fall Campout!!

Date: 10/5-10/7

What is this? This is a great weekend of saddle club families gathering together to ride, eat, and camp! We will offer a great place to spend a weekend with friends and horses! We have a carry in dinner on Saturday night (meat provided), group activities, group rides, ribbon rides and more. Sites can be reserved ahead of time. Location to be determined but is usually at Potato Creek State Park.
SPECIAL AWARDS

The Elkhart County Saddle Club recognizes members and parents for their various accomplishments and dedication. Several awards are given by merit according to specific standards, while others are nominated and chosen according to the established criteria. Nominated awards are denoted with an * and nominations will be accepted by the Advisory board members during the week of fair. The awards will be presented at the annual Saddle Club banquet.

**Debbie Fleck Award**: These awards were established in 1982 after the untimely death of a former club member. These awards will be presented to the 4-H member who accumulates the most points with one animal in the State Fair Gaming Qualifying Classes. Contesting was Debbie; favorite 4-H activity. There are four divisions: Sr. over 56", Sr. 56" and Under, Jr. over 56", and Jr. 56" and Under.

**Sportsmanship Award**: The criteria for this special award is based on the definition of sportsmanship "a person who can take loss or defeat without complaint or victory without gloating and who treats their opponents with fairness, generosity, and courtesy." A person who is easy going or companionable. A person judged according to their ability to take loss, defeat, teasing, etc. In fact, a "good sport."

**Most Improved Member Award**: The basis for this award will be improvement in one or more of the following areas: riding ability, behavior, attitude, and horse care. The member receiving this award will have at least four years in club activities.

**Cindy McCluckie Award**: This special award was established in 1980 in memory of Cindy, who died of cancer after completing her first year in Saddle Club. It will be presented to a first or second year member who demonstrated outstanding enthusiasm, determination, persistence, positive attitude, courtesy and good attendance. All of these attributes exemplify the young lady whom this award was established.

**Ernie Hill Memorial Award**: Awarded to a parent who has be exemplary in volunteer work in regards to club activities.

**Marilee Keim Leadership Achievement Award**: Given to a club member who has shown outstanding leadership in club activities; this person need not be an officer.

**Alison Hart Scholarship Award**: A $100 cash donation will be awarded by the Saddle Club to the recipients college of choice that he/she will be attending. The recipient must be an 8 to 10 year member who has shown marked improvement over the years.

**Tom Holdeman Award**: The recipient is chosen based on consistent involvement in the hunter-jumper program of the club at least 3 years and shows a persistent attitude. It is not based on winning or placing.

**Tom McGraw Award**: This award will be given to a 4-H member who exhibits a pony, and shows determination and enthusiasm in completing their 4-H project.

**Saddle Club Award**: This award will be given to the club member that best demonstrates the spirit of the 4-H Saddle Club, including perseverance and enthusiasm.
HORSE SHOW TERMS

Here are some terms that will help you to know the differences between classes and what is being judged.

**Halter:** Showing your horse without any tack other than a halter (not riding), when the judge is judging the *conformation of the animal*. No pattern posted, the judge will ask for a walk or trot in the arena and then horses will be lined up.

**Showmanship:** Also showing your horse without any tack other than halter or bridle (for English), when the judge is judging the *showman*. Pattern is posted and is to be competed in the arena. *Pattern available from 4-H leader. This is not a riding class.

**Horsemanship:** In this class the 4-H member is riding using *Western tack*. The judge is judging *the rider*. The class starts with all contestants taking a turn running a pattern. Then all the horses will be asked to work at least one direction on the rail at walk/jog/lope as a class.

**Equitation:** In this class the 4-H member is riding using *English tack*. The judge is judging *the rider*. The class starts with all contestants taking a turn running a pattern. Then all the horses will be asked to work at least one direction on the rail at walk/trot/canter as a class.

**Pleasure:** This is a riding class for western exhibitors. The judge is judging the horse/pony on its way of going.

**Hunter under Saddle:** This is a class for English/Hunt seat exhibitors. The judge is judging horse/pony on its way of going.

**Jumpers:** In this jumping class the highest placing goes to the horse that jumps with the fewest faults, and in the case of a jump-off the winner will be determined by faults and TIME.

**Hunter over Fences:** In this jumping class the judge is judging the horse's form over jumps and also looking for correct lead changes.

**Reining:** This is an established PATTERN class which is published in the *Horse & Pony Handbook*.

**Western Riding:** This is an established PATTERN class which is published in the *Horse & Pony Handbook*. This class requires a minimum of (4) four flying lead changes.

**Versatility:** A set of variety of classes for one horse/one rider combination to show their versatility.

**Stock Type:** Western type, stocky build, usually Quarter Horses, could include paints and appaloosas, typically with large head and hind quarters (well muscled)

**Saddle Type:** Typically smaller head, more refined neck/shoulder and hind quarters, includes breeds such as Arabian, Morgan, many gaited horses with collected gaits (may include 1/2 Arabian, etc.)

**Dressage:** These are pattern classes at different levels meant to show partnership of horse and rider, set up in an arena with letters around it to show where transitions should take place. 4-Hers may use Hunt tack and attire (see rulebook for specifications). Starts Walk/Trot and works up to canter classes.