



# *Horse Camp 2018*



## *June 17-20th*

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## ***Elkhart County 4-H Saddle Club Camp***

Dear Members and Parents,

Welcome to Elkhart County Saddle Club Horse Camp! As a first or second year member you are eligible, and encouraged to attend our four-day camp, which will be held from June 17-20th this year. Horse Camp is a great way to expand your horse knowledge in the various styles of riding, Western and/or English style, as well as the health and safety of the horse and rider. Your four days of Horse Camp will be filled with riding, learning, fun and getting to know other 4-Hers.

We are looking forward to our 41st year at camp. The staff will be made up of adults and junior leaders that are willing to assist you as you, "learn by doing". This is a great time to familiarize yourself with the fairgrounds and how our club works during fair week.

Safety is top priority at camp, therefore, campers are required to wear boots (with adequate heel) whenever they are working with their horse or pony. Also, you must wear your helmet during riding sessions. Furthermore, the Liability Form must be signed and on file in order to participate.

What to expect: We will have a minimum of two riding sessions each day (minimum)! You will also see many demonstrations; learn from videos and complete Level Book activities. The level book is due at the end of camp. (Bring your 4-H folder with all resource books). Be ready to feed and clean the stall between 6:30-7:00 a.m.

***Camp will start at 5:00 on Sunday the 17th and conclude on Wednesday at 3:00. Campers will be checked out no earlier than 3:00.***

Horse Camp applications will go out at the April meeting and will need to be returned no later than the May meeting.

\*\*If your child is planning to participate in the walk trot classes at fair they need to plan to attend camp to determine their eligibility for these classes.

\*\*We need parent volunteers to stay overnight! (Men in barn with boys, women in the girl's dorm).

We look forward to working with you at Horse Camp!

Sincerely,

Your Adult Leaders

# ELKHART COUNTY 4-HORSE CAMP

DIRECTOR: Jennifer Cripe

What to do when you arrive at camp on Sunday (Read Carefully):

- 1) Arrive between at 4:30- 5:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds with your animal.
- 2) Report to the show booth (by main arena), you will receive your nametag and complete any necessary forms (\$50.00 fee must be paid)
- 3) You will saddle and bridle your horse, but do not mount.
- 4) Report to "Safety Check" for permission to mount.
- 5) Enter the designated riding arena for group placing. You will be assigned a color, before exiting the arena, this is based on your ability/skills.
- 6) Tie your horse at your trailer and report to the barn for your stall assignment. Junior leaders will help put up your stall card. You will then fill the stall with sawdust (bring wheelbarrow and shovel).
- 7) Put your horse in the stall and bring in your tack and horse's supplies (grooming box, feed, etc.)
- 8) Bring your own camp supplies (boys in the barn, girls at Home & Family Arts Building).  
( This will open at 3:00)
- 9) Camp will end at 3:00 on Weds. We will not check campers out until 3:00!
- 10) At 6:30 p.m. Sunday we will have a General Meeting with campers and parents.

If you have any questions contact: Jennifer Cripe 574-215-7912

## **HORSE CAMP**

1) All campers must be able to mount and ride their horse for evaluation. If the camper is unable to ride the animal for evaluation the camper is welcome to stay at camp however we will ask the parents to take the animal home with them. Our focus at camp is to introduce 4-Hers to what to expect fair week and for the safety everyone we need to be sure the animals are safe and ready to be working with our volunteers.

2) Walk Trot--During camp we (leaders) will evaluate campers to decide if they are eligible to participate in Walk Trot Classes during fair week. While 4-Hers are eligible for Walk Trot for 2 years they are encouraged to move to a canter class. If the leaders feel they are in control of the animal at a canter they will recommend that they show in a regular class. The final decision will be the parents. Please remember the purpose of the walk trot class is for beginning riders and we want to encourage all 4-Hers to be the best they can be.

3) For the safety of all campers we will be changing check out procedures this year. In years past as the campers were done showing their animal the families began trying to check out while other campers were still riding. Due to limited staff and necessary supervision needed for both the show and checkout, we will not be able to accomodate early check out. Campers will ride from approx 9-12:30 in what we consider the end of the camp show (parents are welcome to attend) as this is a great time for campers to show what they learned. From 12:30-1:30 we will have lunch followed by award ceremony and at its conclusion campers will be dismissed (approx 3:00). Please be respectful of the staff and board members and respect this time schedule. We understand you are ready to get home as are we but for the safety of the campers and animals we need to remain focused on them until all campers have dismounted.

4) Junior Leader/Volunteers will not be allowed to ride any of the campers horses!

# **Camp Supplies**

## **Buckaroo's**

- 0 PLENTY OF CLOTHING (complete change for 3 days including free time)
- 0 PJ'S
- 0 CAP/HAT (with a brim for shade from sun)
- 0 BOOTS (with heel for riding)
- 0 HELMET (a must!!)
- 0 BUG REPELLENT
- 0 SOAP/SHAMPOO
- 0 WASHCLOTH/TOWELS
- 0 TOOTHBRUSH & TOOTHPASTE
- 0 TOILETRIES (sunblock, deodorant, brush, etc)
- 0 COT ,AIR MATTRESS, LOUNGE CHAIR FOR SLEEPING ON (otherwise you are on concrete floor)
- 0 SLEEPING BAG/BLANKET
- 0 PILLOW
- 0 FANS ARE ALLOWED MAY WANT TO BRING POWER STRIP AS OUTLETS ARE LIMITED

## **Study Materials**

- 0 LEVEL BOOK (if you do not have one we will provide you your first one)
- 0 RESOURCE BOOKS (Horse & Horsemanship, Horse Science)
- 0 HORSE AND PONY HANDBOOK
- 0 3 RING BINDER
- 0 PENCILS/PENS

## **Optional Items**

- 0 SNACKS/DRINKS (Plastic or Metal Containers only)
- 0 COOLER
- 0 CARDS/BOARDGAMES (NO ELECTRONICS --TV'S/COMPUTERS/DVD PLAYERS ETC.)  
(CELL PHONES WILL BE LEFT IN DORM AREA AND TURNED OFF AT 10:00 LIGHTS OUT)

## **Horse**

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| 0 HALTER                                   | 0 CURRY COMB                    |
| 0 NECK ROPE (10 FT. LONG WITH RING)        | 0 HOOF PICK                     |
| 0 SADDLE WITH GIRTH                        | 0 CLOTH RAGS                    |
| 0 SADDLE PAD                               | 0 GRAIN (enough for ALL 4 days) |
| 0 BRIDLE WITH REINS                        | 0 HAY (enough for ALL 4 days)   |
| 0 BRUSHES                                  | 0 HAY BAG (optional)            |
| 0 LG.WATER BUCKET/SM BUCKET / BUCKET STRAP | 0 SHOVEL                        |
| 0 APPLE PICKER/PITCHFORK                   | 0 WHEELBARROW                   |
| 0 FLY REPELLENT                            |                                 |

## **Optional Items**

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| 0 BATHING SUPPLIES        | 0 LEG WRAPS AND BELL BOOTS |
| 0 RIDING CROP             | 0 LINIMENT OR SALVE        |
| 0 ELECTOLYTES AND/OR SALT |                            |