



August 2024

Dear 4-H / FFA Horse Youth, Parents, and Advisors,

Welcome to the 175<sup>th</sup> annual Wayne County Fair! Listed below are several important reminders and updates to keep in mind as we go into fair-time.

### **2024 Wayne County Junior Fair Horse Exhibitors' Fair-Time Reminders and Updates**

#### **Important Reminders**

- **Saturday's contest show beings at 9:00am, Saddle Club open show is Saturday evening.**
- Horse check in is Friday evening from 6-9 PM. We need to see the horse and all bits/bridles you will be using for the week. A parent or advisor can handle this. 4-H member need not be present if other extra-curricular activities prevent that. Horses may arrive anytime Friday.
- If you are hauling in for show days only, we will need you to check in at the booth when you arrive so we can see the horse and bits. If you can bring the bits to us on Friday evening that is preferred!
- Summer Fun Show Awards will be presented approximately 30 minutes after the conclusion of Sundays Show.
- Freestyle Reining Participants – The best way to provide music is on a cell phone that has been unlocked or plan to have someone in the booth to unlock the phone and play the music.
- No food tables or shared crock pot meals to be in the barns this year!!
- **We will be using safety chains on all barn aisle doors this year. They are to be in place from 10 pm – 6 am.**
- Please be sure to read and review the Release Times Policy and Consequences at the end of this letter

**Stall Assignments / Trailering In** - The Horse Committee will post Stall Assignments on Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup> around 5 pm.

**Group Photo** – To commemorate the 175<sup>th</sup> Wayne County Fair a group picture of exhibitors and advisors will be taken after Fun Show awards on Sunday evening.

**Check In / Tack Inspection** – Check In is Friday evening September 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 pm. Bring your horse and bits/tack. The stewards remind everyone to use proper tack and bits.

We expect all exhibitors to unload tack boxes prior to unloading their animals. Tack Boxes should be unloaded and placed in the Horse barns prior to 6 pm on Friday.

#### **Fair Schedule Updates and Reminders** -

- The Arena will be closed at the following times for 1-2 hours: Sunday evening for driving practice and safety meeting for parents and exhibitors, Monday evening for jumping practice, Tuesday evening the show arena will be closed for Dressage set up and remain closed until the end of the Dressage Show
  - Jumping practice on Monday is only for those who are already approved to show this year

**\*\*\* A Parent or Advisor must be present with Youth for all of these times\*\*\***

- Costume Classes will begin 15 minutes following after the conclusion of Freestyle Reining on Sunday. Pre-entry by August 1<sup>st</sup> was accepted but not required. You may still enter this class the day of the show.

- The Fun Show on Thursday is scheduled to begin at 3:00. Entries will be made at the booth before the show starts. Summer Fun Show dress code is to be observed.

**Release Procedures-** All horses must be in their stalls at 8:00PM Thursday and remain stalled until the release time. Members are responsible for stripping their stall clean before leaving. Trailers will be allowed to enter the horse barns area through Gate 7 (at south end of barns) at 10PM Thursday. They will exit Gate 8 (near the campers). One way traffic only around the barns -from South to North- that evening for dismissal. If you are walking your horse off the grounds to a waiting trailer you may not do so before 11PM.

**4-H Code of Conduct reminders** – no foul language, no smoking, drinking, or being disrespectful to show officials.

**Proper attire is expected at fair** – school and show appropriate attire at all times, for your safety no flip flops while leading or riding a horse or while in a horse stall.

**Patterns** – have been posted on the Extension Office horse webpage and in the 4-H Horse Department Facebook Group.

**Barns, Meals, and Tack Boxes** –No group meals will be permitted in the barns this year – this means no food tables or crock pots may be set up. We are asking that all clubs work hard to keep the barn aisles clean and free of clutter throughout the fair. Please keep tack boxes closed when not in use. Maximum size of tack boxes permitted at the fair is 48” wide, 38” deep, and 58” tall. Also, don’t forget to keep your horses fed and watered and to keep your stalls cleaned out.

**Horses in Stalls** - Remember to keep your horse in its stall when not in use and to keep the stall door closed at all times unless you are directly entering or exiting the stall.

**Award Thank You Cards** – If you receive an award, you are required to fill out your provided thank you note and turn it back into the Junior Fair Office or the horse entry booth by the end of the fair.

#### **General Reminders This Year and Every Year**

- Do not apply hoof black or paint in the barn aisles. Do this outside!
- Bucket hangers are provided in the stalls. Do not add any or move the ones already in place.
- Do not use nails or staple guns for decorations. Zip ties only.
- Refer to the Junior Fair Book, page 37 for further rules and information for horse projects.

Sincerely,  
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