

Ohio 4-H Horse Program August 12, 2020 UPDATE

Dear 4-H/FFA members and families,

Due to recent university restrictions related to COVID-19 concerns, the Ohio 4-H Horse Program has implemented several changes to the remaining events in 2020 and the year-end awards program. Additional updates will be posted on our Facebook page but please visit horse.osu.edu for complete details!

State 4-H Competitive Trail Ride

The State 4-H Competitive Trail Ride, in its original format, has been cancelled. However, 4-H & FFA members may participate in the following alternative opportunity to receive Trail Ride participation credit towards the modified year-end awards for 2020. 4-H/FFA members must complete all of the requirements to receive participation credit.

1. Participants must submit an online participation form by the original event deadline of August 31st.
2. Participants must email a photo of their completed 30-day conditioning record to the Ohio 4-H Horse Program office by the original event date of September 12th.
3. Participants must visit one of the Ohio trails listed on the Ohio Horseman's Council (OHC) website and ride their horse for a minimum distance of 10 miles on September 11th, 12th, or 13th.
4. Participants must have their picture taken with their horse before, during, and after the ride. Visit horse.osu.edu for complete details on picture requirements. Pictures must be emailed to the Ohio 4-H Horse Program office by Monday, September 14th.
5. Participants must email a picture of the trail map of the location they rode with their route highlighted or noted in some way to the Ohio 4-H Horse Program office by Monday, September 14th.

State Groom & Clean Contest

The State Groom and Clean Contest, in its original format, has been cancelled. However, 4-H/FFA members may participate in the following alternative opportunity to receive Groom and Clean participation credit towards the modified year-end awards for 2020. 4-H/FFA members must complete all of the requirements to receive participation credit.

1. Teams of 2 or 3 4-H/FFA members must submit an online participation form by the original event deadline of September 14th.
2. Participants must complete an online quiz by the original event date of Saturday, September 26th.
3. Participants must wear face coverings while muddying and grooming the horse.
4. Participants must have their picture taken before, during, and after the grooming process. Visit horse.osu.edu for complete details on picture requirements. Pictures must be emailed to the Ohio 4-H Horse Program office by the original event date of Saturday, September 26th.

Ohio State Fair Junior Horse Show Alternative

Since the Ohio State Fair Junior Horse Show was cancelled this year, 4-H/FFA members may earn participation credit towards this event by providing 4 hours of community service to their county fairgrounds or county OHC chapter. Service ideas include fence repair, painting, cleaning, trail maintenance, etc. A form verifying the community service must be completed and signed by the 4-H/FFA member, parent, advisor, and 4-H/FFA educator and mailed (post-marked) to the Ohio 4-H Horse Program Office by December 1st. Visit horse.osu.edu for complete details and form.

Modified Ohio 4-H Horse Program Year-End Awards

Since all of the Ohio 4-H Horse Program state contests were transitioned to online contests or alternative activities due to COVID-19, the year-end awards will be slightly modified. The State 4-H Horse Advisory Committee will award certificates to all 4-H/FFA members that participated in at least 4 of the 8 state contests or alternative activities, as has been done for the past several years. 4-H/FFA members that earn participation credit for all 8 state contests or alternative activities this year will receive specially designed year-end award t-shirts.

