

Medina Hippology Info

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Medina County Hippology is open to any 4-H/FFA youth interested in learning about horses. Members can currently be enrolled in a horse project or have taken a horse project in the past. It is not required that youth have a horse to show at the county fair, but access to a horse is quite advantageous. The group will meet twice a month to discuss different horse-related topics.

Meetings are held during the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month. At the moment, we are able to meet in person so meeting locations will be updated 1-2 months in advance. Activities at meetings include posters, handouts, Powerpoint presentations, videos, etc. If handouts or presentations are used, an electronic version will be emailed to everyone on the Sunday before the meeting. This gives everyone 2 days to print papers for notes. I recommend that youth also bring a notebook or paper for writing at the meetings.

If the Ohio 4-H Program determines that meeting virtually is necessary, meetings will be on Zoom. Since there is a time limit of 40 minutes per Zoom meeting with the free version, our scheduled times will consist of *two* Zoom meetings from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm on meeting nights, with starting times of 6:30 pm and 7:15 pm.

Our youth represent Medina County in many state-level academic horse competitions. *If the youth wishes to compete in the state contests, he/she must be enrolled in a horse project for that competition year. As such, only youth currently enrolled in a 4-H/FFA horse project will be eligible to attend the following events:*

State contests are in blue

Events that <i>do not</i> require a horse	Events that do require a horse
State Horse Contests Clinic (February)	
State Horse Public Speaking/ Communications (February)	County PAS-state qualifying show (June)
State Horse Poster Contest (February) Part of Communications Contest	County Groom & Clean (July-August) *one horse for team of 3 youth
State Horse Bowl Contest (April)	County summer shows (May-September)
State Hippology Contest (June)	State Fair (July)
State Horse Judging Contest (June)	Medina County Fair (August)
County Horse Project Judging (July)	State Groom & Clean (August) *one horse for team of 3 youth *must qualify at County G & C first
State Horse Skillathon (July)	State Competitive Trail Ride (September)

Medina Hippology has material on <https://medina.osu.edu/hippology> regarding meetings and events. It also has a private Facebook page for sharing information. Team members and parents are invited to join the page by emailing Gwyn Norris. The page is only accessible to team members, parents, and advisors. The purpose of this tool is to provide communication amongst the team and, as such, material posted on the page must be professional and beneficial to the team. There is also an electronic calendar on Google Calendar. For access, please email Gwyn. This can be incorporated into your existing calendar if you have a Gmail account and includes the Zoom meeting details. However, the calendar is only available to Google suite users (you must have a gmail account).

Contest Registration:

Juniors are 13 years or younger as of January 1, 2020 and seniors are 14 or older on that date. Those attending each contest will need to inform me and pay the appropriate registration fee at the meeting before the registration date. I will register the teams/individuals for the following events:

2022 Contests	Registration Date
- Contests Clinic February 26	February 19
- Communications Contest & Poster Contest February 26	February 26
- Horse Bowl Contest April 9	March 25
- Hippology & Judging Contests June 13	June 4
- State Skillathon July 20	register the day of
- State Groom & Clean August 27	August 19
- State Competitive Trail Ride September 9-10	August 29

Parents are responsible for registering youth for the remainder of state events.

A current schedule can be found at: <http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/horse/horse-calendar-events>.

Transportation:

State events are typically held in Columbus, so we try to carpool. I drive and I have at least one other parent drive as well. If any families wish to travel on their own, that is okay. We meet at a location in Medina at 6:00 am – 6:30 am on the day of the contest to take all the kids down there. It is difficult to know when we will return so I have kids call/text parents when we are about 30 minutes away from the original meeting spot that way parents can pick them up. For food, some contests will provide meals for competitors and some require us to bring our own. For instance, Horse Bowl doesn't have a set lunch time, so each team will take a cooler with them. Each kid will bring a food item to share with the group.

Team Participation:

My goal is to let as many youth as possible be able to participate in state contests. I expect kids to come to meetings to better be able to showcase their skills at the state contests. Anyone wanting to compete in the state contests needs to attend meetings otherwise I will not register them. I will choose team captains based on leadership qualities and experience and fill other team positions on a first-come-first-served basis. If we have excess team members, I will try to have them placed on another county team as contests allow.

There are entry fees for most of the contests, a cost per team. I will divide the total cost for the team by the number of youth registered for the contest. I expect everyone to pay this cost (ex. \$7.50) to be for their participation by the specified dates above. If you have difficulty paying the entry fee cost, please let me know and we can come up with a solution together.

Resources: Please DO NOT buy these books! Some of them are very expensive. We have copies available for reference. This is just to let you know what will be used.

NEWHOR

Illustrated Dictionary of Equine Terms, New Horizons Education Center, Inc. Alpine Publications, PO Box 7027, Loveland, CO 80537
Phone: 800-777-7257 Fax: 970-667-9157

AYHC HS

Horse Smarts: An Equine Reference & Youth Activity Guide- by the American Youth Horse Council AYHC, 1 Gainer Rd, McDonald, NM 88262
www.ayhc.com
Phone: 817-320-2005

KAINER

The Coloring Atlas of Horse Anatomy

Dr. Robert Kainer and Dr. Thomas McCracken

Alpine Publications, PO Box 7027 Loveland, CO 80537 Phone: 800-777-7257 Fax: 970-667-9157

LEWIS 2nd

Feeding and Care of the Horse (2nd Edition) Lon D. Lewis, Williams and Wilkins

PO Box 1496, Baltimore MD 21298-9724 Phone: 800-638-0672

Buy these books!: OHIO 4-H Horse Publications 174-Beginning Horse Management and 175- Light Horse Selection

QHC Youth Contests: <https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/horse/quarter-horse-congress-info>

Horse Bowl

Public Speaking/Communications

Hippology

Judging

Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup: <http://www.4hroundup.com/Contest-Information/entry-information>

*Senior only, must qualify at appropriate state contest

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