

2021  
Elkhart County 4-H Saddle Club  
Survival Guide



Saddle Club Meets Second Monday of Each Month

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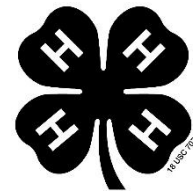
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## Pledge to the American Flag

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 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



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## Leadership 2021

### Adult Leaders

Ashley Holdeman	Organizational/Project	574-354-7403
Sierra Cross	Organizational/Project	574-370-6421
Heather McKay	Educational	574-536-0588
Heather Riegsecker	1st/2nd Year Member	574-370-0443

### 4-H Club Officers

President	Libby Meyers
Vice President	Gracie Riegsecker
Recording Secretary	Natalie Riegsecker
Corresponding Secretary	Kyra Ellsworth/Tiffanie Double
Health and Safety	Ethan Barkey
Jr. Leader Adult Helper	Sierra Cross

### Advisory Board

President	Michelle Cross	574-536-9489
Vice President	Andy Yeager	574-361-7025
Secretary	Steph Guild	574-536-4687
Treasurer	James Evans	574-215-5258
<u>Members</u>		
JD Double		574-596-8242
Heather Riegsecker		574-370-0443
Melanie Crowel		574-333-8884
Eric Ellsworth		574-612-8606
Dawn Setser		828-337-0401
Fair Board Representative	Andy Yeager	574-361-7025
Purdue Extension Office		574-533-0554
Livestock 4-H Educator	Robert Kelly	
4-H Fair Office		574-533-3247

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#### PROJECT LEADERS

10-year member/Retiring Members	Heather Templeton
Computer/Data Entry/online class sign up	Janae Kurtz /Adora Truex
T-shirts	Sierra Cross
Awards	Dawn Stetser
Maintenance/Buildings and Grounds	Eric Ellsworth/JD Double/James Evans
Record sheets	Melanie Crowel
Horse Enrollment/Vaccinations/Lease	Jen Meyer
Ring Stewards/Gate worker/Announcers	Angie Stabler
Show Committee	Sierra Cross/Angie Lash/Heather McKay
Work shifts	Michelle Cross
Stall Pick/Camp Sites/Trailer Spots	Andy Yeager, JD Double,
Horse Camp	Ashley Holdeman
Website/Social Media	Mike Kurtz/Michelle Cross
Educational Leader	Heather McKay
Survival Guide	Ashley Holdeman
1st and 2nd year Members	Heather Riegsecker
Mentor Program	Sierra Cross/Junior Leaders
Judges/Patterns	Angie Lash
Dressage	Shelby Weeks
Western	Andrea Yeager
English	Heather McKay
Trail	Andrea Yeager
Driving	Andy or Clint Yeager
Jumping	Debbie Long
Round Robin	Karen Senn
Project Leader	Ashley Holdeman
Flag Carriers/Singers Fair week	Sierra Cross
Transportation	James Evans
Drill Team	Allison Miller/Jessie Stouder
Fall Family Fun Show/Award Banquet	Heather McKay
Fair Fun Show	Help Needed
Grounds Beautification	Tonya Trick and Help Needed
Scarecrow for fair week	Help Needed
Fair Parade Float	Pat Double
Fundraising/Corporate Sponsors	Eric Ellsworth
Horse Bowl/Hippology	Ashley Holdeman
Judging Team	Jessica Brewer
Midstates Team	Jen Cripe/ Heather Riegsecker
Awards Banquet	Board

#### **Parents!**

***If there is an area that you would like to help, please contact the named Leader and we will get you signed up! We need as many parents involved as we can to make our club great!***

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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

#### January:

- 4: Board Meeting (7pm Board Room)
- 10: Junior Leader Meeting (6pm Clover Hill)
- 11: Club Meeting (Facebook Live)
- 15: LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR STATE 4-H
- 31: Junior Leader Meeting (6pm Clover Hill)

#### February:

- 1: Board Meeting (7pm Board Room)
- 8: Club Meeting (6pm New members, 7pm returning members, Home and Family Arts)
  - Soap Orders Start
- 28: Junior Leader Meeting (6pm Clover Hill)
- 2, 9, 16, 23: Judging Team (6:30pm Clover Hill)

#### March:

- 1: Board Meeting (7pm Board Room)
- 8: Club Meeting (6pm New, 7pm Returning Members, Sheep/Swine Arena)
  - Soap Orders Due, Flower Orders Start
- 29: Board Meeting (7pm Board Room)
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Judging Team (6:30pm Clover Hill)
- TBD: Shot Clinic (Saddle Club Arena)

#### April:

- 12: Club Meeting (6pm New, 7pm Returning Members, ECC Showalter Bldg)
  - Flower Orders Due, Burger Orders Start
- 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28: Open Arena (5:30-8pm Every Tues/Wed. Saddle Club Arena)
- 8, 15, 22, 29: Drill Team (6-8pm Every Thurs. Saddle Club Arena)
- TBD: Shot Clinic (Saddle Club Arena)

#### May:

- 2: Junior Leader Meeting (6pm Clover Hill)
- 3: Board Meeting (7pm Board Room)
- 10: Club Meeting (6pm New, 7pm Returning Members, Sheep/Swine Arena)
  - Burger Orders Due
  - Horse Camp Applications Due
- 15: STATE HORSE ENROLLMENT DUE
- 22, 23: Open Horse Show (Sat- Contesting, Sun- Pleasure)
- 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26: Open Arena (5:30-8pm Every Tues/Wed. Saddle Club Arena)
- 6, 13, 20, 27: Drill Team (6-8pm Every Thurs. Saddle Club Arena)

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#### June:

- 6: Junior Leader Meeting (6pm Clover Hill)
- 7: Board Meeting (7pm Board Room)
- 14: Club Meeting (6pm New, 7pm Returning Members, Sheep/Swine Arena)
- 20-23: HORSE CAMP
- 26, 27: Open Horse Show (Sat- Contesting, Sun- Pleasure)
- 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 29, 30: Open Arena (5:30-8pm Every Tues/Wed. Saddle Club Arena)
- 3, 10, 17, 24: Drill Team (6-8pm Every Thurs. Saddle Club Arena)

#### July:

- 6: Board Meeting (7pm Board Room)
- 10, 11: 4-H Fair Practice Show (4-H members only, Sat- English/Contesting, Sun- Western)
- 11: Junior Leader Meeting (6pm Clover Hill)
- 12: Club Meeting (6pm New, 7pm Returning Members, Saddle Club Arena)
- 6, 7, 13, 14: Open Arena (5:30-8pm Every Tues/Wed. Saddle Club Arena)
- 1, 8, 15: Drill Team (6-8pm Every Thurs. Saddle Club Arena)
- 23-31: FAIR WEEK

#### August:

- 9: Board Meeting (7pm Board Room)
- 14, 15: Open Horse Show (Sat- Contesting, Sun- Pleasure)

#### September:

- 13: Board Meeting (7pm Board Room)
- 10-12: 4-H Campout (Saddle Club Arena)
- 18, 19: NBHA Show

#### October:

- 3: Junior Leader Meeting (6pm Clover Hill)
- 4: Board Meeting (7pm Board Room)

#### November:

- 1: Board Meeting (7pm Board Room)
- 7: Junior Leader Meeting (6pm Clover Hill)
- TBD: Awards Banquet

#### December:

- 5: Junior Leader Meeting (6pm Clover Hill)
- 6: Board Meeting (7pm Board Room)

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#### Leasing A Horse

For those members who want to be involved in saddle club but may not have their own animal or a place to keep an animal we do offer the option to lease an animal for the 4-H season. Please see one of the leaders if you are needing help finding an animal for the year. Please be aware there are very strict rules that go with leasing a horse. Please see the Lease form on the website for more information. If you have any questions, please be sure to ask a leader before signing a lease.

#### Vaccination Requirements for 2021

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:** An evening in March and an evening in April dates TBD.

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.***

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#### Why do we pay dues of \$45 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 180 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 costs 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!*

#### **What you will need to have completed to receive your box stall/trailer spot/ Saddle Club Completion on July 13th, 2020**

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

Done:

- Enrolled in 4-H by January 15 deadline
- Membership paid to club \$45 (1st child), \$15 (2nd child), \$10 (3+ children) by May 15th
- Box Stall Fee \$35 or Tie Stall \$10 fees paid- request due May 15th
- Horse Enrolled on State Website by May 15th
- Proof of Vaccinations by May 15th
- Essay/Level Book Completed by May 15th
- Signed up for Work Shifts by May 15th

**10 year members must have these completed by fair**

***\*\*Failure to complete any of the above will give you an incomplete for Saddle Club this year. This will***



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*not affect your 4-H completion (except record sheet/essay) but it will affect your eligibility for special saddle club awards/teams etc.) \*\*see website for more details*

### Project Requirements

*1st-3rd year members will:* Complete 3 activities in their workbook in place of the essay. This is also due at the May meeting unless the member is attending horse camp in which case, we will complete the books at camp.

*4<sup>th</sup>-10-year members will:* complete a 300-400 word essay. Your Essay will Focus on **“Proper Maintenance** “ (vaccines, floating teeth, trimming hooves, etc.)  
You can also focus on the types of materials to use and how to keep it clean.  
This is your part of your completion to receive your saddle club completion.

***The Essay will need to be turned in by the May Meeting.***

### Elkhart County 4-H Completion Project:

**\*\*\* NEW\*\*\***

**(This is not the same as Saddle Club Completion)**

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 is different for each individual member. Completing the 4-H requirements is what allows you to receive your fair pass in July. However, the club has additional requirements to be considered to have completed the club. This is what will allow the member to choose a box stall for fair and receive any achievement awards for the club such as ten-year jackets and retirement awards. Please see the Saddle Club Completion section for more details.

Each 4-H member must have either an animal at the fairgrounds during fair week or they will be required to have a poster or project on display. This is a new requirement to receive your pass for fair given to us by the extension office. This will be turned in on the night passes are distributed. Your essay does not count as a project to display however the project should follow the essay topic but needs to use a visual display. The essay may be included but may not take the place of the display.

**\*\*If you are planning to bring an animal to fair and are unable to for any reason you must complete a poster or project prior to fair.**

We understand animals sometimes get sick or hurt at the last minute and are unable to come to fair, however, the fair passes given out are to view your project on display therefore you must have a project on display to retain your passes.

**This is your completion project for 4-H. (not Saddle Club)**

***You will not receive Fair Passes without this being turned in!***

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**No Exceptions will be made on this! Your Essay does not count as a project for display!**

#### **Saddle Club Jackets 10-years completed members**

All 10-year Saddle Club members will be eligible to receive a Black 10 Year Member Jacket. Jackets will be awarded to the member during fair week at their final ride. To be eligible for a 10-year jacket (provided by the Elkhart County 4-H Saddle Club) a member must complete all club requirements all 10 years enrolled as a member. These include but are not limited to:

- 1) Paying Club Dues
- 2) Completion project for fair/club --essay/record sheet/workbook/fair week project display
- 3) Complete all required parent and 4-Her work shifts
- 4) Box stall /tie stall fees paid when applicable

Failure to complete any of these in the 10 years in club will make the member ineligible to receive a jacket. They will not be eligible for the option below. They will still receive a retiring member award: sweatshirt, buckle, or blanket.

#### **Saddle Club Jackets 6-years and up completed members**

Any member completing 6 years and up in Saddle Club will be eligible for a Grey Member Jacket. Jacket cost will be partially covered by the club with the member receiving \$5.00 credit for each year they completed in the club\*\*.

To be eligible for this jacket a member must complete all club requirements for all years enrolled as a member. These include but are not limited to:

- 1) Paying Club Dues
- 2) Completion project for fair/club --essay/record sheet/workbook
- 3) Complete all required parent and 4-Her work shifts
- 4) Box stall /tie stall fees paid when applicable

Failure to complete any of these in the years in club will make the member ineligible to receive a jacket.

They will still receive a retiring member award- sweatshirt, buckle, or blanket. \*\*Payment must be received prior to your jacket being ordered.

\*\*4-H years will be based on the 4-H online system used by extension office/saddle club leader will track club completion

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#### **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.***

***All work shifts must be signed up for by May 15<sup>th</sup>.***

#### **Fair Week**

- 1) Each 4-Her is responsible for 3 work shifts (fair week or Workdays)

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
- Fill condiments
- Clean assigned area prior to end of shift
- Assist adults with food preparation

#### **Barn & Ground Duty (3-5th grade 4Hers only!) This will meet 3 times throughout the day!**

- 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

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***\*\*Please note this is not a 4 hour straight shift it meets for short periods of time, 3 different times during day\*\****

**Show booth duty/Arena requirements (All ages of 4-Her)  
(Need to wear closed toed shoes)**

- Gates (open/shut) senior level only
- Window-take paperwork
- Ribbons and Trophies
- Set up/take down for events

***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.***

**WORK SHIFTS--Defined and Explained Continued...**

- 2) One ADULT per family is responsible for 3 workshifts (same as 4-Her) 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)**

- Be in charge of all workers and help with each shift change, opening and closing duties and making sure concession stand runs smoothly throughout the day.

### **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

***If you sign up for shift and cannot 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!***

***Any member not completing work shifts will be considered incomplete for that year of Saddle Club.***

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## What is Open Arena???

**April 13th-July 14th, 2021**

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 a 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 the website and Facebook.

Cancellation notices for weather will be posted on Facebook and group text.

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When: Every Tuesday and Wednesday evening from April 13-July 14 from 5pm until 8pm (weather permitting)

NO open arena 6/20-6/23 Horse Camp

Where: Elkhart County 4H Saddle Club Arenas

Contacts: Jen Cripe  
TBD

Tues night  
Weds night

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#### General Rules and Courtesies

- Riders may not mount until the Project Leader has Arrived!!
- Do Not Lunge in a ring with rider's 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, riders may be asked to leave.

**Fair Week Costume Class Theme**      *2021 Costume Class Theme Is : Disney*

#### Fair Week Check-in

**Saturday July 24, 2021 9-11:00    Sunday July 25, 2021 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 time we can guarantee a vet will be onsite to clear your animal. If you cannot 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 animal's 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 may be asked for this form and you will only 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.

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Saturday July 31, 2021 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 maintain a high standard of how the area looks when we leave so please understand we will be courteous to their standards and require that your area is clean 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 sawdust/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.
4. ***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.***

#### **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 online)
2. 10 year member
3. 9 year member
4. 8 year members and so on until we are out of stalls.

This is the fairest 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 the website for more information on box stall selection!!***

#### **Parking Rules:**

***For Shows, Clinics, Open Arenas, Drill Team and any other function held at our arena:***

- Horses may only be tied to trailers and hitching rack by barn. Do not use trees or wash rack in Saddle Club Arenas. There is plenty of parking, if parked correctly, around the arena.
- We cannot interfere with rallies. 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.

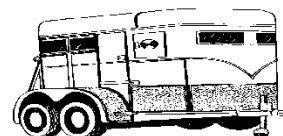
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We also have tubs for use at the wash rack so no manure should be carried down the drain. Please be responsible so we may keep using our own facility without any concerns from the Fair Board.

- 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. Although these are reminders for most of our families, please be mindful of our new members who may not yet know the rules, please be helpful 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 it will be towed AT YOUR EXPENSE!**



#### **Parking Horse Trailers During Fair Week**

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.

Rules for Parking your Horse Trailer:

- 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 the 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 fairgrounds 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 requests need to be turned in on the website before the June Meeting**



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#### Fair Week Campsites

Saddle Club is one of the only clubs to have designated campsites. We 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 Mike Kurtz or JD Double.

#### HORSE CAMP HELP NEEDED

#### 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:

Ashley Holdeman 574-354-7403

- \*\*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 cannot 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.

## 2021 Fair Schedule

### Saturday July 24th

Vet Check-In: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 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**

**Gymkhana Classes 6:00 P.M.**

### Sunday July 25th

Vet Check-In 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Fair Parade

**CONTESTING 6:00 p.m.**

(Barrels and Keyhole)

### Monday July 26th

**ENGLISH HALTER & PERFORMANCE: 9:00 A.M.**

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**PLEASURE DRIVING  
CONTESTING 6:00 P.M.**  
(Poles and Stake Race)

### **Tuesday July 27th**

**WESTERN SHOWMANSHIP & HALTER: 9:00 A.M.**  
**CONTESTING 6:00 P.M.**  
(Flags, Down and Back, & Speed and Action)

### **Wednesday July 28th**

**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 29th**

**WALK/TROT TRAIL: 9:00 A.M.**  
**TRAIL immediately following**  
**Costume Class 4:00 P.M. (2019 Celebrities)**

### **Friday July 30th**

**WALK/TROT VERSATILITY: 9:00 A.M. (Pleasure/Barrels)**  
**VERSATILITY JR/SR: approx. 9:30 A.M.**  
**RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING 4-H MEMBERS: 5:00 P.M.**

### **Saturday July 31st**

Clean out barn, tear down stalls, clean horse trailer spots

### **2021 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 Misty Glandon, Ashley Holdeman or Nicole Rawlings know!

### **Master Show Person/Round Robin**

Master Show person 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 Show person class. If the same exhibitor wins both English and Western Showmanship, they will choose which they want to represent in the Master Show person Class. Only the top placing Senior exhibitor in the Master Show person Class will be eligible to represent the Elkhart County Saddle Club at the Large Animal Round Robin Event offered by the Elkhart County Fair.

### **Walk/Trot Class Eligibility**

All first- and second-year members will be placed in Walk Trot unless a parent asks for their child to be advanced to a canter group. Once a parent requests this a child will be evaluated by a leader to be sure they are safely riding at

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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: September 10- September 12 at the Saddle Club Area***

We had a blast last year, so we are going to do it again! 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.

#### **What is Horse Camp???**

***Date: June 20-23, 2021***

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!