

4-H HORSES

Superintendent: Kim Puffaff and Kathy Bender

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Saturday, August 2

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Drop off exhibits at the Youth Development Building

Sunday, August 10

8-10:00 AM 4-H Horses arrive (all 4-H horses must be in place by 10AM)
10:30 AM Exhibitors Meeting, exhibitor passes will be available.
11:00 AM 4-H Horse inspection in main arena
1:00 PM English, Western, and Ranch Showmanship
3:00 PM Jumping Classes – back ring (weather permitting, in the event of unsafe conditions, jumping classes will move to Tuesday)
5:00 PM Hot Dog Dinner at the horse show arena compliments of the Friends of 4-H
6:00 PM ARENA GAMES (NO HORSES) for all 4-H members including Cloverbuds.

Monday, August 11 – Western Day

9:00 AM All Western and Ranch Performance classes including Cloverbuds
1 hour after Western ends Gymkhana

Tuesday, August 12 – English Day

9:00 AM All English Performance Classes including Cloverbuds
1 hour after English ends Horse Dressing Contest
4:00 PM Optional 4-H horses are released. **Stalls thoroughly cleaned (failure to clean stalls or exhibitors that leave early with horses lose showing privileges in 2026). Camper is expected to leave grounds as well when horses leave.**
5:00 PM Driveway must be clear – no loading of any vehicles or trailers
6:00 PM Horse Pulls

Wednesday, August 13

9:30AM Awards – Horse Headquarters
10:00AM Remaining 4-H Horses must be out by 10am, stalls thoroughly cleaned.

HORSE RULES

- a) The New York State 4-H Horse Show Rules and Erie County 4-H Novice and Walk Trot rules are applicable. Copies of the NYS 4-H Horse Show Rules can be reviewed on the 4-H website (<http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4-H/horses/index.html>). The judge's decision will be final. Any protests should be directed to the Superintendent.
- b) Horses and ponies must be owned or leased by the 4-H member by May 1 of the current year. No equine may be exhibited by more than two (2) exhibitors and in such case these two (2) exhibitors will not be allowed to show in the same age group of any division. No equine may be entered by more than one (1) exhibitor in any class.
- c) Horse participants must be 5 years old as of January 1, 2025; **however, Cloverbuds, ages 5-7 are limited to leadline, walk/halt/jog/trot and must have passed an on ground evaluation and a riding evaluation. Cloverbuds are also eligible for trail class and are required to have an adult side walker at all times. See specific classes for details.**
- d) The following steps must be taken on or before July 8, 2025 to properly enter an eligible horse for this show. Late entries will not be accepted.
 - (1) Complete entry form online.
 - (2) Statement of ownership or lease completion by May 1, of the current year signed by a parent or guardian. (Statement found on lease certificate).
 - (3) Submit the following to the 4-H Office by May 9, of current year: Horse Certificate and copies of each horse's Coggins test, rabies vaccine certificate, and Acknowledgement of Risk form.
 - (4) Completion of educational, clinic, and horse show requirements.
 - (5) Riding Level Evaluation for members changing riding levels.
- e) Substitution of horses due to injuries after entries have been closed can only be made under the following conditions:
 - (1) Veterinarian certification of injury with explanation of injury (severity) and date of injury.
 - (2) Substitute horse must have the appropriate paperwork on file with the 4-H office by May 9, of current year. See Rule (d).
 - (3) Horse may only be eligible to enter in the formerly declared classes of the horse they are replacing. No change in classes will be permitted.
- f) All horses must pass an inspection before being allowed to enter the show. The inspection will ensure that each horse is in good physical condition, sound, free from blemishes that would detract from the show. Approved riding helmets must be worn at all times & are subject to inspection at any time. Regarding Coggins & Rabies please see Erie County Fair Rules and Regulations.
- g) The 4-H Horse show officially ends on Tuesday, August 12, 2025. All horses must leave the grounds on **Tuesday, August 12, 2025, between 4-5:00 P.M. Horses may stay until Wednesday, but must leave by 10 A.M.** Failure to remove horses, or horses that leave early or failure to clean stalls at this time will result in loss of showing privileges for 2026. 4-H can assume no responsibility for members or horses, their housing, supervision or care after this date.
- h) All 4-H Horse Exhibitors are expected to attend the 4-H Fair Horse Awards program on Wednesday, August 13 at 9:00a.m. in Horse Headquarters.

- i) Horses will be assigned stalls for Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday nights. Shavings available for purchase. All horse exhibitors must supply their own hay.
- j) **No 4-H exhibitor may spend the night in tack stalls. All Exhibitors must be in campers under parental supervision or in the 4-H dorms (if available).**
- k) Fitting and Showmanship and Costume classes do not count in determining the number of classes in a division or in the show.
- l) Mules will be allowed to show in equine classes.
- m) All horse vans and trailers are to be parked in the designated parking lot, outside the grounds.
- n) Exhibitor and parking passes will be distributed at the exhibitor meeting on Sunday, August 10, 2025.

Reminders for 2025 arrival and departure: Please be sure to work with your leader to schedule arrival and departure. Trailers will have first priority to come onto the grounds. Cars will be allowed in as space warrants. When your car is on the grounds, please unload and move your vehicle to the parking lot in a timely manner so the driveway will be open and less congested. Same situation for trailers, once unloaded please exit the fairgrounds to the trailer parking lot.

NOTE: You will not be allowed to add classes or make changes the day of the show. Please review your entry form carefully! **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

Cloverbud classes are open to 4-H members that are ages 5-7 as of 1/1/2025. All cloverbuds must have passed an on-ground evaluation demonstrating safety skills and knowledge along with a rider evaluation, demonstrating ability and strength to safely participate. In Cloverbud classes, youth are not placed but will receive positive feedback on their skills demonstrated to the judge. All Cloverbud riders are required to have a handler who is 18 years of age or older.

Cloverbud Trail – Open to exhibitors that ride at a Walk/Halt, Walk/Trot, or Walk/Jog level. The course will consist of 4 or less simple obstacles. All riders in this class are required to have an adult side walker.

SHOWMANSHIP

Blue \$8.00 Red \$6.00 White \$4.00

Sunday, August 10, 2025 – 1:00 PM - Showmanship – order will be English – Western - Ranch

- 00001 – Cloverbud English Showmanship
- 00002 – Senior English Showmanship
- 00003 – Junior English Showmanship
- 00004 – Novice English Showmanship
- 00005 – Walk/Trot English Showmanship

***Champion English Showman:** open to 1st and 2nd blue winners (Cloverbuds are not eligible)

- 00007 – Cloverbud Western Showmanship
- 00008 – Senior Western Showmanship
- 00009 – Junior Western Showmanship
- 00010 – Novice Western Showmanship
- 00011 – Walk/Jog Western Showmanship
- 00012 – Senior Ranch Horse Showmanship
- 00013 – Junior Ranch Horse Showmanship

***Champion Western Showman:** open to 1st and 2nd blue winners (Cloverbuds are not eligible)

***Champion Ranch Horse Showman:** open to 1st and 2nd blue winners (Cloverbuds are not eligible)

JUMPING, PERFORMANCE, TRAIL & GYMKHANA CLASSES

Blue \$8.00 Red \$6.00 White \$4.00

Sunday, August 10, 2025 – 1:00 PM – English, Western and Ranch Showmanship

Monday, August 10, 2025 – 3:00 PM – All Jumping classes, back ring – weather permitting

Monday, August 11, 2025 – 11:00 AM – Western Cloverbud classes and Western & Ranch Trail – back arena

Monday, August 11, 2025 – 9:00 AM – Western and Ranch Performance Classes

Monday, August 11, 2025 – 1 hour after Western show ends – Gymkhana Classes

Tuesday, August 12, 2025 – 9:00 AM – English Performance and Cloverbuds

Tuesday, August 12, 2025 – 11:00AM – English Trail

00016 - Sr. Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences

00017 - Jr. Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences

00018 - Novice Hunt Seat Equitation over X rails

00019 - Walk/Trot Hunt Seat Equitation over poles

00020 – Sr. English Hunter Hack

00021 – Jr. English Hunter Hack

00076 - Cloverbud English Equitation

00077 - Cloverbud English Pleasure

00078 - Sr. English Equitation

00079 - Junior English Equitation

00080 - Novice English Equitation

00081 - Walk/Trot English Equitation

00082 - Sr. English Pleasure

00083 - Jr. English Pleasure

00084 - Novice English Pleasure

00085 - Walk/Trot English Pleasure

00086 - Sr. English Command

00087 - Jr. English Command

00088 - Novice English Command

00089 - Walk/Trot English Command

00090 - Senior English Road Hack

00091 - Jr. English Road Hack

00092 - Cloverbud English Trail

00093 - Senior English Trail

00094 - Junior English Trail

00095 - Novice English Trail

00096 - Walk/Trot English Trail

**** Senior and Junior riders must choose Western or Ranch. You may not ride in Both Divisions. ****

00022 - Cloverbud Western Equitation

00023 - Cloverbud Western Pleasure

00024 - Sr. Western Equitation

00025 - Jr. Western Equitation

00026 - Novice Western Equitation

00027 - Walk/Jog Western Equitation

00028 - Senior Ranch Pleasure

00029 - Junior Ranch Pleasure

00030 - Sr. Western Pleasure

00031 - Jr. Western Pleasure

00032 - Novice Western Pleasure

00033 - Walk/Jog Western Pleasure

00034 - Senior Hack Ranch Horse

00035 - Junior Hack Ranch Horse

00036 - Sr. Western Command

00037 - Jr. Western Command

00038 - Novice Western Command

00039 - Walk/Jog Western Command

00040 - Senior Ranch Riding

00041 - Junior Ranch Riding

00042 - Sr. Western Pattern Pleasure

00043 - Jr. Western Pattern Pleasure

00044 - Cloverbud Western Trail
00045 - Sr. Western Trail
00046 - Jr. Western Trail
00047 - Novice Western Trail
00048 - Walk/Jog Western Trail
00049 - Senior Ranch Horse Trail
00050 - Junior Ranch Horse Trail
00051 - Senior Cloverleaf Barrels
00052 - Junior Cloverleaf Barrels
00053 - Novice Cloverleaf Barrels
00054 - Walk/Trot Cloverleaf Barrels
00055 - Cloverbud Cloverleaf Barrels
00056 - Senior Straight Barrels
00057 - Junior Straight Barrels
00058 - Novice Straight Barrels
00059 - Walk/Jog Straight Barrels
00060 - Cloverbud Straight Barrels
00061 - Senior Figure 8 Barrels
00062 - Junior Figure 8 Barrels
00063 - Novice Figure 8 Barrels
00064 - Walk/Jog Figure 8 Barrels
00065 - Cloverbud Figure 8 Barrels
00066 - Senior Pole Bending
00067 - Junior Pole Bending
00068 - Novice Pole Bending
00069 - Walk/Jog Pole Bending
00070 - Cloverbud Pole Bending
00071 - Senior Keyhole
00072 - Junior Keyhole
00073 - Novice Keyhole
00074 - Walk/Jog Keyhole
00075 - Cloverbud Keyhole

CORKI SMITH SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Nominations for the sportsmanship award are to be given to the 4-H Horse Show Superintendent at the fair by 12:00 on Tuesday, August 12, 2025. For further information call 652-5400 ext. 132

The Erie County Fair Horse Dressing Contest
Thursday, August 12, 2025 1 hour after the conclusion of the English Show
Judging to take place in the Horse Show Arena
Open to all 4-H Exhibitors in the Fair

Prizes will be awarded based on costume, originality, narrative, and use of fair theme – Sights, Sounds, Tastes and Feels of the Fair

(Age as of January 1st, 2025)

Class # 100 – Junior Exhibitors 13 years old & younger 1 st Place - \$15.00 2 nd Place - \$10.00 3 rd Place - \$ 5.00	Class #101 - Senior Exhibitors 14 years old & older 1 st Place - \$15.00 2 nd Place - \$10.00 3 rd Place - \$5.00
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Class #102 - Cloverbud 5-7 years – Award – Rosette

The Erie County Fair 4-H Club Dressing Contest
Sunday, August 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
Judging to take place in the Horse Show Arena
Open to all 4-H Exhibitors in the Fair

Teams consist of 4 or more 4-H’ers and 4 or more horses all from the same club.

Leaders only may register the club for this dressing contest – premiums will go directly to the club.

Teams consist of 2 or more 4-Hers and 2 or more horses.

Prizes will be awarded based on costume, originality, narrative, and use of fair theme – Sights, Sounds, Tastes and Feels of the Fair

Class #103 1 st Place - \$20.00 2 nd Place- \$15.00 3 rd Place - \$5.00
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Cloverbuds may participate in this club activity.



