



HORSE PROGRAM

NEWSLETTER

LEARNING, LEADING, RIDING, HORSEMANSHIP

HORSE PROJECT NIGHTS WRAP UP FOR THE SEASON

Our final Horse Project Night of the season was held on Friday, March 6th, and it was a great way to wrap up a fun and educational series! This month's project focused on equine teeth. Participants learned about the structure and purpose of a horse's teeth and then built their own model of a horse's jaw and teeth to better understand how everything fits together.

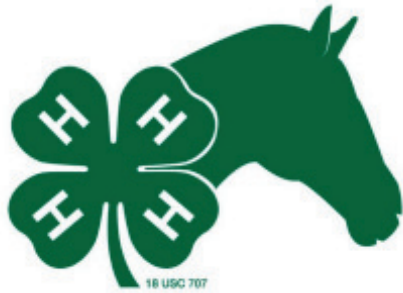
Throughout the season, members explored a variety of hands-on topics including making horse treats, the equine digestive system, hoof anatomy, and teeth. These project nights give youth the chance to learn more about horse care and anatomy while also creating something they can take home.

Horse Project Nights are about more than just learning; they are also a time to connect with fellow 4-H members, have fun, and make new friends who share a love for horses.

Horse Project Nights will resume in December, and we're always looking for new ideas! If you have a project suggestion or would like to lead a project night, please reach out to DeAnna.

If you have any questions about submitting your projects for the July Showcase, please don't hesitate to ask. We look forward to seeing all the creativity and knowledge our members have gained this year!





JOIN US FOR HORSE CLINIC - MAY 17TH

We're excited to invite everyone to our upcoming clinic on March 17th! Riders and auditors alike are encouraged to attend for a great opportunity to learn more about centered riding practices; focusing on balance, harmony, and effective communication with your horse.

Whether you're in the saddle or watching from the sidelines, there will be plenty to take away from this educational and engaging experience.

Important Reminder:

If you plan to bring a horse, please be sure we have a current Coggins and health report on file. Kindly send all paperwork to Wendy Stokes ahead of time to ensure a smooth check-in process.

We hope to see you there for a fun and informative day!

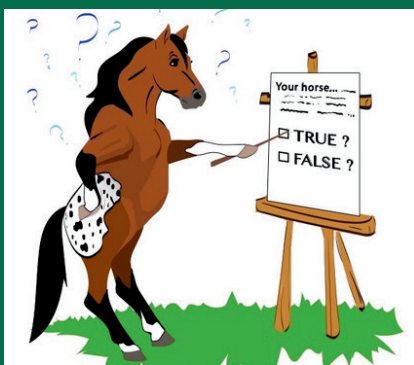
HORSE FACTS DID YOU KNOW?

The four-leaf clover is widely known as a symbol of luck, and it's also the emblem of 4-H.

However, Red clover infected with a harmless fungus can cause horses to drool excessively; a condition nicknamed "slobbers." It looks dramatic but usually isn't dangerous.



UPCOMING PROGRAM EVENTS



HORSE COMMUNICATIONS
3/21



**HORSE PROGRAM
CLINIC 5/7**



SCHOOLING SHOW
6/14



JOIN THE EFFORT: HELP US SECURE SPONSORS FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON



As we continue planning for the program year, we are asking our members and families to help us seek out sponsors. Sponsorships play a key role in keeping our program active and accessible for everyone. The generosity of our sponsors helps support educational programming, events, awards, and opportunities for youth throughout the year.

If you know of a local business, farm, family friend, or community member who may be interested in supporting the program, we encourage you to reach out and share the impact that the 4-H Horse Program has on our youth. Every sponsorship, big or small, helps us continue offering meaningful learning experiences for our members.

We are also currently collecting program words of affirmation (shout-outs) for this year's program materials. If you would like to include a message of encouragement, recognition, or support for our riders and members, please submit those as soon as possible.

If you would like a sponsorship letter to share with potential supporters or would like more information about submitting a program shout-out, please reach out to DeAnna.

Thank you for helping us build a strong and supportive community for our 4-H horse members!



A DAY AT THE RACES: 4-H OPEN HOUSE IN GOSHEN

BY: VIOLA THIBODEAU

On Saturday, February 28th, the Orange County 4-H Horse Program spent the day at the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame as part of the 4-H Day at the Museum.

They toured the museum and completed scavenger hunts; in the process learning about the history of standardbred racing. They completed several crafts, attended informational presentations, and saw a talking horse. Some kids took a ride (or two!) on the 3D harness racing simulator, feeling what it would be like to ride a standardbred in a race.

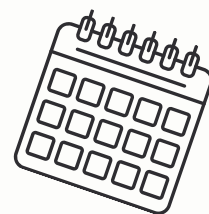
Overall it was a fun and informational day for the Horse Program.



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IMPORTANT HORSE PROGRAM DATES



3/16, 3/18, 3/19, 3/21 - Public Presentations

3/21 - Horse Communications

4/18 - NYS Horse Bowl Competition

5/16 - NYS Horse Communications

5/17 - Clinic - Centered Riding

6/7- NYS Hippology & Horse Judging Comp.

6/14 - Schooling Show

7/25-7/26 - Qualifying Show

8/26-9/7 - NYS Fair

HORSEPLAY IN ACTION....

