

MECOSTA COUNTY

4-H HORSE

HANDBOOK

2026

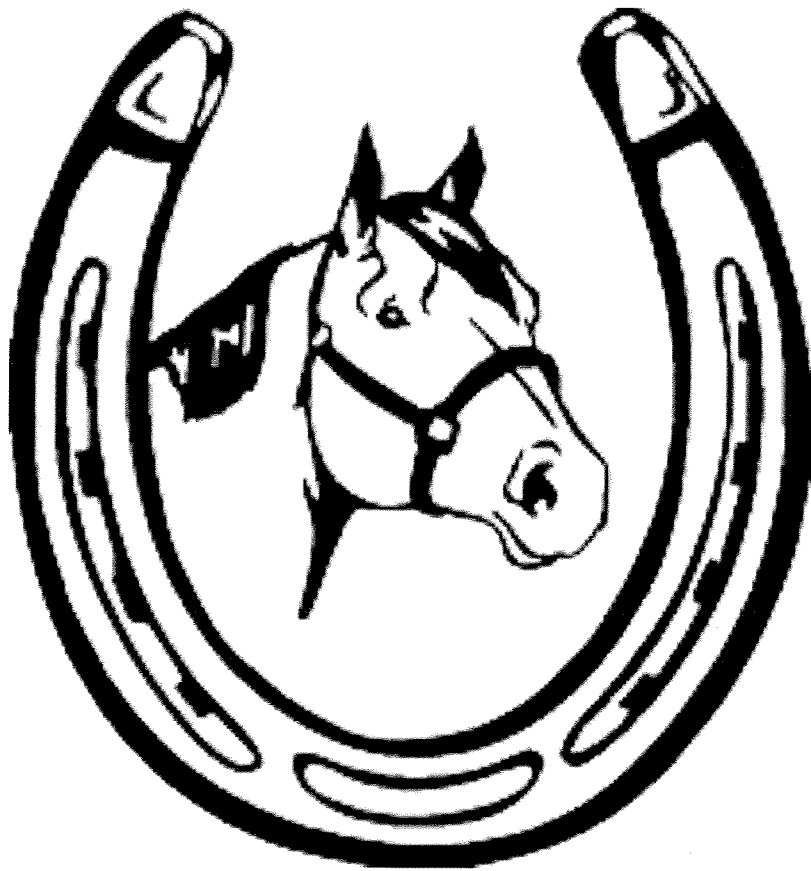


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4-H PLEDGE

“ 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.”

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2026 HORSE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

President----- Tiffany Spedowski 231-287-0113

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Secretary-----Laura Cole 231-408-7701

Treasure-----Julie Strohkirch----231-349-0253

Show Secretary-----Janet Snider-----231-629-2620

Co-Show Secretary--- Tiffany Spedowski

COMMITTEES

Horse Show & Handbook Review----Julie Strohkirch- Chairperson
Tiffany Spedowski, Janet Snider

Year-End Awards—Tiffany Spedowski- Chairperson
Tiffany Spedowski

Budget Committee-- Julie Strohkirch- Chairperson
Tiffany Spedowski

Developmental & Educational-- Julie Strohkirch- Chairperson
Tiffany Spedowski, Janet Snider, Sarah Doering

Fundraising Committee- Julie Strohkirch- Chairperson
Tiffany Spedowski, Janet Snider, Cayla Zimmerman

State Horse Show- Tiffany Spedowski- Chairperson
Janet Snider, Nicki Kantz, Laura Cole, Sarah Doering, Julie Strohkirch

ROC Committee- Amy Parker- Chairperson
Nicki Kantz, Laura Cole, Rob Doering, Tiffany Spedowski

3. Secretary shall:

- a. Keep a complete and accurate record of minutes of all meetings.
- b. Take care of all correspondence.
- c. Present minutes to all meetings.
- d. Presents minutes to 4-H Office.
- e. Keep a record of attendance for each meeting.

4. Treasure shall:

- a. Shall, each month, accept and keep correct accounting of all money received and dispersed.
- b. Shall deposit Horse Project money in a checking account with the Treasures, and Presidents signatures on the signature card (persons may not be from the same family).
- c. All Checks must be signed by the treasure.
- d. All expenditures shall require approval of the Mecosta County 4-H Horse Leaders before checks can be written.
- e. Follow all financial guidelines as described in the Michigan 4-H Financial Guideline Handbook.

5. Point Secretary shall:

- a. Keep track of division each 4-H member rides in
- b. Keep show points for each 4-H point show and fair
- c. Keep track of qualifying points for state rider designation
- d. Keep track of Jeanne Moss Award speed point tally
- e. Submit point sheets to 4-H office in a timely manner after each show
- f. Submit total show point tally to year-end committee chairman for year-end awards

IV. Order of Business (for regular meetings)

- A. Roll Call
- B. Minutes of previous meeting
- C. Communications and Treasures report
- D. Extension Office Report
- E. Old Business
- F. New Business
- G. Adjournment

V. Committees

- A. Standing committees shall be determined at the time of officer elections on a volunteer basis followed by a vote selection of a chairman
- B. Each club leader or club representative to actively serve on a minimum of one committee.
- C. Standing committees and their responsibilities are as follows:
 - 1. Year-end Awards Committee
 - a. Provide a description of county awards.
 - b. Determine what awards are possible.

INFORMATION NEEDED FOR EACH HORSE SHOW

1. Secure timers, First Aid Kit, PA system, trail, jumping, and gymkhana equipment, if needed.
2. Provide lunch and or refreshments for judge, ringmaster, announcer, record keeper, trail judge, and gymkhana judge,
3. Stalls cannot be reserved until the Monday prior to the first qualifying show. Stall tags will be provided and must be filed out by each member. Stall tags will only be removed by an executive board member after stall has been inspected. If stall is left dirty a \$15 cleaning fee will be charged to that member. If the fee is not paid, the member will lose their show points from that show.
4. Have a copy of official 4-H Horse and Pony Show Rules and Regulations at announcers booth.
5. Be aware of all the rules and regulations regarding 4-H (appropriate tack, treatment, of horses, safety standards set by Mecosta County and Michigan State university and Michigan 4-H Youth Development).
6. All clubs are responsible to secure show help such as ringmaster and announcer.
7. Accepted Horse Show help assignments are obligatory. Remember volunteering is commitment to full fill however, if unable to handle obligations notify the Show Committee immediately.

IF A PROBLEM ARISES, CONTACT LEADERS TO ASSIST WITH HANDLING ANY DECISION THAT AFFECTS OUR YOUTH.

INFORMATION NEEDED FOR FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS

1. Post phone numbers of vets.
2. Inspect stalls.
3. Attend superintendent meeting prior to fair.
4. Secure nightly barn duty for horse barns.
5. Secure ring stewards and announcers for all horse events during the week of fair.
6. Assign tack trailer locations for clubs.
7. Meet with State Vet and complete coggins check.
8. Complete and submit paperwork for premium classes.
9. Other responsibilities as assigned or designated by Fair Board.

Barn Duty People are required to:

- a. Know names of leaders, superintendents and locations of their campsites.
- b. Check stalls periodically.
- c. Make sure all 4-H'ers are out of barns by 11:00pm, lights out and quiet.
- d. Make sure no alcoholic beverages are being consumed in barn and show area.
- e. Make sure there is no smoking in the barns or use of illegal substances.

HORSE ACTIVITY POINTS

Sponsorship:

- One point for each sponsorship (suggested donation \$10.00)
In support of the 4-H Horse Project, it is an expectation that each member raises a minimum of \$20.00 in sponsorship donations . Sponsorship's will be accepted all year

Educational:

- One point for each Youth Committee meeting and each Leader Committee meeting.
- One point for each Mecosta County Quiz Bowl, Hippology, Horse Judging
- Two points for State Quiz Bowl competition and Hippology competition
- Two points for Regional or State Horse Judging Competition (per competition)
- One point for each oral report given to your group or to the entire 4-H group
- One point for each Demonstration given to your group or to the entire 4-H group
- One point for each Clinic(special educational event you attend which is open to your group or the entire 4-H group). *Clinics eligible for points must include all county and state clinics brought to the club or county leader's attention as well as club clinics provided that they are available to everyone in the club and someone is present and running the clinic in an educational manner. Only one point per event per day will be awarded. You must sign-in on the provided sign in sheet to receive points. Paid private lessons and fun get-together's are not eligible for points in this category.*
- One point for each meeting of your local club containing an educational component & R.O.C practice.
- One point for completing Project Book which is due June 1st
- One point for being an Officer in your local group
- Two points for competing in Team Competition, Costume, and Versatility
- Two points for being a member of 4-H Council

Community Service:

- Participation hours will be kept for each service you give to the community. Examples- your group singing carols at a foster care home; your group preparing and delivering holiday baskets; you joining county wide 4-H community services; general 4-H county “work bees” and PEP. A 4-H member cannot collect hours for community service projects completed with another organization or school sponsored events 501(c)(3) organizations can be used for community service projects. The executive board will make the final decision if there is a question concerning an activity.

Show Points accumulated using the following schedule regardless of the number of riders in the class:

First Place – 10 points
Second Place- 9 points
Third Place- 8 points
Fourth Place- 7 points
Fifth Place- 6 points

Sixth Place- 5 points
Seventh Place- 4 points
Eight Place- 3 points
Ninth Place- 2 points
Tenth Place- 1 point

HORSE REGISTRATION

1. Horses must be registered by May 1st with negative paperwork attached, recommended draw date is before April 20th. Use registration form included in this handbook.
2. 4-H member may show no more than two horses.
3. Horse changes will be considered for the following circumstances ONLY:
 - a. Death of a project animal
 - b. Lameness of project animal
 - c. Project animal is considered unsafe for 4-H member

The Horse Leaders Committee will review and make decisions regarding exceptions.

Negative Coggins Test required by May 1st for all horses registered. Coggins must be valid through August 31st of current calendar year. A legible photocopy must be attached to the Horse Registration papers.

MECOSTA COUNTY 4-H PROJECT GENERAL/FAIR RULES

1. To bring a project horse to fair, members must be at least 8 years of age on January 1, 2026. Cloverbud's may participate in Lead Line 5-7, Walk Trot 7, Cloverbud Fitting & Showmanship, Cloverbud Trail, and Cloverbud Costume Class only,
2. During lead-line classes, the rider must be lead by an adult (18 years or older) and must have a lead-line attached to a halter, which has been placed under the bridle. This class is appropriate for all Cloverbuds 5-7 years old. No Spurs will be allowed in this class.
3. Walk/Trot 7 year old riders must have an adult (18 years or older) in the ring to act as a spotter. This person does not have to hang on tho the halter, but must be close by in case of an emergency. This class is for 7 year old's only. Halters must be worn under the bridle and bump spurs only will be allowed if necessary.
4. 4-H Cloverbud members must wear SEI-ASTM approved helmets for all Cloverbud horse experience. Bike helmets do not qualify. All Cloverbuds must have their feet in stirrups while on their horse.
5. Rules, announcements, Vet list with phone numbers, and safety information shall be posted at each barn and must be followed.
6. The arena may be used for practice only under supervision of an adult or leader.
7. Only 4-H Horse & Pony Project members, leaders, and immediate family my ride a 4-h members registered horse on the fairgrounds during 4-H activities.
8. Appropriate boots and long pants must be worn at all times in the arena (absolutely no tennis shoes or sandals). It is also advised that club leaders and parents be responsible for seeing appropriate shirts are worn for practice. Short sleeve Western shirts will be acceptable in Gymkhana classes (no t-shirts, tank tops, or sleeveless shirts). No sunglasses will be allowed in the show arena. Prescription transition lenses are accepted.
9. Horses and ponies may be mounted and walked in a safe manner between the barn and arena on show days. At all other times, horses and ponies shall be lead to and from arena and mounted inside arena.

27. Fair registrations are due on fair entry online by (Date TBD by fair board). Registration for other qualifying shows must be turned into your leader by June 1st. Additions and deletions will be accepted day of the show. Members must also meet the Jr Fairboard requirements to show at the Fair. Please see Jr Fairboard rules and Regulations online.
28. Only one stall per 4-H member will be allowed at fair. Cloverbuds will not be allowed to stall their horses at the fair. Any exceptions to this must be cleared through the Horse Superintendent and Horse Leaders Committee. Barns close at 11:00 pm during fair week.
29. Stalls cannot be reserved until the Monday prior to the first qualifying show. Provided stall tags must be filled out by each member and will be removed by an executive board member. If a stall is left dirty a \$15 cleaning fee will be charged that member. If the fee is not paid, the member will loose all accumulated points towards year end awards.
30. Camping sites will be available at point show's for an additional fee, determined and collected by the Fair Board.
31. All leaders or their adult representatives have the authority and responsibility to see that rules are followed. Violations may result in 4-H'er being disqualified and asked to leave with loss of premiums.
32. All participants in all Hunter (over fences, on the flat, and bareback), Dressage, all Bareback, Saddle Seat, all novice classes, and Gymkhana (speed) classes must wear properly secured protective riding helmet that bear the ASTM-SEI Certification label while mounted. Cloverbuds must wear helmets at all times. Bike helmets do not qualify.
33. Exhibitor may show in the novice division no more than two years, unless approved by Horse Leaders Committee. Novice walk/ trot is available for all novice riders who are not comfortable with the canter. Novice riders may only ride in Novice division classes. Novice Fitting & Showing does not count as years riding. The Novice Division is intended for beginning riders not green horses and exhibitors age 13-19. All 8 year old's will be considered Novice W/T. Special concerns and considerations will be addressed by the Horse Leaders Committee.
34. **Exhibitor must show in the same division all year**, unless approved by the leaders committee. Novice walk/trot may be moved up to the appropriate division with approval of leader committee, but will not then be eligible to go back to Novice Walk/Trot. Novice exhibitors may participate in Gymkhana events in the appropriate division at the discretion of their leader. **Novice Walk/Trot riders must trot if riding Gymkhana classes and can only ride in 4 out of the 7 Gymkhana classes at each show.**
35. Ponies may be ridden in pony division or in age division but not both. Ponies cannot be taller than 56 inches in height, with ½" allowed for shoes. All ponies must be measured by Horse Show Committee prior to first show the date and location to be set by committee. Ponies who have been previously measured and under 50 inches and/or over 12 years of age do not have to be measured again. Special concerns and considerations will be addressed by the Horse Leaders.
36. Divisions are:
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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 16-19 years of age | Pony 8-19 years of age |
| 13-15 years of age | Novice W/T 8-19 years of age |
| 12 & Under (8) years of age | Novice 13-19 years of age |
| Cloverbuds 5-7 years of age | Pee Wee 4 & Under (Non 4H Registered) |
- ROC- Novice 8-19, Beginner 12 & U, Intermediate 13-15, Advanced 16-19, Cloverbud, PeeWee

ROPING AND OBSTACLE COURSE
R.O.C
Project Guidelines and Requirements

R.O.C. Committee Chair- Hippology

1. R.O.C. Project is open to all 4-H youth who are currently registered and members in good standing in the Mecosta County 4-H Youth Development Program, in the following age groups: Novice 8-19, Beginner 12 & U, Intermediate 13-15, Advanced 16-19
2. Youth **MUST** preregister for the R.O.C. project by the first weekend in March of the current program year. Practices before this weekend are not counted as required practices
3. Project meeting dates and certification dates, along with a list of items needed for the project will be furnished to participants at the first meeting.
4. All participants, regardless of experience, or number of years in the project are required to certify annually to participate in the project and R.O.C. Classes during the pre-fair qualifying shows and the Mecosta County Agricultural Free Fair. To participate, required safety certification is required of all participants. Ground roping participants do not need to certify.
5. All youth must attend a minimum of 50% or more of all offered clinics and mounted practices. Certification will occur at specified session. Ground Roping is available at all practices.
6. Youth do not have to own a horse to participate in the R.O.C. Project. Youth without a horse may only participate in ground roping classes.
7. There may be an additional fee at riding sessions and clinics where you bring your horse. Fees are due at the time of the session.
8. Participants that are ground ropers only and do not participate in the Mecosta County Horse Program will pay a \$10.00 show fee at each pre-fair qualifying show. Horse program youth that participate in the weekend shows will pay the standard \$40.00 weekend fee.
9. Educational points will be awarded for attendance at R.O.C. Classes and show points will be awarded for participants using their designated point horse. R.O.C. show/event points will go towards R.O.C. year end awards only.
10. Your roping horse **MUST** be one of your two (2) 4-H project horses. Youth may choose to certify both of their 4-H project horses in the R.O.C project.
11. All 4-H state and county rules apply.
12. All participants and their families will be required to assist with show set-up or take-down as well as their normal operations of the show.

FAIR WEEK EVENT'S
For Horse Members

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

VERSATILITY (Open to all ages 9-19 Except Novice)

Exhibitors will need back numbers. Patterns will be posted. Exhibitors will ride:

1. English first- exhibitors will be asked to perform a pattern and will be worked on the rail.
2. After they are lined up- attendants will be called in (a maximum of 3 attendants) and once in place, you will have 3 minutes to change into Western appointment.
3. You will then be asked to go to the rail for ring work, then you will have to perform a pattern.
4. All Exhibitors will go to a makeup area and be called in individually for the Cloverleaf pattern.
When everyone is done, you will line up in the center of the arena again.
5. A question will then be asked of all exhibitors and placing will occur.

DEMONSTRATIONS (Open to all ages 8-19)

Demonstrations will be judged on the following:

- Eye Contact and Voice Projection will affect your score.
- Time should be 5-7 minutes. Too long or too short will result in loss of points.
- Introduction (15 pts)- grab and hold the audiences attention.
- Body (30 pts)- clear, organized, correct information
- Summary (10 pts)- reinforce important points
- Use of Props (30 pts) handling of horse and "tools"
- Questions (15 pts)- repeat the question and answer clearly
- Total – 100 points possible
- Demonstration guide available at 4-H Office

COSTUME (Open to all ages)

All Cloverbuds & Pee Wee's participating in the costume class will receive a participation ribbon. Each exhibitor will be required to write as brief description on a 3x5 card of who they are and what their costume represents for the announcer to read. Proper footwear must be worn during the class.

Costume Class will be judged on the following:

- Originality
- Tolerance of horse to costume
- Theme consistency between exhibitor and horse.
- Costumes must be safe for horse and rider.

MSU EXTENSION WEATHER POLICY FOR 4-H EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Prior to event being held, the program site should be evaluated for emergency shelter options if inclement weather occurs.

Rain

Depending on the amount of rain and the type of activities being held, programs may need to be suspended temporarily. If rain is hard or heavy, program coordinators must evaluate the site for safety before restarting events. This is especially important for events in which you are riding horses (for the safety of both the rider and the horse) or, when the possibility of injury might increase due to wet or muddy ground.

Thunder & Lightning

“If you hear it, clear it”. It is impossible to have thunder without lightning, even if you do not see the lightning. When thunder is heard or lightning spotted, **all programming must cease** and participants must be moved to a safe, indoor shelter until the person in charge of the event or program decides the weather is clear and safe to initiate programming again. “Safe to initiate programming again”, means no thunder and lightning are heard or seen or 20 minutes.

Tornado

If a tornado warning or watch is issued by the weather service, all program participants and observers should be encouraged to seek shelter in designated areas. Event cancellation may result if weather persists.

ALCOHOL AT 4-H SPONSORED EVENTS

There is NO ALCOHOL permitted at any 4-H sponsored event. This includes animal shows sponsored by 4-H clubs that may be open to non 4-H members, camps workouts where parents are observing and/or public clinics that may be sponsored by 4-H groups as fundraisers.

These are all 4-H sponsored events and even though the participants may not be 4-H members or volunteers we cannot permit alcohol on the premises. In the case of fairs, the policy of the fair board, regarding alcohol use on the fairgrounds would apply. However, during 4-H activities and shows at the fair, alcohol should not be consumed by anyone participating in or attending the event. It is also important to include the “No Alcohol Allowed on Premises” policy on any show bills or fliers that 4-H groups distribute so potential participants now about the policy prior to arrival at the event site.

If event participants (adults and/or youth) are not following the “NO ALCOHOL” rule, it is the responsibility of the hosting group to enforce this rule. The Extension Office will enforce this policy. Attendee would either need to leave the event or stop the unacceptable behavior.

Michigan State University liability coverage will not be in place for groups who do not comply with this policy.

MECOSTA COUNTY 4-H QUALIFYING SHOWS

June 20th and June 27th

SATURDAY 8:00 am

1. Fitting & Showmanship 16-19
2. Fitting & Showmanship 13-15
3. Fitting & Showmanship 12 & U
4. Fitting & Showmanship Pony
5. Fitting & Showmanship Novice
6. Cloverbud Fitting & Showmanship
7. Pee Wee Fitting & Showmanship
8. Leadline
9. Walk/Trot 7 year old's
10. Pee Wee Lead line

49. Cloverbud\ Pee Wee Trail

15 minute break

28. Saddleseat Equitation Open
29. Saddleseat Pleasure Open

*** 15 minutes break***

11. Huntseat Equitation 16-19
12. Huntseat Equitation 13-15
13. Huntseat Equitation 12 & U
14. Huntseat Equitation Pony
15. Huntseat Equitation Novice 13-15
16. Huntseat Equitation Novice W/T
17. Huntseat Pleasure 16-19
18. Huntseat Pleasure 13-15
19. Huntseat Pleasure 12 & U
20. Huntseat Pleasure Pony
21. Huntseat Pleasure Novice 13-15
22. Huntseat Pleasure Novice W/T
23. English Bareback 15-19
24. English Bareback 14 & U
25. English Bareback Pony
26. Crosspoles Hunter Hack Open
27. Hunter Hack Fences Open

*** 15 Minute Break***

46. Trail 15-19
47. Trail 14 & U
48. Trail Novice

*** 15 Minute Break***

30. Western Horsemanship 16-19
31. Western Horsemanship 13-15
32. Western Horsemanship 12 & U
33. Western Horsemanship Pony
34. Western Horsemanship Novice 13-15
35. Western Horsemanship Novice W/T
36. Western Pleasure 16-19
37. Western Pleasure 13-15
38. Western Pleasure 12 & U
39. Western Pleasure Pony
40. Western Pleasure Novice 13-15
41. Western Pleasure Novice W/T
42. Western Bareback Equitation 15-19
43. Western Bareback Equitation 14 & U
44. Western Bareback Equitation Pony
45. Reining Open (1st Show)
46. Ranch Riding (2nd Show)

COST: \$40.00 COVERS SAT & SUN

THERE WILL BE A FAMILY CAP OF \$80 PER WEEKEND

4-H RULES WILL APPLY-RIBBIONS FOR 10 PLACINGS

AGE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2026

CANCELLATION DECISION TO BE MADE BY LEADERS

*Class Registration closed when prior class enters the ring

*Gate will close TWO minutes after proceeding class is dismisses
unless there is FIVE minute tack change which must be requested
at east two classes prior to the TACK CHANG TIME

*Pee Wee classes are for 4 & Under Non-Registered youth only

*Trail Class will be in a separate area

*Novice Fitting & Showing does not count as years riding experience

*A \$15 stall deposit may be charged

*Riding classes will be split at the discretion of the Judge and Show
Committee.

*No exhibition Rides

*Walk/Trot 7 yr old's may not ride in any other class

*Leadline must be lead by an adult and must have a leadline
attached to the halter which has been placed under the bridle

*All Cloverbuds must have their feet in stirrups when on their horse

*Cloverbuds must have an adult in the ring in case of an
emergency. All Cloverbuds must wear an SEI-ASTM
approved helmet at all times. Bike helmets do not qualify.

*Crosspole entries cannot compete in any other jumping class

*Only Mecosta County 4-H'ers are eligible for open classes

SATURDAY (FOLLOWING PLEASURE CLASSES)

- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 51. Polebending 16-19 | 75. Down & Back 16-19 |
| 52. Polebending 13-15 | 76. Down & Back 13-15 |
| 53. Polebending 12 & U | 77. Down & Back 12 & U |
| 54. Polebending Pony | 78. Down & Back Pony |
| 55. Stake Race 16-19 | |
| 56. Stakes Race 13-15 | |
| 57. Stakes Race 12 & U | |
| 58. Stakes Race Pony | |
| 59. Speed & Action 16-19 | |
| 60. Speed & Action 13-15 | |
| 61. Speed & Action 12 & U | |
| 62. Speed & Action Pony | |
| 63. Keyhole 16-19 | |
| 64. Keyhole 13-15 | |
| 65. Keyhole 12 & U | |
| 66. Keyhole Pony | |
| 67. Cloverleaf 16-19 | |
| 68. Cloverleaf 13-15 | |
| 69. Cloverleaf 12 & U | |
| 70. Cloverleaf Pony | |
| 71. Flags 16-19 | |
| 72. Flags 13-15 | |
| 73. Flags 12 & U | |
| 74. Flags Pony | |

ROPING AND OBSTACLE COURSE FAIR WEEK

- All 4-H rules apply
- Ribbons for 10 placings
- Age as of January 1, 2026
- Cancellation decisions to be made by Leaders
- Participants must have passed certification and made 50% of practice requirements to participate at shows.
- All participants must wear SEI-ASTM approved helmet in all mounted classes. Ground Ropers have the option of wearing helmet or traditional western style hat for competition.
- 5 minute tack changes can be requested as needed.
- All ground classes will be first, there will be a break for participants to get their horses ready prior to mounted classes.
- Championship winners will be determined by score cards/times. If there is a tie, there will be a championship class to determine overall champion.

CLASSES

Stationary Ground Roping PeeWee/Cloverbud

- 79. Stationary Ground Roping- Novice
- 80. Stationary Ground Roping Beginner (12 & U)
- 81. Stationary Ground Roping- Intermediate (13-15)
- 82. Stationary Ground Roping- Advanced (16-19)

*** *Stationary Ground Roping Championship* ***

- 83. Challenge Ground Roping- Novice
- 84. Challenge Ground Roping- Beginner (12 & U)
- 85. Challenge Ground Roping- Intermediate (13-15)
- 86. Challenge ground Roping- Advanced (16-19)

Goat Tying PeeWee & Cloverbuds

- 87. Goat Tying- Novice
- 88. Goat Tying- Beginner (12 & U)
- 89. Goat Tying- Intermediate (13-15)
- 90. Goat Tying- Advanced (16-19)

Calf Tying PeeWee/Cloverbud

- 91. Calf Tying- Novice
- 92. Calf Tying – Beginner (12 & U)
- 93. Calf Tying- Intermediate (13-15)
- 94. Calf Tying- Advanced (16-19)

*** *Ground Tying Championship* ***

*** Break ***

Mounted Stationary Roping PeeWee/ Cloverbud

- 95. Mounted Stationary Roping – Noivce
- 96. Mounted Stationary Roping Beginner (12 & U)
- 97. Mounted Stationary Roping-Intermediate (13-15)
- 98. Mounted Stationary Roping- Advanced (16-19)
- 99. Challenge Mounted Stationary Roping- Novice
- 100. Challenge Mounted Stationary Roping- Beginner (12 & U)
- 101. Challenge Mounted Stationary Roping- Intermediate (13-15)
- 102. Challenge Mounted Stationary Roping- Advanced (16-19)
- 103. Mounted Goat Tying -Novice
- 104. Mounted Goat Tying -Beginner (12& U)
- 105. Mounted Goat Tying- Intermediate (13-15)
- 106. Mounted Goat Tying – Advanced (16-19)
- 107. Mounted Calf Tying- Novice
- 108. Mounted Calf Tying- Beginner (12 & U)

109. Mounted Calf Tying- Intermediate (13-15)

110. Mounted Calf Tying-Advanced (16-19)

111. Mounted Heading- Novice

112. Mounted Heading- Beginner (12 & U)

113. Mounted Heading- Intermediate (13-15)

114. Mounted Heading- Advanced (16-19)

*** *Mounted Heading Championship* ***

115. Mounted Heeling- Intermediate (13-15)

116. Mounted Heeling- Advanced (16-19)

117. Cutting Novice

118. Cutting Beginner (12 &U)

119. Cutting- Intermediate (13-15)

120. Cutting -Advanced (16-19)

*** *Cutting Championship* ***

Obstacle course PeeWee/Cloverbud

121. Obstacle Course Novice

122. Obstacle Course -Beginner (12 & U)

123. Obstacle Course- Intermediate (13-15)

124. Obstacle Course- Advanced (16-19)

MECOSTA COUNTY 4-H FAIR SHOWS

4-H RULES WILL APPLY--- RIBBIONS FOR 10 PLACINGS ---AGE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2026

- Class registration closed when prior class enters the ring.
- Gate will close **TWO** minutes after proceeding class is dismissed unless there is a requested tack change.
- Maximum 5 minute tack change must be requested at least 2 classes prior to tack change time.
- Novice Fitting & Showing does not count as years riding experience.
- Riding classes will be split at the discretion of the Judge and Show Committee.
- NO exhibition rides
- Cancellation decision to be made by the leaders.
- All Cloverbuds must wear SEI-ASTM approved helmets at all times. Bike helmets do not qualify.
- Leadline is for 5-7 year old's only.
- Cloverbuds & PeeWee's must have feet in stirrups when on their horse.

THURSDAY, JULY 16th- 9:00am

PeeWee & Cloverbud R.O.C. Classes

Roping & Obstacle Course

Classes 79-124

FRIDAY, JULY 17th 10:00 am

*** *Western Horsemanship Open & Novice****

30. Western Horsemanship 16-19
31. Western Horsemanship 13-15
32. Western Horsemanship 12 & U
33. Western Horsemanship Pony
34. Western Horsemanship Novice 13-19
35. Western Horsemanship Novice W/T
36. Western Pleasure 16-19
37. Western Pleasure 13-15
38. Western Pleasure 12 & U
39. Western Pleasure Pony
40. Western Pleasure Novice 13-19
41. Western Pleasure Novice W/T

*** *Western Horsemanship Championship****

*** *Western Pleasure Championship****

42. Western Bareback Equitation 15-19
43. Western Bareback Equitation 14 & U
44. Western Bareback Equitation Pony
45. Reining Open
46. Ranch Riding Open
130. Team Competition

FRIDAY, JULY 17th - CONTINUED

*** ½ hr Break***

51. Polebending 16-19
52. Polebending 13-15
53. Polebending 12 & U
54. Polebending Pony
55. Stake Race 16-19
56. Stake Race 13-15
57. Stake Race 12 & U
58. Stake Race Pony
59. Speed & Action 16-19
60. Speed & Action 13-15
61. Speed & Action 12 & U
62. Speed & Action Pony
63. Keyhole 16-19
64. Keyhole 13-15
65. Keyhole 12 & U
66. Keyhole Pony

*** *1 hour after completion of Gymkhana****

Costume class ages 8-19 (Subject To Change)

SATURDAY, JULY 18th- 11:00 am

6. Cloverbud Fitting & Showmanship
7. Pee Wee Fitting & Showmanship
8. Cloverbud Leadline
9. Cloverbud Walk/ Trot 7 yr old's
Pee Wee Leadline
Cloverbud/ PeeWee Flag Class
49. Cloverbud Trail
Pee Wee Trail

*** ½ hr Break***

Cloverbud Costume Class 5-7 yr old's
Pee Wee Costume Class 4 & U

HORSE SPONSORSHIP FORM

CLUB: _____

NAME OF 4-H MEMBER: _____

NAME OF SPONSOR: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ **AMOUNT GIVEN:** _____

THIS IS THE RECEIPT – GIVE TO SPONSOR

The Mecosta County 4-H Horse Program thanks you for your support. Money donated will be used for year-end awards, judges fees, ribbons, show supplies and equipment at the discretion of the 4-H Horse Project Leaders.

Signed (4-H Horse member) _____

Amount Given: _____

Please make checks out to the Mecosta County 4-H Horse Project

Thank You

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS LOG

Member: _____

Club: _____

4-H Horse members are responsible for keeping track of their own Community service hours on this log. You must remember to have the 4-H Leader in charge of the activity initial this sheet for else your hours will not be considered for year-end awards. This for must be turned into your club leader for year-end consideration.

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RECORD OF ACCUMULATED POINTS

Member:

Leaders Approval:

Horse registrations must be completed by May 1. Points will be kept on only one horse. If you register more than one horse and/or pony, you must designate the name of your point horse/pony on your horse registration form. State show points must be turned in by the registration deadline stated on page 1 of the Mecosta County 4-H Horse Project Handbook. Year End Points must be turned in by July 31st. To qualify for State Show consideration, you must show in at least one Fitting and Showmanship Class at one of the Mecosta County Qualifying Horse shows. Members must be at least 13 years old to participate in State Show events.

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2025-2026 Record of Mecosta County Junior Fair Board
Community Service, Education, and Jr. Fair Board Meetings

Member: _____

Club: _____

Leader's Approval: _____

Received By MSUE: _____

All of the requirements listed below must be completed by June 29, 2026.

All youth ages 6 & up thru graduating high school, are required to do 1 educational session, 3 community service hours and attend 1 Jr. Fair Board meeting (doesn't include September 2025 or June 2026 meetings). **NOTE:** Youth that are 1 year or more past graduating high school, see requirements & use separate post-grad form.

Date	Description of Community Service	Location	Organizer Signature	Hours
		20 Additional Hours of Community Service @ the Mecosta County Fairgrounds		

Date:	Description of Educational Session:	Location:	Leader Signature:

Date:	Junior Fair Board Meeting	Location:	Leader Signature:

2025-2026 POST-GRAD Record of Mecosta County Junior Fair Board
Community Service, Education, and Jr. Fair Board Meetings

Member: _____

Club: _____

Leader's Approval: _____

Received by MSUE: _____

All of the requirements below must be completed by June 29, 2026.
Each post-graduate youth is required to do 1 educational session, 3 community service hours and attend 1 Jr. Fair Board meeting (doesn't include September 2025 or June 2026 meetings), in addition to: TWO additional requirements that are listed on the back.

Date	Description of Community Service	Location	Organizer Signature	Hour:

Date:	Description of Educational Session:	Location:	Leader Signature:

Date:	Junior Fair Board Meeting	Location:	Leader Signature: