

Ottawa County Horse 4-H Notebook Requirements

FIRST YEAR:

1. Identify several feeds: oats, corn, barley, grass, hay, legume hay, straw.
2. Learn to manger tie an animal. Know how to make a bowline knot.
3. Learn how to properly groom a horse.
4. Learn the parts of the bridle.
5. Learn ten rules for safety precautions pertaining to the project.
6. Learn how to properly feed hay and grain.
7. Learn how to bridle, saddle, mount and dismount properly.
8. Complete and turn in project report to a local leader.

SECOND YEAR:

1. Meet requirements for first project.
2. Know eight common unsoundness and blemishes.
3. Locate 20 parts of the horse.
4. Learn characteristics of breeds.
5. Participate in at least one horse show suggested by a local leader.
6. Know how to care for an overheated horse (cooling a horse).
7. Learn parts of the saddle, adjustment.
8. Learn proper care and use of equipment.
9. Learn how to care for feet.
10. Volunteer for one shift at one of the Ottawa County Horse Shows.
11. Complete and turn in project report to a local leader.

THIRD YEAR:

1. Meet requirements for second project.
2. Locate 35 parts of the horse.
3. Demonstrate horsemanship knowledge.
4. Knowledge of keeping a horse healthy.
5. Excellent stable inspection report at all times.
6. Thorough knowledge of safety precautions.
7. Learn color and markings.
8. Learn parts and proper care of the hoof.
9. Knowledge of feeding a foal.
10. Complete and turn in project report to a local leader.
11. Participate in at least one 4-H horse show.

FOURTH YEAR:

1. Meet requirements for third project
2. Knowledge of judging colts and horses.
3. Demonstration at meeting.
4. Participate in a judging event.
5. Knowledge of fitting and grooming.
6. Knowledge of horse show grooming.
7. Participate in at least one 4-H horse show.
8. Care of foal, knowledge of colt breaking and training.
9. Volunteer for one shift at one of the Ottawa County Horse Shows.
10. Complete and turn in project report to a local leader.

FIFTH YEAR:

1. Meet requirements for fourth project.
2. Care of mare and foal.
3. Knowledge of horse breeding.
4. Knowledge of fees and feeding foal, yearlings and mature horses.
5. Participate in at least one 4-H horse show.
6. Complete and turn in project report to a local leader.

SIXTH YEAR:

1. Meet requirements of fifth year.
2. Learn to plan and conduct a 4-H horse show.
3. Anatomy and physiology of the horse.
4. Become a Junior Leader.
5. Participate in a horse show, judging event and demonstration.
6. Volunteer for one shift at one of the Ottawa County Horse Shows.
7. Complete and turn in project report to a local leader.

SEVENTH THROUGH TENTH YEAR:

1. Volunteer for one shift at one of the Ottawa County Horse Shows.
2. Self-Determined Independent Study