

Horse & Pony News

April 2006



Dates to Remember

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Friday 14th & Saturday 15th:

Senior Lock-in and movies
@ 6:00 pm - ??? (Sat. Morning)
(this event is subject to change and will be cancelled if more seniors do not sign up immediately!)

Saturday 15th:

Grooming Workshop @ 10:00 am

Tuesday 18th:

Beginner Halter & Showmanship
@ 6:30 pm

Thursday 20th:

Geranium orders due!!
Call Julie @ (317) 507 - 9335

Thursday 27th:

Monthly meeting @ 6:30 pm

Friday 28th & Saturday 29th:

Junior Lock-in & Movies
@ 6:00 pm - ??? (Sat. Morning)

Saturday 29th:

Geranium Pick-up & Barn Clean-up
@ 8:00 am - 12:00 noon

Visit us on the Web at www.bridlebunch.com

Horse Enrollment Forms

The horse enrollment forms are included with this newsletter mailing. Be sure not to lose them! These forms are due no later than Monday, May 15th. Early bird bonus points will be awarded for paying dues and turning the enrollment forms in by April meeting. Pictures of the horse, including all markings, are required for your horse to be State Fair eligible.

Workbooks!!

You will no longer be able to get your books at our meetings. If you have not yet purchased your books you will need to go to the extension office. The books are divided up as follows:
Book 1: 3rd - 5th grade
Book 2: 6th - 8th grade
Book 3: 9th grade and above

Points! Points! Points!

There are several ways you can receive points in the club. Attending the monthly meetings, selling geraniums, or turning in your enrollment forms early are just a few. Keep track of your own points by getting the record sheet off the website. At the end of the year these points will allow us to give several different awards.

Barn Clean-Up

We need as much help as possible. We will be cleaning up the barn area for the upcoming events that will be hosted at our fairgrounds. We will be doing things such as picking up rocks and planting flowers. See you there on April 29th!

Health Forms

You need to have filled out a health form to participate in various activities. You can get these at our meetings or from the website.

Dues & Numbers

Don't forget to pay your club dues! They are \$5 per person or \$10 for a family. After paying your dues you will get a receipt which will enable you to pick your number. This number is for you to use at our shows and at the fair. Once you have chosen a number, it is yours. Nobody can have the same number. The April meeting will be the last meeting you are able to pay your dues and get your number.



Workshops

Our workshops will begin this month and will generally be on Tuesdays. You are able to bring your horse to these workshops and take part in the activities. The first one will be on Saturday the 15th.

This will be our grooming workshop. We will be discussing how to clip, band, braid, and groom your horse to get ready for a show.

Horses will be provided for this workshop only. On Tuesday the 18th, we will be working on halter and showmanship for beginners.

This workshop is for the members who need help mastering the skills such as leading, backing, and pivoting. If you are unsure about what level you are, we consider beginners as the members who have never shown before or need help mastering the basic skills. Advanced members are those who can independently complete the skills being practiced. Come with all the equipment you need and don't forget your helmet!

Show Dates:

Open Shows

- Saturday, May 20th
- Saturday, June 17th
- Saturday, July 15th



4-H Only Show

- Saturday, July 8th
(Hendricks County members only)

Jr. & Sr. Lock-Ins

These are two events that allow us members to get to know each other. We will spend the night at the fairgrounds, play games, and have an overall awesome time. The senior lock-in is the 14th and the junior lock-in is the 28th. Be sure to keep informed by reading the newsletters and looking online to learn more about this and other events that are coming.

Win A Horse!

There are several state-wide contests where 4-Hers can win a horse to show. If interested, see Julie for application or visit the Purdue Horse & Pony website. Following are some examples:

- 3-yr old Half Arabian Mare through the Indiana Half-Arabian Horse Club
- 4-yr old POA Gelding through the Indiana POA Club
- Yearling Haflinger through the Indiana Haflinger Horse Association
- Registered Quarter Horse through the Indiana Quarter Horse Association

Each of the associations has different application due dates and dates for the horses to be awarded. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Julie.



T-Shirt Info

We will begin taking t-shirt orders beginning at the grooming workshop (Saturday, April 15th). Colors, designs, order forms, and prices will be available that day. Orders will be taken through the April meeting.

Geranium Sales

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Pick-Up

Sell, Sell, Sell!!! Sell as many geraniums as you can. The more flowers you can sell the more the club will benefit. The money made from this is used for things such as awards and ribbons for the shows and activities we host. We need to know your final count by April 20th. Call Julie on or before this date at (317) 507-9335 and tell her your final number. The pick-up date is Saturday April 29th. We don't need you to bring your money until you come to pick up your plants on that Saturday.



Community Service Project

This month we are collecting items for the Hendricks County Animal Shelter. Things that they need are bleach, clay cat litter, liquid dish soap, paper towels, scrubbing pads, lime-away. The can also use dry puppy and dog food (with no red dye) and dry cat food. Any of these items would be a great help



but the shelter really needs cleaning products, specifically the lime away and bleach. Bring these items to the next meeting so we can deliver them to the shelter ASAP.

For Sale

4-H Show Pigs

If you would like a pig to show this year at the fair contact Lisa Neier at rlineier@ccrtc.com or call 317 539-6773 or 317 445-1069.



POA Mare

JN Promisekeeper is a registered POA mare who has shown at the HC and State Fairs. Does both English and Western Pleasure as well as halter and showmanship. For more information call 317-834-8121.

1998 APHA BS Mare

Has shown in halter and showmanship in 2005, first year out she was Res. Grand Champion overall and won her showmanship class. She also placed 10th out of 31 in halter at State Fair, has some WP training and has been trail ridden. Contact Arablover1788@aol.com

Hunter Green Saddlesuit

10 regular/26W ladies, wool/wool blend, 3 pieces, vest reverses to tan, comes with new matching derby and tan shirt, excellent condition.

Please contact Karon Snellenberger at 317-539-7510 or 317-514-8944.

13" Black Synthetic Western Saddle

Great condition, very lightly used, excellent beginner saddle. Contact Lacey Atkinson.

For more information on any of these items or for "wanted" items please visit the website at www.bridlebunch.com.

Leader's Corner

Spring is a time for new things and a time to get your horse ready for the upcoming season. Please remember that most of all, your horse is your partner. The Horse & Pony project is not about winning at the county fair, but about learning more about the care, training, and showing of horses. Think about trying something new this year – a new style of riding, a new class at a show, or anything that will help you and your horse experience new things. Doing this will help keep the project interesting for you and your horse.

Spring is also when Bridle Bunch starts offering more activities. The newsletter is a great way to keep informed as it the website. With Indiana weather, it may be necessary to cancel a workshop or event. If the weather looks questionable, check the website to see if there is a cancellation. We'll try to anticipate and give people notice. With over 200 kids in the project, we can't call everyone about cancellations. The website is the next best thing.

Watch next month for information about the Beginner Camp and the Intermediate Camp.

See you soon! ~ Julie

Horsemanship Camp

The committee is offering two full scholarships to members who would like to attend the Indiana Horsemanship camp. See Julie for more information.