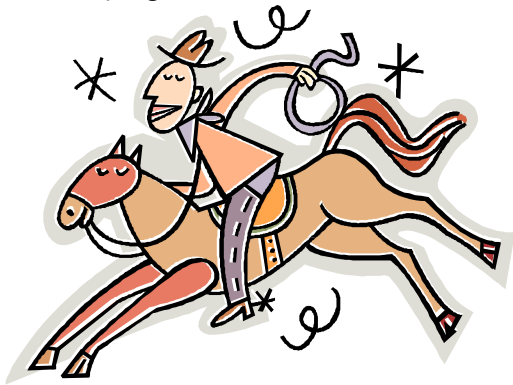


Bridle Bunch News

June 2007

Stall Request

It's almost County Fair time. Included in this mailing is the stall request form. The times for check in and check out have changed dramatically. Please mark whether you are a junior or senior and how many horses you want to bring to the fair. Please, do not put more than you actually plan to bring. Forms will also be available at the meeting. Stall requests are due by June 30. We need to be able to plan so that we can have tack stalls and horse stalls throughout the barn. Thanks for helping us out.



Intermediate Camp

Since we need to schedule our camps adjacent to one of our shows, the dates for the Intermediate camp are set for right before the 4-H Only show in July. Check-in will be either July 4th in the evening or before 9 am on July 5th. We realize that this may impact

on people's holiday plans, but it's what we can do. The Intermediate Camp focuses on English and Western both and is for youth at least 12 years old and at an Intermediate skill level. Information is in this mailing. Julie needs to know that you want to come no later than July 1. If you can't get the paper turned in before then, give her a call at 507-9335. We need at least 15 youth to participate.

4-H Only Show

The 4-H Only show is for any Hendricks County 4-H member to compete. It is very similar to the county fair classes. The judge was picked for his ability to give feedback. At this show, we'll ask the judge to provide some hints and tips to improve. The showbill is a little different and will be available at the June meeting or is on the Bridle Bunch website. We'll also be tallying points to award in eight different divisions: 3rd-5th grade, 6th-7th grade, 8th-9th grade, 10th grade and above, Hunt Seat, Western, Saddle Seat, and Contesting.

Helping at 4-H Show



and Fair

It takes a lot of volunteers to have a fun and successful horse show. We still need a great deal of help. Please volunteer to help at either the 4-H Only show on July 7 or during one of the county fair dates. If each 4-H family gave a couple of hours, we'd have plenty of help and we'd all get to enjoy seeing the kids compete. You can contact Julie at 507-9335 or dirtpatchj@aol.com or Holly Bruner at cbrunes@indy.rr.com to volunteer. We need help with things like office work (transferring entries to class sheets), announcing, ring stewarding, gates, barn management and many other jobs.

Horse Give-A-Way

Once again, the Horse & Pony Committee through a generous donation will be awarding a horse to a lucky 4-H member. The requirements are that you be an enrolled 4-H member in Hendricks County (don't have to be in Horse &

Pony), be in 3rd grade through 11th grade, agree to show the animal as your project next year and complete the application. The horse being awarded this year is a 3 year old paint. It is an excellent way to get a horse that you can teach and learn with. Encourage your friends to apply too! Deadline for the applications is June 30, 2007

Sponsors for Fair

We need help! More kids will receive plaques at county fair (1st thru 3rd) and the champions and reserve will win banners.

To do this, we need to raise more money than in years past to cover the cost of the trophies. Bridle Bunch is responsible for 100% of the cost of the trophies and banners so please pick up some of the purple cards and talk to family and friends about helping out. We're asking that you turn all sponsor money in by July 12th. You receive points towards year end awards based on the dollar value of the sponsors (1 point for every \$25).

Books

Reminder that you should be working on the required

activities in your book. You must complete seven (7) activities to be eligible to show at the county fair. Be sure you mark the dates completed in the front of the book. There will be several dates for 4-H members to bring their book and show what activities they have done.



State Fair

Last year the process for signing up for State Fair was changed. Youth now directly sign up to go to the State Fair. You still can compete in only two events: one in hand and one performance. The deadline for sending in your State Fair entry is July 1st. After that time, it is considered a late entry and there are additional fees. Information on the schedule is on the Bridle Bunch website under calendar then showbills. You can sign up for State Fair online by going to the State Fair website <http://www.in.gov/statefair/fair/index.html>

Don't forget that if you sign up for State Fair, they expect you to bring the yellow copy of your horse enrollment

form when you check in. The Extension Office can provide that form to you.

County Fair Dates

Please remember that the dates and schedule for the Hendricks County Horse & Pony Show at the County Fair have changed. Here's the schedule:

Sunday July 22 Senior Horse check in (all seniors)

Monday July 23 Senior Western and Contesting show

Tuesday July 24 Groom & Clean competition and open arena

Wednesday July 25 Senior English and Versatility Show (*seniors to leave the barn after versatility or at a time to be announced (no earlier than 4 pm).*)

Thursday July 26 Junior horse check in

Friday July 27 Junior Western and Contesting Show

Saturday July 28 Junior English and Versatility Show (*juniors to leave the barn after versatility or at 4 pm*)

More specific information on check in times will be announced in the next newsletter. Don't miss out on the fun – be sure and get your stall request turned in.