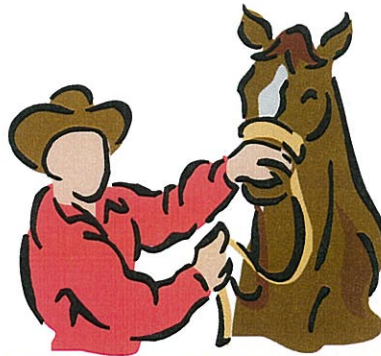


BANDERA COUNTY 4H HORSE PROJECT



MEMBER PACKET



'To Make The Best Better'

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.



BANDERA 4 H HORSE PROJECT

The Bandera County 4H Horse Project welcomes you to a very exciting and busy year! This information sheet will give you an idea about our project, how we operate, what we do, and what to expect. Also, this will give you some insight and allow you to plan and schedule for our monthly meetings and events. We hope this year you will come away with some valuable information, learn more about horses and horsemanship, sportsmanship, team work, and hopefully meet some new friends.

All you need is a willing attitude!!!

We hold our monthly meetings, the first Thursday of the month and the Jr. Officers, will lead the meeting, and begin each meeting with the 4H Motto and 4H Pledge. We elect Jr. Officers every September, and an Adult Project Leader as needed. Please be advised the meetings could change to the first Tuesday of the month later on in the year, as we have several kids in other activities and we try our best to schedule our meetings so most everyone can attend. There will always be an email sent out in advance to remind our members of our monthly meetings. Most of all our meetings are held in the conference room, across from the Extension Office.

Our Horse Project holds various activities, events, and fundraisers. Some of our activities include our Bandera 4H Youth Rodeo, Balloon Crew for Mounted Shooters, Horse Judging Camp, Horse Judging Contests, Riding Practices, Horse Judging Practice, Horse Bowl, and annual Christmas Party and Year-end awards.

In order to pay for Judging camp and Horse Judging contests, that we attend during the year, and to pay for Year-end awards and lettermen jackets, we have to have fundraisers. Fundraisers are imperative to our Project.

Some of our fundraisers include Mounted Shooters, Bake Sale at Shoppers Jubilee, a rummage sale, and our Youth rodeo. Please note that we are always open to suggestions for any new ideas.

We also have a Steering Committee consisting of the Project Leader and 5 elected adults. They meet when necessary, decide on awards, organize fundraisers, such as the Youth Rodeo, and bring ideas and polices before the Horse Project Members to vote on.

Our members earn points for attending meetings, fundraisers, practices, and contests that go towards end of year awards and earning a 4H Horse Project Jacket. (Please see the Explanation of Points sheet.)

We have a sign in book, with a dated sheet for that particular event, meeting, practice, etc... For the *members and adults* to sign. Please be advised this is how we

keep track of points, and we also are required to turn in all sign sheets to the extension office for their records. It is the member's responsibility to make sure they sign *the sign in sheet*, at all 4H Horse Project events, in order to get their points. It is not the person who keeps track of the point's responsibility to try and remember who was in attendance.

*****MAKE SURE YOU ALWAYS SIGN IN*****

We are a very active Project, we work hard, we have fun, we learn a lot, and we hope you will enjoy our Horse Project as much as we do!

Just remember, 80% of success is showing up!

The Bandera County 4H Horse Project Members

BANDERA 4H HORSE PROJECT EXPLANATION OF POINTS

Members will earn points throughout the year attending Horse Project meetings, events, and practices. The point year begins June 1, and ends May 31 and awards will be given in August at our year-end party.

Our project relies solely on fundraisers and without our fundraisers, we will not have the opportunities to attend horse judging camps, judging contests, pay for jackets, Christmas parties or year-end awards.

Fundraisers are vital to our project.

The point system is as follow:

Work points (fundraisers) = 50 points

Meetings = 50 points

Events, Contests, Judging Practice = 25 points

(Please Note: The Steering Committee has the authority to award extra points to a member(s) if the situation arises)

To qualify for Yearend Awards, members must meet the following criteria.

- Members must attend 75% of fundraisers (Ex. If the Horse project has 3 fundraisers, you must attend 2)
- Awards will be given to highest to lowest earner
- You must have at least 250 points + 150 work points, for a total of 400 points, to earn a year end award. (Ex. 5 meetings and 2 fundraisers)

To qualify for a Horse Project Letterman's Jacket, members must meet the following criteria.

- Must have a total of 1000 points.
- Must attend 75% of all fundraisers
- Jackets are limited to 2 in a member's lifetime. (Ex. The member earns their first jacket in 4th grade; they are then eligible to earn one more, because of size, once they start high school.)

***** ALWAYS REMEMBER TO SIGN THE SIGN IN SHEET *****



BANDERA 4H HORSE PROJECT

ARENA ETIQUETTE

KEEP YOURSELF AND YOUR HORSE SAFE:

Check your equipment

Warm your horse up

Don't run your horses on rocks or in parking lot

Look for possible dangers in and out of the arena (Ex...Piece of wire, glass, nail or other sharp object your horse could step on)

Beware of holes your horse could step in

Don't ride too close to other horses you or your horse is not familiar with

Don't ride up the back end of someone else's horse, keep a safe distance apart

If you know your horse kicks at other horses, put a ribbon in their tail

Keep your horse at a safe, controlled speed -**No wild riding**

BE AWARE OF YOUR SITUATION / SURROUNDINGS:

Watch for aggressive behavior-your horse and other horses

Ex: laying back of ears, stomping, barring teeth, picking up and stomping of back legs, etc.

If your horse is acting up, take them out of the arena to the warm up circle or go to the corner of the arena away from others

GO THE SAME DIRECTION:

Follow the flow of traffic

If you want to lope in another direction, do it in the center or in the corner of the arena, away from others

BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS:

If someone is loping their horse in a circle and in a controlled manner, try not to interfere with their momentum. Go around them, not thru their work pattern.

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Must be an ACTIVE member of the Horse Project for a minimum of 4 years

Must be a graduating high school senior

Must be enrolled in a two year or four year curriculum at a college or vocational/technical school.

Must present an oral talk about their experiences during their membership and how the Horse Project has influenced them and what they experienced and learned from being a member of the Horse Project.



BANDERA COUNTY 4-H



HORSE PROJECT CLUB OFFICER LISTING

PRESIDENT

1. Presides effectively at all club meetings.
2. Arrives at least 30 minutes before the meeting to help setup, and greet 4-H families.
3. Serves as one of the club's delegates to the County 4-H Council and should be present at council meetings, activities, and training sessions.

VICE PRESIDENT

1. Assists the President. Presides at meetings and performs other duties of the President in the absence of the President.
2. Serves as Chairman of the Program Committee.
3. Helps plan club community service project.

SECRETARY

1. Call the roll and check attendance.
2. Reads the minutes of the last meeting.
3. Keeps complete and accurate minutes of all meetings.
4. Submits a copy of minutes to County Extension Office within 10 days after meeting.

TREASURER

1. Keeps accurate, up-to-date records of all receipts and expenditures of club funds and the balance in the club treasury.
2. Gives reports of club's financial condition at each meeting or as requested by the President.

COUNCIL DELEGATE

1. Reports local club activities and recommendations at county council meetings.
2. Reports on county council activities, recommendations, committee reports, and activities of other clubs at local club meetings.
3. Attends club meetings and council meetings.

REPORTER

1. Takes pictures at events, fundraisers, etc...
2. Writes and submits articles, after approval, to be published in local newspapers: Bandera Bulletin and Bandera County Courier