2016 4-H Competitive Pleasure Trail Ride Program
Registration/Participation Requirements

4-H Trail Ride Program Coordinators: Teresa Hufstedler is the St. Joseph County 4-H Competitive Pleasure Trail Ride Program Coordinators. Teresa will head up the 4-H Horse Council-sponsored training trail rides/clinics, and is authorized to determine which 4-H members have met the Competitive Pleasure Trail Ride Program participation requirements, and whether or not they are prepared to participate in Competitive Pleasure Trail Ride classes to be held in conjunction with the fair. Contact Teresa Hufstedler (269/816-3675) for additional program information. Assisting Teresa this year is Lori Bowdish (269/503-3150).

Participation Requirements:
1. 4-H member must be currently enrolled in the St. Joseph County 4-H Horse Project.
2. Member must have written consent from parent/guardian before participating in the 4-H Horse Council-sponsored training trail rides/clinics or competing in the 4-H Competitive Pleasure Trail Ride classes to be held in conjunction with the fair.
3. All horses/ponies must meet Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development exhibition health requirements as published online at www.michigan.gov/mda-exhibitinfo.
4. All duly registered 4-H project animals (including horses, ponies and mules) must be conditioned by the 4-H member.
5. All 4-H members are eligible to compete at fair in competitive trail if approved by the competitive trail coordinators only. First year members must be seen at a minimum of two (2) Competitive Trail workouts. Returning 4-H horse/rider combination may forgo the two (2) minimum required workouts if approval is given by the competitive trail coordinators only. Member is responsible for verifying approval with the coordinators. If qualifying two (2) project animals, you must attend two (2) training trail rides/conditioning workouts with each project animal. Each rider must be qualified by August 1.
6. Member must wear a protective helmet when participating in all 4-H Horse Council-sponsored training trail rides/clinics and the Competitive Pleasure Trail Ride classes to be held in conjunction with the fair. The helmet must meet the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) F1163 testing standards, must be manufactured and distributed by a participant in the certification program of the Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) and must bear the SEI certification label.

2016 Training Trail Ride/Conditioning Workout schedule!

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<th>Qualifying Rides *</th>
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<td>Saturday, May 14, 2:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Patti Adams, 21462 S. River Rd, Centreville, Michigan</td>
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<td>Friday, May 27, 6:00 p.m.</td>
<td>55478 Baer Rd, Mendon, Michigan</td>
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<td>Thursday, June 2, 6:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Russ Forest, 20379 Marcellus Highway, Decatur, Michigan</td>
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<td>Sunday, June 12, 5:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Teresa Howk, 62809 W Fish Lake Rd, Sturgis, Michigan</td>
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<td>Monday, June 20, 6:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Lori Bowdish, 21383 Featherstone Rd, Centreville, Michigan</td>
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<td>Sunday, July 10, 11:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Covered Bridge Park, Schweitzer Rd, Centreville, Michigan</td>
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<td>Sunday, July 31, 2:00 p.m.</td>
<td>56026 Frank Jones Rd, Mendon, Michigan</td>
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Qualified Riders Only *

Sunday, August 7, 8:30 a.m.  
- This will be the actual judged ride for fair. A written test will be taken at fair on Saturday, September 17 after the mandatory meeting.

* These are departure times for the ride. Please arrive early enough so that you are ready to ride.

RSVP to Teresa or Lori the day before the ride. If there are no RSVP’s for the scheduled ride, we will not hold the ride.
Overview and Rules

- Select a sane and sound horse. Learn how to fit a saddle to yourself and your horse.
- Condition your horse to build stamina and prevent fatigue and injury.
- Use safety gear. Wear boots, helmet and pack appropriate tools in your saddle bag. Use a breast collar, halter and lead on your horse.
- Learn how to take care of your horse before, during and after the ride.
- At the final ride your horse will be vet checked and your tack and horse will be judged on cleanliness and manners. You will be graded on how you handle and care for your horse before, during and after the ride. Scores will determine the winners in each age group.

Rules

- You will be required to make at least 2 rides and be deemed safe by your leader. If you are qualifying 2 horses then you must make 4 rides. (2 with each horse.)
- You will be required to ride the trail ride and take a written test at fair to complete the judging.
- No cantering or racing during any of the rides. These are walk/trot only rides.
- No clover buds/siblings, friends which non 4-Hers may ride. Adults are allowed for safety reasons.
- Do not ride in crops, yards or areas not designated as trail course.
- Boots, helmet and pack with proper tools, first aid kit are required.
- Breast collar, halter and lead rope required.
- Water bucket filled and set out prior to ride is required.
- Liniment, leg wraps, splint boots are not allowed.

Required Items for Competitive Trail Ride

1. Proof of negative Coggin’s
2. an approved riding helmet
3. riding boots (no tennis shoes)
4. breast collar
5. canteen or water bottle
6. saddle bag (horn or cantle)
7. compass
8. watch
9. rain poncho
10. Halter & 8-10 ft lead rope. Halter to be worn under bridle, lead rope tied around neck
11. Hoof pick
12. Brush
13. Sponge
14. Leather strips or strings of rope
15. Fly spray
16. First aid kits for horse and rider
17. Map of route
18. snack for rider
19. baggie of grain for horse

First Aid Kits should include the following:

1. Waterproof container or zip lock bag
2. Gauze roll or vet wrap
3. Adhesive tape
4. 1-pocket knife/Leatherman/wire cutters
5. Antibiotic ointment
6. 1 pair latex (rubber) gloves
7. Band aids
8. Rubbing Alcohol or peroxide wipes
9. Ibuprofen/Acetaminophen (Tylenol®)
10. Emergency contact and phone numbers
11. Wet wipes
12. Gauze bandage
13. Benadryl or equivalent for bee stings for horse or rider