



Montgomery County 4-H  
HORSE PROJECT ACTIVITIES CRITERIA  
(required to participate in County 4-H Horse Show)  
2022 - 2023

**PURPOSE:** Montgomery County 4-H Horse Project Clinics will serve as learning experiences to allow 4-H members to develop style in riding, learn sportsmanship and for self fulfillment. These activities will also assist members preparing for competition in County, District, State, or higher level shows. There will be at least 4 clinics. Members must participate in at least two clinics compete in the county horse show.

- ☞ **NEW:** Only clinics will be offered this year to learn new skills and hone existing skills in preparation for the County 4-H Horse Show.
- ☞ Location will vary with availability.
- ☞ Clinics - Bring your horses to ride/work, a particular topic will be addressed.
- ☞ NO dogs will be allowed at the clinics. This is in consideration for the safety of the riders, the horses and the dogs.
- ☞ ONLY eligible horses will be on the grounds. These are horses that will be ridden or worked in the clinic by a 4-H member with the intention to show at the County 4-H Horse Show.
- ☞ ONLY enrolled 4-H members can ride or longe horses at 4-H events. Adults and Clover Kids are not allowed to ride or longe horses at 4-H clinics, County 4-H Horse Show, District 4-H Horse Show, etc.

## GENERAL PROCEDURES:

1. Please RSVP for clinics using the Montgomery County 4-H RSVP Hub at <https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/rsvp/>
2. Questions: Extension Office (936) 539 - 7823
3. RSVP will close 48 hours before the clinic.
4. Current (within the past twelve months) original Coggins must be checked at each function. Must be a color or electronic copy. If needed, it can be printed at the Extension Office during office hours.
5. Must participate in at least 2 clinics to be eligible for County Horse Show. Be certain to sign the attendance sheet
6. Must participate in regular classes at the County 4-H Horse Show to be eligible to advance to District and State. Horses must be owned by the exhibitor or immediate family by May 1, 2023 to be eligible and must be validated. Validation will open early April. Watch for information in the 4-H Focus newsletter
7. Appropriate safety attire is mandatory for Western and English riders as well as in-hand exhibitors. This will include heeled riding shoes or boots for all riders and helmets for English riders. Chuckkas or tennis shoe type boots are not acceptable. In Hand participate MUST wear closed toed shoes.
8. All tack is governed by State 4-H Horse Show Rule Book. Contestants may use schooling equipment deemed humane prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>. After January 1, 2023, proper legal tack must be used during the clinics. If you have a question of legal tack, please contact the County Extension Agent for State Horse Show Rules.
9. Contestants may wear informal attire at clinics. Proper show attire is encouraged and includes: a long sleeve button down shirt that can be tucked into pants, long pants, and heeled riding shoes.
10. Any horse that the Horse Project Committee feels is unsafe for the rider or others participating will be excused from the clinic. Committee members will have the full support of the 4-H office for excusing a member/horse from the clinic for these purposes!!
11. A project leader or instructor may excuse any horse they perceived to be in obvious pain. This includes, but not limited to lameness, respiratory issues etc.
12. These are clinics, therefore some horses may be green broke. All riders should be conscientious of this fact.
13. All participants must be enrolled 4-H members through 4-H Online system within a Montgomery County 4-H Club, who has paid the \$35 enrollment fee.
14. Anyone having financial difficulties, but wishing to participate in these clinics should contact the 4-H office. Scholarships may be available due to some circumstances.
15. ALL participants must be accompanied by a parent/adult to participate unless prior approval is made by

4-H Office and Horse Project committee. Approval should be obtained at least two weeks prior to the clinic.

16. A mixture of riding and in-hand clinics will be offered.

Revised October 12, 2022

## Activity Dates and Locations

Locations have been confirmed

### Clinics

ADDITIONAL MAY BE ANNOUNCED: Watch your 4-H Newsletter

Date	Location	Time	Topic
Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022	Lone Star Expo	6:30 p.m.	Colt and performance
Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022	Lone Star Expo	2:00 p.m.	Colt and performance
Saturday, Nov. 10, 2022	22348 Sharp Rd. Montgomery	10:00 a.m. to noon	Getting the most from your horse using your hands and feet - Troy Koehl
Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022	Lone Star Expo	6:30 p.m.	Colt and performance
Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023	Lone Star Expo		Halter/Performance - Beth Bass
Tuesday, Jan 17, 2023	Lone Star Expo	6:30 p.m.	Schooling Show
Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023	Lone Star Expo	6:30 p.m.	Schooling Show
Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023	Lone Star Expo	6:30 p.m.	Schooling Show
Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023	Lone Star Expo	6:30 p.m.	RAIN DATE for Schooling Show
Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023	Lone Star Expo	2:00 p.m.	Colt and performance

### COUNTY 4-H HORSE SHOW

May 6, 2023 Lone Star Expo 8:30 am

- Must participate in at least 2 horse project clinics from October 2022 to March 2023.
- Walk/Trot in-hand or riding competitors at the County 4-H Horse Show will not advance to District

### INSTRUCTIONAL HORSE SHOW

June 20, 2023 - Brazos County Expo - open to any enrolled 4-H member active with the Horse Project.

### DISTRICT 4-H HORSE SHOW

June 21-22, 2023 - Brazos County Expo

(Must compete in regular classes at County 4-H Horse Show to advance to District 4-H Horse Show. All County 4-H Horse Show Walk/Trot exhibitors will not advance to the District 4-H Horse Show.)

WATCH YOUR 4-H NEWSLETTER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT ADDITIONAL CLINICS.

**Please complete one per family and return this page to Project Clinic Coordinator immediately.**

We have read the Montgomery County 4-H Practice Horse Show Criteria for 2022 - 2023, understand these criteria, and agree to abide by them. Our failure to do so could result in being removed from a show or failure to qualify for the Montgomery County 4-H Horse Show.

Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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