Equine Program (Friday: H100, H200, H300; Saturday: H400, H500, H600)

A special learning opportunity for 4-H volunteers and staff who focus their energies toward supporting the horse project area will be offered this year.

Friday’s sessions will be held at the conference hotel, while Saturday’s sessions will be held at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds (transportation and a box lunch will be provided). Dress accordingly!

Program Coordinator:  Colleen Brady, Ph.D., Extension Specialist, Indiana

H100  Using Learning Styles to Teach More Effective Riding Lessons -  Karen Waite, Youth Equine Extension Specialist, Michigan State University

This program will focus on different ways people learn, and how to incorporate those different learning styles into both mounted and unmounted horse activities. Ideas will be shared that will help you provide a positive learning environment for all of your 4-H members.

H200  Using Model Horses to Enhance Your 4-H Horse Project -  Peter Stone, Stone Model Horses, Indiana

Peter Stone is the owner of Stone Model Horses in Shipshewana, Indiana. Mr. Stone will be discussing different ways to use model horses in your 4-H horse project. Options range from clubs that focus on only model horses and how to use model horses to teach youth about horses, to ways to use model horses to add variety to your club meetings. A new model horse curriculum that has been developed with 4-H members and leaders in mind will be demonstrated.

H300  Horse & Pony Leader Skills; Attitudes Toward Equestrian Helmets -  Amy Stenger, 4-H Youth Extension Educator and Katie McKee, Graduate Student, Indiana

Information will be presented from two research projects conducted by students in the Ag Extension and Education program at Purdue University. One project focused on the skills that 4-H Horse and Pony leaders in Indiana thought were important to teach, and the second study assessed the attitudes of 4-H members and their parents regarding wearing safety helmets. Discussion will include how to use the information learned in these studies in your club educational activities.

H400  Form to Function -  Colleen Brady, Extension Specialist, Indiana

This session will focus on the conformation of horses. Emphasis will be on evaluation based on structure, and how conformation and structure relate to functionality and purpose of the horse.

H500  Judging Halter/Performance

This session will help volunteers learn how to teach their 4-H members how to evaluate classes of horses in both halter and performance. Volunteers will also learn how to assign cuts and calculate scores.

H600  Coaching and Scoring Oral Reasons

This session will discuss methods of teaching effective oral reasons presentations.