July 2015

Dear 4-H Horse & Pony Show Participant,

Thank you for registering for the 2015 Howard County 4-H Horse & Pony Show. Please review all of the enclosed information carefully. Important information is also posted on the Howard County 4-H website at www.howard4-h.org.

The entry desk will open at 6:30 a.m. on August 8, 2015

**Inspection**

English Inspection will take place between 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. Western Inspection will take place between 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Inspection is not a formal class, however, is MANDATORY. Please refer to page 263, item #8 of the fair book.

- Inspection is not a paid premium class, however, 4-Hers will receive a ribbon.
- You may bring grooming tools, rags, wet wipes, etc. to inspection
- Your horse should be tacked and you should be fully dressed in your show clothes. You may cover your clothes until you are actually inspected.
- Horse and riders will not be permitted to enter a performance class until they have been inspected.
- If you have a second horse, you must have both horses inspected

**Showmanship.**

- Showmanship classes will begin following inspection.
- It is expected that showmanship participants wear the appropriate show attire. Western showmanship participants are permitted to wear a hat for the unmounted showmanship class only.
- Patterns will be available and posted the day of the show.

**Trail**

- Timing of the trail class will be announced the day of the show.
- Patterns will be available and posted the day of the show.

**General Information**

- **NO COACHING** or **SCHOOLING** of ANY KIND is allowed the day of the show.
- No horse may be tied to the fence surrounding the show rings.
- Due to equine health concerns, exhibitors are encouraged to prohibit their horses from grazing on the grass at the fairgrounds. Horses should be tied or held on a short lead to avoid grazing. Responsible adults or 4-H’ers may assist exhibitors in this effort by holding their horses. No horse shall be left unattended.
- Parents will be asked to sign a Release Form when you check in and collect your show number at the registration desk.
- Please review the 4-H Horse & Pony Show information beginning on page 261 of the 2015 Howard County Fair Book for other important information.
• You are reminded to bring your:
  o Printed copy of your online fair entry/entries
  o Self-Certification of Equine Health Form
  o Coggins for your horse(s)
  o Water and hay for your horse
• Exhibitors are responsible for properly cleaning up prior to leaving the fairgrounds.
• **Anyone who will be around the horses at the show (exhibitors as well as anyone else)** **MUST have on closed-toe shoes. No sandals are to be permitted near the horses.**
• Riders in the 4-H Horse and Pony Show are to stay in the area of the show rings with their horse(s).
• All awards will be announced the day of the show.
• Awards will not be released until thank you notes have been written and will only be released to the recipient. Please plan to have a stamp or $.50 to buy a stamp the day of the show in case you win an award. Recipients do not need to be present at the awards ceremony.

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