

Douglas County 4-H Horse Project Checklist*

2020-2021

- [] **December 31st** – Sign Up for 4-H before December 31st (returning members) to pay \$50 fee
- [] **February 4th** – New Member / General Info Horse Project Meeting February 4th
- [] ~~**February 18th**~~ – Horse levels written test study night and testing opportunity **POSTPONED**
- [] **March 1st** – Sign up for 4-H before March 1st (no late entries will be accepted) \$50 first year members, \$75 returning 4-H members.
- [] **March 1st** – Sign Up for the Horse Project by March 1st (no late exceptions will be allowed) Note – Youth must be registered in both 4-H as a program AND the horse project. They are two separate steps.
- [] **April 1st** – 4Honline Animal ID, Proof of Ownership, Lease paperwork, Animal Care & Housing, and show ring code of ethics due April 1st. Be sure to upload/provide to extension agent:
 - [] Proof of horse ownership or completed lease agreement (lease must include date of signing, lease period (start and end date), and 3 signatures (horse owner, youth, and youth's parent or legal guardian).
 - [] Animal Care & Housing Form (required of all horse project youth. Youth who keep their animals at home will just fill out the first page. Youth who do not keep their animals at home must fill out the entire document.
- [] **April 1st** – Highschool Seniors! DC 4-H Horse Scholarship Application Due
- [] **May 1st** – Any project not planning on being completed must be dropped by May 1st. Projects not dropped by this date will be expected to be completed this 4-H year. Youth who do not complete a project will not be eligible to participate in the same project the following year.
- [] **May 3rd** – Level 1 Ride Night & Testing. A night for youth who have passed their Level 1 written test and feel ready to take their Level 1 riding test.
- [] **May 12th** – Registration for Horse Camp and Working Ranch Horse Clinic Due
- [] **June 1st** – Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Registration Opens. Youth should register for ALL classes they are interested in. Classes CANNOT be added after the registration deadline.
- [] **June 7th – 13th** – Horse Camp
- [] **June 11th** – Working Ranch Horse Clinic
- [] **June 15th** – All riding levels testing is due. No leveling up will be accepted for entry to Fair past end of business day on this date.
- [] **June 16th** – Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Registration Closes (NO LATE ENTRIES)
- [] **Late June/Early July** - Record Book Interviews/Checks
- [] **July 20th** – Written Horse Test for Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Horse Highpoint Score (Youth who are interested in qualifying to earn a high point buckle at Fair are required to take this test) – Record Book Checks.
- [] **August 1st** – Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Horse Show Day 1
- [] **August 2nd** – Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Horse Show Day 2
- [] **August 6th** – Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Master Showmanship
- [] **September 1st** – Achievement Night Awards Nominations Due (Superior Horseman!)

Be sure to check the weekly 4-H blast for the most up-to-date information and new educational opportunities.

* Some Douglas County Fair & Rodeo dates included for convenience – remember participation in fair is not a required part of the 4-H project.

Resources: <https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/programs-2/horses/>

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