



# Interested in Horses?

Do you have an interest in horses? Or do you have a little horse knowledge to share? Are you just interested in mentoring youth? Consider becoming part of 4-H, as a RI 4-H Horse Leader, Volunteer OR Youth can join as a club member!!

Within the RI 4-H family, there are many fun educational opportunities and activities promoting life skills that empower and provide youth with lasting confidence and many wonderful memories!

Start a Club - the requirements are easy!

- A 4-H Club should have at least 5 members
- Meet at least six times per year
- Choose a name for themselves
- Elect officers
- Enroll within the state 4-H office at the University of Rhode Island.
- Have 2 unrelated adult volunteers that register and fill out a background check.
- Members fill out an enrollment form and pay a \$5.00/year membership fee - you can join at any time throughout the year.
- A 4-H member is at least eight years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Those 5-8 as of January 1st are Cloverbuds. This means they can participate and learn but will not compete.

Do you need to own a horse to join the RI 4-H Horse Program?

- Not at all, many activities/programs/clubs are not geared towards horse owners; there are several opportunities for anyone interested in horses!

You may just want to start a club that gets together and learns about horses, or trail rides, or just enjoys being together as a group. If you want to expand your program you can participate in state wide horse events such as:

- 4-H Horse Show series,
- Compete to be part of the RI Eastern States 4-H Horse Delegation at the Big E
- Horse Judging Contests & Teams
- Hippology (learning about horses) Contests & Teams
- Public Speaking Contests
- The URI Winter Horse Series
- The annual RI 4-H Horse of the Year Award
- Annual Fun Potluck Year End Horse Awards for all 4-H horse members
- Clinics throughout the year and much more!

Members are encouraged (not required) to submit Record Books at the end of the 4-H Year (October 30<sup>th</sup>), records are then judged and members are awarded different levels of achievement at a Banquet! You can also choose to participate in other project areas: gardening, art workshops, foods events, fitness days, leadership activities, other animal projects like dog training, trips and much, much more!

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