

Hemlock Fair 4-H Horse Barn Exhibitor Expectations

These expectations apply to all 4-H exhibitors who will be stalling their horse in the barn(s) during the fair

Goals: These expectations are to help exhibitors (and parents/guardians):

- Understand fully what is required of exhibitors while their horse is on exhibit in the barn
- Showcase themselves, their horse and the 4-H Program in an appropriate and acceptable manner.

Expectations:

- Always have two buckets of fresh water in front of your horse
- Feed your horse (and your horse only) as needed.
- Keep your horse stall clean and manure free (pick up/clean twice a day)
- Keep the inside of your tack stall clean & neat as well as the aisle areas in front of your stalls.
- If your horse is sick or injured, please take prompt and appropriate medical action and then notify the Volunteer 4-H Barn Chair(s)
- Exhibitors are responsible for the daily care of their horse, cleanliness of stall, and neatness of tack stall and walkway area even when not in the barn. It is understood that exhibitors are unable to stay in the barn and care for their horse at all times. To meet these expectations, use the “Buddy System”. Partner with another exhibitor (or two or more) and their family to ensure these expectations are being met on your behalf even when you are not in the barn. Consider making an “On Duty” schedule with your “Buddy”.
- Talk with the public about your horse project and promote 4-H
- Be pleasant, courteous and friendly to EVERYONE, EVERY TIME - each other, the Volunteer 4-H Barn Chair(s), 4-H Volunteers, parents AND the public.
- Be a team player and a great sportsperson!
- Clean out your stall COMPLETELY and empty manure in designated area before your horse leaves the fairgrounds.
- Decorate your stall using the 4-H Clover and 4-H Fair Theme (Recommended)
- Please see the Volunteer 4-H Barn Chair(s) for questions, concerns, or issues regarding these expectations or any other barn related item including emergencies.

Volunteer 4-H Barn Chairs: Rachel Potts & Stephanie Nowak (4-H Horse Program Volunteers) will oversee/monitor the barn and exhibitors to ensure that all exhibitors are meeting the expectations outlined above. They will answer questions about these expectations, provide assistance if/when needed, offer guidance on how to meet/better meet expectations, address situations where expectations are not being met and serve as the “go to” contact in the barn and the liaison between the barn and 4-H Animal Science Educator.

Actions Steps for Expectation Improvement:

1. The 4-H Volunteer Barn Chair(s) will have a conversation with the exhibitor stating the expectation that is not being met and how it’s not being met. They will seek explanation/reason for why the expectation is not being adequately met and provide suggestions for improvement to meet the expectation. A designated period of time will be provided for the exhibitor to better meet the expectation.
2. If the expectation is not fully met at this point, the 4-H Volunteer Barn Chair(s) will inform the 4-H Animal Science Educator and the exhibitor’s parent/guardian about the situation and actions taken. The exhibitor will be provided one more opportunity to meet the expectation during a very short designated improvement period
3. If the expectation is still not fully met at this point, the parent/guardian will be notified by the 4-H Animal Science Educator that the exhibitor will lose part or all of horse show premium points.
4. In extreme situations, the exhibitor may be additionally asked to remove their horse from the fairgrounds for the duration of the fair.