2026 Licking County 4-H
Horse Project Dates and Deadlines

Monday, January 12 — **Licking County 4-H Horse & Pony Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – Extension Office**
Horse advisors should be in attendance, 4-H members and parents welcome.

Monday, February 9 — **Licking County 4-H Horse & Pony Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – Extension Office**
Horse advisors should be in attendance, 4-H members and parents welcome.

Monday, March 9 — **Licking County 4-H Horse & Pony Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – Extension Office**
Horse advisors should be in attendance, 4-H members and parents welcome.

Tuesday, March 31 — **Queen/King and Princess/Prince Application and Essay Deadline (10:00 p.m.)**

Wednesday, April 1 — **4-H Club Enrollments due in 4HOnline**

Monday, April 13 — **Licking County 4-H Horse & Pony Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – Extension Office**
Horse advisors should be in attendance, 4-H members and parents welcome.

Wednesday, April 15 — **Queen/King and Princess/Prince Horsemanship Essay / Public Speaking / Skillathon**
6:30 p.m. – Extension Office

Friday, April 24 — **Horse Project Identification Forms Due to 4-H Horse & Pony Council**
Required for exhibition during county 4-H shows, Hartford Fair and Ohio State Fair
* Must be accompanied by fee of $6.00 per form
* Should be accompanied by lease form – if appropriate.
* Should be accompanied by Horseless Horse Mentorship form – if appropriate.
*Can be handed in on April 23rd (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) at the Extension Office, while Horse Council Representatives are onsite. Do not recommend mailing – as some forms have been lost / delayed in the past.

Ohio State Fair Representative / Performance Against Standard (PAS) Entry Forms Due
May be submitted after April 24th and before 5:00 p.m. on June 21st (with $25.00 late fee)
Must be accompanied by copy of current calendar year Coggins test (dated 01/01/26 or after).

Licking County 4-H Horse Show Category Confirmation Form Due
Advisors must designate class category/division in which members will show.

Licking County 4-H Pony Measurements Deadline (should be done prior to ID Form being submitted)
To have pony measured, please reach out to Kelli Evans (614.325.6566)
Measurement is only required of Point class ponies without permanent pony card.
Additional measuring 0ption: 2026 Spring Clinic – April 25th (9am-1pm)

Saturday, April 25 — **Spring Equine Clinic – Sponsored by the Licking County 4-H Horse & Pony Council - Fairgrounds**
Showmanship, Horsemanship, Equitation, Pleasure, and Hunter under Saddle.
Pre-Registration Required.

Queen/King and Princess/Prince Horsemanship Class, 8:00 a.m. - Fairgrounds
Held during Spring Equine Clinic.

Thursday, April 30 — **Last day to make changes to Licking County 4-H Project Enrollment**

Monday, May 11 — **Licking County 4-H Horse & Pony Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – Extension Office**
Horse advisors should be in attendance, 4-H members and parents welcome.

Monday, June 1 — **Date by which all Licking County 4-H Equine members must complete 2026 EquiSTEP Training**

Monday, June 8 — **Licking County 4-H Horse & Pony Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – Extension Office**
Horse advisors should be in attendance, 4-H members and parents welcome.

Friday June 12	**Beeson Outstanding 4-H Horse Project Member Award Application Due**
Friday, June 19	**Licking County 4-H Horse Show – Contest Classes**
Saturday, June 20	**Licking County 4-H Horse Show – Western Classes**
	Queen/King and Princess/Prince Crowning (June Western Show) - Fairgrounds
Sunday, June 21	**Licking County 4-H Horse Show – English Classes**
Friday, June 26	**Hartford Fair Entry Deadline (**Late entries may be made until July 17 with late fees)
Saturday, June 27	**Licking County PAS Show (OSF Qualifier)**
Wednesday, July 1	**Ohio State Fair Dressage Entries Due**
Wednesday, July 1	**Ohio State Fair Horse Show Entries Due**
Monday, July 13	**Licking County 4-H Horse & Pony Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – Extension Office** Horse advisors should be in attendance, 4-H members and parents welcome.
Friday, July 17	**Hartford Fair LATE Entry Deadline**
Friday, July 17	**Licking County 4-H Horse Show – Contest Classes**
Saturday, July 18	**Licking County 4-H Horse Show – Western Classes**
Sunday, July 19	**Licking County 4-H Horse Show – English Classes**
Monday, July 20	**Ohio State Fair Horse Show Begins (Move-In begins on Sunday, July 19)**
Saturday, August 8	**Hartford Independent Fair Move-In Gets Underway**
Saturday, August 15	**Hartford Independent Fair Closes**
Monday, September 14	**Licking County 4-H Horse & Pony Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – Extension Office** Horse advisors should be in attendance, 4-H members and parents welcome.
Sunday, September 20	**Annual Horse Project Member Recognition Program** (3:00 p.m.) (Location TBA)
Monday, November 9	**Licking County 4-H Horse & Pony Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – Extension Office** Horse advisors should be in attendance, 4-H members and parents welcome.
Monday, December 14	**Licking County 4-H Horse & Pony Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – Extension Office** Horse advisors should be in attendance, 4-H members and parents welcome.

Other Educations Opportunities Include…

State Communications Contest (3/7)	State Poster Contest (3/7)	State Horse Bowl Competition (TBA)
State Hippology Contest (TBA)	State Horse Judging Contest (7/20)	State Horse Skillathon (7/20)
Hartford Horse Skillathon Contest (8/9)	Hartford Project Grading (8/9-15)	Hartford Fun Show (8/14)
State Groom & Clean Contest (8/29)	State 4-H Trail Ride (9/11-12)	