

Licking County 4-H Youth Development Program

Horseless Horse Mentorship Project

~ Contract of Understanding ~

Must be submitted with Horse Identification Paper

Horseless Member's Name: _____ Date: _____

The purpose of the Horseless Horse Mentorship project is to offer an opportunity for those youth who are truly interested in the equine industry to learn about horses through building a relationship with another youth who is willing to share their knowledge, time and project animal. Through this relationship, both the Mentor and Horseless member will benefit from interaction, hands-on learning, and the sharing of experiences.

Expectations of Horseless Horse Mentorship Member:

- Must be enrolled in project #173-M during the current 4-H project year. Member is then welcome to choose the project book that is appropriate for their interests and skill level. This decision should be made in consultation with their parent(s), 4-H Advisor, and Mentor.
- Must submit Mentorship Program Contract of Understanding, with appropriate signatures.
- Must submit 4-H Horse Identification Form for "project horse" as designated by Mentor.
- Must meet with Mentor regularly to work with project horse and gain knowledge and skills that will benefit their involvement in the horse program.
- Encouraged to be present while Mentor is showing in Licking County 4-H shows.
- Eligible to enter Horseless Horse classes offered by Licking County 4-H and the Hartford Fair.
- Must maintain a log/journal of work and learning experiences throughout the project year. This journal must be brought to grading during the Hartford Fair.

Expectations of Mentor:

- Must assist Horseless member in completing Mentorship Program Contract of Understanding.
- Must assist Horseless member in completing 4-H Horse Identification Form.
- Mentor should be present, ringside, while Horseless member is exhibiting/showing the project horse.
- Must meet with Horseless member regularly to work with project horse and gain knowledge and skills that will benefit their involvement in the horse program.
- Must maintain a log/journal of work and learning experiences throughout the project year. This journal must be brought to grading during the Hartford Fair.
- Should demonstrate appropriate behavior while participating in 4-H events. Poor sportsmanship may revoke ability to participate in the Mentorship program.

General Program Guidelines:

- Mentor must be at a higher level of knowledge and skill than Horseless member. It is recommended that the Mentor be an Advanced / PAS rider.
- A 4-H member may serve as a Mentor for no more than two Horseless members in one project year.
- The Horseless member may only show/exhibit the Mentor's project horse.
- Advisors are welcome, and encouraged, to assist in the mentorship process to make this relationship as successful as possible.
- Youth may enroll in Mentorship project for no more than three years.

The Horseless Horse Mentorship program will be facilitated by the Licking County 4-H Youth Development Program. Youth participating in this program may be recognized during the Annual 4-H Horse Recognition Banquet based upon the involvement and level of accomplishment.

Horseless Horse Mentorship Project Member:

Member: I have read the above expectations and guidelines and agree to participate fully and make the most of this learning opportunity.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent(s): I/We agree to support my/our child as he/she participates in the Mentorship Program. I/We will assist in providing supervision during mentoring activities and assist my child in any way necessary in order to enhance their learning experience.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

4-H Horse Project Mentor:

Member: I have read the above expectations and guidelines and agree to participate fully and make the most of this learning opportunity.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent(s): I/We agree to support my/our child as he/she participates in the Mentorship Program. I/We will assist in providing supervision during mentoring activities and assist my child in any way necessary in order to enhance their learning experience.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Horse Owner (If horse is being leased by Mentor):

I understand that the horse which I have leased to a Licking County 4-H member is going to be used a part of a mentorship project. My horse will be worked with by two children who desire to learn about and care for horses through a 4-H educational experience. I will offer advice when appropriate and support their learning experience when needed throughout the project year.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**PLEASE ATTACH 4-H HORSE IDENTIFICATION FORM TO THIS
CONTRACT OF UNDERSTANDING.**