

# RIDER PROJECT BOOK

Ages 10-11 as of January 1 of Current year

\*Information to complete the Equine Project Book is located in the **Horses & Horsemanship** and **Horse Science** books that are available at the 4-H store. [Horse Curriculum](#)

Immunization information can be found at the MCFA-Horse Committee’s facebook page - [MCFA - Horse Committee](#) “Immunization and Coggin’s Guidelines”.

First Aid information can be found at: [www.extension.org/pages/10303/basic-first-aid-kit-for-horses](http://www.extension.org/pages/10303/basic-first-aid-kit-for-horses)

Questions should be directed to your Club Leader who may request clarification from the Project Book Committee.

**PLEASE DO NOT USE PAGE PROTECTORS ON THESE PAGES.**  
**PAGE PROTECTORS CAN BE USED ON PHOTO PAGES**  
**AND EXTRA CREDIT REPORTS.**

**PLEASE KEEP PAGES IN NUMERICAL ORDER.**

**PLEASE DO NOT USE A BINDER LARGER THAN 1” UNLESS**  
**THE ADDITIONAL REPORTS REQUIRE A BIGGER BINDER**

## RIDER INFORMATION

Name:			
Address:		City/State/Zip:	
Date of Birth:	Exhibitor Age:	Years in Equine Project:	
Club Name:	Club Leader:	Leader Phone #	
Level (Check all that apply):			
<input type="checkbox"/> In Hand	<input type="checkbox"/> Walk Trot	<input type="checkbox"/> Walk Trot Canter	<input type="checkbox"/> Horseless Rider

## GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

Properly kept records are a vital part of equine ownership. Records give a clear picture of what you have invested in the project. Records also provide you with accurate facts about your equine project. Because your equine is intended to be your year-long project, the Project Book should begin September 1st. However, there are exceptions, such as a change in equine or obtaining an equine later in the project year. You are responsible for writing an explanation for the judge.

- All signatures are required.** The parent signature is required.
- A score of 70% or higher with all pages complete is required to compete at the Muskegon County Fair for awards, trophies or ribbons.**
  
- ❖ The book may be decorated or enhanced as long as all pages are included and kept in order. Additional pages, photos and memories must be at the end of the project book.
- ❖ Do not include pages from previous years unless they are part of a story or report you are including. *"Previous Year" is defined as information prior to the Project Book deadline date of last year. (You may use last year's pictures and show records from fair.)*
- ❖ The Equine Project Book must be bound in some fashion. No loose pages please.
- ❖ Clearly label reports and stories. Reports and stories must include the date authored.
- ❖ You must use the project book for the current calendar year.
- ❖ BONUS options include: Community Service Project Report, In-Depth Story or Report, additional Photographs, Exceptional Organization and Creativity, Additional Education experiences. You can earn up to 45 Extra Points.
- ❖ Exhibitor age is the member's age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- ❖ Years in equine project do not include years as a Cloverbud but does include the current year.

If you have questions that are not covered, please consult with your leader. Your leader may direct their questions to the Project Book Committee.

## RECORDKEEPING DATES

<b>Project Book Began on</b> (should be September 1):
<b>Date Project Book was completed:</b>

# PLACE FULL BODY PHOTO OF PROJECT EQUINE HERE

SIDE VIEW OF EQUINE

NO SADDLE OR RIDER

A photo of your project animal is required.  
Photo should show entire equine clearly.

## EQUINE INFORMATION

Name of Equine:	Equine's Nickname:	
Breed:	Registration #	Not Registered: <input type="checkbox"/>
Color:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mare <input type="checkbox"/> Gelding	Year Foaled:
Equine's Height:	Equine's Weight:	
Purchase Date:	<b>OR</b> Lease Date:	
<b>Describe</b> your equine using proper terminology for <b>breed, color, sex, markings, etc.</b> (example: I ride an American Paint Quarter Horse who is a tobiano and white Gelding, etc.)		

**EQUINE HEALTH**

Veterinarian Name:	Phone #:
Did your equine get hurt or sick this year?	
If YES, describe it:	
If your equine gets a minor cut, what kind of medication or ointment do you use?	

**VITAL SIGNS** *Have someone help you take your equine's vital signs*

My equine's temperature is:	Respiration is:	Pulse is:
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**IMMUNIZATIONS** Please consult with your Club leader for the minimum requirements for Muskegon County Fair.

What does "immunization" mean?
Why do you immunize your equine?

**DEWORMING**

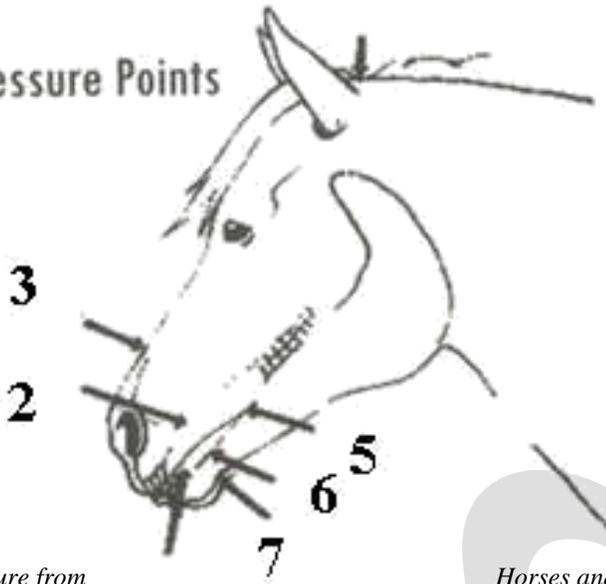
<b>Why</b> do you deworm your equine?
<b>How</b> do you deworm your equine (paste, pelleted, tubing, natural)?

**DENTAL CARE "TEETH"**

Equine Dentist or Vet's Name:	Phone #
What does the term "float" mean for an equine?	

**PRESSURE POINTS:** 4 Name the seven (7) pressure points indicated in the above diagram.

Pressure Points



1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	

Picture from

Horses and Horsemanship book, Chapter Six

**HOOF CARE** 1 **PICTURE FROM HORSES AND HORSEMANSHIP BOOK, CHAPTER TEN**

Farrier's Name:

Phone #

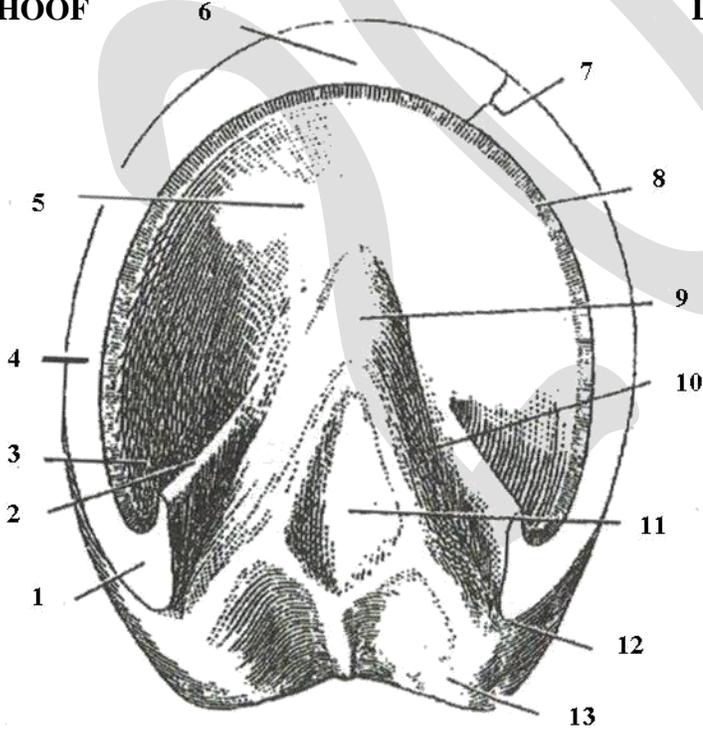
How often do you get your equine's hooves trimmed?

Does your equine have shoes?

If yes, why do you have shoes put on your equine?

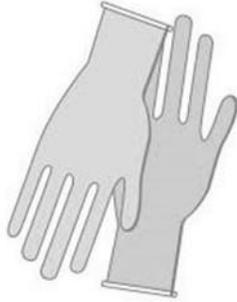
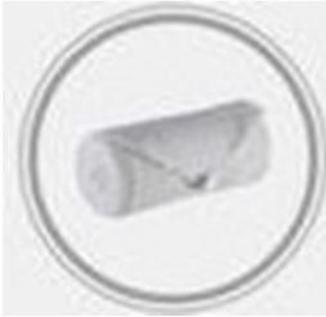
**HOOF** 6

**DIAGRAM**



1.	
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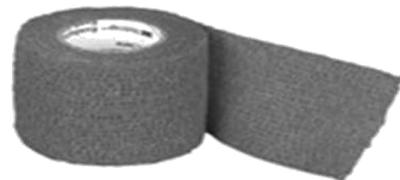
**FIRST AID KIT – 10 POINTS** Correctly label the first aid items shown, using the word bank provided.



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5.	6.	7.
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8.	9.	10.
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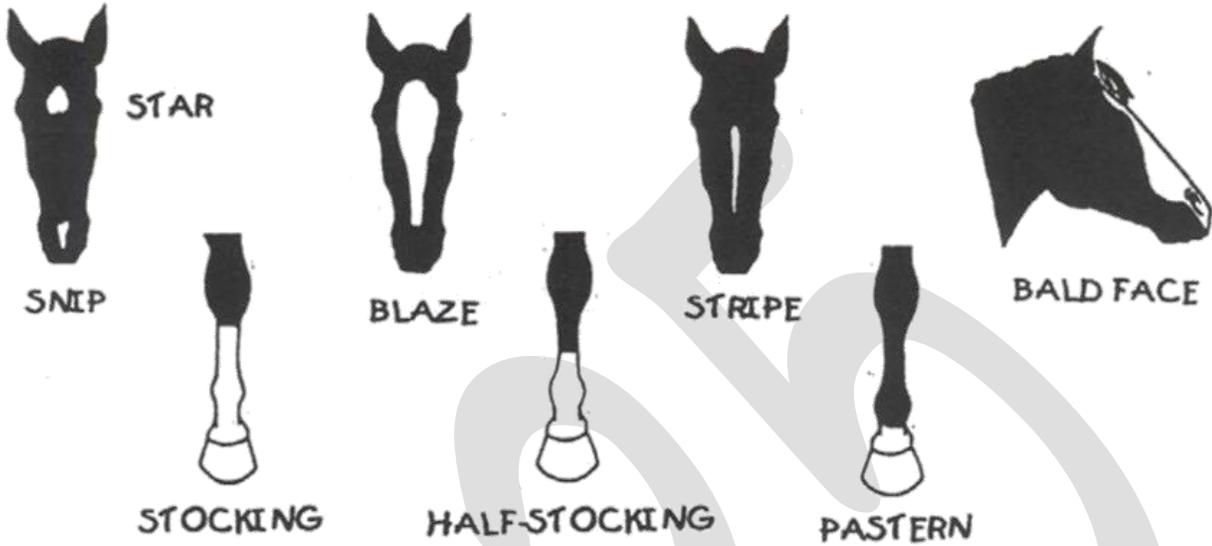
Alcohol Pads	Bandage	Gauze	Gloves	Hoof Pick	Ointment	Scissors	Stethoscope	Vet Wrap	Wound Cleanser
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**NUTRITION AND BEDDING**

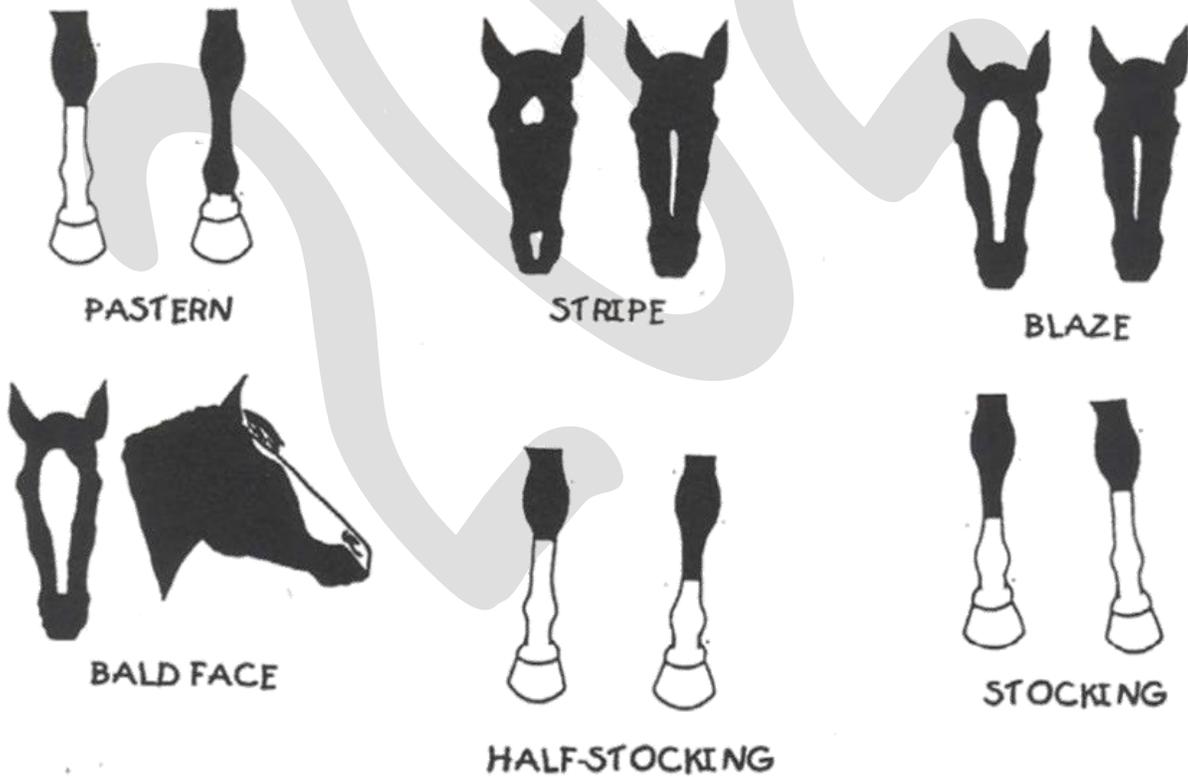
Describe where your equine lives.
What kind of barn or shelter does your equine have?
Describe your equine's bedding.
Describe your equine's grain.
Describe your equine's hay.
What kinds of medicine, special supplements, salt or mineral blocks, does your equine get and why?
What kind of treats does your equine get?

COLOR MARKINGS 6 points *Horses and Horsemanship book, Chapter One*

HEAD AND LEG MARKINGS



CIRCLE THE CORRECT DRAWING



**GAITS** List the gaits and explain the number of beats for each gait: *Horses and Horsemanship book, Chapter Four*

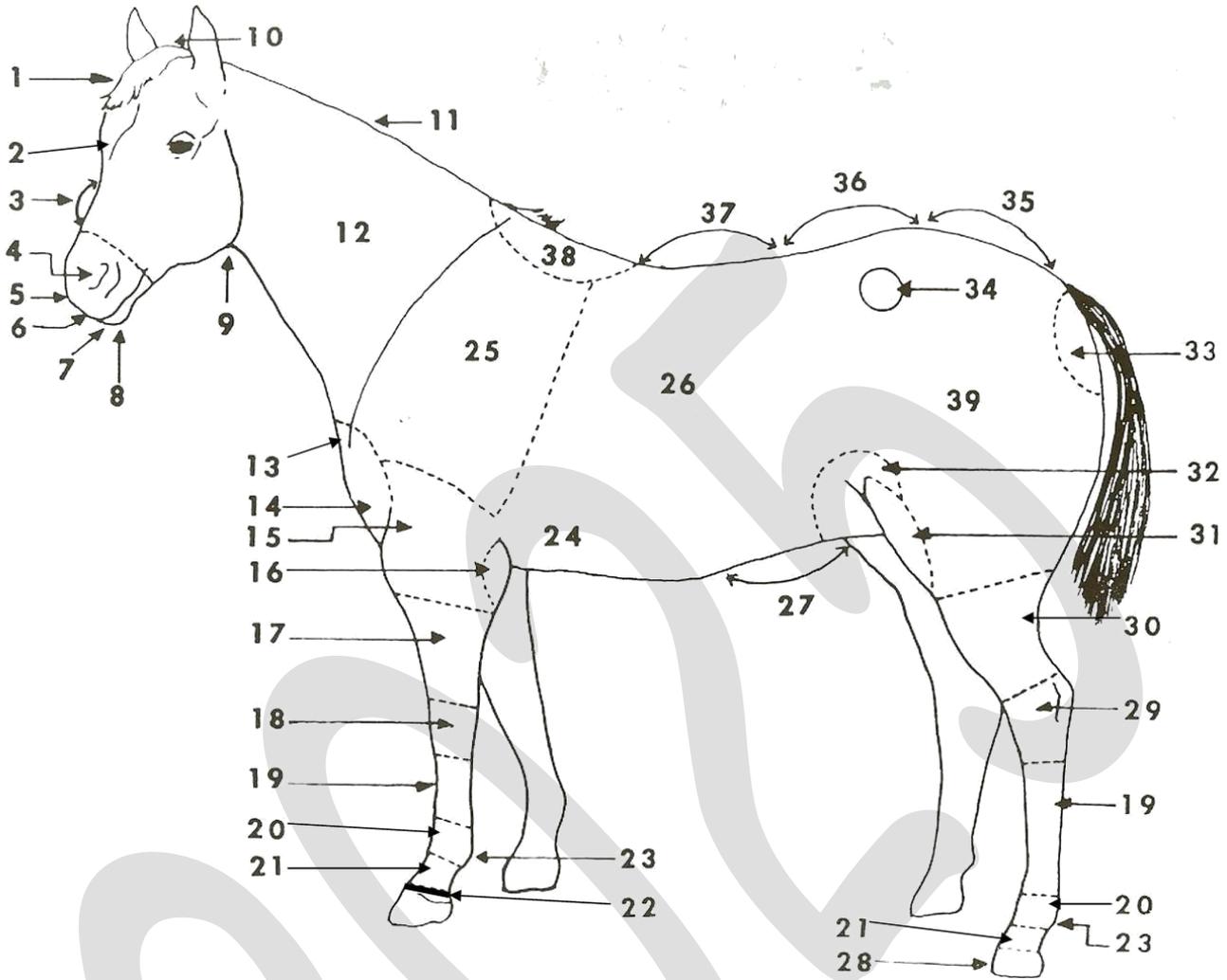
Gaits	Number of Beats	Describe the order of foot fall for each gait:
		<b>The forefoot on one side and the opposite hind foot take off and strike the ground at the same time. Working off of diagonals.</b>
		<b>Each foot takes off from and strikes the ground independently. Right fore, left rear, left fore, right rear.</b>
		<b>Hind foot, other hind foot, diagonal front foot, and remaining front foot.</b>
		<b>Front and hind feet on the same side start and stop at the same time.</b>
		<b>Right hind, left hind and diagonal right front together, and left front. OR Left hind, right hind and diagonal left front together, and right front.</b>

*Horses and Horsemanship book, Chapter Five*

**List the four NATURAL riding aids.**

	Natural Aid	Importance of each
1.		<b>These control the horse's forehand through the reins, bit and horse's mouth.</b>
2.		<b>Always speak to your horse softly, quietly, but with firmness.</b>
3.		<b>This is used as an aid by shifting your body.</b>
4.		<b>To signal speed and movements of the horse's hindquarters.</b>

**STRUCTURE OF THE EQUINE** *Horses and Horsemanship book, Chapter Two*



Locate and identify the missing parts of the equine.

1	11	21	31
2	12	22	32
3	13	23	33
4	14	24	34
5	15	25	35
6	16	26	36
7	17	27	37
8	18	28	38
9	19	29	39
10	20	30	

**HORSE CONFORMATION:** *Horses and Horsemanship book, Chapter Two*

**Fill in the Blank using the word bank below**

1. Judge's must know the \_\_\_\_\_ of an equine and their \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Judge's must know which \_\_\_\_\_ are the most important and the most desirable \_\_\_\_\_ of each.
3. Judge's must weigh the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ points of each horse.
4. Conformation includes \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Conformation also includes \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the various parts of the body.

Bad	Balance	Form
Form	Good	Location
Muscling	Parts	Parts
Proportion	Structural Smoothness	Type

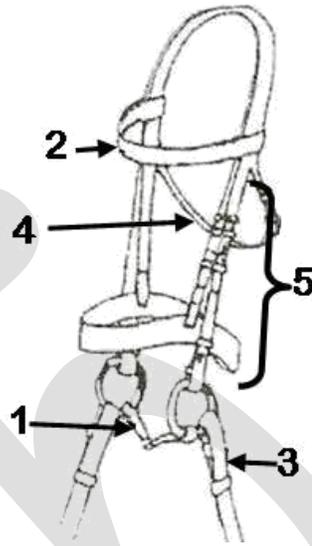
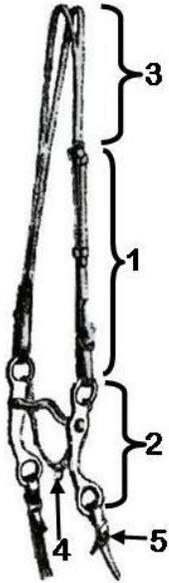
**Short Answer Questions:**

1. What are the two parts of muscling?
2. A balanced appearance comes from what two parts of the horse appearing to be nearly equal size and development?
3. What term is used when all parts of a horse blend together well and the muscling is long and tapering?
4. Action: In all breeds the motion should be what two things?
5. Action is affected by these two parts of the equine?

Feet	Forequarter	Hindquarter
Legs	Quality	Quantity
Smoothness	Straight	True

**RIDING EQUIPMENT** *Horses and Horsemanship book, Chapter Six*

Locate and identify the 5 parts of EACH bridle.



WESTERN	HUNT SEAT SNAFFLE BRIDLE
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5

**EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES**

What equipment or supplies did you purchase or borrow for your equine this year?

I am a horseless member.

Item:	Who purchased the item or from whom did you borrow it?

**SHOW RECORD**

Date	Show	Class	Placing

**I WAS NOT ABLE TO SHOW THIS YEAR. PLEASE EXPLAIN:**

**I am a horseless member.**

**SAFETY** – Fill in the blank. Use the words in the table. *Horses and Horsemanship book, Chapter Eleven*

1.	Always make sure to check this before mounting your equine	
2.	Make sure to do this in a clear area	
3.	Never walk under this when the equine is tied	
4.	Approved with harness fastened should be worn when mounted	
5.	These equine and novice riders do not make the best match at horse shows	
6.	Never do this up and down hills	
7.	Always walk here when you lead your equine	
8.	Never walk or stand here	
9.	Keep your head in the clear when doing this.	

Bridling	Behind	Beside
Canter	Cinch	Green
Helmets	Mount	Rope

**EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Write about a seminar, clinic, informational book(s), meeting presentation, article, etc.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Source (YouTube, Magazine, Website, Event, i.e.) :</b>
<b>Topic/Title:</b>	
<b>What did you learn?</b>	



**EQUINE REPORT OR STORY ABOUT YOUR PROJECT ANIMAL**

Report or Story must be equine-related. Topics could be about your project animal, something you learned about equines at a training session, a personal experience you had, etc. Attach extra page(s) if necessary.

**Subject/Title/Date:**



### Shift of Show Participation

Minimum participation of 1 shift at a MCFA Horse Committee Show  
(After Fair from August to June)

Show Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Horse Show Ground Prep

Two hours ground prep prior to a MCFA Horse Committee Show  
(After Fair from August to June)  
(These shows are the fundraisers to pay for fair.)

Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

#### REQUIRED SIGNATURES

As a Fair Exhibitor, I verify that I have read the requirements and instructions for completion of this Project Book and I understand that I must score 70% or higher in the requirements to complete the project and compete for awards. By signing, I agree with and understand the requirements of this project.

**EXHIBITOR'S SIGNATURE:**

**PARENT'S SIGNATURE:**

Parent Comments:

**By signing my name as leader of the club I verify that this member:**

- Is in good standing with the club
- Has read and understands the Requirements and knows a score of 70% or higher is required to compete for awards.
- Has read and understands the instructions for completing the project book
- Completed this project book in the current year to the best of the member's ability.

**LEADER'S SIGNATURE:**



**RIDER PROJECT BOOK SCORE CARD**

**SCORER MUST CONTACT LEADER IF COGGINS IS NOT CURRENT OR IS MISSING**

<b>RECORDKEEPING</b>	<b>Points Possible</b>	<b>Section Subtotal</b>	<b>Points Earned</b>
Recordkeeping Dates	2		
Rider Information	11		
Equine Information	11		
<b>REQUIRED</b> full body photograph of project animal	5	<b>29</b>	
<b>HORSE HEALTH</b>			
Vet Information	5		
Vital Signs	3		
Immunization Questions	2		
Deworming	2		
Dental Care	3		
Pressure Points	7		
Hoof Care	5		
Hoof Diagram	13		
First Aid Kit	10	<b>50</b>	
<b>NUTRITION &amp; BEDDING</b>			
Description of living conditions/barn/shelter	2		
Description of Bedding	1		
Description of Grain	1		
Description of Hay	1		
Description of Medicine/Supplements/Salt/Mineral Blocks	1		
Description of Treats	1	<b>7</b>	
<b>COLOR MARKINGS &amp; PHYSICAL STRUCTURE</b>			
Color/Markings Chart Face and Legs	10		
Gaits/Natural Aids	18		
Structure of the Horse Diagram	39		
Horse Conformation Word Search	<b>21</b>		
Bridle Diagrams	10	<b>98</b>	
<b>EXPERIENCE/EDUCATION</b>			
Equipment and Supplies	3		
Show Record	3		
Safety Questions	9		
Educational Experiences	4		
4H Club Meeting attendance & Instruction and Lessons	4		
Detailed Equine Report or Story	5		
Shift of Show Participation	15		
Two hours of horse show ground prep	15		
All required signatures	3	<b>61</b>	
<b>REQUIRED/RECOMMENDED DOCUMENTATION</b>			
Immunization Documentation(s)	10		
<b>CURRENT YEAR RECOMMENDED VACCINATIONS</b>			
<b>REQUIRED</b> Current Coggins Test Documentation	10	<b>20</b>	
<b>PROJECT BOOK TOTAL</b> Must achieve 70% (185 pts.) or more in this section.		<b>265</b>	

<b>OPTIONAL BONUS SECTION</b>		
Community Service Report	5	
In-Depth Report or Story (1-5pts. for each report. Must be dated and completed in current 4H year. Maximum 10pts.) Points awarded are based on effort and completeness.	10	
Photo section displaying 4H member and equine project in current 4H year 1 pt per picture up to five pictures.	5	
<u>EXCEPTIONAL</u> organization, creativity	10	
Extra Educational Experiences (5 pts. Each; 15 pts Maximum)	15	
<b>Total possible bonus points awarded</b>		<b>45</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL FROM ALL SECTIONS</b>		<b>310</b>

A = 240-265

B = 211-239

C = 185-210

E = 0-184 A score of 70% or more is needed to complete the horse project. If the horse project is considered incomplete, youth may not exhibit at the youth fair.

Failure to meet requirements: will not be allowed to compete at Fair.

Questions about this score can be directed to: MCFA – Horse Committee

Comments from judge: