

2024 Bluegrass 4-H Horse Camp Rules & Guidelines

The University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension and 4-H Youth Development provide safe and engaging hands-on educational opportunities for our youth. The Bluegrass 4-H Horse Council and 4-H Agents work hard to create a safe environment for positive youth development.

In striving to do so, the following rules and guidelines MUST be followed by ALL while attending the Bluegrass 4-H Horse Camp at the Central KY Ag/Expo Center in Liberty, KY.

GENERAL 4-H RULES:

1. Possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs by any person involved with the 4-H Program is strictly prohibited.
2. Any weapon or article construed to be a weapon, other than a pocket knife or knife used for opening hay bales and shavings, is prohibited. Youth are only to use these knives under the supervision of an adult.
3. Use of tobacco products is not allowed for campers at the Bluegrass 4-H Horse Camp. **Absolutely no tobacco products allowed in or around the barns, hay, shavings, or woods.**
4. Obscene, discriminatory and/or inappropriate language or dress, roughhousing, or insubordination will not be tolerated.
5. Campers and adults should demonstrate respect toward others. Bullying, hazing, or malicious pranks will not be tolerated, and may result in the camper or adult being dismissed from camp.
6. Campers or adults who have personal conflicts with another are encouraged to discuss these with the 4-H Agent in charge.
7. Campers are to be attentive, responsive, and courteous to any instructor, presenter, or adult at all times.
8. Campers and adults are to respect the camp property and keep grounds clean at all time. This includes the stalls and barn. The camper or adult shall pay for any intentional damage to the property.
9. The Bluegrass 4-H Horse Camp nor the Bluegrass 4-H Horse Council is responsible for personal property of any camper or adult.
10. We care about the safety of your child. Incidents of serious misbehaviors (i.e. fighting, bullying, causing injury, alcohol/drug incidents, any altercations between adults and/or minors, intentional property damage/vandalism, etc.) will be reported to the 4-H Agent in charge and an incident report will be completed.

4-H HORSE CAMP RULES:

1. No dogs or pets are permitted on the premise. **DO NOT BRING THEM TO CAMP.**
2. Campers nor adults are permitted to drive/ride golf carts on the grounds.
3. Campers are NOT permitted to drive once on the grounds for the camp.
4. NO bikes, scooters, hover boards, 4-wheelers or other recreational equipment are permitted on the grounds.
5. Campers are REQUIRED to attend ALL 4-H Horse Camp Classes. If youth do not attend the classes, they will sit out during riding times and take notes on what is being instructed.

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6. No one is allowed to ride their horse outside of the Expo Center grounds.
7. Campers may not use their electronic devices during instruction/activities unless specified by the instructor. These electronics should be left in a secure area, with a responsible adult. 4-H Agents nor the Program Coordinator are responsible for lost or damaged devices. Devices used during instruction/activities will be confiscated.
8. Campers MUST be on time to each session and participate in ALL horse camp activities.
9. NO ring-side coaching is permitted.
10. Only adjust your own child's tack. DO NOT adjust another child's tack. Instructors are permitted to make adjustments when necessary.
11. In the event the camper is unable to handle their horse independently and they are excused from the class, the 4-Her will return to the class to listen to the instructor.
12. If an accident happens to occur, parents/guardians are to follow the recommendations of the on-site health professional.

Horse Care

1. Horses must be fed and watered, and stalls cleaned before lessons begin each day. The barn area must remain clean AT ALL TIMES. Youth WILL NOT complete these tasks during class instruction.
2. DO NOT leave horses tied unattended, especially in the wash area. DO NOT leave water running at the barn.
3. All horses must be led to and from classes at a WALK.

The consequences of flagrant violation of the above rules, following consultation of those concerned (i.e. 4-H Agent in charge, adult, and camper), may result in the camper being dismissed from camp restricting future participation in 4-H activities, termination of 4-H membership, or other consequences determined by the county's policy.

If a camper must be sent home, it will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian to pick up him/her at 4-H Horse Camp. There is no refund of the camper fee for any early departure.

By signing below you:

Understand the rules and guidelines stated above and understand if I do not follow/abide by these I may be asked to leave the premises.

Understand a parent/guardian from each family is required to attend a safety meeting on Thursday evening, prior to the 4-H Horse Camp activities beginning.

Youth Participant's Printed Name

Youth Participant's Signature

Parent/Guardian/Volunteer's Printed Name

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Please Note: 4-H Horse Club Leaders are required to provide written documentation to ensure their youth and their horse(s) are safe and healthy to participate at camp (i.e. tack is correct, the horse is healthy, the youth has spent time with said horse to prepare them for camp.)

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