



Kenosha County 4-H Horse Project **GYMKHANA WORKOUTS**



Workouts for gymkhana will be held on **Tuesday evenings starting June 16, 2009 and running until September 1, 2009**. Please note there will NOT be workouts on July 7, 2009 or during the week of the Kenosha County Fair.

The workouts will be held at the Kenosha County Fairgrounds horse arena from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. For all workouts, boots, SEI approved helmet, full-length pants, and current Coggins are required. These workouts are free of charge and open to all members of the Horse Project.

During the gymkhana workouts we will learn safety, control, and technique needed to execute the various gymkhana patterns successfully. Our main goal will be to compete at the 4H State Gymkhana Show, although it is not required that you attend state if you do not wish to do so.

Although gymkhana events are judged on speed, we will not start out at a fast pace at our workouts. It is important to first be able to control your horse and make them mind at the walk/trot before you even attempt to go any faster. This also will allow riders who have never let their horse loose before to learn confidence in both horse and rider, thus resulting in safer runs.

Please note that **in order to show at the 4H State Gymkhana Show in September you must attend a minimum of four gymkhana workouts with your horse and meet all horse project requirements!**

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact

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Kenosha County 4-H Gymkhana Rules and Regulations



Eligibility:

All County Wide requirements must be met in order to attend the 4H State Gymkhana Show and the Gymkhana Show held during the duration of the Kenosha County Fair. Horseless Horse project members are not eligible for this program. The requirements are as follows:

- You must attend five of the 11 meetings/events. One of the five may be an excused absence by notifying a board member prior to the meeting. If you arrive after a meeting starts or leave before a meeting is adjourned, you will receive ½ credit.
- Gymkhana horses must have signed ID and Standards sheets in to Bev Francois, Horse Project Advisor, 10235 Wilmot RD, Pleasant Prairie, WI 5 3158, by May 1st of the current year.
- A \$30.00 sponsorship is due by January 31st (no refunds).
- Family volunteer work, Rule #3 on the Kenosha County Horse Project Standards sheet, is also a requirement.
- In order to attend the 4H State Gymkhana Show you must attend a minimum of four Tuesday night gymkhana workouts with your horse and meet all horse project requirements.
- Current Coggins must be presented at all gymkhana events. If your horse does not have current Coggins then you may not participate.
- Only one (1) rider is permitted per horse/pony per class. Only members of the immediate family are permitted to show the same project animal. Each family member may show any combination of classes provided the horse is only shown once in a specific class.

Tack and attire required at all gymkhana events:

- SEI approved safety helmets, boots with a cut out heel, and full length pants must be worn at all times.
- A western saddle that fits the rider is required.
- Any headgear which controls the horse may be used. (Horse or pony may NOT be ridden in a halter.)
- Clip or slip-on spurs are not allowed.
- No over-under whips are allowed.
- Use of whips, bats, ropes, reins, etc., forward of the cinch is not permitted.