

Stevens County 4-H Horse Program

Commitment to Excellence

1. The purpose of my participation in the Stevens County 4-H Horse Program is to strengthen my own knowledge, ability, and skill as a manager, rider, and exhibitor of horses, to develop my sense of responsibility and good character, and to have fun.
2. I will do my own project work to the best of my ability.
3. I will not use or allow to be used any abusive, fraudulent, or illegal practices in the feeding, care, fitting and/or showing of my horse(s).
4. I will not misrepresent my horse(s) or myself in any way.
5. I will read, understand and follow the rules, without exception, of all horse events in which I am a participant and ask that my parents and my 4-H leader(s) do the same.
6. My horse project is an example of how to accept what life has to offer, both good and bad, and how to live with the outcome.
7. I realize that I am responsible for the proper care and safe, humane treatment of my horse(s). I understand that I am responsible for maintaining a horse health plan designed with my veterinarian. I realize that bringing a sick or unsound horse to a 4-H event could be a potential danger to my horse, to other horses and a safety risk to me and others.
8. I realize that I am also responsible for demonstrating strong moral fiber and good character as an example to others. I will treat other people's animals with the same respect and care I give my own.
9. When I participate or compete, my goals will be to:
 - Have a performance goal...never a "to only beat someone else" goal
 - Respect and learn from other participants more skilled than myself
 - Not criticize other youth, officials, judges, or volunteers
 - Do my best for that day
 - Have FUN
 - Stay home if I can't follow the rules
10. I accept that Stevens County 4-H Horse Leaders can remove or dismiss any horse or horse/rider combination from participation in 4-H events for health, safety or behavior reasons at the discretion of the organizing committee. I accept that failure to uphold this commitment could result in forfeiture of my right to participate in current or future 4-H activities or events.

4-H Member Signature

Date

I have read, understand, and will support this member's commitment.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

4-H Leader Signature

Date

