

2017 Horse Explorer Requirements & Schedule

The Kent County Explorer Program is designed to provide an exciting, safety driven educational experience that will equip 5-8 year old Explorers for future membership into the Kent County Horse and Pony Project.

Explorer Requirements:

To participate in all 2017 Fair Activities, Explorers **MUST**:

- Be enrolled in an active Kent County 4-H Horse Club.
- Submit the Explorer Declaration Form and fee by the May Horse Leader meeting naming their project horse and mentor*
- Complete their age appropriate Record Book & Dismounted Abilities (for 7 & 8 Year Old's ONLY) • Participate in Explorer Fitting & Showing
- Explorer must complete stick horse to participate in events throughout the week

Mentor Requirement:

- Mentors for non-horse activities must be 13 years of age as of January 1, 2017,
- Adult mentors 18 years or older are required for events with the horse.
 - ❖ 5-6 year old Explorers: ♣ Adult Mentor is to have additional lead attached to horse for showmanship.
 - ❖ 7-8-year-old Explorers: ♣ Adult Mentor is to walk with/near Explorer for Showmanship, Riding Pattern, and rail class.

Helmet/Boots Requirements

- Helmets and boots are required for all Explorers when handling a horse/pony, mounted, entering the horse arena while horses are present, working in/out gates and entering a stall with the horse/pony.

Additional Comments

- The Explorer activities are a privilege for our enrolled Horse Explorers.
 - ❖ **ONLY** those Explorers who are on the class enrollment list will be admitted into the activities.
- Explorers are required to wear their name badges at every Explorer event.
- Mentors and/or parents are REQUIRED to help with the Stick Horse Construction and parade.

Fair 2017 Explorer Activities:

Sunday: August 6

2:30 Kent County Explorer Recognition- Community Tent

8:30 Kickoff Event – Exercise Arena (Grass)

Monday: August 7

2.00 PM EXPLORER AND HORSELESS EVENTS Refer to Explorer Guidelines

Ring A

E01 7-Year-Old Showmanship (2 Judges)

E02 8-Year-Old Showmanship (2 Judges)

E03 5 & 6-Year-Old Showmanship (1 Judge)

H01 Horseless Showmanship (1 Judge)

Ring B (1 Judge)

1 (Judge)

E05 7-year-Old Riding Pattern

E04 8-Year-Old Equitation

E06 8-Year-Old Riding Pattern

E07 8-Year-Old Pleasure

Tuesday: August 8

4:30 PM EXPLORER EVENT

E08 Explorer Stick Horse Construction – King Building (MENTOR OR PARENT REQUIRED TO ASSIST IN CONSTRUCTION)

5:40 PM EXPLORER EVENT

Explorer Stick Horse Parade – from King Building – Midway – Animal Barns – Horse Arena

Wednesday: August 9

6:00 PM EXPLORER EVENT

E09 Explorer Stick Horse Reining – Exercise Arena (grass)

Thursday: August 10

6:00 PM EXPLORER EVENT

E10 Explorer Stick Horse Contesting Event – Exercise Arena (grass)

Friday: August 11

11:30am EXPLORER EVENT

E11 Explorer Stick Horse Trail – Main Horse Arena – Ring B (Class won't start till both rings are complete)