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June Updates!

Since we aren't having an official meeting this month, this newsletter is very VERY important. There are a lot of updates and reminders in here. As always, if you have questions, please call or email me!

Events at the Arena

I've listed the events going on at the fairgrounds below, in date order. Anyone can come and practice on the nights we are at the arena, including Mini 4-Hers and Horseless members.

June 14th @ 6:30 pm – Groom & Clean Contest (Arena Night following)

June 16th @ 6:00 pm – Clinic by Brian Craig (\$10 per participant, observation is free!)

June 30th @ 6:30 pm – Mini & Horseless 4-H Member Clinic (Arena Night following)

July 6th @ 6:30 pm – Arena Night & Massage Clinic (We will be helping fill out entry blanks for the fair show also.)

Mini & Horseless Member Clinic

Here is a little more detail about the Mini & Horseless 4-H Clinic on June 30th. This is a chance for the Mini & Horseless members that want to show at the fair to learn the patterns and attire that will be needed. We will also pair everyone up with the horse and 4-Her that will be helping them. Please make sure they wear pants and closed toe shoes and bring a helmet. If you don't have a helmet, we will have some to share. Everyone will have a chance to practice the showmanship pattern and ride. It's very important that we have as many 4-Hers and horses there as possible. **If you are a Mini 4-Her or Horseless member that IS going to show at the fair, please call me so I can update my list and make sure you have a horse to show.**

Groom & Clean

Grace Guyer has agreed to organize our Groom & Clean contest. It will be held June 14th at 6:30 pm at the fairgrounds, followed by an arena night. There will be 3 divisions which are: Junior (3rd – 7th grade) and Senior (8th – 12th grade) and a mixed category. There will be 3 people per team. The purpose is to clean your horse as good as you can in 15 minutes using only the specified supplies. There will also be a "dirt squad" that we need volunteers for. If you are interested in participating, please contact Grace so we know how many to expect.

Youth Show

Our Youth Show is coming up VERY SOON. Be expecting a call from Cindy as she tries to stock our concession stand with donations. If you have something specific you would like to contribute, call her soon to get the best selection. We also need helpers (gate keepers, ring stewards, concession stand & entry booth workers). If any of those sound like fun, call Emily and I will get your name written down.

Equine Massage Clinic

Scott MacDonald recently received his equine massage license and is going to do a clinic for us, with a discount to others that bring their horses. The date is set for July 6th at the fairgrounds (during open arena). A rain location will be at Bonnie Flynn's barn by Western school.

2011 Show Dates

These are the shows that we are hosting at our arena. If you would like to look for more in the area, visit www.midwestshowbills.com and browse the events in Indiana and surrounding states.

Fair Show Day 1	July 9	Open Youth Show	June 18
Fair Show Day 2	July 16	Open Pleasure Show	August 27

Sponsorships

The deadline has passed for sponsorships to get in the Kokomo Tribune. However, if you want a plaque, you can still turn them in now, and up to the fair. Each 4-Her is asked to turn in 3 \$10 sponsorships and each mini 4-Her is asked to turn in 1. These help pay for your plaques that you get at the end of the year.

Building Update

Our building addition is going to begin soon! The tentative start date is June 25th. If all goes as planned, it will be done by our fair shows!!

State Fair Entry Forms

Entries are due by July 1. You can still sign up after that but the price increases dramatically. I have posted the 2011 entry blank on our website along with the show schedule. If you have questions about what classes to sign up for, or how to fill it out and send it in, please ask, we are here to help!

4th of July Concession

We are debating on whether to open the concession stand during Greentown's 4th of July Fireworks. Please call Cindy if you WANT to help. If we don't have enough helpers, we will not open. I believe they are on the 4th which is a Monday night.

Block Building Hostess

I have signed our club up to host the block building from 11 am – 2 pm and 2 pm – 4 pm on Wednesday, July 13th. Please remember that you can earn incentive points by helping out. If you are going to be at the fairgrounds anyway, it's an easy way to represent our club.

Fair Show Back Numbers

Back by popular demand, I will take back number requests for the fair this year. Remember, if you have a special number you want, you will probably have to make your own. Please e-mail, text or call me (Emily) with your number request. If I haven't heard anything from you by June 30th, I will be assigning one to you.