

# 4H Drill Team Manual 2022

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\*most communication will be through the La Crosse County 4H Drill Team Facebook Page\*

## Dates

### March:

- 21<sup>st</sup>: On-foot practice at La Crosse Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- 28<sup>th</sup>: On-foot practice at La Crosse Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM

### April:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: 4H Online Registration Deadline
- 4<sup>th</sup>: On-foot practice at La Crosse Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- 11<sup>th</sup>: On-foot practice at La Crosse Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- 18<sup>th</sup>: On-foot practice at La Crosse Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- 25<sup>th</sup>: On-foot practice at La Crosse Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- 29<sup>th</sup>: Horse Project Registration Deadline

### May:

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Riding practice at La Crosse Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM \*coggins must be completed and turned in to coach on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, a parent is required at each practice\*
- 9<sup>th</sup>: Riding practice at La Crosse Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- 16<sup>th</sup>: Riding practice at La Crosse Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- 21<sup>st</sup>: Horse camp at La Crosse Fairgrounds
- 23<sup>rd</sup>: Riding practice at La Crosse Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- 30<sup>th</sup>: Memorial Day, no practice

### June:

- 6<sup>th</sup>: Riding practice at La Crosse Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- 13<sup>th</sup>: Riding practice at La Crosse Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- 15<sup>th</sup>: Fair Registration Deadline
- 20<sup>th</sup>: Riding practice at La Crosse Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM \*Dress rehearsal and headshot night\*
- 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>: Evansville competition
- 27<sup>th</sup>: Riding practice at La Crosse Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM \*Begin practicing with flags\*

### July:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Trailer Parking Registration Deadline
- 4<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> of July, no practice
- 11<sup>th</sup>: Riding practice at La Crosse Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- 18<sup>th</sup>: Riding practice at La Crosse Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM \*Stall Decorating Night\*
- 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>: La Crosse County Fair
  - 20<sup>th</sup>: arrive before 12 PM, practice tentatively at 4 PM
  - 21<sup>st</sup>: performance at 5:30 PM
  - 22<sup>nd</sup>: performance at 5:30 PM
  - 23<sup>rd</sup>: performance at 12PM \*Parent Recognition\*, performance at 5:30 PM
  - 24<sup>th</sup>: performance at 12PM \*Last Ride\*, released at 6 PM, practice tentatively at 6 PM

### August:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Riding practice at La Crosse Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: State Drill Team Competition
- 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>: Door County Competition
- 22<sup>nd</sup>: Tentative end-of-year party

## Events

\*All plans are tentative, but based on previous years\*

\*Entry and boarding fees, along with reimbursement for those who haul trailers is paid for by the drill team\*

### Evansville, June 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>:

Friday:

- Leave Friday morning between 7-10 AM
  - Horses will be combined into larger trailers to minimize number of trailers that are brought
  - The drill team will caravan, and meet at the fairgrounds on Friday morning
- Arrive to Shotliff Farm late morning/early afternoon
  - 9402 N. Berg Rd, Evansville, WI
- Unload horses and settle them in stalls
- \*Optional lunch
- Practice in performance arena
- Bathe, clip, and prepare horses for Saturday show
- \*Optional team dinner
- Return to hotel or grounds for swimming/sleep
  - Tru by Hilton-Stoughton  
2500 Jackson St, Stoughton, WI 53589  
(608) 205-2566  
Group name: La Crosse County 4H

Saturday:

- Feed, and warm up horses individually \*Optional
- Take pictures for the rest of the year
- Begin to prepare for competition, beginning at 1PM
- Following competition, team will muck stalls, pack up, and leave the farm (either Saturday directly after the competition or Sunday morning, depending on personal preference of those hauling)

### State Competition, August 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>:

Sunday:

- Leave Sunday afternoon between 3-4 PM
  - Horses will be combined into larger trailers to minimize number of trailers that are brought
  - The drill team will caravan, and meet at the fairgrounds on Sunday evening
- Arrive to State Fairgrounds morning/early afternoon
  - 640 S 84th St, West Allis, WI 53214
- Unload horses and settle them in stalls
- \*Potential warm-up time in the performance arena in evening
- Bathe, clip, and prepare horses for Monday show
- Return to hotel or grounds for swimming/sleep
  - Country Inn & Suites Milwaukee West-Brookfield  
1250 S. Moorland Rd., Brookfield, WI  
262-782-1400  
Group name: La Crosse County 4H

Monday:

- Arrive to fairgrounds to feed horses and clean stalls in morning
- Walk through pattern on foot as a team
- \*Optional opportunity to hand-walk horses
- Begin to prepare for competition, beginning at 6 PM
- Following competition, team will muck stalls, pack up, and leave the fairgrounds

**Door County, August 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>:**

\*Riders and one adult has free entry, other visitors must buy tickets in advance or at the gate.\*

Thursday:

- Leave Thursday morning between 7-10 AM
  - Horses will be combined into larger trailers to minimize number of trailers that are brought
  - The drill team will caravan, and meet at the fairgrounds on Thursday morning
- Arrive to Door County late morning/early afternoon
  - 812 N 14th Ave, Sturgeon Bay, WI
- Unload horses and settle them in stalls
- Potential for practice in performance arena
- Dinner and free time \*Optional opportunity for team to do things together
- Return to hotel or grounds for swimming/sleep
  - Best Western Maritime Inn  
1001 14th St., Sturgeon Bay, WI  
920-743-7231  
Group name: La Crosse County 4H

Friday:

- Practice in performance arena, tentatively between 7-10 AM
- \*Optional drive to point for sight-seeing, picnic, pictures, and ice-cream
- Return to fairgrounds to bathe, clip, and prepare horses for Saturday show
- \*Optional dinner at Mexican restaurant with the team
- Return to hotel for swimming/sleep
- \*Fireworks on the fairgrounds, horses must be in their stalls by 8:45 PM\*

Saturday:

- Feed, and warm up horses individually \*Optional
- Begin to prepare for competition, beginning at 12PM
- Following competition, team will muck stall, pack up, and leave the farm (either Saturday directly after the competition or Sunday morning, depending on personal preference of those hauling)

Sunday:

- TBD

## Items Needed for Every Performance

It's recommended to pack as much as you can in a tote to save trailer space and help with organization!

### Items provided by the Drill Team:

- Show shirt
- Black leg wraps
- Leg wrap covers
- Saddle pad
- Black saddle pad cover
- Show headstall and reins
- Breast collar
- Glitter and tail ribbons
- Stall decorations

### Items you are responsible for purchasing:

- Copy of coggins
- Black button-down undershirt
- Black gloves
- Black pants for under chaps
- Black chaps
- Black helmet
- Belt (optional)
- Black riding boots
- Bit, extra one for performance bridle (optional)
- Clips for reins (optional)
- Saddle
- Performance saddle pad
- Practice saddle pad, breast collar, bridle, and bell boots (optional)
- Brushes
- Hoofpick
- Fly spray
- Clippers
- Bathing supplies and horse pajamas
- Hay bag
- Hay
- Water buckets
- Grain (optional)
- Black hat (for individual headshots, optional)
- Bedding (for Evansville, county fair and state, bedding is purchased by drill team for Door County competition)
- Fan and hanging supplies (optional)
- Horse first-aid kit (optional)
- Drill team t-shirt and tank tops (optional)

## Rider Code of Conduct

### Drill Team Goal

To provide an opportunity for youth to develop drill team, leadership, and teamwork skills, and to represent and enhance the 4H Horse Project while creating a positive environment for the youth to develop mentoring skills.

### Ground Rules

It is inevitable that conflicts or misunderstandings will arise. Initially, problems should try to be resolved at the personal level, as resolving conflicts is an important life skill. Leaders should be informed when a conflict arises but will only intervene as a last resort. Civil communication is key to resolving these conflicts.

### Requirements to be a Drill Team Member

- Before participating with the team, 4HOnline enrollment must be complete, all youth must be a current “active” member of La Crosse County 4-H, and between grades 3 and 13 as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Riders must be a 4H member in good standing and meet the 4H horse project requirements, including registering their drill team horse as an exhibited horse for the La Crosse County Fair.
- Riders must attend every Monday Night practice with a guardian unless previously excused by the coach (excused practices may include school functions, illness/death in family)

### Participation

Success depends on 100% participation – sharing ideas, asking questions, and committing to practices and performances. Participation as a 4H member looks like:

- Remembering to be responsible and courteous
- Believing all ideas are valuable
- Sharing experiences
- Listening to understand
- Showing up and choosing to be present
- Honoring schedules and other’s time

### Ethics Statement

- I will be a responsible, accountable, and positive representative of the La Crosse County 4H Drill Team.
- I will respect all people, including myself.
- I will exhibit self-discipline.
- I will be fair and open.
- I will care about the members of the team.
- As a member of the Drill Team, I will not use alcohol or illegal substances.
- I will demonstrate good horsemanship and the responsible treatment of all animals.

I have read and agree to the La Crosse County 4H Drill Team rider code of conduct. If questions should arise I understand that I should contact the coach immediately.

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Signature of rider

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Date

**La Crosse County 4H Drill Team Adult Sponsor Code of Conduct**

**My primary goal as a 4H adult is to help my child develop competency in their projects, confidence in themselves and others, connections to their community and sound character. As a 4H adult I will help my rider to participate to the best of their ability. I will promote teamwork and leadership while helping my rider(s) learn and have fun.**

**The following are the expectations of all 4-H adult sponsors:**

**I realize as an adult sponsor of a 4H Drill Team rider, I will be a representative of La Crosse County 4H.**

- I will model trustworthiness and honesty to all.
- I will treat all riders, coaches, adult sponsors, competing riders, judges, and others with respect, courtesy and consideration.
- I will not attack or harass anyone, (verbally or physically) with actions such as put-downs, insults, name-calling, yelling, or any other verbal or non-verbal conduct likely to offend, hurt or set a bad example.
- I will take responsibility for any interpersonal conflict that may arise with others, thereby demonstrating positive conflict resolution skills for youth members.
- I will keep myself informed and adhere to the La Crosse County 4H conduct policies and project guidelines.
- I will teach and model kindness and compassion for others. I recognize that all people have skills and talents which can be used to help others and improve the community. I will teach and foster teamwork and discourage selfishness.
- I will teach and model fair-mindedness by being open to ideas, suggestions and opinions of others. I will also treat everyone equally, regardless of race, creed, color, sex, national origin or disability. I will treat all 4-H members and their families with impartiality.
- I will demonstrate good horsemanship and the responsible treatment of all animals.
- I will not use illegal substances and will model responsible use of alcohol while adhering to state, county, and municipal laws and ordinances.
- I will provide a safe environment for all parties involved. I protect those involved from sexual harassment, physical force, verbal or mental abuse, neglect, or other harmful behaviors.

**No policy can cover all possible situations. When policy is not specific on a point, adults are expected to conduct their activities in a socially acceptable manner.**

**If I do not adhere to the code of conduct, consequences may include:**

- Explaining my actions to the La Crosse County 4H Extension office
- Dismissal from an event at my expense
- Further disciplinary action by the La Crosse County 4H extension staff, including:
  - Restriction from attending any further 4H Drill Team events or activities
  - My family, including my rider(s), being banned from participating in the La Crosse County 4-H Horse Project

I understand that my child may not participate in the La Crosse County 4H Drill Team without the signatures of each adult sponsor. By my signature of the La Crosse County 4-H Drill Team Adult Sponsor Code of Conduct, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to adhere to the guidelines in this document.

Rider: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider: \_\_\_\_\_

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Adult Sponsor Signature

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Adult Sponsor Signature

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