



# HAPPY TRAILS

## Otsego County 4-H Trail Riding Program

### Who Can Participate:

Current 4-H Horse Members, 4-H Horse Leaders,  
4-H Horse Member's Parents/Youth Siblings (*Siblings must be 5 by January 1 of the current 4-H year.*)

### Registrations / Time Frame:

There is no cost to participate, however registrations must be received by May 1 for year end awards.  
The Trail Riding Program will run September 1 - August 1.

### IMPORTANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES:

1. This trail riding program will commence on September 1.  
**Registrations will be accepted until May 1.**
2. Riders must log the time they spent in actual active trail riding (riding on the trail...in actual trail riding...on actual riding trails...no show hours, no arena/lesson hours, not in paddocks or around barns, etc. Deduct the time you are off your horse for breaks or just sitting on your horse "hanging out". On a side note, please give your horse adequate time to rest on a long trail ride.
3. Riders will record time spent trail riding, horse ridden, location of ride, who you rode with, obstacles or challenges encountered on trails, gaits ridden, and if you wore a certified riding helmet.  
*NOTE: The horse ridden does not need to be the member's project horse, You can ride different horses for the trail rides.*
4. 4-H Member's Leader or a Parent must sign all youth log pages to verify hours before submitting.
5. In order to receive awards, all signed youth and adult log pages must be submitted by August 1.
6. 4-H helmet guidelines must be followed in order to participate in this program. Helmets required for all 5-8 year olds and **strongly recommended** for all youth and adults.
9. Have a fun and safe year of trail riding!!!

### Program Awards:

- \* Personal Achievement Certificate for all registered participants
- \* Hour Achievement Awards
- \* Age Division Awards
- ...and more!!!

**Send all registrations and logs to:**  
**Otsego County 4-H Program**  
**MSU Extension Otsego County**  
**800 Livingston Blvd., 4A-2**  
**Gaylord, MI 49735**

**Questions?** Call Dev Davis 989-731-0273.

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