

Horse Show Prep II

Little Hooves 4-H Club

One month to one week before show

- Make a list and make sure you have everything on it (list provided)
- Decide if/when to clip and do any dying needed (manes and tails ONLY!)
- Make sure feet are trimmed, but not right before the show
- Know how to get to the show and how long it will take
- Submit entry forms for classes

Week before

- Body clip (if needed), but don't try to clip everything in one day: body first, then legs 3-4 days ahead, then head the day before
- Clean all leather show tack - halter, leads, your boots, etc.
- Pack the trailer, make sure there are clean shavings down, and hay, water buckets, etc. in the trailer. Gas up the truck.
- Enter your 4-H Record Book at the Fair.

Day before

- Clip head(s)
- Bathe, cover, and put mini in his/her stall as late as possible. Use a different halter than the one you will use for trailering (so it won't be wet).
- Open windows and vents on trailer unless it will rain overnight.

Show Day

- Load and leave in plenty of time to get there an hour or more before your first class so you can sign in, get your number, and get the horse used to the place and warmed up.
- Safety first! Someone needs to be in charge of each mini all the time to make sure it doesn't get loose, eat grass, be a danger for anyone (who walks up behind or tries to feed it), etc. Share the work with another member who might not be showing.
- Keep your distance from other horses. Never let other horses get near enough to kick or touch, especially noses. This applies to inside or outside the ring, so pay attention at all times.
- Listen to the announcer so that you get to the ring BEFORE your class and are not rushed. Know the patterns. If you don't understand instructions in the ring it is OK to ask the person giving them.
- Before going in the ring check - or have someone else check - that there are no shavings in the horse's tail or mane (or on you), spray the horse with Show Sheen & fly spray, put oil on the face, hair gel in the mane, and wipe your boots off.
- When you get in the ring relax and don't forget to BREATHE! Don't laugh, it happens a lot.
- Have fun!

Program will cover clipping and/or bathing