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Dear 4-H Horse Project Member,

On behalf of the La Crosse County 4-H Horse project, I wanted to this opportunity to tell you about a fun & fantastic educational program they have put together, it's Horse Camp. It's a place to learn about horses even if you don't have a horse, just join in and make new friends there's a lot to do for everyone. If you have a horse and are planning to show it at the fair, then bring your horse and you can check that requirement off your list.

HORSE CAMP May 12th – 14th, 2017 FREE! FUN!! FRIENDS!!!

There will be snacks, activities, lunch, and an Ice Cream Social!

At horse camp, safety is priority; you'll learn some basic safety skills and have the opportunity to become safety certified before the weekend is over! Remember, you must be safety certified with each horse you plan to bring to the fair. If you have a new horse or this is your first year, you will need to pass Safety I & II if you plan to ride your horse at the fair. This is a requirement. Safety I only allows you to show from the ground at the fair. So, if you're planning on riding then you will need to pass Safety II.

Please note: if you've passed Safety I & II previously with the horse, you will not need to retest. But it's always important to brush up on those safety skills.

- If you are unable to attend camp, you may safety test at a future clinic prior to the fair.

What you'll need to bring:

- Riding boots and helmet, if you are bringing your horse
- A jacket --it might be cold
- Your Horse for clinics
- Original plus one copy of your negative Coggins test is required
- Bedding for your stall, feed and hay, water bucket, and any tack you'll need to participate. *Don't forget you must use a hay bag for your horse, no hay nets.*
- A great attitude!!

Members must go home when camp closes each evening. Camp does reopen each morning, so come get you and your horse ready for a fun day of learning. Horses may be stalled overnight both Friday and Saturday in the horse barn which will be supervised overnight. Just a reminder, a horse may not be tied to a trailer, just like during fair.

Once again this year, in order to provide the best learning opportunity for everyone, all participants must be accompanied by an adult age 21 or older. Parents are welcome to attend any and all sessions. Please take some time and look over all the classes offered, some classes do not require a horse and are noted as "no horse" on the schedule. For the walk trot classes you must be comfortable loping and for classes that require lope/canter you must be comfortable and safe with your horse. The list of classes can be found on the Horse Project page of the UW-Extension La Crosse County 4-H Youth Development webpage (<http://lacrosse.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/horse/>).

Registrations are due by 4:30 p.m. May 8th to the UW-Extension Office. Questions? Want to volunteer? Email Kathy Snodgrass at snodg_km@msn.com. I hope you'll be able to take advantage of this wonder experiential learning event that horse project has put together.

Sincerely,

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