

2014 Equine Test



The equine test is scheduled for Saturday, March 1, 2014 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. **Location will be the MSU Extension Conference room 210 in the County Building (formerly known as the courthouse annex) in downtown Cassopolis. The address is 120 North Broadway, Cassopolis, MI.**

If we are having inclement weather on March 1st, the snow date will be Saturday, March 8th, same time and place. (The test will only be given on the 8th if we have to cancel on March 1st.)

Members are required to register with their leader in order to take the test. Copies of the tests will be made **ONLY** for members that are pre-registered.

Leaders will not be given the test to be taken at your convenience. The test may only be taken at the MSU Extension conference room on the test date, unless you are participating in a **CONFIRMED** 4-H or school event. In order to take the make-up test, a note on proper letter head confirming the 4-H or school event, **MUST** be turned in by **February 20, 2014 to the Extension office.**

The makeup test will be the following Monday from 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Cass District Library. (No test will be handed out after 7:00 p.m.)

There will also be a test for Cloverbuds. Cloverbuds members ages 5-7 can take the test **BEFORE** March 1st by getting it from their club leader **OR** they can take the test on March 1st. **ALL CLOVERBUD TESTS MUST BE TURNED IN BY TEST DAY!**

Cloverbuds need to indicate to their leader if they are **Cloverbud I** (first year), **Cloverbud II** (second year), **Cloverbud III** (third year) and put that information on their sign-up sheet.

Eight year old members will now be part of the **Level I** test.

Questions for the test will be taken from: "**HORSE SCIENCE**" (HS), and "**HORSE AND HORSEMANSHIP**" (HH) The HH & HS books were revised in 2001 and the test will be on the revised issues.

These books are no longer available for sale at the MSUE office. Each **club** now has a set of these

books for use. Contact your key leader to see if they are available to use as a study guide. Additionally, the books can be ordered from www.4-Hmall.org.

The test will be specific questions on the following subjects for each age division:

AGE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2014

Level I (8, 9 & 10 yr olds) – Showmanship (HH), Colic (HS)

Level II (11, 12, 13 yr olds) – Showing (HH), Health & Sanitation Principles, Colic (HS)

Level III (14, 15, 16 yr olds) – Gaits of the Horse (HH), Behavior and Nature (HS)

Level IV (17, 18, 19 yr olds)- Horse Judging What to Look for (HH), Unsoundness & Blemishes(HS) and English/Western Riding (Rules and Regulations, 2011). (Rules and Regulations can be downloaded from the county website at www.msu.casscounty.org.)

Levels III and IV will also be tested on the article "9 Ways to Keep Your Horse Cool." **Level III** will be tested on #1-4 and "Management, pg. 6" and **Level IV** will be tested on the entire document. (This article is available from your club leader or can be downloaded from the county website at www.msu.casscounty.org.)

In order to receive a placing ribbon, a member must have 70% of their test correct.

The equine test is not mandatory to participate in fair, but **WILL** count for points towards the 4-H State Show!



Contact your club leader or the MSUE office with any questions.