4-H Fair Barn Manager
(4-H Fairboard Emergency Management Sub-Committee)

Volunteer Position Description
An Emergency Barn Manager is/are the person(s) who is the link between the 4-H members, 4-H volunteer leaders and the 4-H staff in case of an emergency or need for contact regarding project area concerns and other club matters in their designated barn. Also, Emergency Barn Manager(s) will be the designated contact(s) in the event of an emergency.

The Emergency Barn Manager(s) -
1. Needs to be a Registered 4-H Volunteer for at least One Calendar Year
2. Must have a cell phone
3. Must camp at the Fair for the duration of all four days
4. Must attend Emergency Management Meeting @ Fairgrounds (Time and location TBA)
5. Must have previously camped at Fair
May appoint an alternate

What the 4-H Fairboard Emergency Management Sub-Committee will provide to support the 4-H Fair Barn Managers –
- A list of contact information of all 4-H and Fairboard personnel, as well as emergency contact information.
- Location of Fire Extinguishers and other emergency equipment and materials
First Aid Kit - Each barn should have a simple First aid kit within that barn. Your kit should contain useful, practical items for use UNTIL the medical professionals arrive. For example:

- Bandages
- Vet wrap
- Anti-bacterial soap
- Scissors
- Medical tape
- Betadine/iodine
- Blood stop powder
- Neosporin
- Pen & paper

We DO NOT recommend shots, needles or pain-killers as they may interfere with any procedure the medical professionals may have to do.

Ideally, we will arrange that ONE veterinarian will be on call for the animal emergencies and the county EMT’s will be on site for the humans.
NJ STATE 4-H DAIRY CATTLE SHOW

Date: August 17  
Location: Salem County Fairgrounds 
Youth in the 4-H Dairy Cattle project learn how to care for and show dairy cattle throughout the year. At the end of the 4-H year, these individuals come together to compete in type and showmanship classes. Youth may exhibit animals they own or lease which are of any of the six Dairy Breeds. For More Info go to: www.GC4H.com

NJ STATE 4-H GOAT SHOW

Date: August 24  
Location: Hunterdon County 4-H & Agricultural Fair 
The NJ State 4-H Goat Show is an exciting event that promotes the 4-H goat project and sportsmanship among the participants. Check-in starts at 8 am with Showmanship beginning at 10 am .  
For more info go to: www.GC4H.com

NJ STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW

Date: August 25-27  
Location: Horse Park of NJ  
The NJ State 4-H Championship Horse Show is held in August of each year and 4-H'ers in grades 5 through 13 of the current 4-H year are eligible to compete. Qualifying shows are held on the county level in the spring and early summer, and the top-rated competitors in each class represent the county at the state show. Divisions at the state show include Western, English, Games, Driving, and Dressage. Other events that are held at the state show include the 4-H Youth Art Show and 4-H Drill Team Exhibition. This event offers 4-H youth the opportunity to compete at an advanced level and meet other 4-H horse project members from around the state.

NJ STATE RABBIT, CAVY, SMALL ANIMAL, HERPETOLOGY & POULTRY SHOW

Date: September 9  
Location: Hunterdon County Fairgrounds 
This NJ State Championship Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology & Poultry Show is held in September of each year and 4-H members in grades 4-13 who have shown their project animal(s) previously in a county 4-H show are eligible to compete. There will be many interesting events happening throughout this year’s show-Showmanship and Breed ID for rabbit, cavy and poultry. To download your show catalog, please visit: www.GC4H.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON STATE EVENTS GO TO nj4h.rutgers.edu or www.gc4h.com
CAMPING AT FAIR

Fair time is fast approaching, so if you’re planning on camping at fair you can speed up the process by getting started on the paperwork. Make a photocopy of your driver’s license, car and camper registrations and the insurance card of the motor home or vehicle towing your trailer. The camping application, along with the 4-H event release forms for adults and youth, are available June 1st. Contact the 4-H office for your application– 856– 307– 6450 X 3.

Your completed application along with the required paperwork is due by July 1st. Space is allocated based on the type of camping equipment you use, the amount of electricity your unit draws and whether or not you need water or can share electricity. If you have a generator, WE CAN accommodate you! At the time of Cloverline publication, camping spaces are still available.

This year, once again, we are requiring an Emergency Barn Manager for each BARN. It will be mandatory for the Emergency Barn Manager to camp for the duration of Fair.

PARADE OF CLUBS

Opening ceremonies and the Parade of Clubs will be held on Thursday, July 27th beginning at 5:45 p.m. The line-up for the Parade of Clubs is at 5:30 p.m. outside the horse ring. ATTN ALL CLUB LEADERS: Please have your current member lists to the 4-H office by July 7th so they can be announced at Fair.

REMEMBER TO BE PREPARED!

· All record books must be up to date and checked by your leader in order for you to participate in 4-H shows at Fair.
· All children who have not yet completed 3rd grade are considered “Cloverbud” and may only exhibit at “Cloverbud” level during the 4-H shows.

For the NJ State 4-H Cloverbud Policy & more info please go to www.GC4H.com and click on Cloverbud Club on the sidebar.
Make plans to attend the...

Gloucester County 4-H Multi-Species Animal Health & Education Symposium

June 24, 2017
4-H Fairgrounds, Mullica Hill

Register Today!

SYMPOSIUM FEE: $8 per person. Must register by June 16.
DETAILS: Please visit www.gc4h.com to download the Symposium Registration Packet and make your (5) Workshop selections.

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT THE 4-H OFFICE AT 856-307-6450 X3
Animal Art Show
Hosted by Gloucester County Helping Paws 4-H Animal Community Service Club

For kids in Grades K-13 (first year in college) & Adults
Open to all 4-H members and the public!
(Grade as of 2016-2017 school year)

Where: At the Gloucester County 4-H Fair (245 Bridgeton Pike, Mullica Hill)
When: Sunday July 30th at in the back of the Wally Warren Pavilion (stage)
Registration is from 10:00 am to 10:45 am. Judging begins at 11:00 am.
Entry fee of $2 per entry.

Awards will be given in each category of each age group. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand champion awards will be awarded in the Youth classes and Adult class. (Participants in grades K-3rd will receive a participation award.)

Rules:
- Art work must be animal (domesticated, wild, exotic, or insect) related!
- Categories are Photography, Visual Art, or Craft
- Age groups within each category are K-3rd, 4th-7th, 8th-13th & Adult
- All Photos must be framed! They may be cropped. However, if any other adjustments are made (color, brightness, contrast, retouch etc.), include an original photo marked “original” when piece is submitted.
- 2D Art must be framed, matted or on canvas!
- All entries need an entry card with exhibitor’s information (name, phone number, and grade), category (Photography, Visual Art, or Craft), class, and title.
- No more than 3 entries per category per person.
- No kits allowed!
- Art work that has been previously entered in the Helping Paws Animal Art show can NOT be entered again!!
- Art work must be entered under the name of the person who created the piece!
- Art work must be picked up no later than 1:30pm!

For more information, contact Kathryn at birds4girl@comcast.net
Or visit GC4H.com and look under the 4-H Community Service Clubs tab
Camping is open to Gloucester County 4-H families only and there is limited availability. All applications must be POSTMARKED by July 1, 2017 or a LATE FEE OF $10 must be paid in order for your application to be considered - if space remains (camping committee will contact you). Sites are first come first serve basis.

**Camping Fees Are As Follows:**
Mark with an "X" in front of the fees that apply. Also note whether trailer is pop-up or a fifth wheel trailer

****ALL PRICES INCLUDE ONE $10 HANG TAG****

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PRICING IS BASED ON WHAT SITE OFFERS, NOT WHAT YOU ARE CAMPING IN

Applicant Name:
Applicant's 4-H Affiliation (Club):
Volunteer Leader:
Parent / Guardian of 4-H Member:
Mailing Address:

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Email Address (confirmation receipt):
I would like to be considered as a Barn Manager for Barn:

PLEASE NOTE: All campers & tents must be set up on Wednesday, July 26th between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm. All equipment must be removed on Sunday July 30, 2017

**We Will Accommodate Camping For Individuals With Disabilities To The Best Of Our Abilities**

In addition, the 4-H Fair Association requires the following information regarding your camping equipment and towing / transportation vehicles:

1. A photocopy of the registration and insurance cards for the camper & motor home.
2. A photocopy of the registration and insurance cards for any towing vehicles.
3. A photocopy of the driver's license of each operator of the towing unit.
4. A photocopy of the driver's license and registration of each vehicle parked in the camping area.

****GLOUCESTER COUNTY 4-H CLUB DOGS WILL BE ALLOWED ON FAIR GROUNDS AND CAMPING AREAS DURING FAIR WEEKEND****

[ ] Yes, I Have A Dog Camping [ ] No Dog

Owner must provide a copy of current shot records with camping paperwork (if camping) and have a copy on site. If the dog will be participating for the day only a copy must be with owner at all times.
Required Permission To Participate: (Must Be Turned In With Camping Paperwork)

For Adults:
Each adult staying overnight must fill out the New Jersey 4-H Event Release/Agreement Form for Adults #4H103

For 4-H Youth Members:
Each child staying overnight must fill out the New Jersey 4-H Event Permission Form for Youth #4H104

Process for Removal or Losing Camping Privileges is included on the back of the forms under behavior agreement and also must be signed by each person staying overnight. The Applicant takes responsibility for everyone staying in the equipment he/she registered. Each child & adult staying overnight must fill out the appropriate 4-H Event form and send along with the camping registration fees for an accurate head count.

AT LEAST ONE PARENT OR APPROVED ADULT (21 YEARS OF AGE) MUST BE PRESENT OVERNIGHT IN EVERY TENT, CAMPER, TRAILER OR MOTOR HOME.

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS!!!!
NO OUTSIDE GRILLING!!!!

Please Mail All Completed Forms With Check To:

Gloucester County 4H Fair Association
Attn: Fair Camping
PO Box 149
Clayton, NJ 08312

Make Checks Payable To: Gloucester County 4-H Fair Association

For Questions Contact:
Debbie Buscher dbuscher1362@comcast.net

Comments:

Please note if you would like to have a specific site, we will do the best we can to accommodate.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

► Additional Sites In Wooded Area North Of Horse Rings
  These sites are shaded, electric, no water

► Additional Sites Behind Horse / Live Stock Barns
  These are shaded, electric, no water

► Additional Sites Back Beyond Existing Camping Area
  These are electric, no water

► Camp Sites In Front Area of Grounds Will **NOT** Be Rented

► Working With 4-H Canine Can-Do Dog Club's Good Canine Citizenship Efforts
  **Dogs Will Be Allowed On The Fair Grounds, Please Note The Following Conditions:**
  • Must have proof of shots
  • Must be on a leash at all times - **NO FLEX LEADS**
  • Do not leave tied or unattended
  • If there is an incident the dog must leave the grounds
  • There will be a dog trainer, for consultations, at the Canine Can-Do Dog Ring throughout fair

REMINDEERS....

► One Hang Tag and One Camping Vehicle Pass Per Site - All additional vehicles must park in designated parking lots.

► Sites Are First Come First Serve - Payment and paperwork **must** be turned in before arriving on grounds.

► No Grills

► If you do not have a site number assigned (some of the new sites may not be marked) please check with a member of the camping committee before setting up in a site.
Held at the GLOUCESTER COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS
Rt. #77, Mullica Hill, NJ
Friday, July 28, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Held in Barn D.
Auctions MUST BE PAID at time of sale.
NO EXCEPTIONS!
All dinners will be professionally prepared by Lapp’s Dutch Market and served from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. nightly. Take Out Dinners Available! Menus include Jersey Fresh Items!

**Thursday Night, July 27** - Chicken Dinner-1/2 chicken $12.00, ¼ chicken $9.00, or Rib Dinner, $15.00, served with Potato Salad, Melon, Corn on the Cob, Rolls, Sliced Tomato, Pickles, & Iced Tea

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**Saturday Night, July 29** - Chicken Dinners-1/2 chicken $12.00, ¼ chicken $9.00, or Rib Dinner, $15.00, served with Potato Salad, Melon, Corn on the Cob, Rolls, Sliced Tomato, Pickles & Iced Tea
**Flower & Vegetable Show**

**Rules**

1. Open to all
2. Exhibitors may enter as many classes as desired, but may submit only one entry per class.
3. All entries should be properly named.
4. Each entry must have been grown by the exhibitor, except container-grown plants, which must have been in the exhibitor’s possession for a minimum of 3 months.
5. Potted plants should be labeled, on the bottom of the pot, with the exhibitor’s name and telephone number. While care will be exercised, the committee cannot be responsible for these entries.
6. All entries can be picked up on Sunday, July 30, after 4:00 pm, unless prior arrangements are made. Any entry not picked up on Sunday, July 30 will become property of the Gloucester County Certified Gardeners.

**Division 1: Container Grown Plants**

1. Houseplant
2. Herb
3. Cacti and Succulents
4. Hanging Basket
5. Fairy gardens
6. Annuals & perennials

**Division 2: Vegetables**

1. Beans
2. Carrots
3. Sweet Corn
4. Cucumbers
5. Eggplant
6. Tomatoes
7. Onions
8. Peppers
9. Potatoes
10. Pumpkins
11. Squash—summer
12. Squash—winter
13. Any other vegetable

**Division 3: Largest Vegetables**

1. Largest tomato (by weight)
2. Largest other vegetable

**Division 4: Fun Stuff**

1. Vegetable Arrangement
2. Flower Arrangement

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**Clay Pot Decorating Contest**

**Rules**

There are youth and adult classes. No entry fee will be charged. Every reasonable precaution will be taken to prevent entries from being taken at the fairgrounds but entries are made at the risk of the exhibitor. Ribbons will be awarded to all entries. Judging will take place on Friday morning, July 28. Best of Show ribbons will be awarded at the discretion of the judges and chairperson of the division based on quantity and/or quality of entries.

**Division 1: Decorated Clay Pot**

- Class A: Youth grade K-3
- Class B: Youth grade 4-8
- Class C: Youth grade 9-12
- Class D: Adult

**Division 2: Clay Pot Sculpture**

- Class A: Youth grade K-3
- Class B: Youth grade 4-8
- Class C: Youth grade 9-12
- Class D: Adult

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**Reused Garden Art Contest**

**Rules**

1. Open to all
2. There are four age categories and one special category.
   - A) 3-11 (preschool through 5th grade)
   - B) 12-18 (6th through 12th grade)
   - C) 19-64 (adults)
   - D) 65 & over (seniors)
3. Special Category: Open to all ages—Wind Chimes
4. SPECIAL NOTE FOR WIND CHIMES: If an item to hang your entry is not provided, it will be placed in an area in proximity to the other Reused Garden Art entries. There are two trees in the Reused Garden Art display area that can be used as well.
5. Each item must consist of 50% recycled material.
6. More than one (1) entry per person will be allowed, but it will be judged in only one category. For example, if you enter a set of Wind Chimes, they can be entered in your age group or the category but not both.
7. The following information must be completed on the registration form (this will allow contest officials to create a display card that will be attached to your entry).

**Division 1: Flowers**

- Class A: Single flower
- Class B: Garden/multiple flowers

**Division 2: Mixed Flowers Presentation**

- Class A: Flowers with insects
- Class B: Flowers with other animals

**Division 3: Gloucester County Landscapes**

- Class A: Simple landscapes
- Class B: Historical locations

**Division 4: Farm Presentations**

- Class A: Farm animals
- Class B: Farm locations in Gloucester County

**Division 5: Pets**

- Class A: Dogs
- Class B: Cats
- Class C: Other Pets
Hello there! My name is Jillian and I am part of the Boots N Spurs 4-H horse club. I have been riding at F & M Horse Program for nearly six years, and part of 4-H for five years. Outside of 4-H, I show a horse named Snowy in the NJHA show series, New Jersey Horse Association, and I volunteer at the Therapeutic Riding Center of South Jersey.

4-H has taught me so many things, and not only to do with horses. It has taught me everything from working as a team to volunteering to helping out the community. The skills that I have learned from this amazing group of people in my club have helped me in my day-to-day life. Learning these skills has assisted me in becoming a better member of my community and also in my school life; as I said earlier, with a few other members of my club, I volunteer at a therapeutic riding place. Volunteering is my way in assisting to make a child’s night, and that makes me feel as if I was a hero. Now, I am not as great of a hero as either Spud or Judge were to the community and I, but that is how 4-H has helped me become a hero in my own special way.

I hope for you to have fun at this year’s Gloucester County 4-H Fair. Make sure to look out for ways to become someone’s hero and try to make the best better!
The Helping Paws 4-H Animal Community Service club has been very busy! In the last couple months, we have made several types of bird toys, cat toys, dog toys and pet beds. The toys will go to multiple animal shelters and rescues. Right now, we are currently collecting items for the Cohanzick Zoological Society (Cohanzick Zoo/Bridgeton Zoo). They are in need of items such as

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We are also collecting spare change for the Marine Mammal Stranding Center in Brigantine, NJ. They help care for injured seals, sea turtles, dolphins and whales then release them or find them a new home when they are ready.

We are currently busy planning for fair. We will once again be having our club booth selling toys we made at our meetings, and other animal themed items. We will also be having our Animal Art Show at fair. It will be held on Sunday, July 30th under the Wally Warren Pavilion (the stage). Registration starts at 10 am. Be on the lookout for our flyer and we hope to see you there!!!
Cloverbud Kidz 4-H Club pictured with their planting project to be displayed at the upcoming 4-H Fair in July!

Congratulations to our 4-H State Hippology & Horse Judging Participants!!!!

Skylar Cooper
Kaylee Luckiewicz
Victoria Yourgevidge
Grayson Link
Victoria Yourgevidge

Dear 4-H Members,

The below link will take you to the application to enter the Gloucester County 4-H Equestrian of the Year competition. [https://sites.google.com/site/gloucester4hhorse/equestrian-of-the-year](https://sites.google.com/site/gloucester4hhorse/equestrian-of-the-year)
(Please access using Google Chrome…Internet Explorer users may have issues with the links opening properly).

Both Junior and Senior Members are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. The EOY contest is an ambassador program that encourages 4-H'ers to become well-rounded individuals with a comprehensive background in the horse field. For this contest in particular, emphasis is placed on participation in the educational equine events such as Horse Bowl, Horse Judging and Hippology; Public Speaking skills through county, state and the Equine Presentation contests; Leadership proficiency by participation in county, regional and State level teen leadership programs; as well as community service projects and other equine related activities.

The Senior winner at the County level contest may have the opportunity to advance to the State Event if all eligibility requirements at that level have been met.

Look forward to your entries!

Congratulations to Rachael Day & Shyanna Thomason for their accomplishments at the NJ State 4-H Dog Show!!!
It is with immense pride that I announce that Archbishop Damiano School was named the recipient of the New Jersey School Boards Associations’ Innovations in Special Education Award. This award is made possible by the tremendous efforts of both our 4-H Club The ADS Superstars and Horticulture program. Both the 4-H and the Horticulture Program are being recognized for their efforts in creating “Sustainability in the Classroom.”

Our Sustainability in the Classroom horticulture and 4-H program is one of 7 entries selected for recognition through the 2017 Innovations in Special Education award program. Our ADS entry “was selected from among 57 programs offered by public and private schools as an example of successful, creative effort that enables special needs students to achieve their potential”.

4-H Leader Linda McHugh, along with student representatives, Eli and Chris, and horticulture volunteer Joan Tracy will be on hand to accept the award on ADS’ s behalf on Monday, May 8th during a special event held at the Westin Forrestal Village in Princeton.
Let’s keep sportsmanship alive!

Some Guidelines for Good Sportsmanship.

For riders/drivers:

Compete against yourself at a competition. It’s an accurate barometer of how you and your horse are improving, which is what is important. Realize that everyone in the class, both horses and riders, all have a different level of experience. Often there is only a smidgen of difference between 1st and 6th place and other times there is a chasm of difference. Only the judge will ever know that.

Abide by the rules. They are there to level the playing field for fair competition. If you are not eligible for a class, find one in which you are eligible.

If a rule is not “spelled out” in a rule book, go by the intention of the rules that are there or what’s called “the spirit of the rule” which means not just being legal but “ethical”.

If trail riding, be polite and sensitive to others’ situations. Do not just gallop off by other horses without any warning. Someone not as competent as you may get hurt.

Be polite and thoughtful in the practice arena as well as the classes. Try not to cut people off. If jumping, do not “hog” the practice jumps. Others need schooling time also. Likewise, if someone cuts you off in a class, understand that it might totally have been an accident and accept an apology in a gracious manner. It may be you next time that inadvertently cuts someone else off.

Some Guidelines for Good Sportsmanship.

For competition management:

Be open-minded. Be open to suggestions that are given, especially concerning safety of the horses and the riders. Many times, ideas are not “rocket science” to figure out, and a reminder by someone may save a life of a horse or rider and prevent a law suit against the competition. The life saved may be yours or that of a family member.

Let’s bring back the practice of ethics and morals. If a class is restricted to a horse “owned” by a competitor, honor that rule and don’t suggest to a competitor that they can lease the horse for a $1 until the championships are over; then you’ll buy it back.

Be honest to all exhibitors. If you are a gate keeper and someone asks you what class is next. Don’t tell them it is class 2 when it is class 4…hoping that they will miss their class.

Hire educated, competent judges: preferably a USEF Licensed Judge. You may just be surprised how many more trainers bring their students to a competition when they feel that the judge is knowledgeable. You might even make up the small difference in cost for a licensed judge with more entries willing to come. There is more to judging than one realizes. It is not taught overnight.

Treat all competitors equally. They all pay the same entry fees and deserve the same professionalism.

I heard an announcer once say….

“AND REMEMBER, IT IS NICE TO WIN,
BUT THE WINNER IS
ONLY THE BEST OF WHO SHOWED UP THAT DAY!”
Some Guidelines for Good Sportsmanship.

For spectators:

**Understand that horses are fright/flight animals.** When something startles them, they run. Horses are afraid of noises and cannot see what is behind them, so they may spook easily. Many of them are not used to being at competitions yet, so there are many strange, unusual things that they need to become accustomed to. Allow them their space.

**When driving any motorized vehicles or riding a bicycle,** drive slowly, and stay a distance from the horses or stop and let them go by you. Remember, they spook easily.

**Please keep baby carriages out of any schooling areas** and be extra observant of how close you get to any of the animals.

Please **be careful opening umbrellas,** which is another item that may spook a horse.

**Please keep dogs on a leash at all times with a human on the other end of the leash.** Not only to prevent the dog from scaring or biting a horse, but to keep the dog from possibly getting kicked.

**Be aware of where your children are** and see that they are safe.

So let’s all try to be courteous and a good sport......

**Riders/drivers:** Be proud of what you win, but let’s go back to thinking more about the improvement of your communication with your horse. That has long term benefits. That really should be the goal of riding or driving, anywhere or anytime!

**Management:** Offer riders and drivers a fair, educated, safe and ethical playing field in which to compete!

**Spectators:** **Understand that horses can be unpredictable.** The horses need warm up time and cannot be jockeying around a million distractions.

The horses have their job that they are concentrating on, so it is your job to stay out of their way.

Observing some basic courtesies, allows everyone to have an enjoyable day!

Let’s keep sportsmanship alive!
10 Hot Weather Horse Care Tips

Summer is a great time to ride, but summer heat can be dangerous for horses, resulting in dehydration, lethargy, and general malaise. Severe heat stress can even cause diarrhea and colic. In a release issued June 17, Janet Johnston, DVM, Dipl. ACVIM, ACVS, an emergency critical care veterinarian at University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine’s New Bolton Center, offers the following tips to help keep your horse healthy and cool as we approach the first day of summer:

1. **Choose cooler turnout times.** If your horse has a stall, but is turned out for part of the day, provide turnout during the cooler hours. Overnight is ideal, but if that’s not possible, have the horse go outside as early as possible during the day. Remember, the summer heat can also take a toll on the quality of your pasture. You might need to provide additional feed as the grass becomes sparse to maintain proper body condition and energy.

2. **Provide shade.** If your horse lives outdoors or if he must be outside during the day, provide relief from the sun. A run-in shed is best. Trees are a source of shade, but as the sun moves, so will the shade; ensure that, regardless of the time of day, the trees are offering shade.

3. **Move the air.** Fans are a great way to help keep the air moving in the barn, but use them wisely. Always ensure that your horse can’t get a hold of cords and plugs.

4. **Mist your horse.** If you are fortunate enough to have a misting system for your horse, use it. As moisture is absorbed from your horse’s skin, it will take away some of the heat. Frequent mistings are far more effective than a single dousing with a hose.

5. **Provide fresh, cool water and an electrolyte source.** Make sure your horse has plenty of fresh, cool water. A bucket hanging on a pasture fence will get warm and the water will no longer be appealing. Left long enough, the water will also become stagnant and unhealthy. If you are providing clean, cool water and your horse doesn’t seem to be drinking, then encourage it by providing a salt block, or even by misting hay with salt water. If your horse is sweating a great deal, water laced with electrolytes can help keep its body in balance. Whenever you offer electrolytes, however, be sure to offer a second source of fresh water, as well. Not all horses will drink electrolyte-laced water, so providing a source of water without them will ensure your horse keeps drinking. Also, too many electrolytes can be harmful.

6. **Slow down the work.** Don’t think that because your horse has been working intensely at 1:00 p.m. every day that it can take the heat when the temperature tops 90°F. If you have to work your horse in the heat, lighten the work or spread it out over a couple of short sessions. This is especially important when the humidity is high, contributing to the poor quality of the air your horse is breathing. Cool your horse down slowly, and offer frequent sips of cool water. Take the tack off as soon as you’re done and sponge the horse off again with cool water.

7. **Stick to a schedule.** Within the parameters of keeping him cool, try to stay as close as possible to his normal schedule. Too much change at one time can be an invitation for colic.

8. **Avoid sunburn.** Horses, especially white horses, can suffer from sunburn. Even those with white socks and blazes, pink noses, or hairless patches from scarring can be susceptible. Using a fly scrim can help. In addition, applying sunblock to small, particularly vulnerable areas can be effective. Staying out of the sun’s harmful rays will, of course, be best. (Also be aware: If a horse has excessive sunburn it could indicate a rare, underlying liver disease.)

9. **Clip horses with longer hair coats.** Clipping is important, especially for those with pituitary pars intermedia dysfunction (PPID, or Cushing’s disease). While some coat can provide protection from the sun and insulation, a long, thick coat tends to hold heat and makes it difficult for the horse to cool down. Be careful not to clip the hair too close, however, as it provides some protection from damaging rays.

10. **Know your horse and signs of heat stroke.** Heat stroke can happen anytime your horse is exposed to excessive heat that his body cannot handle. Heatstroke can happen if exercising in hot conditions, but be aware that it can also happen if standing in a hot stall or trailer. You should know your horse’s normal temperature, heart, and respiratory rates. To find the heart rate of a horse, simply find a pulse and count the beats for 15 seconds, then multiply that number by four, which will give the beats per minute. Count the breaths per minute in a similar way. Signs of heat stroke can include:
   - An elevated heart rate that does not return to normal in a reasonable period of time;
   - Excessive sweating or lack of sweating;
   - Temperature that persists above 103°F;
   - Depression and/or lethargy; and
   - Signs of dehydration: dry mucous membranes, poor capillary refill, and poor skin turgor.

If you are concerned that your horse is suffering from heat stroke, call your veterinarian immediately and get your horse into a cooler environment.
Dear Gloucester County 4-H Members and Leaders,

Fair is quickly approaching! Once again the Gloucester County 4-H Horse leaders and club members are running the “Tiki Hut” at the Fair.

Our goal is to work mainly from donations, so we are once again asking each individual horse club to donate the following:

- One case of water
- One case of soda- (Coke, Pepsi, diet, Hawaiian Punch)

In addition, we are asking each Gloucester County 4-H horse club member to donate:

- One package of hotdogs and/or
- One package of hot dog rolls and/or
- One box of Luigi’s water ice

If possible, all the items would be great and very much appreciated. All three donations can be purchased for under $10.00.

Club donations were due on June 10, but you can still bring them to the Tiki Hut (located at the ends of Barns A & B) on Wednesday of Fair, or anytime during the Fair. There will be a schedule and rules posted in the Tiki Hut that all clubs must abide by. Thank you in advance for your help and participation!

VOLUNTEER RING CREW NEEDED AT FAIR

To keep the shows running smoothly and quickly, we’re looking for volunteers all 4 days of fair. Please call Tammy Suydam at 856-307-6450 x3.

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