

Dear Hoofprints Members and Parents,

As you all know, these are unprecedented times in our country with the Covid-19 pandemic. The Johnson County Hoofprints leaders are committed to making this spring and summer as educational as possible for our club members. While we may not be able to meet face to face, there are many virtual opportunities that we can take advantage of.

Starting with our May club meeting, members will be able to earn the normal 50 points for attending club meetings. This will be for our May and the 2 June meetings. Video with meeting content will be sent out to members before or on the originally scheduled meeting date. Members will complete the activity listed in video (written paragraph, picture, worksheet, ect). and email or text to Stephanie Dunn by midnight on Friday of that week to receive meeting attendance points. Submission must be received by midnight Friday to get points.

As many of you know, our club usually has 1-2 clinics per week in May and June. These are excellent educational opportunities for our members to learn from judges, trainers, and coaches. With the ruling from Purdue that no face to face 4-H activities occur through June 30, we are also going to implement virtual clinics for this year. Members will have the opportunity to watch the videos and submit a response to earn clinic attendance points. For 2020 only, virtual video clinics will be sent out each Monday in May-July. The 4-H member will receive points for attending the clinic if they submit a 1 paragraph written response or 1-2 minute video of them practicing that week's skill with their horse by midnight on Friday of that week. Responses may be emailed or texted to Stephanie Dunn.

Our point reward system is a big deal for our club, and we want to give our members every opportunity to earn their points and be rewarded for their hard work and participation in our club activities, even in a year as different as this. All points earned by members from January 1-March 15 will stand as earned. Please see the attached revised point sheet for how to earn points from now through August 31.

The leaders are hopeful we will be able to be together in July and will be able to celebrate a great week of our member's accomplishments at the Johnson County Fair. However, remember that the fair is just the highlight--but the real learning goes on all year long.

If you have any questions about our virtual learning opportunities, or anything else for this summer, please reach out to one of the leaders.

Stay safe and healthy!

Stephanie Dunn