

About 4-H

Thank you for your interest in joining the Sahuarita Saddlelites 4-H club! 4-H is first and foremost a youth development and enrichment program, much like Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts. Throughout the year we will have monthly meetings run by youth, participate in club fundraisers and community service projects, and participate, compete and volunteer at 4-H events. Membership is open to youth ages 9-19, members must turn 9 before Dec 31st of 2018 to be eligible for enrollment for the 2018/2019 club year. Our club typically runs with the school year from Sep-May, though as our club grows we may have minimal meetings through our summer months of June, July and August so that club members may stay apprised of 4-H information and events as they become available. This would be especially helpful as our State 4-H show is held shortly after we begin our new club year.

About Horse Project

Horse project is for members to improve their horsemanship skills and horse knowledge! If you want to own your own horse one day this is a great place to start! We'll be learning breeds of horses, disciplines, feeding, housing, health and veterinary care, grooming, training, record keeping, horse judging, how to choose an appropriate horse, expenses and budgeting, and more. Activities throughout the year will include; completing a record book, winter point and county fair horse shows, education events - horse handling, mastership and judging (upon completion of all levels, member will be awarded a horse project jacket), and representing our club at the county fair, including completing a club educational poster to be displayed to the public and decorating our barn stalls. There are several other opportunities for 4-H members as well including; State level judging, public speaking, and quiz bowl competitions (top placing Senior members at State competitions will qualify for the 4-H Denver National Roundup). Senior members can also attend JOLT summer camp which is an amazing leadership camp for teens and apply to represent your State at National 4-H congress in Washington DC. Our county loves to see our youth succeed and scholarships are available for many State and National level events. **Horse ownership is not required to join horse project, though to show at horse shows members must own or lease a horse with the exception being for team grooming contests.**

Meetings

Our club meetings will be held on the 2nd Sat of the month, with possible date changes as events are scheduled for the year. Dates for the next meeting are always announced at the end of the business portion of our club meetings, sent out in club meeting minutes/ recap emails and posted on our Facebook page. Meetings are held at It's A Cinch Horsemanship located at 17735 S Mann Ave, Sahuarita, 85629. Club meetings are from 4pm-6pm. Club business will be conducted first followed by hands on meeting. Parents, please plan on staying for the business portion of our meeting so that you will know what is going on. Taking notes is encouraged! Recap emails will be sent out after meetings, but you will miss important information and deadlines if you do not attend meetings.

Expectations for Club Members

As much of our club meetings are hands on with horses, ALL members MUST be physically and emotionally able to follow the directions of Club leader, club officers and helpers AT ALL TIMES. Being disruptive in meetings or not following directions will result in immediate removal of club member, NO EXCEPTIONS. It's A Cinch Horsemanship, LLC Barn Rules must be adhered to at all times. Siblings not enrolled in 4-H must be watched by parents while meetings are in progress. No wandering around the premises or petting horses without 4-H leader present please. While we normally have no problem with people petting the horses, 4-H days are extremely busy and we can't keep eyes on 4-H members and guests at the same time. For safety reasons ALL guests need to remain in the seating area while meetings are in progress. Members must wear boots to participate in horse project meetings.

We are very much a team sport and as such members are required to not only attend club meetings but also shows and events as well. Not ready to show? No problem, come volunteer!! We always need extra hands at events; gate people, paper runners, ribbon hander outers... After all how can you learn about an event if you don't attend it? Members are expected to attend shows to help and cheer on their team members! Members will also be expected to attend educational events such as judgings and horse handlings throughout the year (Educational events also help you qualify for the AZ State Horse Show and can earn you a jacket!). **If you are not interested in going to any events outside of our monthly club meetings, this is not the club for you. We are first and foremost good sportsmen and support each other!**

Registration and Fees

Club registration is online at: <https://az.4honline.com/>. After creating a profile, follow the steps for club registration and choose 'Sahuarita Saddlelites' from the dropdown menu and then 'Horse Project'. The website will take you all the way to the end to a payment page where it will tell you to pay your club leader as it is not setup for online payment. (Please note 4H online may not be live until September, please check back as needed.) Simply bring check, money order or cash to our first club meeting on Sep 8th. Please make checks payable to Sahuarita Saddlelites 4-H Club. 4-H dues are \$30.00 for the 2018/2019 club year. \$20 goes to the 4-H office and \$10 goes to our club for supplies.

Additional Info

Our first club meeting for the 2018/2019 club year will be Sep 8th from 4pm-6pm. Those new to 4-H please bring all your questions as we will do our best to clarify everything at this meeting. 4-H can be a learning curve when you are new to the program so feel free to ask me questions throughout the year if there is something you don't understand. With that said, *PLEASE READ* the emails, facebook posts and handouts that go out. I try my best to get timely information out to everyone and I cry when I get bombarded with questions that have already been answered. Check out our Calendar (attached) for common reminders. Please make sure to follow our facebook page (link below) and Pima county horse project's facebook page for current events!

Club T-Shirts

We will be doing an open order for club t-shirts and sweatshirts this year. Order will be open on September 1st and close on Oct 1st. For those of you wanting sweatshirts for our State Show trip, they *WILL* arrive in time for you to have them for the show. This will be our only shirt order for this year. Website link will be sent out to everyone via email on Sep 1st. You will be able to choose your own sizes and pay directly to the shirt company (Custom Ink) online. T-Shirts typically run between \$10-15 depending on sizes and quantities (the more people that order, the cheaper they are), I don't have a price for sweatshirts yet though.

Resources

(Live links will be posted directly in your email.)

<https://shop4-h.org/products/horse-program-curriculum-set-of-2>

<http://pimacountyhorse4h.weebly.com/>

<https://az.4honline.com/Login.aspx?403D4071382F6B4941594A6A39383D>

<https://www.facebook.com/SahuaritaSaddlelites/>

<https://www.facebook.com/PimaCounty4HHorseProject/>

<http://itsacinchhorsemanship.com/gallery>

Showing and Horse Leasing

For It's A Cinch students interested in showing, check out our show policies page or contact Kimberly for details. Students wanting to show in 4-H must be able to handle their horses completely independently as no adults are allowed to help with your 'project animal' at an event. For club members that have their own horses, Club Leader must see you ride and sign your horse registration papers that horse is safe and suitable before you can show.

Team Grooming

Team grooming contests are held twice a year, once for winter point and once for fair. Members do not need to own a horse to participate! Members must pass try outs to show on a team grooming team with our club and must be able to handle horse independently as well as be able to be responsible for all grooming equipment at shows. Teams consist of 4 team members each. Ribbons are awarded at each show and points are combined from both shows for year-end trophies.

Riding Meetings

Since the majority of our club members are horseless, Sahuarita Saddlites does not run riding meetings throughout the year. Instead, we offer practice shows and clinics occasionally where both members owning horses and members leasing stable horses can participate.

Club Leader:

Kimberly Hein

(520) 762-1096 –office

(520) 425-6362 –cell (use sparingly please!)

kimmysbarnyard@live.com (4-H email)

Looking forward to a great 4-H year with you all!

- **Barn Rules:**

Students and parents - Please read, memorize and abide by the following rules as we strive to give everyone a safe and fun learning experience. Rules and regulations are in place for the safety of all riders and horses. Barn rules are also posted on/in the tack room for easy reference.

IT'S A CINCH HORSEMANSHIP, LLC

BARN RULES:

- 1. NO SMOKING**
- 2. Children MUST be supervised by a parent or legal guardian at ALL times.**
- 3. For safety reasons, spectators must remain at the viewing area (picnic tables) while lessons or equine activities commence, and all children must remain under direct supervision by parent or guardian at ALL TIMES.**
- 4. Children age 13 and over may be dropped off for activities with trainer's consent.**
- 5. Listen to your trainer and follow their instructions at all times. Riders not following instructions or acting in an unsafe or disrespectful manner will be asked to dismount or cease activity immediately. This rule is for your safety, the safety of other participants, and the horse's well-being.**
- 6. All riders regardless of age, participating in mounted activities at It's A Cinch Horsemanship MUST wear an ASTM approved riding helmet at all times while mounted.**
- 7. All riders MUST wear an ASTM approved riding helmet at all times while participating in activities or events on stable owned horses.**
- 8. Do not enter arena or horse stalls/pens unless specifically instructed by your trainer.**
- 9. Please do not bring any personal pets to the stable.**
- 10. Please respect this property. Place trash in designated receptacles.**
- 11. No running, screaming, loud noises, or horseplay. This includes while in direct contact with the horse as well as while in areas around the horses.**
- 12. Please refrain from opening umbrellas while lessons are in progress as they can cause the horses to spook.**
- 13. Ask before petting ANY of the horses or animals.**
- 14. DO NOT feed ANYTHING to the horses. This includes any hay found on the ground. We appreciate your help in keeping our horses safe and healthy!**
- 15. Do not enter goat pen or other any animal pens without permission.**
- 16. When approaching a horse, speak softly so as not to startle it. A frightened horse may kick or pull back.**
- 17. Approach horse from the side. Never from directly in front or behind them.**
- 18. Horses are to be tied in designated areas only.**
- 19. Never cross in front of the horse while it is tied up.**
- 20. After you enter any gate, close and latch it behind you.**
- 21. Do not let tack drag in the dirt or leave bridles/reins on the ground. Please return your tack/supplies to the tack room when you are finished using them.**

Sahuarita Saddlelites Meeting Dates

(All meetings from 4pm-6pm at It's A Cinch Horsemanship. Meetings subject to change as events are scheduled.)

September 8th

First club meeting of the year. Bring something to take notes as we go over our plans for the year! Registration fees are due this meeting. Horse registration forms will be available and must be postmarked by Oct 15th for those showing at winter point.

October 13th

See's fundraiser order forms go out today, must be returned to me by 11/30. Orders will be available for pick up at Dec Meeting.

November 10th

State 4-H Show recap. Winter point show entry forms available. Volunteer sign-up for winter point show. Holiday party prep and rules for Yankee swap.

December 8th

Holiday party and winter point show recap. Get ready to mingle and jingle!

Save the Dates:

10/27	It's A Cinch Horsemanship Halloween Show
11/2-11/4	AZ State Horse Show @ Horseshoe park in Queen Creek
12/1	4-H Winter Point Show Western Day @ Pima County Fairgrounds
12/2	4-H Winter Point Show English Day @ Pima County Fairgrounds

2019 Dates Coming Soon!