Home School Sylabus for 2017-18 Rabbitry and small animal husbandry

Day and hour Tuesday from 4:00 to 5:30

First semester 15 weeks

1intro., pre-test, student expectations and previous experiences. Visit barn.

2 student reality check, what would you really be able to handle at your house…

3 How will rabbits fit into your life, breed choices and personal review of hutch sites.

4 Further develop personal plan, hutches/cost, placement, feed storage, animal safety

5 Feed, bedding, veterinary care and health issues, shows, and product

6 confirmation issues, research specific breed, sources for purchase, assoc.

7 cont.

8 Field trip to visit another rabbitry

9 other compatible small animal choices, research project selection

10 research project/present to each other

11 winterization issues, population control, economics/sales and marketing

12 Rabbit lore, stories, the fun stuff….

13 Craft/hides and fur

14 cont

15review and post test.

Second semester folowing Niles District School Calendar 17 weeks

1 review first semester, positives and negatives. Pre-test .

2 domestic breeds comparison, ethnic trends, flock tendencies, cavies other species assignment

3 wild species breeds, history, recipes, hunting, trapping

4 class presentation, movies

5 how to fit for show, auctions, transportation,

6 cont

7 M. S. U. rabbit show- field trip

8 build and repair hutches, excersize pens

9 cont

10 reproduction, birthing- gestation periods, ( parental supervison required)

 11 waste removal/use- vermiculture and manure processing

12 your personal plan

13 craft- breed display- tri fold for demo, check out local fairbooks, or polymer clay rabbits

14 Summer issues, heat, bugs, guests, safe spring cleaning products, finish craft

15 Finalizing projects and selecting demo items

16 Open house demo prep

17 Birchbank Farm’s Student Skills Demo and Picnic