



Horse

In this project you will:

- Learn about riding, showing, management, nutrition, safety and careers in the equine industry.
- Gain skills in basic horse care, horse events or disciplines. Horse ownership is not required.

Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced
Learn basic horse care	Learn internal anatomy of the horse.	Plan and conduct an experiment related to horse care such as effectiveness of fly sprays
Learn basic horse breeds.	Learn to read and explain a feed label	Participate on a state-level Horse Judging, Hippology or Horse Bowl Team
Explore new horse show classes	Explore diseases and how to prevent/treat illness/injury	Mentor younger project members
Learn to groom and saddle a horse	Learn about equine showmanship.	Conduct a Horse Education Workshop for beginner members
Identify the parts of a horse	Improve your riding skills in the ring and on the trails.	
Learn the functions of basic horse tack		

4-H:

Making the Best Better

Head:

To think, to plan, and to reason:

- Record Keeping
- Goal Setting
- Problem Solving
- Decision Making

Heart:

To be kind, true, and sympathetic:

- Feeling
- Caring
- Sportsmanship
- Responsibility

Hands:

To be useful, helpful, and skillful:

- Working
- Community Service
- Giving
- Teamwork

Health:

To resist disease, enjoy life, and to make for efficiency:

- Personal Safety
- Self-esteem
- Character
- Responsibility



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Experience • Share • Generalize • Apply

Expand Your Experiences!

Healthy Living

- Spend at least 30 minutes a day, 3-times a week exercising a horse
- Develop a horse treat recipe that is healthy for a horse

Science, Engineering, and Technology

- Design an experiment to determine which saddle pad is most effective to keep a horse cool and comfortable.
- Develop a breeding scenario using the Pearson Square to determine genetic situations.

Citizenship

- Volunteer at a therapeutic riding facility.
- Present the American Flag, Arkansas flag, or 4-H flag at a horse event.

Leadership

- Present a speech about something you learned in your project at a 4-H Club Meeting.
- Arrange for your 4-H Club to tour an equine facility.
- Organize a fundraiser for a horse-related charity.

Resources

National 4-H Horse Curriculum
<http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/curriculum/4-h-horse>

U of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service
<http://www.uaex.edu/farm-ranch/animals-forages/horses>

American Quarter Horse Association
www.aqha.org

American Horse Council
www.horsecouncil.org/

"The Horse"
www.thehorse.com



Opportunities

Horse Talk competition at county, district, and state 4-H O-Ramas

State 4-H Equine Camp

District 4-H Horse Show

State 4-H Horse Show

Regional 4-H Horse Show

Curriculum

Horse 1: "Giddy Up and Go"

Horse 2: "Head, Heart, and Hooves"

Horse 3: "Stable Relationships"

Horse 4: "Riding the Range"

Horse 5: "Jumping to New Heights"

4-H Horse Helpers Guide

4-H Record Book

4-H Record books are a great way to learn record keeping skills.

You can track time & money spent in your project areas as well as your educational experiences, leadership and community service.

Record books can be a great resource for scholarships!

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