2015 Central Ozark District 4-H Horse Show  
White County Arena – Searcy, Arkansas  
Tuesday, June 23, 2015

Purpose: The purpose of the Central Ozark District 4-H Horse Show is to provide 4-H members the opportunity to showcase their knowledge and skills related to the 4-H Horse Science project and to develop life skills through friendly competitive events.

A. The 2015 Central Ozark District 4-H Horse Show will be held in at the White County Fairgrounds in Searcy, Arkansas, on June 23, 2015.

B. Check-in for Dressage and Queen’s contestants will be from 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. with the Dressage classes beginning promptly at 8:00 am. Check-in for all other participants will begin at 8:00 a.m.

Dressage ride times will be emailed to participants prior to the show date.
Queen’s contest (interview and speeches) will start at 8:30 a.m.
The show will begin at 8:00 am with the Dressage classes.
There will be a 30 minute lunch break at noon.

C. Entry Fees:
   1. $5.00 for each class entered (No refunds.)  
      - Queens class entry is $10.
   2. $5.00 charge in addition to class fee for goat tying.
   3. All participants must be pre-entered.
   4. Checks should be made out to:
      Faulkner County Cooperative Extension
   5. A county registration fee will be assessed as follows:
      1) Four 4-H’ers or less - $10.00 per 4-H’er
      2) Five 4-H’ers or more - $50.00 per county

D. Entry Requirements:
   1. All entries must be submitted via 4-H Online by June 5, 2015.
      Late registration fee: Additional $25 after June 6, 2015.
      NO late registrations will be accepted after June 12, 2015.
      NO classes may be added to registered entries the day of the show.
2. Entries will be accepted through the Arkansas 4-H Online system.

3. Participants must be bona fide, Arkansas 4-H members.

4. Members are limited to three (3) horses each.

5. Members are limited to showing one time per event. (Different from the state show.)

6. Two members of a family may jointly care for and show one horse, but horse may be shown only one time in each class for which it is eligible.

7. Certain classes will be divided into Cloverbud, Junior, and Senior divisions. This designation refers to the 4-H member and not the horse.

8. To be eligible for junior classes, all 4-H Horse Show participants must have passed their 9th birthday prior to January 1, 2015.

   Senior 4-H members must have reached their 14th birthday by January 1 of the year of the District Horse Show and may remain eligible for 4-H programs until December 31 of the year they celebrate their 19th birthday.

E. Awards:

1. Cloverbud participants will be given the same participation award.

2. Prizes for individual classes will be determined by show planning committee.

3. Appropriate awards will be presented to contestant earning the highest number of points in performance classes and to the contestant earning highest number of points in timed events.

   Points will be awarded to the horse. Points earned in showmanship classes and dressage classes will be added to the points earned in the Performance Category.
Points will be earned as follows:

a. The first place participants in each class receive six (6) points and the following places receive points in descending order with sixth place receiving one (1) point.

b. Horses not placing in the top six in a class will not receive points for that class.

c. Under no circumstances shall a disqualified contestant receive points.

d. In cases of ties, high-point awards will be determined on most earned in the greatest number of classes (most 1st places, most 2nd places, etc.). If a tie still exists, most points earned in performance in timed event classes will determine high point award.

**F. Queen’s Contest**

There will be a Queen’s contest in conjunction with the Central Ozark District 4-H Horseshow. The junior and senior winner will have the opportunity to compete in the state 4-H Horse Show Queen’s contest. Please note: The Queen’s Contest does not count towards High Point Exhibitor awards.

Contestants in the queen’s contest will be selected by the counties, and each county will determine its own method of selection. Counties may send multiple contestants. All 4-H contestants entered in the queen’s contest must meet the same qualifications as other members participating in the 4-H horse show.

**Selection of the 4-H Horse Show Queen**

The horse show judge will judge the horsemanship component of the queen’s contest. An additional committee will judge contestant’s interview and speech. The official State 4-H Horseshow Queen’s Score Sheets will be used.

Contestants will be judged on their horsemanship ability to execute the “Queen’s Pattern 1” as stated in the State 4-H Horse Show Rule Book. Pattern may be executed fast or slow, but correctness of maneuvers will be emphasized.
Time limits for speeches will be 2-5 minutes for Juniors and 5-8 minutes for Seniors. There will be a five-point penalty per score sheet for over and under allocated time for speeches. Topic of speech should include how 4-H and horses have helped influence your life.

**Dress Code for Queen’s Contest**

Dress for the queen’s contest will be western wear, and gloves are optional. Clothing must be clean and neat. Riders shall wear hats or safety helmets and boots. Shirts with a collar and sleeves are required. Spurs, chaps or similar equipment are optional. Ball caps are not acceptable.

**Tack and Bits**

Tack and bit requirements are the same as listed under Judged Performance Division Appointments.

**Awards**

Winners will be announced/crowned at the end of the performance classes and before the speed classes begin.

**The Junior and Senior Queens classes will be combined if there are 5 or fewer participants in either of the classes.**

**G. Events and Classes:**

1. Dressage – Intro Level TBA
2. Dressage – Training Level – Test # TBA
3. Western Dressage
4. Stock Horse Geldings
5. Stock Horse Mares
6. Cloverbud Halter
7. Pony Halter
8. Showmanship at Halter – Junior
9. Showmanship at Halter – Senior
10. Trail – Junior
11. Trail – Senior
12. Queen’s Contest – Junior
13. Queen’s Contest – Senior
14. Cloverbud Walk-n Trot –(exhibitors 8 & under)
15. Pony Pleasure - (exhibitors 9 and 10 years old)
16. Western Pleasure - Junior
17. Western Pleasure – Senior
18. Gaited Western Pleasure
19. Youth Horsemanship – Junior
20. Youth Horsemanship – Senior
21. Western riding
22. Reining

**Break for tack change – 15 minutes**
23. Hunter Under Saddle
24. Hunt Seat Equitation

**Break for speed warm up – 15 minutes**
25. Cloverbud Barrel Race – (exhibitors 5-8 years old)
26. Pony Barrel Race – (exhibitors 9-10 years old)
27. Barrel Race – Junior
28. Barrel Race – Senior
29. Cloverbud Pole Bending – (exhibitors 5-8 years old)
30. Pony Pole Bending - (exhibitors 9-10 years old)
31. Pole Bending – Junior
32. Pole Bending – Senior
33. Goat Tying – Junior
34. Goat Tying - Senior
35. Pony Flag Race - (exhibitors 9-10 years old)
36. Flag Race – Junior
37. Flag Race – Senior
38. Stake Race – Junior
39. Stake Race – Senior

**Educational Classes**
A Cloverbud, Junior, and Senior Hippology contest will be held but will not count towards High Point Exhibitor awards. Cost for each entry is $5.00.

**General Information**

H. All classes will be judged as described in the general rules and regulations of the Arkansas State 4-H Horse Show Rule Book.

I. All speed events will be ran with closed gates. No exceptions.

J. Exhibitors may wear safety headgear (helmet) in any class without judge’s discrimination.

K. All riders are required to wear a properly fitted equestrian headgear with fastened chin harness (ASTM/SEI approved helmets) in all speed
events. In classes requiring helmets, the helmet must remain securely fastened on the exhibitor’s head the entire time the exhibitor is in the arena. If the helmet falls or is removed prior to the exhibitor leaving the arena, the exhibitor will be disqualified.

L. Helmets will be required in the Goat Tying classes.

M. Exhibitor may not be tied, buckled, fastened in the saddle in any manner (including rubber bands on feet) during competition.

N. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of participation in this program should notify the county Extension Office as soon as possible prior to the activity.

O. Arena ground will be drug after 10 runs unless otherwise deemed by the arena judge.

P. The judge’s decision as to placing is final. An appeal to the 4-H Horse Show Committee is justified only if there appears to be an error in conduct or composition of the class. If doubt persists, the decision of the 4-H Horse Show Committee is final. An official protest must be in writing and accompanied by a $50 remittance (cash only), by the end of the next scheduled event.

Q. Abuse or Abusive Equipment:
The judge or designated show officials have the authority to require the removal or alteration of any piece of equipment which, in his/their opinion is unsafe, tends to give unfair advantage or is deemed inhumane. Inhumane treatment of a horse identified by the host show committee at any time during the show on any location on the show grounds may result in disqualification, dismissal and suspension from further participation in the horse show, subject to approval of the show committee.

Any horse receiving inhumane treatment while exhibiting may be dismissed upon the discretion of the judge or show official appointed by the show manager(s). The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured is what the show management committee rules a reasonable person, informed and experienced in
generally accepted equine training and exhibition procedures, would determine to be cruel, abusive or inhumane.

R. Parent and Volunteer Leaders are allowed to briefly warm up horses at beginning of show for safety reasons but are not allowed to ride through any class patterns.

S. Items that are not specifically covered in this document, the state horse show rules will apply. A copy of these rules may be found at: http://www.uaex.edu/farm-ranch/animals-forages/horses/educational-resources.aspx

4honline Tip: When you complete your entry, and are on the finish page, select “Print entry” and you will be able to print a list of classes you have entered for the show! All you need is name of horse and classes you wish to compete in to complete the registration.