2019 Arkansas 4-H Horse Project Opportunities

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Clinics and Workshops

Scattered throughout the state

– Horsemanship skills
– Safety
– Handling and training young horses
– Hoof care
– Nutrition
– Judging and evaluation
– Hippology
– Speaking Contests
– Volunteer training
4-H Horse Shows

- County
- Regional – June
- State – July
- Southern Regional – July/Aug.
Educational Contests

• Horse Judging
• Horse Bowl
• Individual and Team Demonstration
• Public Speaking
• Hippology
• Ambassador Program
4-H Horse Judging

- County
- State
- Regional
- National
  - NWSS
  - AQHYA World Show
  - All American Quarter Horse Congress
  - Eastern National
Horse Judging

• Teaches participants good conformation (structural correctness, balance, and muscling), breed character, and performance ideals in different breeds of horses.

• Evaluating horses based on knowledge and fact, make a decision, and defend it.
Horse Judging

• Learn horsemanship terms that can be used in a logical, systematic way to defend placings

• Participants gain confidence in their ability by giving oral reasons to a judge while learning to speak clearly, decisively, and convincingly through the use of oral reasons.
Horse Bowl

- Provide an opportunity for youth to demonstrate their knowledge of horse-related subject matter
- Junior or Senior Division
- Each team has 4 contestants
Horse Bowl

• 2 teams compete against each other
• Buzzers used
• Sources of info:
  – Dictionary of Equine Terms
  – The Horse
  – Horse Industry Handbook
  – Feeding and Care of The Horse
  – The Coloring Atlas of Horse Anatomy
Horse Bowl Sample Questions

• When traveling long distances, how often should a horse be offered water?
  – Every 3-4 hours
Horse Bowl Sample Questions

• What type of martingale allows the rider to maintain contact with the bit at all times?
  – Running
Horse Bowl Sample Questions

• What two factors determine hoof size?
  – Heredity and nutrition
Horse Bowl Sample Questions

• Explain the difference between roan and gray.
  – \textbf{Roan}: born with the same proportion of white hairs as will be present in each successive coat.
  – \textbf{Gray}: each new coat adds more and more white hairs until the horse appears white.
Individual and Team Demonstration

• Encourages youths to teach others how to do something related to horses by the correct use of visuals and equipment and to give confidence in their ability to present information in a logical and concise manner
  – Teams will consist of 2 members
  – No live animals (2 tables, 2 easels, 1 screen)
Individual and Team Demonstration

• Will help to increase the participant's level of horse knowledge, expertise and increase member’s study skills and ability to use correct English while providing 4-H members with an opportunity to work jointly designing and presenting an educational horse-related topic.
Public Speaking

• Designed to help youth develop skills, confidence, and poise in speaking to groups through the use of an interesting and familiar topic while expanding participants' horse knowledge and increasing their research and study techniques.
  – Speeches must pertain to any area of the horse industry
  – Notes may be used
  – Jr and Sr divisions
Hippology

• Provide participants with the opportunity to blend knowledge and skills acquired in horse judging, bowl, demonstrations, public speaking, and showing into one activity.

• Each participant will judge two classes.
  – most likely halter
Hippology

• Identify tack, feedstuffs, and horse-related equipment.

• 50 question exam given.
  – Nutrition, health, breeding, management, genetics, horsemanship
Hippology

• Team Problems
  – All teams will be presented with the same problem(s).
    • *Example: Your horse is showing signs of colic. What are the steps you take to care for horse?*
  – Each member of each team is encouraged to contribute to the presentation.
Major Events - 2019

_Horse Show Judging Seminar_
February 16\textsuperscript{th} @ Crossroads Cowboy Church in El Paso.

_State Roping:_
March 15\textsuperscript{th} @ Saline County Fairgrounds.

_Horse Camp:_
Summer Horse Camp: May 29-June 1, @ Diamond TR Ranch/4-H Center.

_State Qualifying Shows:_
Southwest Qualifying Show: June 7\textsuperscript{th} @ Saline County Fairgrounds.
Central/Delta Arkansas Qualifying Show: June 11\textsuperscript{th} @ White County Fairgrounds.
Northwest Ozark Qualifying Show: June 15\textsuperscript{th} @ Pauline Whitaker Arena in Fayetteville.

_State Show:_
Arkansas 4-H State Horse Show: - July 9-12 @ White County Fairgrounds.

_Southern Regionals:_
Southern Regional 4-H Horse Show: July 31 - August 4 @ Perry, GA.
Sources of More Information

**Extension Horse Website:**
http://www.uaex.edu/horses
https://www.facebook.com/Arkansas 4-H Horse Program

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