The 2012 4-H Horsemanship Camp will be held for the 39th year on June 17-23, 2012 at Millstone 4-H Center. This rustic camp is located in Richmond County near Ellerbe.

Improve your horsemanship skills while having fun with other 4-H’ers. Advanced riders can learn new and better horsemanship skills and showing techniques. A highly qualified camp staff will introduce the beginning rider to the basics of horsemanship. Special features of the camp include educational lectures, riding lessons, trail rides and training demonstrations in addition to traditional camp activities.

Instruction will be given in Huntseat and Western styles. Should enough interest exist, instruction in Games, Dressage/Eventing, Non-Trotting and Saddle Seat will be offered. In order to ensure instruction in an additional style, 15 campers must be enrolled by April 30 of the current year. The camper must supply his/her own horse, equipment, feed, and transportation. The camp will provide sawdust for the stalls.

Attendance is open to youth who are certified North Carolina 4-H members, are 9 to 19 years old and have access to an acceptable horse. Each camper will be solely responsible for the care and feeding of his/her mount. Each camper must have a physical examination within one year before camp and be deemed able to complete the camp activities. No horseless campers will be accepted. Camper spaces are limited and will be divided equally between Huntseat and Western riding styles. These slots will be filled on a first-come basis depending on the camper’s and horse's eligibility.

If accepted, campers must complete the horse health record with their veterinarian's assistance. This form, located in the camper's manual, states that the horse is free of disease and is in good health. Horses are required to have had a negative Coggins test for E.I.A. (Swamp Fever) dated April 1, 2012 or later. No exceptions will be made! Horses not fitting the riding program criteria or exhibiting lameness or behavior problems will be sent home.

Please direct all questions and mail completed application to NC 4-H Horsemanship Camp, North Carolina State University, Box 7523, Raleigh, N.C. 27695-7523, (919) 515-5784.

Opportunities are available for youth leaders and adult volunteers to serve as assistants during camp. Please call Extension Horse Husbandry or review the NC 4-H Horsemanship Camp webpage to see if you would like to serve in a leadership capacity during camp.

Come join in a unique equine learning experience!
Please complete this application with your club leader's assistance and forward to your County Extension Agent. Note: every effort will be made to provide for an equal number of youth across each riding division. No horseless campers will be accepted. Applications must be completed in entirety and reach the Extension Horse Specialist's office postmarked by May 2, 2012 to obtain the early registration fee. Incomplete applications will not be processed and will be returned! Please type or print clearly.

1. Camper's Name ____________________________ 4-H Age__________ Sex__________
   Address ________________________________________________
   (Complete mailing address including city, state and zip code)
   County ____________________________ Home Phone (____)______________________
   Parent's Name ____________________________ Work Phone (____)______________________
   Email Address ____________________________

2. Is your horse's health and condition suitable to complete a rigorous week of camp? Yes ________ No ________

3. How long have you ridden the horse you are bringing to camp? ________
   Can your horse lope/canter slow or perform simple lead changes? ________
   Explain how well you work together:

4. Which style of riding do you intend to do at camp? (WRITE 1st & 2nd choices).
   ____Hunt Seat  ____Western  ____Saddle Seat  ____Games  ____Non-Trotting  ____Dressage

5. Have you had any previous riding instruction? Yes ________ No ________
   If yes, please explain:

6. The horse you are bringing to camp is what:
   Sex ________ Age ________ Breed ________ Name ________

7. Is your horse (circle correct answer): Green broke? Well broke? In training?
   Explain their level of training:
8. What skills do you most want to learn or improve at while at camp (check all that apply)?
   - ☐ Show Preparation
   - ☐ Trail Class Preparation
   - ☐ Management Techniques
   - ☐ Judging
   - ☐ Showmanship
   - ☐ Handling and Safety
   - ☐ Other_____________________ Explain:

9. What types of behavior problems do you have with your horse?
   - Biting
   - Kicking
   - Tying
   - Tacking up
   - Health
   - Stalling
   - Other, please explain any other problems you have with your horse:

10. What kind of riding/training problems do you have with your horse? Please explain:

11. Would your horse be considered primarily a pasture horse or stall horse? ________________
    Please explain:

12. Have you ever attended horsemanship camp before? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, when? ____________________

See the N.C. 4-H Horsemanship Camp Manual for any further explanation about camp activities.

We verify that this youth is an enrolled North Carolina 4-H member and that this horse/rider combination is capable of participating in the planned activities.

   Leader's Signature ______________________________  Date ______________________________

   Agent's Signature _______________________________  Date______________________________

As the parent/guardian of a camper/rider who will attend the N.C. 4-H Horsemanship Camp, I do fully understand the rustic nature of the camp facilities, the liability policy under which the camp will operate, and do hereby give my consent for my child to participate in this camp under these conditions. I also understand that my equipment and horse is not insured against loss or damage. Any loss or damage to equipment or injury to the horse or rider/camper be at my (the owner's/parent's) risk and expense.

   Parent/Guardian's Signature________________________ ______ Date______________________________

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If you are accepted, you will receive a password to finalize your acceptance and pay all camp fees.