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http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/horse-husbandry/
**N.C. 4-H Horse Program Scholarships Awarded**

4-H members from across North Carolina submitted applications for the 2010 N.C. 4-H Horse Program Scholarship. A committee consisting of 4-H Horse Volunteer Leaders serving on the State N.C. 4-H Horse Advisory Board reviewed all scholarships. Applicants were evaluated on their prior involvement in the 4-H Horse Program, class ranking in school and submitted standardized test scores. All applicants were well qualified, and the committee worked very hard, reviewing all applications. They selected the following North Carolina 4-H Horse Program members as 2010 Scholarship Award winners:

Olivia Smith, Beaufort County

Eric Wright, Union County

Both 4-H members will receive a $1,000 scholarship upon successfully completing one semester of college, technical school or community college. Consult the N.C. 4-H Horse Husbandry Extension Office for additional information regarding the N.C. 4-H Horse Program Scholarship program.

~ Bob Mowrey

**N.C. 4-H Horse Program Member Awarded Parks Scholarship**

Rockingham County 4-H’er Sophie Leigh Austin recently was awarded the prestigious Park Scholarship for her accomplishments both academically and in 4-H. Sophie will graduate from John Motley Morehead High School where she is president of the Key Club, vice president of the National Honor Society, and co-president of the Latin Club. She has also volunteered at Rolling Ridge Therapeutic Riding, created the Cinderella Project through the Key Club, and led various service projects as president of her local 4-H Club. Sophie plans to major in biology when she attends college.

The Park Scholarships are named for the late Roy H. Park, a 1931 N.C. State University alumnus who bequeathed more than seventy percent of his holdings to create the charitable Park Foundation, Inc., which is dedicated to education, the environment, and other select interests. Since the inaugural class of twenty-five scholars in 1996, the number of Park Scholars on campus has grown to approximately two hundred and is joined by a growing network of alumni. To date, the Park Foundation has committed more than $58 million to support the scholarship, establishing a legacy of leadership and service in the spirit of the Park name.

The Park Scholarships program provides a superb educational opportunity for exceptionally talented and well-prepared young men and women to develop leadership skills and commitment to public service. Approximately fifty scholarships will be awarded this year, with two-thirds to North Carolina residents. The scholarships are awarded to exceptional high school seniors for undergraduate study in any discipline at N.C. State University based on four criteria: scholarship, leadership, service and character.

~ Bob Mowrey
NC State 4-H Horse Judging Contest Results

The 2010 NC State 4-H Horse Judging Contest was held on April 18th at Martin Community College (MCC) in Williamston, NC. The highly competitive contest attracted 100 4-H members from 20 counties. The contest results can be found at: http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU_EHH_State_Contest_Results.html.

The Horse Judging Contest was sponsored by:

**Gold Level:**
- **Land O'Lakes Purina Feed, Inc.**
  Eric Shupe
  6020 Olive Branch Rd
  Wingate, NC 28174

  **North Carolina Farm Bureau**
  Chester Lowder
  NC Farm Bureau
  PO Box 27766
  Raleigh, NC 27611

**Silver Level:**
- **Orange County 4-H Council**
  Iris Fuller, 4-H Agent
  Orange County Extension Office
  306-E Revere Rd.
  Hillsborough, NC 27278

  **South Central 4-H Horse Council**
  Connie Johnson
  PO Box 310
  Angier, NC 27501

**Bronze Level:**
- **Debbie Wentz Family**
  PO Box 287
  Newton, NC 28658

  **Haywood County Silver Spurs 4-H Horse Club**
  c/o Angela Fowler
  1977 Hyatt Creek Rd
  Waynesville, NC 28786

Four-H members are encouraged to send letters of appreciation to our donors. The sponsorship funds will be used to provide partial travel scholarships to the NC State 4-H Horse Judging Team members and the coach that represents North Carolina at the Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio and the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, Kentucky. The following volunteer leaders and 4-H members have indicated an interest to try-out for the 2010 NC State 4-H Horse Judging Teams:

**TEAM MEMBERS**

Megan Kaplan, Union County  
Hannah Harper, Cabarrus County

John Falls, Catawba County  
Megan Long, Cabarrus County

Dale Bass, Catawba County  
Kendall Wolford, Franklin County

Arielle Goralski, Gaston County  
Cayla Nugent, Cabarrus County

Elizabeth Rhodes, Johnston County

**COACHES**

Laura Harper, Head Coach, Cabarrus County
Lori Stroud, Coach, Johnston County

Robin Lynn, Extension Horse Husbandry Technician, and Bob Mowrey, Extension Horse Commodity Coordinator, at NCSU will work with the volunteer leader coaches to coordinate and prepare the Horse Judging team.
The top eight ranked individuals will represent North Carolina at the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships at Clemson, SC on July 29, 2010. A final four member team will be selected after the Regional contest to represent North Carolina at the National Contests held in the fall of 2010.

~Bob Mowrey

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**2010 Southern Regional Championship Schedule & Host Hotel**

The 2010 Southern Region 4-H Horse Championships will be hosted by Clemson University at the T. Ed Garrison Arena in Clemson, SC July 28 – August 1. The educational contests will be held on Wednesday, July, 28 (Horse Bowl and Hippology) and Thursday, July 29 (Judging, Communication Contests and opening ceremonies). The Show will start at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 29. A complete schedule of events is attached at [www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/kids_families/projects/agriculture_and_animals/horses.html](http://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/kids_families/projects/agriculture_and_animals/horses.html).

When reviewing the forms at that link, please note that the Sleep Inn has been confirmed as the headquarters hotel for the NC 4-H Horse Program. The Sleep Inn is one of the closest hotels, within three miles of the Garrison Arena. A special rate of $69.99 plus tax for 1 to 4 people has been secured with a **July 17, 2010 cutoff date**. The phone number is (864) 653-6000. Additional information for the Sleep Inn can be found at [http://www.sleepinn.com/hotel-clemson-south_carolina-SC047?promo=gglocal](http://www.sleepinn.com/hotel-clemson-south_carolina-SC047?promo=gglocal).

Additional information concerning the motel arrangements and the Southern Regional Show will be provided in the 2010 NC State 4-H Horse Show Exhibitors packet.

~Bob Mowrey

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**Southern Regional Championship Show Entry Numbers Expanded**

The 2010 Southern Regional 4-H Horse Show in Clemson, SC will permit more show entries per state. Each participating state is eligible to send a maximum of **50 horses** to the Southern Regional show. Exhibitors are permitted to share a horse, but they cannot participate in the same class. In effect, North Carolina could have more than 50 exhibitors per show depending on the number of horses entered with multiple exhibitors.

Additional information concerning the show entry process will be in the NC State Horse Show Exhibitor packet distributed at the July 7-11, 2010 state show in Raleigh.

~Bob Mowrey
NC State 4-H State Horse Communication Contests

The 2010 State 4-H Horse Public Speaking and Presentation Contest will be held on Wednesday July 8th in conjunction with the NC State 4-H Horse Show. Both contests will be held in the Jim Graham Building on the NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh at the Hall of Fame Room in the cafeteria.

4-H members interested in participating in the contests must contact their county extension agent and qualify by participating at the appropriate district activity day event to which their county is assigned. For members attending 4-H Horse Camp at Ellerbe, NC, June 12-19; who have a date conflict with their assigned district activity day qualifying event may qualify at 4-H Horse Camp. Jessica Hicks will coordinate a special 4-H Horse Public Speaking and Presentation contest during horse camp. Those youth will be judged using the same procedure/rules as district activity day events to determine eligibility to participate at the state level 4-H Horse Communication contests.

The State 4-H Horse Public Speaking and Presentation contests will start promptly with registration at 8:00am on Wednesday July 7, 2010 in the lobby of the Jim Graham Building. Registration will conclude by 9:00am. Contestants failing to check in by 9:00am will not be accepted into the contest. All contests will begin at 8:30am. The order of go will be based on a first come basis. The order in which contestants check in will represent the order of go. Junior and Senior contestants will be intermixed, however, the official presentation time limits for the different age divisions will be enforced. The contest will conclude when all contestants, who checked in prior to 9:00am, have presented. The Southeast 4-H Horse Council is providing refreshments to participants and spectators on a first-come basis. A lunch break will be taken for the official judges, close to 12:00 noon. The remaining contestants will present after the lunch break. An awards ceremony will be held immediately following the conclusion of both contests in their respective rooms at the Jim Graham Building. The estimated time of completion is 1:00pm.

Only communications contestants, with horses qualified to participate in the North Carolina State 4-H Horse Show, will be permitted to check into their stalls between 5:00 – 8:00 pm Tuesday evening, July 6, 2010. Stalls will not be available before 5:00pm or after 8:00pm Tuesday evening. They must call Extension Horse Husbandry (919-515-5784) and confirm the number of horses and stalls prior to June 30, 2010. Contestants failing to confirm early arrival prior to June 30, 2010 will be required to check in after 10:00am Wednesday, July 7th.

The District Activity Day and State Horse Communication Contests will be conducted in accordance with the NC 4-H Horse Program Rules and Regulations previously approved by the State 4-H Horse Advisory Board. The entire rulebook can be found online at www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/hhmain.html. Please review these rules prior to the State Contest. There will be a total of three judges per each contest (public speaking and presentation).

When reviewing the rules, please note that North Carolina’s 4-H Horse Evaluation form point totals correspond to National 4-H Horse Presentation and Public Speaking Contest regulations and not NC State 4-H score sheets. As a result, the point totals listed in the 4-H Horse Program rulebook do not correspond to standard North Carolina 4-H Presentation scorecards. The 4-H Horse Program score sheets will be used at the District and State Horse Communication Contest. These score sheets are also available at:

Horse Presentation Guide
http://www.nc4h.org/publications/presentations/horse.html

Presentation Contest (individual and team combined into one event):

An individual presentation must be a minimum of four minutes (junior division) or nine minutes (senior division) and not longer than twelve minutes. One point will be deducted per judge for each minute or fraction thereof, under four minutes (junior) or nine minutes (senior) or over twelve minutes. A team presentation must be a minimum of five minutes (junior) or ten minutes (senior). One point will be deducted per judge for each minute or fraction thereof, under five minutes (junior) and ten minutes (senior) or over fifteen minutes.
**Public Speaking Contest**

A public speech must be a minimum of four minutes (junior division) or eight minutes (senior division) and not longer than ten minutes. One point will be deducted per judge for each minute or fraction thereof, under four minutes (junior) or eight minutes (senior) or over ten minutes.

The 2010 N.C. 4-H Horse Communication Contests are sponsored by:

**Horse Presentation**
West Central District 4-H Horse Advisory Board
Western 4-H Horse Advisory Board

**Horse Public Speaking**
North Central District 4-H Horse Advisory Board
Wake County 4-H Horse Council

Questions concerning the event should be referred to Dr. Bob Mowrey, Extension Horse Husbandry 919-515-7871 or Bob_Mowrey@ncsu.edu

-Bob Mowrey

**2010 Horse Cumulative Record Winners Named**

The N.C. 4-H Horse Cumulative Record Winners which are sponsored by Carolina Farm Credit were recently announced by the State 4-H Department. A total of nine 4-H Program members received district and/or state cumulative record awards.

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Equine Science 4 Kids! - a Great Youth Website

The website Equine Science 4 Kids!, [http://www.esc.rutgers.edu/kids/index.html](http://www.esc.rutgers.edu/kids/index.html), is a redesigned, interactive youth component located in Rutgers Equine Science Center’s website, esc.rutgers.edu. The component features Lord Nelson, a 37-year old American Quarter horse, who served for 20 years on the campus mounted patrol, as the figurehead guiding youth through the revamped educational component.

The goal of this website was to create an online classroom with Lord Nelson as the lead educator. Although the updated component features interactive elements and will include games, the primary focus is equine science specifically developed for youth ages 10-14 years. The youth component focuses on three molecules: Healthcare and Nutrition, Exercise Physiology, and Horses and the Environment.

Visitors to Equine Science 4 Kids! will have the opportunity to email their horse-related questions directly to “Lord Nelson.” All questions are answered in a timely manner. If Lord Nelson receives the same question repeatedly, the question will be added to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) feature that is available in each of the three modules.

Keeping current with technology, Lord Nelson also has a blog, “Holy Hoofprints!” to share his thoughts and perspectives with Equine Science 4 Kids visitors. His blog consists of “a day in the life of a horse” as it relates to science content. Visitors may also join Lord Nelson’s Fan Club to receive email notification of new content, blog entries, and interactive games as they are added to the youth component.

-Earned by Bob Mowrey
Volunteer Leader Incentive Programs

Many U.S. Corporations encourage their employees to volunteer their time to nonprofit organizations dedicated to inspiring citizenship and youth development. Several of those companies actually have donation programs in place, where companies provide donations directly to a nonprofit organizations based on the volunteer hours served by their employees. The process usually requires the employee to apply through their respective company for matching funds. The N.C. 4-H Development cooperates with the employees by providing the necessary documentation to certify the appropriate nonprofit status and N.C. State University account information to which a donation should be made.

One N.C. 4-H Horse Volunteer leader recently filed their time as a volunteer leader to their employer Verizon, Inc., which in turn provided a donation to the N.C. 4-H Program through the N.C. 4-H Development Fund in excess of $700 per year. Obviously such donation programs could provide significant 4-H Horse Program funding, which in turn could reduce operating costs while making educational activities more affordable for our 4-H families.

Volunteer 4-H Horse Program leaders and parents, who volunteer time to 4-H clubs are encouraged to check with their employers to see if a “matching time” volunteer program exists in their company.

Please feel free to direct any questions concerning donations to the N.C. 4-H Horse Program to:

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N.C. State University
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-Bob Mowrey
The North Carolina 4-H Horse Program Newsletter is distributed to 4-H agents and volunteer leaders to assist in the development and management of the county 4-H Horse Program. Agents are encouraged to submit the name and e-mail address of volunteer leaders who should receive a notification of current newsletters. Agents and volunteer leaders are encouraged to download the newsletter and enclosures from the Extension Horse Husbandry web site.

**NC 4-H Horse Program Website, which can be accessed through the Extension Horse Husbandry website at:** [http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/horse-husbandry/](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/horse-husbandry/)

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| **2009-2010 STATE 4-H HORSE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
| **2009-2010 NCSU EQUINE SHORT COURSE AND CLINIC SERIES**  
[http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU_EHH_Short_Course_Series.html](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU_EHH_Short_Course_Series.html) |

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