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NC 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest

NC Claims multiple National Championships

2010 All American Quarter Horse Congress 4-H Educational Contest Results
&
2010 Eastern National 4-H Horse Round-up Contest Results
NC Wins Horse Judging
NC Wins Hippology

National 4-H Horse Events

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Visit the NC 4-H Horse Program website

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/horse-husbandry/
Minutes and a list of advisory board members from the November 2009 State 4-H Horse Advisory Board Meeting can be found on-line at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/horse-husbandry/. The minutes include all rule changes, a calendar of District and State 4-H Horse Program Events, program sponsorships, a contact list of Advisory Board members, and work responsibilities. Rule changes will be incorporated into the NC 4-H Horse Program Rules and Regulations Manual available on the 4-H Horse Program website http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/horse-husbandry/. Information from the minutes has also been incorporated into the appropriate event sections on the website, so the most complete, up to date information is provided.

--Bob Mowrey

2010 NC STATE 4-H HORSE BOWL CONTEST

The state finals of the NC State 4-H Horse Bowl contest will be held Saturday, March 6th, 2010 at the NC A&T State University in Greensboro, NC. The Horse Bowl Contest will be held in conjunction with the State 4-H Hippology contest. Information concerning the rules, awards, qualification requirements, and seeding can be found at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/horse-husbandry/. A contest schedule can be found on page 4 of this newsletter. The Horse Bowl contest is proudly co-sponsored by Southern States Cooperative and Triple Crown Horse Feeds. Letters of appreciation should be mailed to:

Meredith Bernard
Equine Feed Sales and Technical Rep
Southern States Coop
52 Mountain Hill Rd
Milton, NC 27305

The high scoring senior individuals from the senior and mixed divisions will be eligible to try out for the Southern Regional and national NC 4-H Horse Bowl teams. The top eight senior division high individuals and the top seniors ranked among the top eight in the mixed division will be eligible to try out. All individuals trying out for the Southern Regional Team will be required to commit by March 13, 2010 to travel to National 4-H Horse Bowl events, if selected as a member of the national team. The Southern Regional Contest will be held July 28-28, 2010 in Clemson, SC. The All-American Quarter Horse Congress contest, Columbus, OH, will be held October 14 or 15, 2010. The Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup, Louisville, KY, will be held November 5-7, 2010. Horse bowl references are the same as the Hippology Contest references and can be found on the Extension Horse Husbandry website at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/horse-husbandry/.

--Bob Mowrey

2010 NC STATE 4-H HIPPOLOGY CONTEST

The 2010 State 4-H Hippology Contest is scheduled for Saturday, March 6 at the Memorial Student Union on the NC A&T Campus in Greensboro. The contest will be held in one location on one day. All events will be held on Saturday, March 6th, including the judging segment via DVD’s and the awards ceremony.

The Hippology Contest blends the education values of Horse Bowl, Judging, Stable Management and Showing into one unique activity. The contest consists of judging a minimum of four halter and/or performance classes, completing a written exam, answering questions from up to 50 horse related slides, and a team problem for senior teams only. This is an excellent opportunity for 4-Hers to expand their horse knowledge and demonstrate their management skills acquired through the 4-H Horse Program. Contest rules, regulations, and eligibility requirements can be found in the NC 4-H Horse Program Rules and Regulations Manual available on the 4-H Horse Program website http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/horse-husbandry/.

The entry fee is $40.00 per four-member team or $10.00 per individual contestant. Checks should be made payable to North Carolina State University.

The top eight senior division individuals will be eligible to compete for an opportunity to represent North Carolina on a 4-member team at the All American Quarter Horse Congress, Columbus, Ohio (October 14-15) and at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Round-Up in Louisville, Kentucky (November 5-7). The 8-member team will be eligible to attend the Southern Regional Contest Clemson, SC scheduled on July 28-August 1, 2010. The eight finalists will be required to commit to travel to national events, if chosen, by March 13, 2010 or additional finalists will be moved up into a try out position.

Hippology references are the same as the Horse Bowl contest references and can be found on the Extension Horse Husbandry website at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/horse-husbandry/

--Bob Mowrey
HORSE BOWL / HIPPOLOGY CONTEST SCHEDULE
Saturday, March 6, 2010
Memorial Student Union, NC A&T University
For a map visit:  http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/horse-husbandry/

6:30 a.m.  Access to Building

7:00-7:35 a.m.  Hippology Contest Registration- Memorial Student Union Lobby (Junior Division Only)
                 General Classroom Building (Senior Division Only)

9:15-10:15 a.m.  Horse Bowl Contest Registration- Memorial Student Union (All age categories)

7:45-10:30 a.m.  Hippology exam and slides testing.  Refer to posted sign at registration desk.
                 Jr. Division- Memorial Student Union, Stalling Ball Room
                 Sr. Division- New Classroom Building (Room 218, Follow signs from rear of the
                 Memorial Student Union)

10:00-10:30 a.m.  Horse Bowl Coaches' Meeting-- One coach plus team captain only!
                   Memorial Student Union, Stalling Ball Room

10:15 or 10:30 a.m.  or
after completion of Hippology Exams

11:30 a.m.  NC State 4-H Horse Advisory Board Executive Committee Meeting.
            Meet at tabulation room 101 extension

10:15 a.m.-7:00 p.m.  Horse Bowl Contest (estimated starting and ending time)

       Horse Bowl Contest Rooms (Memorial Student Union)
       Holding Room - Stalling Ball Room
       Sr. Match Room - Exhibit Hall (first floor)
       Mixed Match Room-Room 214 (second floor)
       Jr. Match Room - Room 101 (first floor)
       Tabulations - Room 101 extension

1:00 p.m.  Official Hippology exam and slide answers posted on lobby entrance of Student Union Building

6:00-7:00 p.m.  Hippology Awards Ceremony, Memorial Student Union, Stalling Ball Room
                 Horse Bowl Awards Ceremony.  Memorial Student Union, Stalling Ball Room
                 (Hippology Awards and Horse Bowl Awards ceremonies will run during the final senior
                 Horse Bowl rounds)

Breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase as a fundraiser for the NC A&T Equestrian Team in the lobby of the
Memorial Student Union Building.

The top ten individuals in the overall standings of the judging portion and exam segment of the contest in both the junior and senior division will receive ribbons.  In addition to the ribbons, the first place junior and senior individuals overall will also receive an award in each category.  The high junior and senior individuals will be designated the Junior or Senior 4-H Horseman of the Year.  Each high individual and Reserve high overall individuals will receive an award.

The Hippology Contest is sponsored by the North Carolina Horse Council. Letters of appreciation should be sent to:

Sue Gray, Executive Director
NC Horse Council
4904 Waters Edge Dr., Suite 290
Raleigh, NC 27606

Mr. Randy Ratliff, President
NC Horse Council
441 Plainfield Rd.
Greensboro, NC 27455
The West Central District is the sponsor of the Junior Division Horseman of the Year Award. Letters of appreciation should be mailed after the contest to:

Lyndsie Young  
Davie Co. 4-H Agent  
108 S. Main St., Suite 210  
Mocksville, NC 27028

Carolina Farm Credit Service is sponsoring the Senior Division Horseman of the Year Award. Letters of appreciation should be mailed to:

Mr. Bill Miller  
Carolina Farm Credit Service  
PO Box 238  
Graham, NC 27253

2010 STATE 4-H/FFA HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

The 2010 North Carolina State 4-H Horse Judging Contest is scheduled for Saturday, April 17 at Martin Community College, Williamston, NC. For a NC 4-H Horse Program map of the Williamston area, visit [http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/horse-husbandry/](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/horse-husbandry/). The contest will be held in conjunction with the State FFA Horse Judging Contest. Both contests will utilize the same judging classes and rules but receive a separate set of awards. Several out-of-state guest teams may participate for no awards. Judging Contest Rules are available in the *NC 4-H Horse Program Rules and Regulations Manual* available on the 4-H Horse Program website [http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/horse-husbandry/](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/horse-husbandry/)

The North Carolina State Horse Judging Contest is offered in cooperation with Martin Community College and is co-sponsored by the following organizations. Please have your 4-H members send letters of appreciation to:

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The North Carolina State Horse Judging Contest is open to horseless, as well as horse owning, youth who wish to expand their judging skills. In addition to learning how to judge conformation and performance classes, contestants will also gain confidence in the ability to communicate through oral reason presentation.

Counties are eligible to enter any number of junior and senior teams plus an unlimited number of individual participants. The Judging Contest entry form should be completed and returned with a check or money order made payable to N.C.S.U., postmarked on or before **April 2, 2010**. All 4-H Horse Program event entry forms are available at [http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/horse-husbandry/](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/horse-husbandry/). Entries must include the contestant’s complete mailing address, phone number, age, and birth date. It must be indicated on the NC State 4-H Horse Judging Entry Form those 4-H members also competing on a FFA judging team; this is done by checking the appropriate box to the left of their name on the entry form. In accordance with the State 4-H Horse Advisory Board ruling, entries received after the postmark deadline date of **April 2** or completed incorrectly will not be accepted. Mail entries and registration fees to: NC 4-H Horse Judging Contest, NC State University, Box 7523, Raleigh, NC 27695-7523 (919-515-5784), Fax: 919-515-8518.

There is a standard entry fee of $10.00 per youth entered in the North Carolina State 4-H Horse Judging Contest. Entry fees are used to help defray the cost of lunch and facility fees. **Additional lunches for coaches and parents will NOT be available.**
The contest will start promptly at 8:15 a.m. and should conclude by 7:30 p.m.

Judging Contest Schedule
Morning Judging Session
Martin Community College

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| 7:30 – 8:15 a.m. | Registration – Arena Entrance  
Contestants and coaches sit in arena bleachers |
| 8:00 a.m.   | All officials and contest staff meet at the arena entrance.  
(All guest horses to be on grounds by 7:45 am) |
| 8:15 a.m.   | Contest orientation. Organize into groups. Contest starts. |
| 12:30 p.m.  | Judging concludes. Horses released.  
(The arena refreshment stand will be open for coaches and spectators.) |
| 1:30 – 1:15 p.m. | Contestants walk to Martin Community College. Lunch served to contestants prior to being seated in reason order at the building entrance. |

Afternoon Oral Reasons Session

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<td>1:15 – 5:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Oral Reasons (notes not to be referred to during presentation)</td>
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<td>2:00 – 3:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Conclusion of Junior 4-H oral reasons. Junior contestants released.</td>
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<td>5:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Brief review of classes by Official Judges.</td>
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<td>6:00 – 7:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Hippology, Judging Awards and Adjourn.</td>
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The Inn at Moratoc (252) 792-3184 [http://www.theinnatmoratoc.com](http://www.theinnatmoratoc.com) has been designated the headquarters hotel. It is located at 101 East Blvd., Williamston, NC 27892. A special room rate of $59.00 (+ 14% tax) for 1-4 people has been negotiated. A number of rooms have been blocked under the name “North Carolina 4-H Horse Program.” Coaches/parents should make room reservations directly to the motel and request the special room rate. (Please note: the coaches meeting will be held at this hotel!)

As in past years, the contest will be a multiple breed event. There are no new rule changes in 2010. Although the classes are not confirmed, we will attempt to offer as much variety as possible. Classes will be selected from any of the light horse and draft horse breeds listed in the rule book. The contest will consist of six to twelve classes with a minimum of three halter classes and three performance classes. The remaining classes will be determined by availability of horses. Senior team members and individuals will give four sets of oral reasons. Junior team members and individuals will give two sets of oral reasons. Additional rules are outlined in the NC 4-H Horse Program Rules and Regulations Manual available on the 4-H Horse Program website [http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU_EHH_Rulebook.html](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU_EHH_Rulebook.html)

Awards will include ribbons for the top ten junior and senior division individuals in performance, halter, oral reasons and overall judging. In addition, the top six teams in each division will receive ribbons. The winning junior and senior individual in each judging category will receive appropriate awards. The winning junior and senior division teams will receive an award. A partial travel scholarship will be provided to the final, four-member state team participating at the national horse judging contests in the fall of 2010.

I look forward to seeing you on April 17, 2010. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest.

--Bob Mowrey
NC 4-H HORSE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CARDS AVAILABLE ON-LINE

2010 North Carolina 4-H Horse Program member eligibility cards can be obtained on-line from the Extension Horse Husbandry website: [http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU_EHH_State_Horse_Show.html](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU_EHH_State_Horse_Show.html)

To enable greater access to eligibility cards, Agents and Volunteer Leaders can print the eligibility cards onto white paper and duplicate as needed.

Extension agents are required to verify each 4-H Horse Program membership and 4-H age members via their signature. The agent’s signature should be the last signature provided on the card. Feel free to call if you have questions concerning eligibility cards or the new procedures.

--Bob Mowrey

MEASURING CERTIFICATION CLASSES

A series of measuring certification clinics will be offered at three locations throughout North Carolina. The certification clinics are designed to train volunteer leaders and/or agents on proper measuring techniques required for all potential ponies to participate at 2010 NC district 4-H horse shows. A NC 4-H Horse Program certified measurer or a licensed USEF Show steward will be required to measure and certify the pony height during each district show.

The certification clinic will be taught by Extension Horse Husbandry staff using USEF Standards/rules and a training presentation that was originally scheduled to be taught at the 2010 NC/VA Volunteer Horse Leaders Symposium. I am requesting a district 4-H Horse Advisory Board to host one training session in the east central and western regions of the state. The sessions will be held though Thursday evening at a site where there are at least four horses/ponies varying in height with indoor lighting. Each training session will take 1.5 hours and run from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The certification clinic is offered only to volunteer leaders and extension agents at no charge. The following dates are available for three possible trainings:

- March 17
- March 18
- March 22
- March 23
- March 29
- March 30

Districts interested in hosting a training session should contact:

Dr. Bob Mowrey
EHH/NCSU
(919) 515-7871
Bob_Mowrey@ncsu.edu

--Bob Mowrey

FEBRUARY and MARCH ARE HORSE HEALTH AWARENESS MONTHS

February and March 2010 have been designated as “Horse Health Awareness Months.” These months are designed to help owners call attention to their horse’s health needs. Some equine veterinary practitioners, horse organizations and REINS groups across the state are holding special clinics and other events for providing vaccinations and Coggins tests. If your veterinarian is not participating, urge them to do so! There are four especially important diseases that deserve special awareness:

- **Rabies**
  - always a fatal horse disease that is spread by wild animals and is a human health threat
  - Vaccinate once a year.
- **Sleeping Sickness (Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis)**
  - mostly a fatal horse disease that is spread by mosquitoes
  - Vaccinate twice a year.
- **West Nile Virus**
  - often can be a fatal disease that is spread by mosquitoes
  - Vaccinate twice a year.
- **EIA (Equine Infectious Anemia):**
  - spread by biting flies – no vaccine available
  - “Coggins” test once a year.
Regulations adopted by the State of NC required a negative Coggins test within the past 12 months on all equine over 6 months of age when being sold or ownership transferred. A negative Coggins test (within the past 12 months) is also required for all equine brought to or kept at any public stable or other public place for exhibition, recreation or assembly. All horse owners are urged to become familiar with the regulations and have their horses tested. Encourage your producers to have their horses vaccinated and tested.

--Bob Mowrey

CANCELATION OF THE JANUARY 30-31, 2010 NC/VA 4-H HORSE LEADERS CONFERENCE

The January 30-31, 2010 NC/VA 4-H Horse Leaders Conference has been canceled due to inclimate weather and school make-up days. Due to the large number of 4-H Horse Program district and state events already scheduled through the spring, alternative dates were not available to reschedule this conference until 2011. The conference is tentatively rescheduled with the same topic and speakers for January 29-30, 2011 at the Guilford county Extension Office. In the mean time, I recommend you try to attend to other NC State 4-H Leader Training activities offered though the state 4-H office.

--Bob Mowrey

AQHA REGION 10 YOUTH HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

The Region 10 AQHA Championship Horse Show has been relocated from Clemson, SC to Raleigh, NC starting in May, 2010. Unfortunately planning for the show has not progressed fast enough to ensure a covered arena to offer a youth horse judging contest at the 2010 event. Consequently the 2010 AQHA Region 10 Youth Horse Judging contest will not be offered.

The Extension Horse Husbandry section is hoping that the Region 10 Show Committee will be able to confirm a willingness to host a judging contest and availability of a covered arena at future shows, hopefully starting at the 2011 show.

--Bob Mowrey

EQUINE MEDICINE SYMPOSIUM

On February 20, 2010 get the most up-to-date information straight from the NC State University veterinarians on subjects that directly affect your horse’s care and management. This is the longest running equine continuing education program at the NC State College of Veterinary Medicine. It began when the college began! Its overall goal is to bring new health information to horse owners. The discussions are aimed so that novice owners and experienced professional trainers all have an opportunity to take home new information that they can apply to their horses. There will also be some exhibitors available so attendees can learn about individual products or organizations during breaks. For more information visit http://cvm.ncsu.edu/conted/equinemed.html

FOCUS ON EQUINE WELFARE

Join the NC State Student Chapter of the American Association of Equine Practitioners (SCAAEP) for a Saturday Seminar at the NC State College of Veterinary Medicine on March 27, 2010 on the most significant and pressing welfare issues in the equine industry. Key leaders in the equine veterinary community will lecture on their experiences tackling these equine welfare problems. Topics will include the unwanted horses, recent recommendations made by the AAEP racing committee, the role of the FEI veterinarian, welfare issues of the Dressage horse, and current welfare issues in the Western Performance world. This seminar is intended for equine veterinarians, veterinary students, veterinary technicians, and equestrians who want to be informed about the current welfare issues in the equine industry. Find more information at http://cvm.ncsu.edu/conted/equinewelfare.html.

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 website.

NC 4-H Horse Program Website, which can be accessed through the Extension Horse Husbandry website at: http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/horse-husbandry/
Educational Contest Entry Forms

Entry forms are available on the NC 4-H Horse Program Website, which can be accessed through the Extension Horse Husbandry website at:
http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/horse-husbandry/

An agent or county extension director’s signature verifying 4-H eligibility and age will continue to be required on all entry forms. Entry forms can be submitted via mail by either agents or volunteer leaders prior to the postmarked deadline date and accompanied by a check for the correct amount of entry fee. If entry forms are returned electronically, they must be sent by a county extension agent prior to the advertised postmark deadline date. Receipt of an electronically mailed entry form from an agent verifies the 4-H members’ eligibility. However, the entry is not complete until the entry fee is received via mail prior to the contest or events.

For copies of any entry form go to the particular event on the following webpage: http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/horse-husbandry/

Bookmark the following links for easy access to information about the NC State 4-H Horse Program.

NC 4-H HORSE PROGRAM WEBSITE
http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/horse-husbandry/

2010 4-H HORSE PROGRAM CALENDAR EVENTS
http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU_EHH_Calendar.html

2009-2010 STATE 4-H HORSE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU_EHH_4H_Advisory_Board.html

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

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