

# 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





# 4-H Horse Shows



- County
- District/Regional – June
- State – July
- Southern Regional – July/August
- Eastern Nationals – November



# Educational Events and Contests

- Horse Judging
- Horse Bowl
- Individual and Team Demonstration
- Public Speaking
- Hippology



# 4-H Horse Judging

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



# Horse Judging

- Designed to teach participants good conformation (structural correctness, balance, and muscling), breed character, and performance ideals in different breeds of horses.
- Teach participants how to evaluate horses based on knowledge and fact, make a decision, and defend it.



# Horse Judging

- Teach participants horsemanship terms that can be used in a logical, systematic way to defend placings
- Will help 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.

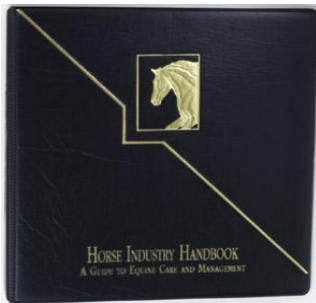




# Horse Bowl



- Provide an opportunity for youth to demonstrate their knowledge of horse-related subject matter
- Junior or Senior Division
- Each county may have 4 or 5 contestants
  - If 5 are used, one team member will be an alternated

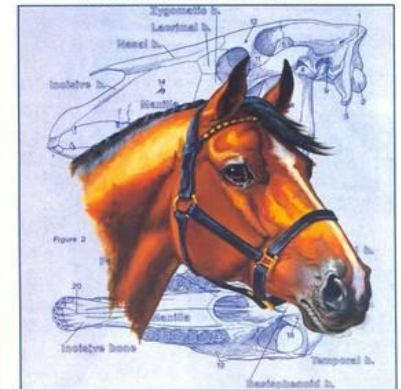


# Horse Bowl

- 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 ANATOMY *A Coloring Atlas*

Robert A. Kainer and Thomas O. McCracken



# 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.
  - **Roan**: born with the same proportion of white hairs as will be present in each successive coat.
  - **Gray**: each new coat adds more and more white hairs until the horse appears white.



# Individual and Team Demonstration

- Designed to encourage youths to teach others how to do something related to horses by the correct use of visuals and equipment and to give youths 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.



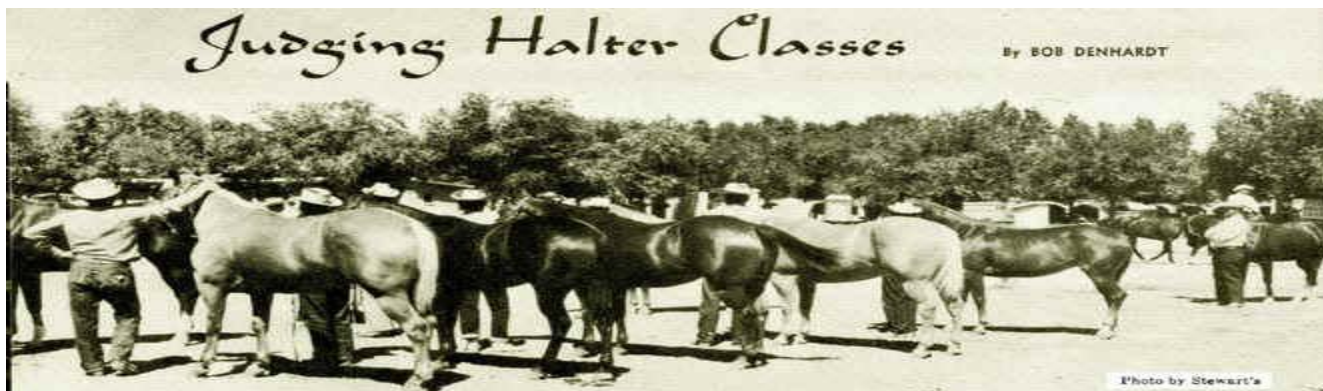
# Public Speaking

- 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 four classes.
  - two (2) halter and two (2) performance classes.



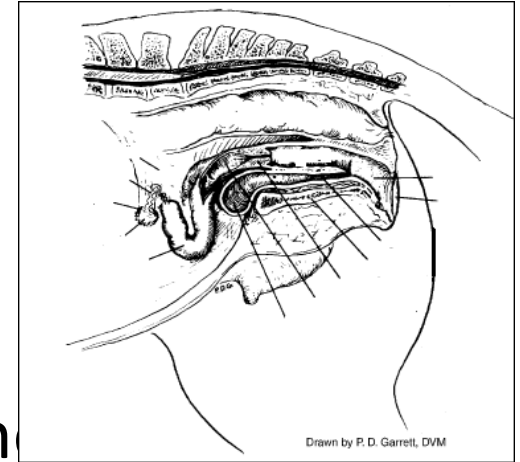


# Hippology



- Participants will visually identify tack, feedstuffs, and horse-related equipment.
- Two written exams shall be given separately to Juniors and Seniors.
  - Questions will consist of horse nutrition, health, breeding, management, genetics, horsemanship

# Hippology



- **Team Problems**

- All teams will be presented with the problem(s). Each team's members will have equal time to discuss among themselves the problem, immediately after which they will have to present a written solution or series of suggested procedures relative to the problem.
- Each member of each team is encouraged to contribute to the presentation.



# Queens Contest



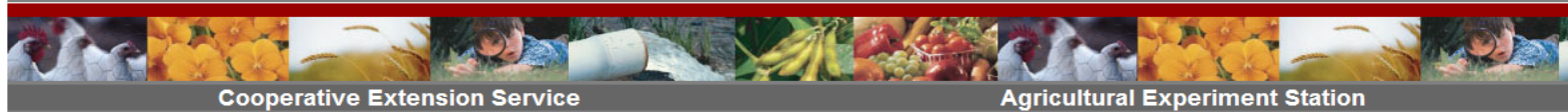
- Will be judged on performance of horsemanship pattern, appearance, interview, and speech
- Contestants in the State Horse Show contest will be selected by the counties
  - Each county will determine its own method of selection

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- Stock horse versatility
- Classroom involvement
- Online tutorials
  - Podcasts
  - Sources for information

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# Important Dates - 2012

- **March 19-22nd**
  - State Horse Camp
- **April 27th**
  - Four States 4-H Roping
- **June 2<sup>nd</sup>**
  - NW District Horse Show - Fayetteville
- **June 12<sup>th</sup>**
  - District Horse Show – Harrison
- **June 22<sup>nd</sup>**
  - District Horse Show - Benton
- **June 26<sup>th</sup>**
  - Delta District Horse Show
- **July 17-19**
  - State 4-H Horse Show: White County Fairgrounds
- **August 1-5<sup>th</sup>**
  - Southern Regional 4-H Horse Show

# Sources of More Information

State Rulebook

<http://www.aragriculture.org/horses.htm>

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