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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

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4-H Horse Shows

- County
- District/Regional – May and June
- State – July
- Southern Regional – July/Aug.

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Educational Events

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

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4-H Horse Judging

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

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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.

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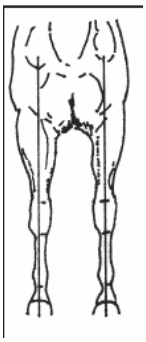

Horse Judging

- Learn horsemanship terms that can be used 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.

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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

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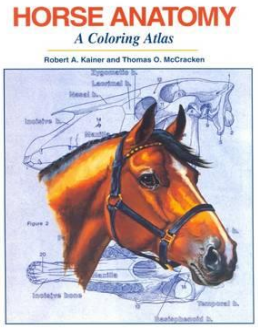
Horse Bowl

- 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



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Horse Bowl Sample Questions

- **When traveling long distances, how often should a horse be offered water?**
  - **Every 3-4 hours**

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Horse Bowl Sample Questions

- **What type of martingale allows the rider to maintain contact with the bit at all times?**
  - **Running**

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Horse Bowl Sample Questions

- **What two factors determine hoof size?**
  - **Heredity and nutrition**

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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.**

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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)

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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.

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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

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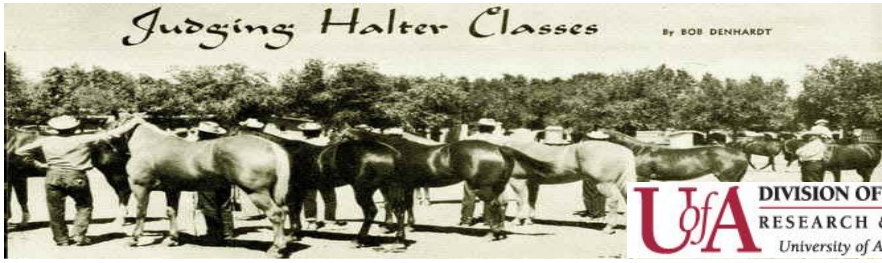
Hippology

- 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



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Hippology

- Identify tack, feedstuffs, and horse-related equipment.
- Two written exams shall be given.
  - Nutrition, health, breeding, management, genetics, horsemanship

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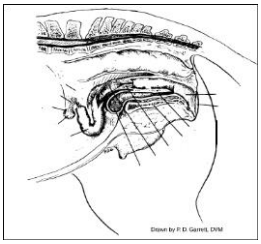
Hippology



- **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.

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Major Events - 2016

State Roping:
March 18, Saline County Fairgrounds

Horse Camps:
Spring Break Horse Camp: March 21-24, 2016 @ Diamond TR Ranch/4-H Center
Summer Horse Camp: June 6-9, 2016 @ Diamond TR Ranch/4-H Center

District Shows:
Northwest Ozark District Show: June 4th, Pauline Whitaker Arena in Fayetteville
Southwest District Show: June 10th, Saline County Fairgrounds
Delta District Show: June 14th, White County Fairgrounds
Central Ozark District Show: June 21, White County Fairgrounds

State Show:
Arkansas 4-H State Horse Show - July 12-15, 2016 at White County Fairgrounds

Southern Regionals:
Southern Regional 4-H Horse Show: Perry, GA. July 26-31, 2016

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Sources of More Information

Extension Horse Website

http://www.uaex.edu/horses

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Arkansas-4-H-Horse-Program/272727550739?ref=hl

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