In this project you will:

- Learn about riding, showing, management, nutrition, safety and careers in the equine industry.

- Gain skills in basic horse care, horse events or disciplines. Horse ownership is not required.

**Beginner**
- Learn basic horse care
- Learn basic horse breeds.
- Explore new horse show classes
- Learn to groom and saddle a horse
- Identify the parts of a horse
- Learn the functions of basic horse tack

**Intermediate**
- Learn internal anatomy of the horse.
- Learn to read and explain a feed label
- Explore diseases and how to prevent/treat illness/injury
- Learn about equine showmanship.
- Improve your riding skills in the ring and on the trails.

**Advanced**
- Plan and conduct an experiment related to horse care such as effectiveness of fly sprays
- Participate on a state-level Horse Judging, Hippology or Horse Bowl Team
- Mentor younger project members
- Conduct a Horse Education Workshop for beginner members

4-H: Making the Best Better

**Head:**
To think, to plan, and to reason:
- Record Keeping
- Goal Setting
- Problem Solving
- Decision Making

**Heart:**
To be kind, true, and sympathetic:
- Feeling
- Caring
- Sportsmanship
- Responsibility

**Hands:**
To be useful, helpful, and skillful:
- Working
- Community Service
- Giving
- Teamwork

**Health:**
To resist disease, enjoy life, and to make for efficiency:
- Personal Safety
- Self-esteem
- Character
- Responsibility

Experience • Share • Generalize • Apply
Healthy Living
- Spend at least 30 minutes a day, 3-times a week exercising a horse
- Develop a horse treat recipe that is healthy for a horse

Science, Engineering, and Technology
- Design an experiment to determine which saddle pad is most effective to keep a horse cool and comfortable.
- Develop a breeding scenario using the Pearson Square to determine genetic situations.

Citizenship
- Volunteer at a therapeutic riding facility.
- Present the American Flag, Arkansas flag, or 4-H flag at a horse event.

Leadership
- Present a speech about something you learned in your project at a 4-H Club Meeting.
- Arrange for your 4-H Club to tour an equine facility.
- Organize a fundraiser for a horse-related charity.

Opportunities
- Horse Talk competition at county, district, and state 4-H 0-Ramas
- State 4-H Equine Camp
- District 4-H Horse Show
- State 4-H Horse Show
- Regional 4-H Horse Show

Curriculum
- Horse 1: “Giddy Up and Go”
- Horse 2: “Head, Heart, and Hooves”
- Horse 3: “Stable Relationships”
- Horse 4: “Riding the Range”
- Horse 5: “Jumping to New Heights”

4-H Record Book
- 4-H Record books are a great way to learn record keeping skills.
- You can track time & money spent in your project areas as well as your educational experiences, leadership and community service.
- Record books can be a great resource for scholarships!

Resources
- National 4-H Horse Curriculum
  http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/curriculum/4-h-horse
- U of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service
  http://www.uaex.edu/farm-ranch/animals-forages/horses
- American Quarter Horse Association
  www.aqha.org
- American Horse Council
  www.horsecouncil.org/
- “The Horse”
  www.thehorse.com