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# Arkansas 4-H Horse Project Opportunities



# 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



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County  
Regional – June  
State – July  
Southern Regional – July/Aug.





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# Educational Contests



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





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# 4-H Horse Judging



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





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# Horse Judging Benefits



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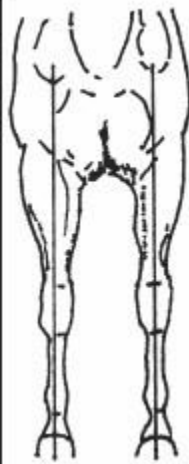
- Teaches participants good conformation (structural correctness, balance, and muscling), breed character, and performance ideals in different breeds of horses.
- Evaluating horses based on knowledge and fact, making a decision, and defending it.



2013 4H  
State Horse Show

# Horse Judging Outcomes

- 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.



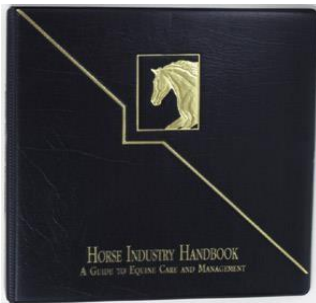


# Horse Bowl Goals



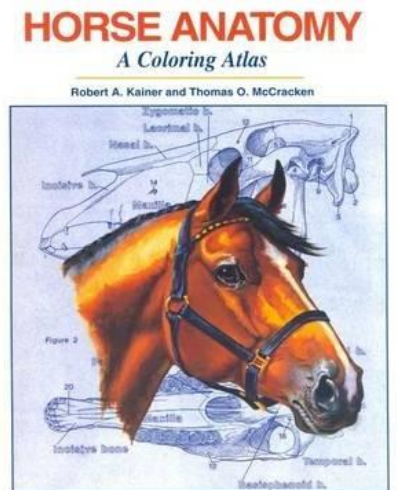
- Provide an opportunity for youth to demonstrate their knowledge of horse-related subject matter
- Junior or Senior Division
- Each team has 4 contestants





# Horse Bowl Details

- 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 Bowl Sample Question #1

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



# Horse Bowl Sample Question #2

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



# Horse Bowl Sample Question #3

- **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 Details

- 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)

# Individual and Team Demonstration

It will help to increase the participant's level of horse knowledge and expertise.

It will also increase members' study skills and ability to use correct English while providing them with an opportunity to work jointly on designing and presenting an educational horse-related topic.



# Public Speaking

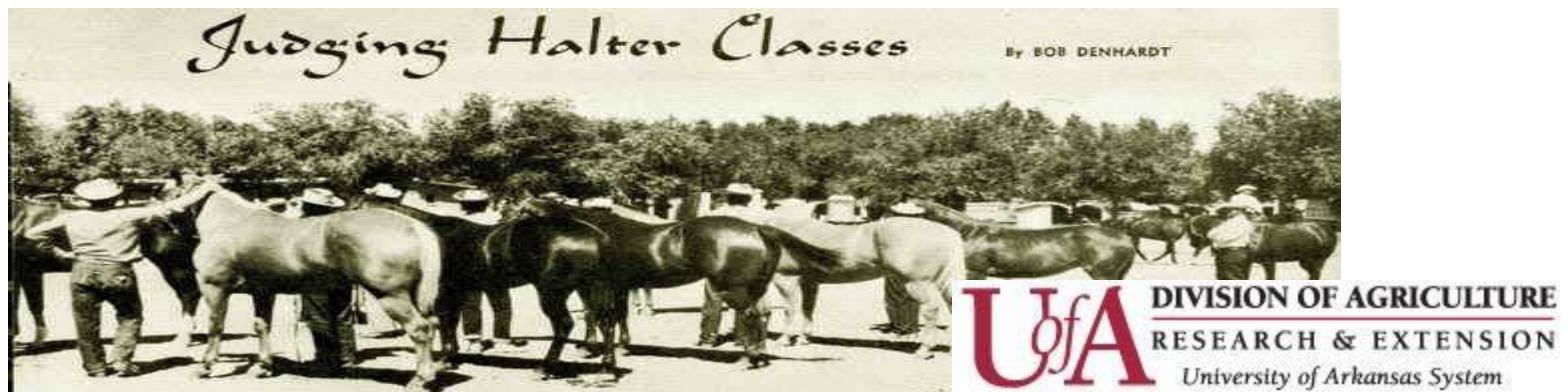
- Designed to help youth develop skills, confidence, and poise in speaking to groups through the use of an interesting and familiar topic while expanding participants' horse knowledge and increasing their research and study techniques.
  - Speeches must pertain to any area of the horse industry
  - Notes 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 two classes.  
– most likely halter





# Hippology: What to know



- Identify tack, feedstuffs, and horse-related equipment.
- 50 question exam given.
  - Nutrition, health, breeding, management, genetics, horsemanship



# Hippology Teams

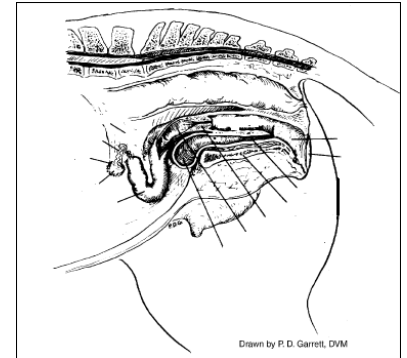
## Team Problems

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.



# Major Events

**Horse Show Judging Seminar**

**State Roping**

**Horse Camp**

**State Qualifying Shows**

**State Show**

**Southern Regionals**

# Sources of More Information

**Extension Horse Website:** <https://uaex.uada.edu/horses>

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