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## State 4-H Horse Show

ABILENE -- The 49th annual Texas State 4-H Horse Show was held at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene, Texas on July 24-30, 2011. This year, a total of 645 youth, representing 142 counties, participated throughout the week, showing a total of 817 horses, with class entries totaling 1,989. Co-managers for the show included Dennis Sigler, Extension Horse Specialist, and Teri Antilley, Extension Horse Program Specialist.

The Taylor County Expo Center management and staff's hard work in hosting the show is very much appreciated. In addition, a special thank you goes out to all of the agents, volunteers, and parents that worked tirelessly on the management team to keep the show running smoothly. Well done!

Congratulations to all the 2011 winners! There are 36 classes held at the State 4-H Horse Show, within six divisions. The overall division winners included: Stock Horse Division - Quincy Carlton, Swisher County; Roping Division - Jace Allen, Taylor County; Hunter Flat Division - Randi Anderson, Brazos County; Hunter Fences Division - Savanna Day, Taylor County; Timed Event Division - Kailee Kapke, Jones County; and Western Judged Division - Morgan Redwine, Taylor County.

Congratulations to all the 2011 Wrangler scholarship recipients!!! For the 10th year, Wrangler has awarded \$700 scholarships to the graduating senior 4-Hers that accumulate the greatest number of points in each of the six divisions at the State 4-H Horse show. The scholarship winners were: Stock Horse Division - Ryan Birkenfeld, Castro County, and Dejonna Cassel-

man-Reed, Erath County; Roping Division - Kolt Hill, Comanche County; Hunter Flat Division - Randi Anderson, Brazos County; Timed Event Division - Brittany Jones, Deaf Smith County; and Western Judged Division - Randi Anderson, Brazos County.

Our sincere appreciation goes out to all our sponsors, for investing in the youth that participated at the 2011 State 4-H Horse Show. Your support makes a difference. Cargill Animal Nutrition is known throughout Texas for the major brand names ACCO and Nutrena. This is their ninth year as Education and Awards Enhancement Sponsor for the Texas State 4-H Horse Show. A combined effort by the Cargill Foundation and the South Texas and Southwest Districts, has resulted in a continuation of expanded recognition for 4-Hers. This was Wrangler's 10th year to provide scholarships to youth at the Texas State 4-H Horse Show. To qualify for the scholarships, 4-Hers must have graduated from high school and be planning to attend an institution of higher learning. To win, 4-Hers must have the highest number of points, of the qualified applicants, in a particular division. Winners must submit a class schedule, with their name on it and the name of the institution they are attending, to the 4-H Foundation. Anderson Bean Boot Company was a new sponsor for 2011 and donated a gift certificate for a pair of boots to be awarded to the 1st place winners in each class and to the six high-point division winners. Winning precision and drill teams received gift certificates for Anderson Bean vests, and the winning drill team will be given money to sponsor

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# Summer Horsemanship School Program

This year marked the 39th consecutive year for the Texas AgriLife Extension Summer Horsemanship School Program. In January, training began for the 31 college-aged students desiring the chance to become an instructor in the program. By May, a decision was made to hire 10 of the students, resulting in five, strong teams of instructors. A total of 25 schools were taught in 25 different counties, reaching 381 youth riders and 65 adult riders, with approximately 240 adults watching. Participants at 24 of the 25 schools were given a questionnaire to complete. A total of 354 evaluations resulted in the following:

- ❖ 81% "Definitely" could do one or more advanced maneuvers that they were previously unable to do
- ❖ 79% "Definitely" enjoyed their horse more
- ❖ 75% "Definitely" could solve a problem they were having before the clinic
- ❖ 75% "Definitely" felt more competent in working their horse
- ❖ 73% "Definitely" could make more informed decisions on when/how to ask their horse to perform a task
- ❖ 72% "Definitely" could ride with more confidence

The 2011 program costs were supplemented by sponsorships from Anderson Bean Boot Company and Purina Mills. Anderson Bean provided the instructors with boots and split the cost of the shirts and caps given to instructors with Purina Mills. In addition, money was donated by Anderson Bean to support the program, and Purina Mills supplied feed vouchers for the instructors' horses. This support is greatly appreciated.

Over the past 39 years, a total of 1,327 schools have been conducted. Collectively, the program has reached 46,560 youth, parents, and volunteer leaders, and it represents 3,790 teaching days, for a total of 30,320 teaching hours. There have been 230 different college students (179 female, 51 male) who have served as instructors in the program.

The 40th annual Texas AgriLife Extension Summer Horsemanship School Program in 2012 will be here before we know it. Registration for the summer horsemanship schools will be made available through **Texas AgriLife Extension Conference Services (Website: <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/>)**

## 2-Day Schedule Date Choices:

### Mon/Tues

May 28, 29  
June 4, 5  
June 11, 12  
June 18, 19  
June 25, 26

### Wed/Thurs

May 30, 31  
June 6, 7  
June 13, 14  
June 20, 21  
June 27, 28

### Fri/Sat

June 1, 2  
June 8, 9  
June 15, 16  
June 22, 23  
June 29, 30

## 3-Day Schedule Date Choices:

### Mon-Wed

May 28, 29, 30  
June 4, 5, 6  
June 11, 12, 13  
June 18, 19, 20  
June 25, 26, 27

### Thurs-Sat

May 31, June 1, 2  
June 7, 8, 9  
June 14, 15, 16  
June 21, 22, 23  
June 28, 29, 30

**and Keyword search: Horsemanship).** Deposits of \$300 will be required to secure a place on the calendar. Multiple forms of payment will be accepted (credit card, check, etc.). Please note that registration is now handled differently than in past years.

In order to break even and recover costs, the 2012 school rates will increase. The two-day schools will be \$1300.00 and the three-day schools will be \$1550.00. Even with an increase in price, the schools are still a great value for the amount of time spent riding and learning. The going rate for a private lesson from a credible trainer is \$50.00 per hour. With the Summer Horsemanship School Program, the cost per rider breaks down as follows:

- Two-day school – 16 hours of instruction - \$1300  
30 riders \$21.67 per rider per day  
20 riders \$32.50 per rider per day  
10 riders \$65.00 per rider per day
- Three-day school – 24 hours of instruction - \$1550  
30 riders \$17.22 per rider per day  
20 riders \$25.83 per rider per day  
10 riders \$51.66 per rider per day

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## State 4-H Horse Show

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National Reining Horse Association was another new sponsor this year. The NRHA sponsored and provided all the buckles for the top winners in the 2011 reining class, and they have provided support for several other state-wide 4-H educational programs. Frontier Trophy Buckles, once again, donated 10 of the 196 buckles ordered for the horse show. Many generous individuals and families also sponsored buckles this year, including: Kenny and Jennifer Dickerson, Peg Smith, Jay Hardy Photography, Laura Cannon, Kenneth and Bonnie King, Darwin and Jenny Pluhar, Kirby and Andra Wisian, Walter Campbell (for the Hickerson and Young families in memory of Alisa Porter Hickerson and Katie Young), Patrick and Jesse Schneider (in memory of Victor D. Bolner), the Wisian family (in memory of Don Mueller) and L and N South Paint Creek Ranch and Rattlesnake Racing (in memory of J.R. Coody, Jr.). In addition, the Bridges family and Joe Don King helped sponsor the high-point Judged Horseman saddle in

their travel to the AQHA World Show to compete in November.

Mac Gilliat's memory.

Buckle sponsorships for 2012 are needed and can be reserved any time throughout the 2011-2012 year. If you are interested in supporting the State 4-H Horse Show youth, please see the buckle sponsorship form at the end of this newsletter. Buckles are \$200, and you can select the class that holds the most significance to you. In addition, other monetary sponsorships, for items such as saddles, are welcome. Typically, the cost of each saddle is \$1,000.

The 50th annual Texas State 4-H Horse Show will be held July 21-28, 2012 in Abilene, Texas at the Taylor County Expo Center. Plans are currently underway to celebrate the special anniversary of the event.

The 2012 Texas State 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations are in the process of being revised. The finished version should be available in the early spring on the following website under the State 4-H Horse Show link: <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/index.htm>.

## Summer Horsemanship School

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they do not have enough riders to fill the school. Maximum attendance is suggested to be 30 riders, in order to maintain a good student to instructor ratio. It should be noted that, although a large number of participants are youth riders, adult riders are welcome and encouraged to participate in the schools; however, including adult riders is a decision that is left up to each individual county.

More information about the schools can be found on the following website, by clicking on the Summer Horsemanship School Program link: <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/index.htm>. Please contact Teri Antilley, Horse Program Specialist, at <[tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu)> with any additional questions.

Counties are highly encouraged to team-up with neighboring counties, if



## State 4-H Horse Contest Winners

Congratulations to all the 2011 State 4-H Roundup winners! The 2011 Roundup contests were held in College Station, Texas the week of June 13-17.

A total of 98 youth competed in the Horse Judging Contest. The top three overall individuals were: 1st - Caitlin Dunsmore, Collin County; 2nd - Ashley Slaughter, Wood County; and 3rd - Tanessa Cowan, Lamar County. The top three teams included: 1st - Dubois Barnes, Nikki Barnett, Jeff Scott, and Cade Shimek, Brazos County; 2nd - Morgan Fulenwider, Ashley Heinen, Rhianon Lewis, and Nikki Luft, Bandera County; and 3rd - Daniela McCarthy, Amanda Driewer, Sara Palacios, and Natalie Slocum, Comal County.

A total of 15 youth competed in the Horse Educational Presentations contest (public speaking, illustrated talks, and method demonstrations). Overall, the top three winners were: 1st - Amy Petry, Parker County; 2nd - Logan Pluhar, Ran-

dall County; and 3rd - Sheridan Artho and Sparklynn Rust, Randall County. First place in public speaking went to Lane Birkenfeld, Castro County, first place in the illustrated talk went to Amy Petry, Parker County, and first place in team method demonstration went to Sheridan Artho and Sparklynn Rust, Randall County.

The top three teams in the Horse Quiz Bowl contest were: 1st - Christine Engel, Katrina Gorski, Ashlyn Milam, and Jamie Voets, Collin County; 2nd - Larissa Dillard, Noel Dillard, and Allison Wilson, Wichita County; and 3rd - Samuel Clark, Courtney Holliday, and Kiley Ziegelmann, Galveston County.

The top three Horse Record Book winners were: 1st - Jana Foil, McLennan County; 2nd - Savanna Day, Taylor County; and 3rd - Reina Lewis, Swisher County.

The 2011 State Hippology Contest was held on August 27, 2011 in Scurry,

Texas. The top three junior individuals were: 1st - Taylor Wilson, Wichita County; 2nd - Mikah Slatter, Wichita County; and 3rd - Anna Carter, Wood County. The top three junior teams were: 1st - Daria Glass, Mikaela Inderman, Kayla Milam, and Caitlynn Teel, Collin County Lonestar 1; 2nd - Claire Slatter, Mikah Slatter, Bree Westbrook, and Taylor Wilson, Wichita County; and 3rd - Amy Babler, Mikayla Bucholtz, Olivia Burris, South Tarrant Equestrian. The top three senior individuals were: 1st - Katie Leonard, Texas Wranglers; 2nd - Jamie Voetj, Collin County Lone Star; and 3rd - Ashley Slaughter, Wood County #1. The top three senior teams were: 1st - Tylo Bader, Brianna Hogg, Darylann Reed, and Mathew Reed, Johnson County 4-H #1; 2nd - Larissa Dillard, Noel Dillard, Autumn Shouse, and Allison Wilson, Wichita County; and 3rd - Happy Goodson, Gracen Daniel, Cynthia Ojeda, and Ashley Slaughter, Wood County #1.

# Horse Judging Workshops and Camps

COLLEGE STATION -- Two **Aggie Horse Judging Camps** were held on the Texas A&M University campus on June 22-24, 2011 and July 6-8, 2011. A total of 110 youth and 7 adults attended the 2011 camps. Instruction on placing performance and halter classes, as well as reasons instruction, was provided to youth ages 12-18. Clay Cavinder, Assistant Professor and Horse Judging Team Coach, gave lead to overseeing the camps, while former and current horse judging team members instructed and supervised the youth over the three-day period. Youth were divided into beginner/intermediate and advanced groups in order to provide the most beneficial instruction. A mock contest was held the last day of each camp, to enable the judges to practice their skills with some friendly competition.



Mark your calendars for the 2012 horse judging camp dates: June 27-29 and July 11-13, 2012. For more information or questions, contact Clay Cavinder at <cac@tamu.edu>, or visit the following website and click on the Equine Workshops link: <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/index.htm>.

The **2011 Aggifest Horse Judging Workshop** will be held November 5, 2011 at Freeman Arena in College Station, TX. The workshop is intended to give youth an opportunity to practice judging horses in a low-stress environment. The workshop will include a basic idea of what to look for when judging individual performance and halter classes. Instruction on giving reasons will also be provided. Live performance and halter classes will be held, so youth can practice judging. Placings, cuts, and critiques will be discussed after each class, and youth that want to practice giving reasons will have the opportunity to do so at the end of the workshop. Registration will be made available on [www.judgingcard.com](http://www.judgingcard.com). For more information or questions about the workshop, please contact Teri Antilley, Horse Program Specialist, at <tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu>, or visit the following website and click on the Equine Workshops link: <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/index.htm>. For questions regarding <http://www.judgingcard.com>, please contact Clay Ewell at <ClayEwell@gmail.com> or 979-575-2686.

## ■ Online Horse Judging Videos

The online horse judging videos have been a great success over the past five years in assisting horse judging team coaches and members in Texas, as well as in many other states. The website has been and continues to be under construction. New videos are on their way and will be available early in the fall of 2011. In an effort to recover costs, there will be a user fee for the videos. Final details are still being determined. A link to the videos will be made available on the following website under Online Horse Judging: <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/index.htm>.

## ■ Youth Safety Video Available

In September 2010, employees from the Southwest Center for Agricultural Health, Injury Prevention, and Education teamed up with members of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service to create and produce a video targeted toward helping youth develop safe handling practices around livestock projects. The video, "Right from the Start: Safety Awareness for the Next Generation of Livestock Producers", was unveiled in June 2011. This resource is ideal for 4-H leaders, ag teachers, and other youth educators. Topics covered include: beef cattle, dairy cattle, horses, goats, sheep, swine, and trailer safety. The DVD is available free of charge, and each segment can also be viewed for free via links on the following website - <http://www.swagcenter.org/resourcesvideos.asp>.



## ■ 4-H Horse Publications Available

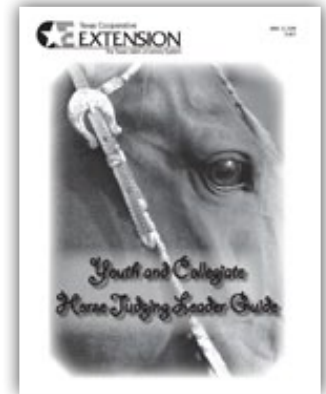
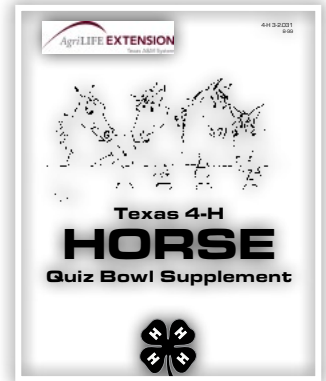
If your adult leaders are looking for horse publications to assist them in training youth for horse quiz bowl, horse judging, and riding, there are several options available online at the AgriLife Bookstore: <https://agrilifebookstore.org/>. Click on search, and then enter “horse” in the keyword box. Some of the publications are available for sale only, but there are many that can be downloaded for free. Below are a few that would be of benefit to the adult leaders and youth in the 4-H horse project.

**Horse Quiz Bowl** - The “Texas 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Supplement” (4-H 3-2.031) can be downloaded for free on the website, by clicking on View PDF.

**Horse Judging** - For judging, there is a leader guide that contains instructional material for teaching youth about how to judge halter and performance classes, as well as how to organize and prepare reasons. This leader guide is in a lesson-plan format and has worksheets for the youth to fill out. In addition, there is a manual that is a smaller supplement that contains helpful information about judging and provides youth with terminology for reasons. The manual is more for youth to have as an aid. Both of these publications are available in either print form or on a CD. Titles are below:

- “Youth and Collegiate Horse Judging Leader Guide” (AS 1-2.120)
- “Youth and Collegiate Horse Judging Manual” (AS 3-2.051)

**Horsemanship** - To help improve the riding skills and abilities of youth, the following guide is a great option: The “Texas 4-H Horsemanship Leader Guide” (AS 3-2.032). This guide is well worth the expense. It provides adult leaders with information about basic, intermediate, and advanced skills in riding in a lesson-plan format. It also provides graduated levels of each skill, helping to advance the horse and rider to additional degrees of difficulty. Numerous pictures, drills, and activities are provided, to help enhance the practice sessions. A list of topics included in the manual is provided on the website.



## ■ Subject Matter Publications Available

There are numerous horse publications, free of charge, on the website below that deal with a particular topic related to the care and management of horses. Whether you are providing resources for horse owners in your community or in your local 4-H group, these publications are there to aid you in that process.

Go to <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/index.htm>. Click on the Publications link, and you will see the following headings with several titles grouped under each one.

- Drought & Emergency Management Information for Horse Owners
- General Information
- Horse Theft & Awareness & National Animal Identification System Information
- Nutrition
- Reproduction & Breeding
- Youth

## ■ Disaster Resources Available

The following websites are resources available for your use in the areas of wildfires, drought, hurricanes, and other natural disasters.

- Texas Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) - <http://texashelp.tamu.edu/>
- Texas Forest Service - <http://texasforestservice.tamu.edu/>
- eXtension - <http://www.extension.org/>

# Calendar of Events

2011		
Oct. (TBA)	Texas State 4-H Working Cow Horse Clinic - location TBA <a href="http://www.reiningintexas.com/">http://www.reiningintexas.com/</a>	Vicki Hoggett <hoggettranch@aol.com> 245-897-9180
Nov. 5	Aggiefest Horse Judging Workshop - College Station, TX <a href="http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/index.htm">http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/index.htm</a>	Teri Antilley <tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu> 979-845-5264
Dec. 10	Fort Bend County Horse Judging Contest - Fort Bend County Fairgrounds - Rosenberg, TX	Regina Peyre-Ferry 281-725-0249
2012		
Jan. 5-8	Western National Roundup - Denver, CO <a href="http://www.westernnationalroundup.org">http://www.westernnationalroundup.org</a>	See website for details
Jan. 7	Montgomery County Horse Judging Contest - Lone Star Expo Center - Conroe, TX	Michelle Mihalek 936-539-7823
Jan. 14	Johnson County Horse Judging Contest - Diamond W Arena - Alvarado, TX	Ed Bader 817-447-1704
Jan. 27	Matagorda County Horse Judging Contest - Bay City, TX	Brent Batchelor 979-245-4100
Feb. 4	Ft. Worth Horse Judging Contest - Will Rogers Coliseum - Ft. Worth, TX	Stock Show Office 817-877-2400
Feb. 16	San Antonio Stock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest	Stock Show Office 210-225-0575
Feb. 17	San Antonio Stock Show Youth Horse Quiz Bowl	Stock Show Office 210-225-0575
Mar. 5	Houston Stock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest - Greater Southwest Equestrian Center - Katy, TX	Stock Show Office 832-667-1000
April 14	Multi-District Horse Judging Contest - College Station, TX	Teri Antilley <tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu> 979-845-5264
TBA	Horse Short Course - College Station, TX	Dennis Sigler <dsigler@tamu.edu>



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# 2012 State 4-H Horse Buckle Sponsorship Form



**You have the opportunity to sponsor a buckle at the Texas State 4-H Horse Show. The cost of the buckle sponsorship is \$200.00 per buckle. Buckle Sponsors will be recognized in the Program Book that is distributed at the State 4-H Horse Show.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of (Name): \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of (Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate which class(es) that you are interested in sponsoring.  
Remember that multiple buckles are awarded in each class.**

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Showmanship                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Poles                | <input type="checkbox"/> Team Roping            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Pleasure              | <input type="checkbox"/> Barrels              | <input type="checkbox"/> Working Cow Horse      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Horsemanship          | <input type="checkbox"/> Stakes               | <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Riding                | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Showmanship   | <input type="checkbox"/> Reining                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Under Saddle  | <input type="checkbox"/> Stock Horse Trail      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Mares 5 & Over     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunt Seat Equitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Team Penning           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Mares 4 & Under    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yearling Geldings    | <input type="checkbox"/> Tie Down Calf Roping   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade Mares                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yearling Fillies     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Hack            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Geldings 5 & Over  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yearling Longe Line  | <input type="checkbox"/> Working Hunter         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Geldings 4 & Under | <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Yr-Old Futurity    | <input type="checkbox"/> Equitation Over Fences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade Geldings                | <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Yr-Old Futurity    | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Jumping           |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tie Down Calf Roping |   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Breakaway Roping     |   |

**Please Make Checks Payable To:**

**Texas 4-H Foundation—State 4-H Horse Show and indicate Buckle Sponsor in the memo line.**

**Return this form and check to:**

**Texas 4-H Foundation – P.O. Box 11020, College Station, TX 77842**