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Section 1—Educational Opportunities for Horse Owners

Contains information on workshops, clinics and programs.

Section 2—The 4-H Horse Project

CEA's please copy this entire section or forward electronically to your key adult leaders. This is important information on opportunities, deadlines and required paperwork that needs to be distributed at 4-H Horse Projects meetings. All 4-H leaders, members and families need this information.

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Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University Systems, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Up Coming Workshops—February 24-25

Mare/Foal Management Workshop

Mare owners seeking information on broodmare management and raising foals will have an opportunity to attend a one-day program focusing on just that at the 12th Annual Mare/Foal Workshop on Wednesday, February 24th, 2010 at Texas A&M University.

The workshop will be held at the Louis Pearce Pavilion. This workshop will present information regarding Herd Health and Immunizations, Foal Health, Feeding Broodmares and Foals, The Estrous Cycle, Parturition and Sign of Foaling and Genetic Related Disorders.

This one-day workshop is designed for mare owners. It is not intended to be a breeders school and will focus much more on mare management than on breeding procedures. The information should be useful for the mare owner, regardless of the number of mares they own or manage.

Horse Management 101 Workshop

Horse owners seeking information on basic horse management will have an opportunity to attend a day-long program focusing on just that at the 7th Horse Management 101 Workshop on February 25th, 2010 at Texas A&M University.

This workshop will be held at the Louis Pearce Pavilion on the campus of Texas A&M University. This workshop will present information regarding General Health Care and Immunizations, First Aid, General Nutrition, Hay and Feed Storage, Concerns for Small Acreage Owners, Equine Genetics and Managing the Geriatric Horse.

This one-day workshop is designed for individuals that are seeking more information to better care for their horses. Additionally, this workshop is a tremendous opportunity for individuals to attend and obtain more information prior to getting a horse.

Instruction for both programs will be provided by equine faculty from both the Equine Science Section of the Animal Science Department and the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

You must pre-register to attend the workshops. Registration includes printed materials, light breakfast and noon meal. Programs begins at 8:00 a.m. with registration. The cost for each Equine Owner Education Workshop is \$ 50.00/workshop and online registration will be accepted through February 15, 2010. Late online registration is \$ 60.00/workshop and will be accepted from February 16 through February 19, 2010. Registration at the door is \$ 70.00/workshop. A light breakfast, lunch and printed materials will be provided. For more information, contact Dr. Brett D. Scott at (979) 845-1562, or email him at bdscott@ag.tamu.edu

For registration information, please visit AgriLife Extension Conference Services at <http://agrilifeevents.tamu.edu/>.

Mare/Foal Management
Equine Owner Education Workshop
Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Louis Pearce Pavilion - Texas A&M University Campus

Agenda

- 8:00** Registration - Coffee and Light Breakfast
- 8:30** Herd Health and Immunizations – Dr. Mike Martin, *College of Veterinary Medicine, Large Animal Clinical Services*. The overall health status of your broodmare and her foal is very important and you should have a plan that includes deworming and vaccinations.
- 9:30** Foal Health - Dr. Keith Chaffin, *College of Veterinary Medicine, Large Animal Clinical Services*. What are some of the common ailments that a foal may encounter in their early life? What preventative measures should be practiced on your farm?
- 10:30** Break
- 11:00** Feeding Broodmares and Foals –Dr. Dennis Sigler, *Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Extension Horse Specialist*. What does your broodmare need to eat to meet her and her foal’s requirements?
- 12:00** Lunch
- 1:00** The Estrous Cycle – Dr. Martha Vogelsang, *College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Department of Animal Science*. In order to optimize your mare’s breeding program, you need to have an understanding of the estrous cycle. Additionally, you will need to understand estrus detection and teasing.
- 2:00** Parturition, Signs of Foaling – Dr. Carrie Hammer, *North Dakota State University, Department of Animal Science*. How do you know when your mare is about to foal? What should concern you during the birth of a foal?
- 3:00** Break
- 3:30** Genetic Related Disorders – Dr. Molly McCue, *University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine, Equine Center*. Recent advances in genetic technology have lead to a much greater understanding of genetics in all species. Now more than ever before, scientists and physicians are recognizing the important role of genetics not only in visible traits, but most importantly in invisible traits that have a great influence on health and disease.
- 4:30** Adjourn
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Horse Management 101

Equine Owner Education Workshop

Thursday, February 25, 2010

Louis Pearce Pavilion - Texas A&M University Campus

Agenda

- 8:00** Registration - Coffee and Light Breakfast
- 8:30** General Health Care and Immunizations – Dr. Mike Martin, *College of Veterinary Medicine, Large Animal Clinical Services*. The overall health status of your horses is very important and you should have a plan that includes deworming and vaccinations.
- 9:30** First Aid –Dr. Carolyn Arnold, *College of Veterinary Medicine, Large Animal Clinical Services*. What should you do before the veterinarian can get to your farm or before you can get to the clinic?
- 10:30** Break
- 11:00** Equine Nutrition – Dr. Josie Coverdale, *College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Department of Animal Science*. What does your horse need to eat to meet their requirements? What are your horse's requirements? Let's learn what and how to feed your horse.
- 12:00** Lunch
- 1:00** Optimizing Hay and Feeding Storage – Dr. Krishona Martinson, *University of Minnesota, Department of Animal Science, Equine Extension Specialist*. You buy (or harvest), haul, carry, and stack it. Now make sure that your hard-earned hay will be usable when you need it. This presentation will teach you how to evaluate and feed hay, including buying the right hay for your horse.
- 1:45** Concerns for Small Acreage Owners – *Dr. Brett Scott, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Extension Horse Specialist*. Many new horse owners are also new land owners or want to become new land owners. What are some of the local requirements you should consider before becoming a land owner?
- 2:30** Break
- 3:00** Equine Genetics 101 – Dr. Molly McCue, *University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine, Equine Center*. Recent advances in genetic technology have lead to a much greater understanding of genetics in all species. Now more than ever before, scientists and physicians are recognizing the important role of genetics not only in visible traits, but most importantly in invisible traits that have a great influence on health and disease.
- 4:00** Managing the Geriatric Horse – Dr. Josie Coverdale, Dr. Molly McCue and Dr. Carolyn Arnold. Feeding and caring for the older horse can be a difficult task. Geriatric horses can require a feeding program that can be different from other mature horses and can have some metabolic issues that must be addressed.
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County Horse Judging Team Support On-Line Horse Judging Series

The on-line horse judging series continues to be updated monthly and is available on the following website: <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/index.htm> . The webpage gives a brief introduction on judging the current class and provides an introductory video,

a 2-horse class and a 4-horse class. The presentations come with video of each horse, the official placing and cuts, plus an audio critique of the class and/or a set of reasons. Archived presentations of halter and performance classes are also available on the webpage.

Youth and Collegiate Horse Judging Leader Guides and Manuals

The Youth and Collegiate Horse Judging Leader Guides and Manuals are available online at the Texas AgriLife Bookstore - <http://agrilifebookstore.org/> . Leader guides include reference material for judging team coaches and adult leaders, as well as take home worksheets for

judging team members. The manual is a supplement to the leader guide and provides additional information, as well as reasons terminology, for the judging team members. The leader guides are available in print and on CD for \$25, and the manuals are available for \$15.

County Horsemanship Support

New Publication: Texas 4-H Horsemanship Leader Guide AS 3-2.032

This guide provides a lesson-plan approach for adult leaders to teach youth and their horses how to perform maneuvers, taking them through beginning, intermediate and advanced stages. Objectives, lesson plans and drills are included in the guide, along with colored photos and illustrations. Emphasis on proper technique and safety make this book ideal for teaching 4-Hers how to become better horsemen and horsewomen. Topics include: grooming; hoof and leg care; halter-

ing, longeing and biting up; ground driving; bits and equipment; bridling, saddling and mounting; body position; rein aids; gaits and leads; circles, arcing and counter arcing; stops; backing; lateral bending; collection and extension; rollbacks and turn-arounds; speed control; transitions and simple lead changes; and flying lead changes. Guides are available for purchase on-line at the Texas AgriLife Bookstore - <http://agrilifebookstore.org/> .

May 1 Reminder – Texas 4-H Futurity Horse Projects

All 4-H horse projects, including Futurity horses, must be owned and validated on or before May 1. This process begins at the county level with the appropriate paperwork and a \$10 fee/horse.

Details are mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter and a form is also attached. Contact the Horse Specialists' office if you have any questions. Brett Scott—979.845.1562

Basic Horse Management 101 County Program

The Texas *AgriLIFE* Extension Service, Basic Horse Management 101 model program has been on the road in the Spring of 2010. Dr. Brett Scott gives lead to these very successful programs. Agents have involved numerous local and regional experts in their programs and have had a tremendous response to the program.

Several of the programs have included a trade show, which has allowed local merchants to have involvement in the programs. Additionally, local farriers, veterinarians, feed industry personnel and Texas *AgriLIFE* Extension Service specialists have been involved in the programs. The programs have included the

following topics: Basic Safety, Pasture and Hay Selection, Basic Horse Nutrition, Facility Design, Health Care, Equine Dentistry, Body Condition Score and Weight Estimation, Permanent Identification and Hoof Care.

Some counties have chosen to include selected topics that are covered in the Basic Horse Management agenda in their multi-species programs. This approach has worked very well. On average these programs attract 30-50 attendees.

If you are interested in hosting a Basic Horse Management 101 program, please contact Dr. Scott, bdscott@ag.tamu.edu, 979.845.1562.

38th Annual Summer Horsemanship School Program

Every year, teams of Horse Program Assistants are trained to go out to individual counties and teach either 2-day or 3-day horsemanship schools. These are hands-on schools for 4-Hers, parents and volunteer leaders in the county who bring their horses and participate in a variety of basic and advanced horsemanship drills and maneuvers. Over the last 37 years, this program has reached 45,161 people with 1,275 schools. There are usually anywhere from 25 to 40 county requests every year for schools that are conducted from late May through early July. The 38th Annual Summer Horsemanship School fees will remain the same for 2010 as they were in 2009. The schools remain a great value for the amount of time and

instruction given to participants. The table below provides information on the approximate amount that should be charged to each youth or adult rider, depending upon the amount of riders that attend. We recognize that counties utilize different methods of paying for the schools. The table below should be helpful to those counties that pay the cost with user fees. Counties are highly encouraged to team-up with neighboring counties, if 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.

38th Annual Summer Horsemanship School Program—con't

Number of riders	Approximate cost per rider for a 2-day school
30	\$ 38.00
20	\$ 57.00
10	\$ 115.00
Number of riders	Approximate cost per rider for a 3-day school
30	\$ 45.00
20	\$ 67.00
10	\$ 135.00

Request forms for 2-day and 3-day schools for 2010 are located in the back of the newsletter. These forms, along with a deposit of \$300.00, are due by **January 31, 2010**. The remaining balance of \$830.00 for a 2-day school and \$1030.00 for a 3-day school is due by **May 15, 2010**. For questions or more information, please contact Teri Antilley, Horse Pro-

gram Specialist, at 979-845-5264 or tjan-tilley@ag.tamu.edu. Additional information can be found on the website <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/equine.html>. The following counties have already made a request for a school in 2010: Bell, Blanco, McCulloch, Somervell, Swisher, Wichita, Red River, Williamson and Brazoria.

Youth Publications

Feeding and Caring for a Yearling 4-H Futurity Horse (B-6223), Feeding and Caring for a 2-Year-Old 4-H Futurity Horse (B-6225) and Feeding and Caring for a Three-Year-Old 4-H Futurity Horse (B-6226) are available on-line at the AgriLife Bookstore (<http://agrilifebookstore.org/>) for \$7.50 per copy. These are youth publications that describe how proper nutri-

tion, regular coat, hoof and health care, adequate exercise and consistent training all play a role in managing successful yearling, two-year-old and three-year-old projects. Questions, along with color photos, make the publications interactive workbooks that allow youth to apply the take-home messages.

Texas 4-H Validation Program—Horse

Agents can now access the 4-H Horse Excel Validation spread sheet program and instructions from the same web site where other livestock validation information is hosted. <http://countyprograms.tamu.edu/ValPrg.htm>.

This Excel work sheet will also be emailed to all of the agents in March; however, if you want to begin the process earlier, you may obtain the form from the web site.

The process has not changed this year. You will need to have your 4-H'ers complete a Validation sheet and submit \$ 10.00/horse that they are validating. Complete the Excel sheet, collect the validation fee and submit the complete form to Dr. Scott prior to May 8th, 2010. bdscott@ag.tamu.edu. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Scott, 979.845.1562.

2010 State 4-H Horse Show Dates

The State 4-H Horse Show will be held in Abilene, TX on July 24-31, 2010. Look for the complete schedule of events coming very soon. The schedule will be posted on the following site— <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/state-4h-show/index.htm>

Significant 4-H Horse Project Rules Changes—2010

Working Cow Horse Class

The dry work portion of the Working Cow Horse Class has been added back to the class for 2010. Contestants will perform the dry work portion of the class prior to working their cow. Dry work pattern can be found in the 2010 rulebook.

Revision of 2-Year-Old and 3-Year-Old Futurity Projects for 2010

At the recent meeting of the State 4-H Advisor Committee a revision of the 2 and 3-Year-Old Futurity Project was discussed and approved. The reasons behind these changes were to:

1. Provide a more challenging training project for older, more advanced 4-H'ers.
2. Provide more opportunities for a wider range of youth across the state.
3. Emphasize overall “brokenness”.
4. Add other elements of interest.
5. Establish more uniform judging criteria with more emphasis on learning from the training and showing experience.
6. Promote more fairness in competition and evaluations.

2-Year-Old Futurity Project—Competition will consist of 3 Go-rounds:

1st Go-round - A “pleasure” pattern which requires 10 maneuvers (ex. Walk, jog, extended jog, lope) which are each scored 0-10 pts for a total of 100 points possible. Score sheets will be posted so all contestants know exactly how each maneuver is scored.

2nd Go-round - Will consist of a simple “versatility” pattern which involves going over some simple obstacles, loping circles, stopping and backing.

3rd Go-round (Finals) - Top 15 will come back and will work on the rail in a group pleasure class. Final placings will be determined by combination of all three go-rounds.

Significant 4-H Horse Project Rules Changes—2010

Revision of 3-Year-Old Futurity Projects for 2010—con't

3-Year-Old Stock Horse Project

Competition will consist of 4 go-rounds, in which riders will be scored individually. Score sheets will be posted following each go-round. Final placings will be determined by combination of all four go-rounds.

1st Go-round –Pleasure pattern consisting of 10 pleasure maneuvers.

2nd Go-round – Simplified Stock Horse Trail Pattern

3rd Go-round – Shortened Reining Pattern

4th Go-round – Cow work which will consist of a short dry work followed by boxing a cow on the end of the arena.

Specific class rules will be available in the 2010 Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations.

CEA Checklist for 4-H Horse Project Validation

- Horse Project Validation Form for each 4-H'er and \$ 10.00/horse fee. *(If siblings validate the same horse, only one fee is paid. The fee is associated with the horse, not the 4-H'er.)*
 - Verify that ownership of the horse(s) meets the ownership requirements as printed in the 2010 Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules & Regulations book.
 - If the horse(s) validated is/are of **futurity age**, a **copy of the horse's registration papers or grade horse identification form** must be provided to Dr. Scott.
 - Complete the 2010 Horse Validation Excel Spread Sheet. <http://countyprograms.tamu.edu/ValPrg.htm> Email the form to Dr. Brett Scott, bdscott@ag.tamu.edu by May 8th, 2010.
 - Mail a hard copy of the Horse Validation Excel Spread Sheet and a check covering the total payment for horse validation in your county. Additionally, mail the County Summary Sheet and copies of the horse's registration papers or grade horse identification form if your county has futurity aged horses by May 8th, 2010.
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4-H Horse Project Rules Reminders—2010

District Horse Shows to Offer 22 Classes in Qualifying Division

Each District will offer the following 22 classes in Divisions that make up the Qualifying Category at all 2010 shows. A 4-Her must show in at least one class in each Division in order to 'qualify' for the State 4-H Horse Show. A futurity project horse must be shown at District in order to Qualify for a futurity class at the State Show.

Halter Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Registered Four-Year-old & Younger Geldings, Registered Five-Year-old & Older Geldings, Grade Geldings, Grand & Reserve Champion Gelding, Registered Four-Year-old & Younger Mares, Registered Five-Yr-Old & Older Mares, Grade Halter Mares and Grand & Reserve Champion Mare classes will be offered at all 12 District 4-H Horse Shows.

Judged Western Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Western Riding, and Trail will be offered at all 12 District 4-H Horse Shows.

Hunter-Flat Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Hunter Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle and Hunt Seat Equitation classes will be offered at all 12 District 4-H Horse Shows.

Speed Events Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Barrels, Poles and Stakes classes will be offered at all 12 District 4-H Horse Shows. A 4-Her who shows a horse in some other division can also show a speed horse.

Futurity Divisions

Yearling Halter Gelding Futurity Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Yearling Halter Filly Futurity Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Yearling Longe Line Futurity Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

2-Year-Old Futurity Project Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

3-Year-Old Futurity Project Division (1 horse per 4-Her) - Cattle work may not be required at all 12 Districts.

All futurity project horses must be shown at District to be eligible for State.

4-H Horse Project Rules Reminders—2010 (con't)

Qualifying for State via District 4-H Horse Shows

The 2010 District shows offer a balanced set of Qualifying classes, and a 4-Her must simply **show in at least one class within a division in order to qualify for all the classes in that division** at the State 4-H Horse Show. **They do not have to earn one or more points.**

Number of Horses a 4-Her Can Show at District/State Shows in Qualifying Division

For well over 40 years, a 4-H'er could only show one horse at the District show in the Qualifying Division. However, numerous horses could be shown in the Open category. Beginning in 2008, they could show one horse in each Division at District Horse Shows, or the same horse in all divisions, provided any/all horse(s) were validated as projects by May 1.

While most 4-Hers will continue to show only one horse, often in two or three divisions, these changes now allow a 4-Her to show a separate horse in halter, in western judged, in hunter-flat and in speed events. They can **only show one horse in each Qualifying Division**. Since the futurity classes involve yearlings, two-year-olds or three-year-old horses, each futurity class is listed as a division, in order to make it simpler for District 4-H Horse Show Management Teams to track.

Futurity Projects Must be Shown at District in Order to Show at State

The 4-H Futurity Program has been in existence for many years. District 4-H Horse Shows will offer the 5 futurity classes, and a 4-H'er **MUST** show their Futurity Project at District, in order to enter State in the Futurity Division.

4-H Horse Project Validation – May 1 Deadline

May 1 has and continues to be the deadline for a 4-H'er to validate a horse. May 1 is the absolute deadline for 4-Hers to validate a horse, which certifies that the project is owned by the 4-H'er or their sibling, parent, grandparent or legal guardian. The process validates that the horse is owned and not leased or borrowed. **Horses not validated on or before May 1 are ineligible for District and State 4-H Horse Shows.** Each 4-H horse project validated by a 4-H'er must be accompanied by a \$10 fee, of which half will go to the District 4-H Horse Show and half to the State Office. A form must be filled out by the 4-Her for each horse being validated. CEA office personnel will collect those forms and a check from each 4-Her for \$10/horse. **CEA offices have until May 8** to transfer the validation information and fees to the Horse Specialists' office. This transfer will be achieved using an excel spreadsheet. Fees and a copy of the electronic file will be mailed. A validation form is available in this CEA Horse Newsletter.

4-H Horse Project Rules Reminders—2010 (con't)

Non - Qualifying (Open or Invitational Classes)

Some Districts also offer a variety of Open (Invitational) classes, and whether they are offered or not at a District show, a 4-Her **is not** required to show in the following Open classes, in order to enter those classes at State. They must, however, meet entry deadlines, and for many Districts, that deadline for entering the State 4-H Horse Show is at the close of the District Show. Listed below are those classes that may or may not be offered at all District Horse Shows. If offered at District, they are Non-Qualifying classes and a 4-Her **does not** have to show in these classes in order to enter them at the State 4-H Horse Show.

Divisions	Classes
Roping Division	Tie-Down Calf Roping, Breakaway Roping and Team Roping
Hunter Over Fence Division	Working Hunter, Equitation Over Fences, Hunter Hack and Open Jumping
Drill/Precision Riding Division	Drill Teams and Precision Riding Teams
Stock Horse Division	Working Cow Horse, Team Penning, Reining, Cutting and Stock Horse Trail

General Open Reminders

Remind 4-H members and families that these 14 Open Classes must be entered according to the timeline set by each individual District. In most cases, all State 4-H Horse Show entries are due to the District office by the end of the District 4-H Horse Show.

What 4-Hers and Families Need to Know

County Extension Offices are asked to make certain that all 4-H horse project members receive all of the above information regarding 1) class offerings at District Horse Shows, 2) requirement to show in at least one class in a Division in order to enter that and other classes in a division at the State Show and 3) May 1 Validation with a \$10 fee/horse. If a 4-Her plans to go to state in any class that is listed above and designated as a class within a Qualifying Division, **they must show at the District 4-H Horse Show**. All 4-Hers who nominate 4-H Futurity Horse Projects on or before May 1 will have to qualify by showing the futurity horse(s) at the District 4-H Horse Show, in order to be eligible to enter the futurity class(es) at the State 4-H Horse Show. For many 4-H families, there is now more flexibility for a 4-Her to show more than one horse. Most families are familiar with the May 1 deadline, but all 4-Hers must validate horse projects on or before May 1 by completing a Horse Validation Form accompanied by \$10 per horse.

Calendar of Events—2010		
Date	Program/Activity	Contact
Jan 29	Matagorda County Horse Judging Contest—Bay City	Brent Batchelor 979.245.4100
Jan 31	Deadline for submitting Summer Horsemanship School Request Forms	Teri Antilley, 979.845.1562 tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu
Feb 5-7	Tarleton State University SHOT Clinic and Show—Stephenville	www.stockhorsetexas.org
Feb 6	Ft. Worth Stock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest Coliseum-Ft. Worth	Stock Show Office 817.877.2400
Feb 11	San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo, Horse Judging Contest	Stock Show Office 210.225.0575
Feb 12	San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo, Horse Bowl Contest	Stock Show Office 210.225.0575
Feb 19-21	State 4-H Cutting Clinic—Stephenville	CEA Todd Vineyard 254.965.1460
Feb 24	Equine Owner Education Workshop— <i>Mare/Foal Management</i> —College Station	Dr. Brett Scott 979.845.1562
Feb 25	Equine Owner Education Workshop— <i>Horse Management 101</i> —College Station	Dr. Brett Scott 979.845.1562
Mar 5-7	Stock Horse of Texas Clinic and Show—Abilene	Kim Lindsey 325.672.6242
Mar 8	HLS&R Youth Horse Judging Contest	Stock Show—832.667.1000 www.rodeohouston.com
Apr 10	Multi-District 4-H Horse Judging Contest—Freeman Arena—College Station	District 4-H Offices
Apr 23-24	Texas Tech SHOT Show and Clinic—Lubbock	Kim Lindsey 325.672.6242
May 1	Deadline for Validating 4-H Horse Projects—All Counties	Dr. Brett Scott, 979.845.1562 bdscott@ag.tamu.edu
May 15	Deadline for Entries to Aggie Horse Judging Camp—College Station	Dr. Clay Cavinder 979.845.7731
May/June	38th Annual Summer Horsemanship Schools	Teri Antilley 979.845.1562
June 9	Texas State 4-H Horse Judging Contest—TAMU	Teri Antilley 979.845.1562
June 2-4	Aggie Horse Judging Camp—College Station	Dr. Clay Cavinder 979.845.7731
June 10	Texas State Individual/Team Educational Presentation and Horse Public Speaking Contest—TAMU	Dr. Brett Scott 979.845.1562
June 10	Texas State Horse Quiz Bowl—TAMU	Kyle Merten 979.845.1212

Calendar of Events—2010		
Date	Program/Activity	Contact
June 16-18	Aggie Horse Judging Camp—College Station	Dr. Clay Cavinder 979.845.7731
June 20-24	State 4-H Calf & Breakaway Roping School—Stephenville	CEA Scott Anderson 325.646.0386
June 24-27	State 4-H Team Roping School—Llvaland	CEA Chris Edens 806.894.3159
June 24-26	Stock Horse of Texas Clinic and Show—Belton	CEA Dirk Aaron 254.933.5305
July 16-17	Stock Horse of Texas Clinic and Competition—Sulphur Springs	Jess Lamphere 903.468.8735
July 24-31	48th Texas State 4-H Horse Show-Abilene	Horse Specialists Office 979.845.1562

To: County 4-H Horse Project Leaders

From: Your County Extension Office

The new year is here, and there are many opportunities for 4-Hers in the horse project. There are also some important deadlines and paperwork requirements for nominating young horses to the Texas 4-H Futurity horse program, and for certifying all other horses as projects for the current year.

This summer of 2010 marks the 38th anniversary for Texas AgriLife Extension's Summer Horsemanship School Program. If your county intends to host a two-day or three-day school, you have until January 31 to make a formal request. The Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations is being revised for 2010 and a copy will be posted to the internet by early Spring. The rules will also be available on the internet at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/index.html>. Some of the more significant rules which you need to know about are included in this letter. These rules are revised annually and apply to:

- 1) All County shows related to District show qualification
- 2) Our District 4-H Horse Show
- 3) The State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene
- 4) Futurity horse project— Nomination Deadline is May 1

Also, the calendar of events is included which lists dates for judging contests, State Roundup Horse contests, and the 48th Texas State 4-H Horse Show. Contact our office for information on other county-wide 4-H horse project activities and dates. In the meantime, as adult leaders involved with the horse project, please see that the information in this letter is shared with 4-Hers at the first two or three horse project meetings of 2010.

Horse Project Certification Deadlines

May 1—Deadline for Nominating/Validating yearlings, two-year-olds and three-year-olds for the Texas 4-H Futurity Horse Program. Categories include yearling halter, yearling longe line, two-year-old futurity projects and three-year old futurity projects. This is an absolute deadline for nominations turned into the county office.

Each futurity project validation form that will be sent to the state specialists' office must include a copy of the registration papers or grade horse identification form. The futurity project is

intended for older, more experienced 4-Hers who have acquired the skills necessary to manage, handle and train a young horse. Again this year, all 4-Hers who nominate futurity projects will have to be 12 years old or older as of September 1, 2009, which is the start of the current 4-H year. The age minimum applies only to the futurity project. This is the fifth year for the minimum age requirement.

Summer Horsemanship Schools

This summer will mark the 38th consecutive year that the program has been offered. These schools are taught by college-aged students and are designed to help 4-Hers achieve more with their existing horse project. The schools are hands-on, where 4-Hers bring their horses and participate in lengthy riding sessions that follow short demonstrations. Counties are highly encouraged to team-up with neighboring counties, if 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. With 30 riders, participants should only be out of pocket \$38 for a 2-day school and \$45 for a 3-day school.

Request forms for 2-day and 3-day schools for 2010 are located in the newsletter. These forms, along with a deposit of \$300.00, are due by **January 31, 2010**. The remaining balance of \$830.00 for a 2-day school and \$1030.00 for a 3-day school is due by **May 15, 2010**. Remember that all youth, parents, and volunteers are welcome and encouraged to be horseback at the schools. For questions or more information, please contact Teri Antilley, Horse Program Specialist, at 979-845-5264 or tjan-tilley@ag.tamu.edu. Additional information can be found on the website <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/equine.html>.

Texas State 4-H Rules and Regulations—Updates

All 4-Hers and family members with youth who show at County, District or State levels will benefit from access to the rules and regulations. The 2010 rule book will be available online by February. It can be found on two websites. They are <http://animalscience.tamu.edu>

and <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>. The 2009 version will remain on both websites, until the revised 2010 rules are posted. Here are some of the more significant general rules and some changes that everybody needs to be familiar with:

- 1) All 4-H horses must be **solely** owned by the 4-Her, their parents, brother, sister, grandparents or legal guardian. This includes Drill and Precision Team horses as well. No leased horses. *See hardship rule regarding Drill and Precision horses.*
- 2) At District and State shows, a horse may be ridden by only one 4-Her in the qualifying portion of the show, and by only one 4-Her in the open portion of the show. However, the same horse may be shown by one 4-Her in the qualifying show and by another 4-Her in the open show, provided that the 4-Hers are siblings, the ownership requirements are met, and the horse has been properly identified as a 4-H project by both siblings. Futurity horses may never be ridden by more than one person.
- 3) At the discretion of the county horse show committee, a 4-H member may be allowed to change horses between county and district shows, provided all horses involved meet ownership requirements. It is recommended that, in hardship cases, this substitution be allowed. Under no circumstances will horses be changed during a district show, and no change of horses will be allowed from district to state in the qualifying show. A change of horses may be allowed for the open classes, provided the horse was properly owned and identified on or before May 1.
- 4) Qualifying for State via District 4-H Horse Shows—For many years, 4-Hers have had to enter Qualifying classes and earn one or more points in order to show in the qualifying category at the State 4-H Horse Show. The 2010 District shows will all offer a balanced set of Qualifying classes, and a 4-Her must simply **show in at least one class within a division, in order to qualify for all the classes in that division** at the State 4-H Horse Show. **They do not have to earn one or more points.**
- 5) In judged classes (excluding futurities), horses may be ridden with a curb, spade or halfbreed bit. Split reins must be used and held in one hand with no more than one finger between the reins. If a romal is used, fingers between the reins are not permitted. If a 4-Her chooses to exhibit a futurity project horse in qualifying classes such as western pleasure or horsemanship, those horses must be shown one-handed in a curb bit. However, since the futurity project is available, extended use of 2- and 3-year-old horses in qualifying show classes is discouraged, simply due to the immature state of such horses.

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Texas State 4-H Rules and Regulations—Updates

- 6) Trail is now a Qualifying Class at District Shows.
- 7) Team Roping—a 4-Her enters as an individual and may enter only once. The partner can be any 4-Her who also is **entered** in the Team roping. A 4-Her may help as many times as desired. Points will be awarded only to the person entered, not the helper. Teams receiving a time in the first go will progress to the Finals. There is no progressive second go. Duplicate awards are presented to top placing teams overall.
- 8) In All Roping Classes—any unruly horse or horse considered unsafe to either the contestant or the arena help may be dismissed from the competition. Horses are expected to be able to enter the box and wait for the barrier to be set. Decisions on such matters are made by show management in charge of the roping events and are not subject to protest.
- 9) Age of Futurity Project 4-Hers—The minimum age for 4-Hers to nominate a futurity project will be 12 years of age or older on September 1, which is the start of the current 4-H year.
- 10) Reining Prelims and Finals—At the State Show, the prelims score will be added to the finals score to determine placings.
- 11) Cutting Prelims and Finals—At the State Show, a 121 score or higher will be required in the prelims to advance to the finals. Class placings will be determined by adding the prelims score to the finals score.
- 12) Class Changes or Class Additions at State—Exhibitors who are already entered in the State 4-H Horse Show by July 1 will be allowed to add a class or change a class with a \$50 fee at the show. This is only for those who are already entered.
- 13) Drill/Precision Riding Teams—There will be NO PROPS. Only uniforms/costumes will be permitted. Props in the arena or on or around the entrance gate will not be used. Interest in Drill/Precision continues to grow. There may be changes to the State Show Schedule to better accommodate and showcase the Drill/Precision competitions. Less practice time in arenas will be available in the future. There will be no pyrotechnics or smoke of any kind. All riders on a team must be from the same county. **No pre-recorded introductory commentary will be allowed prior to or during the drill competition. Each team will be introduced by the announcer prior to the performance.**
- 14) Effective again in 2010, the use of golf carts, gators/mules/4-wheelers, all scooters, skates, skateboards, bicycles, as well as under-age drivers of pickups, suburbans and cars will be prohibited. It will be the policy of both the Taylor County Expo Center and the State 4-H Horse Committee that these be prohibited due to safety concerns and due to the accidents that have occurred. Only Expo Center Staff, State Show Management Team, the Official Veterinarian crew and the Patrolmen on duty will be using golf carts. Every County office is asked to please help get the word out about this, so people will know well in advance.

Texas State 4-H Rules and Regulations—Updates

- 15) Team Penning—The revised rulebook will contains additional wording on the location of the foul line, based on arena size at District shows. Expanded wording on determining top places has been added. Any substitutions at the State Horse Show will be subject to the \$50.00 fee.
- 16) Attire-There has been some concern over various types of boots that 4-Hers wear, centered mainly around tread designs that could make it difficult to remove a foot from the stirrup. The rule book states that any boot other than a leather sole boot is strongly discouraged in speed events!
- 17) If an exhibitor dismounts for any reason other than a class requirement, they will receive a disqualification.
- 18) At district and state shows, all exhibitors are asked to please refrain from allowing their horse(s) to be ridden by anyone other than the exhibitor. Many 4-H'ers have family members who will want to help hold, groom, saddle, and bridle horses in preparation for classes. This is encouraged, because family involvement is an important part of the 4-H Horse Program.
- 19) During all over-fence classes and schooling over fence events, it is **MANDATORY** that all riders wear properly fitted headgear with a fastened chin harness.
- 20) The fall of a horse or rider being judged shall be cause for disqualification in all classes. A horse is considered having fallen when he or she is on their side and all four feet are extended in the same direction. The rider is considered to have fallen when he or she is not astride.
- 21) **Working Cow Horse Class—The dry portion of the Working Cow Horse Class has been added back to the class for 2010. Contestants will perform the dry work portion of the class prior to working their cow.**
- 22) **2-Year-Old Futurity Project—Competition will consist of 3 Go-rounds:1st Go-round – A “pleasure” pattern which requires 10 maneuvers (ex. Walk, jog, extended jog, lope) which are each scored 0-10 pts for a total of 100 points possible. Score sheets will be posted so all contestants know exactly how each maneuver is scored. 2nd Go-round – Will consist of a simple “versatility” pattern which involves going over some simple obstacles, loping circles, stopping and backing. 3rd Go-round (Finals) – Top 15 will come back and will work on the rail in a group pleasure class. Final placings will be determined by combination of all three go-rounds.**
- 23) **3-Year-Old Stock Horse Project—Competition will consist of 4 go-rounds, in which riders will be scored individually. Score sheets will be posted following each go-round. Final placings will be determined by combination of all four go-rounds. 1st Go-round –Pleasure pattern consisting of 10 pleasure maneuvers. 2nd Go-round – Simplified Stock Horse Trail Pattern. 3rd Go-round – Shortened Reining Pattern. 4th Go-round – Cow work which will consist of a short dry work followed by boxing a cow on the end of the arena.**

2010 State 4-H Horse Show Dates

The State 4-H Horse Show will be held in Abilene, TX on July 24-31, 2010. Look for the complete schedule of events coming very soon. The schedule will be posted on the following site— <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/state-4h-show/index.htm>

Significant 4-H Horse Project Rules Changes—2010

Working Cow Horse Class

The dry work portion of the Working Cow Horse Class has been added back to the class for 2010. Contestants will perform the dry work portion of the class prior to working their cow. Dry work pattern can be found in the 2010 rulebook.

Revision of 2-Year-Old and 3-Year-Old Futurity Projects for 2010

At the recent meeting of the State 4-H Advisor Committee a revision of the 2 and 3-Old Futurity Project was discussed and approved. The reasons behind these changes were to:

1. Provide a more challenging training project for older, more advanced 4-H'ers.
2. Provide more opportunities for a wider range of youth across the state.
3. Emphasize overall "brokenness".
4. Add other elements of interest.
5. Establish more uniform judging criteria with more emphasis on learning from the training and showing experience.
6. Promote more fairness in competition and evaluations.

2-Year-Old Futurity Project—Competition will consist of 3 Go-rounds:

1st Go-round – A "pleasure" pattern which requires 10 maneuvers (ex. Walk, jog, extended jog, lope) which are each scored 0-10 pts for a total of 100 points possible. Score sheets will be posted so all contestants know exactly how each maneuver is scored.

2nd Go-round – Will consist of a simple "versatility" pattern which involves going over some simple obstacles, loping circles, stopping and backing.

3rd Go-round (Finals) – Top 15 will come back and will work on the rail in a group pleasure class. Final placings will be determined by combination of all three go-rounds.

Significant 4-H Horse Project Rules Changes—2010

Revision of 3-Year-Old Futurity Projects for 2010—con't

3-Year-Old Stock Horse Project

Competition will consist of 4 go-rounds, in which riders will be scored individually. Score sheets will be posted following each go-round. Final placings will be determined by combination of all four go-rounds.

1st Go-round –Pleasure pattern consisting of 10 pleasure maneuvers.

2nd Go-round – Simplified Stock Horse Trail Pattern

3rd Go-round – Shortened Reining Pattern

4th Go-round – Cow work which will consist of a short dry work followed by boxing a cow on the end of the arena.

Specific class rules will be available in the 2010 Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations.

4-H'er Checklist for 4-H Horse Project Validation

- Horse Project Validation Form for each horse and \$ 10.00/horse fee. *(If siblings validate the same horse, only one fee is paid. The fee is associated with the horse, not the 4-H'er.)*
 - Verify that ownership of the horse(s) meets the ownership requirements as printed in the 2010 Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules & Regulations book.
 - If the horse(s) validated is/are of **futurity age**, a **copy of the horse's registration papers or grade horse identification form** must be provided to your county extension agent.
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4-H Horse Project Rules Reminders—2010

District Horse Shows to Offer 22 Classes in Qualifying Division

Each District will offer the following **22 classes** in Divisions that make up the Qualifying Category at all 2010 shows. A 4-Her must show in at least one class in each Division in order to 'qualify' for the State 4-H Horse Show. A futurity project horse must be shown at District in order to Qualify for a futurity class at the State Show.

Halter Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Registered Four-Year-old & Younger Geldings, Registered Five-Year-old & Older Geldings, Grade Geldings, Grand & Reserve Champion Gelding, Registered Four-Year-old & Younger Mares, Registered Five-Yr-Old & Older Mares, Grade Halter Mares and Grand & Reserve Champion Mare classes will be offered at all 12 District 4-H Horse Shows.

Judged Western Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Western Riding, and Trail will be offered at all 12 District 4-H Horse Shows.

Hunter-Flat Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Hunter Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle and Hunt Seat Equitation classes will be offered at all 12 District 4-H Horse Shows.

Speed Events Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Barrels, Poles and Stakes classes will be offered at all 12 District 4-H Horse Shows. A 4-Her who shows a horse in some other division can also show a speed horse.

Futurity Divisions

Yearling Halter Gelding Futurity Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Yearling Halter Filly Futurity Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Yearling Longe Line Futurity Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

2-Year-Old Futurity Project Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

3-Year-Old Futurity Project Division (1 horse per 4-Her) - Cattle work may not be required at all 12 Districts.

All futurity project horses must be shown at District to be eligible for State.

4-H Horse Project Rules Reminders—2010 (con't)

Qualifying for State via District 4-H Horse Shows

The 2010 District shows offer a balanced set of Qualifying classes, and a 4-Her must simply **show in at least one class within a division in order to qualify for all the classes in that division** at the State 4-H Horse Show. **They do not have to earn one or more points.**

Number of Horses a 4-Her Can Show at District/State Shows in Qualifying Division

For well over 40 years, a 4-H'er could only show one horse at the District show in the Qualifying Division. However, numerous horses could be shown in the Open category. Beginning in 2008, they could show one horse in each Division at District Horse Shows, or the same horse in all divisions, provided any/all horse(s) were validated as projects by May 1.

While most 4-Hers will continue to show only one horse, often in two or three divisions, these changes now allow a 4-Her to show a separate horse in halter, in western judged, in hunter-flat and in speed events. They can **only show one horse in each Qualifying Division**. Since the futurity classes involve yearlings, two-year-olds or three-year-old horses, each futurity class is listed as a division, in order to make it simpler for District 4-H Horse Show Management Teams to track.

Futurity Projects Must be Shown at District in Order to Show at State

The 4-H Futurity Program has been in existence for many years. District 4-H Horse Shows will offer the 5 futurity classes, and a 4-H'er **MUST** show their Futurity Project at District, in order to enter State in the Futurity Division.

4-H Horse Project Validation – May 1 Deadline

May 1 has and continues to be the deadline for a 4-H'er to validate a horse. May 1 is the absolute deadline for 4-Hers to validate a horse, which certifies that the project is owned by the 4-H'er or their sibling, parent, grandparent or legal guardian. The process validates that the horse is owned and not leased or borrowed. **Horses not validated on or before May 1 are ineligible for District and State 4-H Horse Shows.** Each 4-H horse project validated by a 4-H'er must be accompanied by a \$10 fee, of which half will go to the District 4-H Horse Show and half to the State Office. A form must be filled out by the 4-Her for each horse being validated. CEA office personnel will collect those forms and a check from each 4-Her for \$10/horse. **CEA offices have until May 8** to transfer the validation information and fees to the Horse Specialists' office. This transfer will be achieved using an excel spreadsheet. Fees and a copy of the electronic file will be mailed. A validation form is available in this CEA Horse Newsletter.

4-H Horse Project Rules Reminders—2010 (con't)

Non – Qualifying (Open or Invitational Classes)

Some Districts also offer a variety of Open (Invitational) classes, and whether they are offered or not at a District show, a 4-Her **is not** required to show in the following Open classes, in order to enter those classes at State. They must, however, meet entry deadlines, and for many Districts, that deadline for entering the State 4-H Horse Show is at the close of the District Show. Listed below are those classes that may or may not be offered at all District Horse Shows. If offered at District, they are Non-Qualifying classes and a 4-Her **does not** have to show in these classes in order to enter them at the State 4-H Horse Show.

Divisions	Classes
Roping Division	Tie-Down Calf Roping, Breakaway Roping and Team Roping
Hunter Over Fence Division	Working Hunter, Equitation Over Fences, Hunter
Drill/Precision Riding Division	Drill Teams and Precision Riding Teams
Stock Horse Division	Working Cow Horse, Team Penning, Reining, Cutting and Stock Horse Trail

General Open Reminders

Remind 4-H members and families that these 14 Open Classes must be entered according to the timeline set by each individual District. In most cases, all State 4-H Horse Show entries are due to the District office by the end of the District 4-H Horse Show.

What 4-Hers and Families Need to Know

County Extension Offices are asked to make certain that all 4-H horse project members receive all of the above information regarding 1) class offerings at District Horse Shows, 2) requirement to show in at least one class in a Division in order to enter that and other classes in a division at the State Show and 3) May 1 Validation with a \$10 fee/horse. If a 4-Her plans to go to state in any class that is listed above and designated as a class within a Qualifying Division, **they must show at the District 4-H Horse Show**. All 4-Hers who nominate 4-H Futurity Horse Projects on or before May 1 will have to qualify by showing the futurity horse(s) at the District 4-H Horse Show, in order to be eligible to enter the futurity class(es) at the State 4-H Horse Show. For many 4-H families, there is now more flexibility for a 4-Her to show more than one horse. Most families are familiar with the May 1 deadline, but all 4-Hers must validate horse projects on or before May 1 by completing a Horse Validation Form accompanied by \$10 per horse.

Calendar of Events—2010

Date	Program/Activity	Contact
Jan 29	Matagorda County Horse Judging Contest—Bay City	Brent Batchelor 979.245.4100
Jan 31	Deadline for submitting Summer Horsemanship School Request Forms	Teri Antilley, 979.845.1562 tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu
Feb 5-7	Tarleton State University SHOT Clinic and Show—Stephenville	www.stockhorsetexas.org
Feb 6	Ft. Worth Stock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest Coliseum-Ft. Worth	Stock Show Office 817.877.2400
Feb 11	San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo, Horse Judging Contest	Stock Show Office 210.225.0575
Feb 12	San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo, Horse Bowl Contest	Stock Show Office 210.225.0575
Feb 19-21	State 4-H Cutting Clinic—Stephenville	CEA Todd Vineyard 254.965.1460
Feb 24	Equine Owner Education Workshop— <i>Mare/Foal Management</i> —College Station	Dr. Brett Scott 979.845.1562
Feb 25	Equine Owner Education Workshop— <i>Horse Management 101</i> —College Station	Dr. Brett Scott 979.845.1562
Mar 5-7	Stock Horse of Texas Clinic and Show—Abilene	Kim Lindsey 325.672.6242
Mar 8	HLS&R Youth Horse Judging Contest	Stock Show—832.667.1000 www.rodeohouston.com
Apr 10	Multi-District 4-H Horse Judging Contest—Freeman Arena—College Station	District 4-H Offices
Apr 23-24	Texas Tech SHOT Show and Clinic—Lubbock	Kim Lindsey 325.672.6242
May 1	Deadline for Validating 4-H Horse Projects—All Counties	Dr. Brett Scott, 979.845.1562 bdscott@ag.tamu.edu
May 15	Deadline for Entries to Aggie Horse Judging Camp—College Station	Dr. Clay Cavinder 979.845.7731
May/June	38th Annual Summer Horsemanship Schools	Teri Antilley 979.845.1562
June 9	Texas State 4-H Horse Judging Contest—TAMU	Teri Antilley 979.845.1562
June 2-4	Aggie Horse Judging Camp—College Station	Dr. Clay Cavinder 979.845.7731
June 10	Texas State Individual/Team Educational Presentation and Horse Public Speaking Contest—TAMU	Dr. Brett Scott 979.845.1562
June 10	Texas State Horse Quiz Bowl—TAMU	Kyle Merten 979.845.1212

Calendar of Events—2010		
Date	Program/Activity	Contact
June 16-18	Aggie Horse Judging Camp—College Station	Dr. Clay Cavinder 979.845.7731
June 20-24	State 4-H Calf & Breakaway Roping School—Stephenville	CEA Scott Anderson 325.646.0386
June 24-27	State 4-H Team Roping School—Llcvland	CEA Chris Edens 806.894.3159
June 24-26	Stock Horse of Texas Clinic and Show—Belton	CEA Dirk Aaron 254.933.5305
July 16-17	Stock Horse of Texas Clinic and Competition—Sulphur Springs	Jess Lamphere 903.468.8735
July 24-31	48th Texas State 4-H Horse Show-Abilene	Horse Specialists Office 979.845.1562

HORSE PROJECT(S) VALIDATION FORM

May 1st DUE DATE in County Extension Office - (Fee \$10/horse)

4-H Members Name	Mailing Address	City/Town + Zip	County
4-H'ers Birthday mm/dd/yy	4-H'ers Current Age as of Sept.1, 2009	Phone Number	

Part 1: For Mature Horse Projects

Horse Name	Breed	Registration #	Horses Date of Birth	Gender	Registration Papers Attached		Grade Horse ID Form Attached		Validation Fee Received	
					Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
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_____	_____	_____	_____	G M	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N

Signature Required: 4-H member, your signature at the bottom verifies that the above horse project(s) are owned solely by you or your brother, sister, parent, grandparent or legal guardian, and are not Leased, rented, borrowed or loaned. Ownership is May 1 or earlier.

Part 2: For Futurity Horse Projects

Horse Name	Breed	Registration Number	Horses Date of Birth	Gender	Registration Papers or Grade Horse Id Form Attached		(A) Yearling Filly (B) Yearling Gelding (C) 2-Yr-Old Futurity (D) 3-Yr-Old Futurity				Validation Fee Received	
					Y	N	A	B	C	D	Y	N
_____	_____	_____	_____	G F	Y	N	A	B	C	D	Y	N
_____	_____	_____	_____	G F	Y	N	A	B	C	D	Y	N
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Yearlings are nominated for (A) Yearling Halter Fillies and/or Longe Line, (B) Yearling Halter Gelding and/or Longe Line. A yearling nomination is automatically for either halter or longe line or both), (C) Two-Year-Olds are nominated for Two-Year-Old Futurity Project and (D) Three-year-old horses are nominated for 3-Year-old Futurity Project.

Signature Required: 4-H Member, your signature below validates that:

1. Futurity horse(s) are owned solely by you, your brother, sister, parent, grandparent or legal guardian as of May 1, and horse(s) are not leased, rented, borrowed or loaned.
2. The futurity horse(s) is/are in your management and care as of May 1st and will remain so through the State 4-H Horse Show.
3. You agree to do all of the riding and training on futurity horse(s) from May 1st through the State 4-H Horse Show.
4. You have read the rules regarding futurity projects in the Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations and agree to follow all rules without exception. Failure to abide by these rules shall cause you to withdraw yourself from entering or showing in futurity class(es) at District and State 4-H Horse Shows.
5. You understand it is required that you show a futurity horse in a futurity class at the District 4-H Horse Show in order for that futurity project to be eligible for exhibition in a futurity class at the State 4-H Horse Show.

Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

County Extension Agent Signature: _____ Date: _____

County Summary Sheet Texas 4-H Futurity Horse Nomination

To be completed by CEA office and sent along with validation information. Additionally, breed registration paper or grade horse identification forms must be sent to State Horse Specialists Office. Do not accept any validations after May 1st.
CEA's – Mail this form to Horse Specialists office by May 8th, 2010.

County	District	CEA Name
CEA Office Address	City	Zip
CEA Office Phone Number	CEA Signature	

A – Yearling Filly and/or Longe Line	C – 2-Yr-Old Futurity Project
B – Yearling Geldings and or Longe Line	D – 3-Yr-Old Futurity Project

4-H'ers Name	4-H'ers Age	Sex of Horse (Filly or Gelding)	Age of Horse	Nominated for: (Use Letters A-D)

CEA Office, be sure each of the listed futurity horses have all been validated. Make a copy of this summary sheet and proof of ownership and keep on file. Please mail this form and proof of ownership (registration paper or grade horse identification form, for each horse) on or before May 8th, 2010.

Brett D. Scott – Horse Specialist – 2471 TAMU – College Station, TX 77843-2471

**Grade Horse Identification & Certification Form
Texas 4-H Horse Project**

Note: A horse purchased without papers that was once a registered horse does not qualify as a Grade Horse. Any horse having papers, regardless of whether they are in the owner's possession or not, is a registered horse in terms of 4H horse show participation.

Horse's Name _____ 4H Member's Name _____

Breed _____ Sex: Gelding or Mare (please circle) County _____

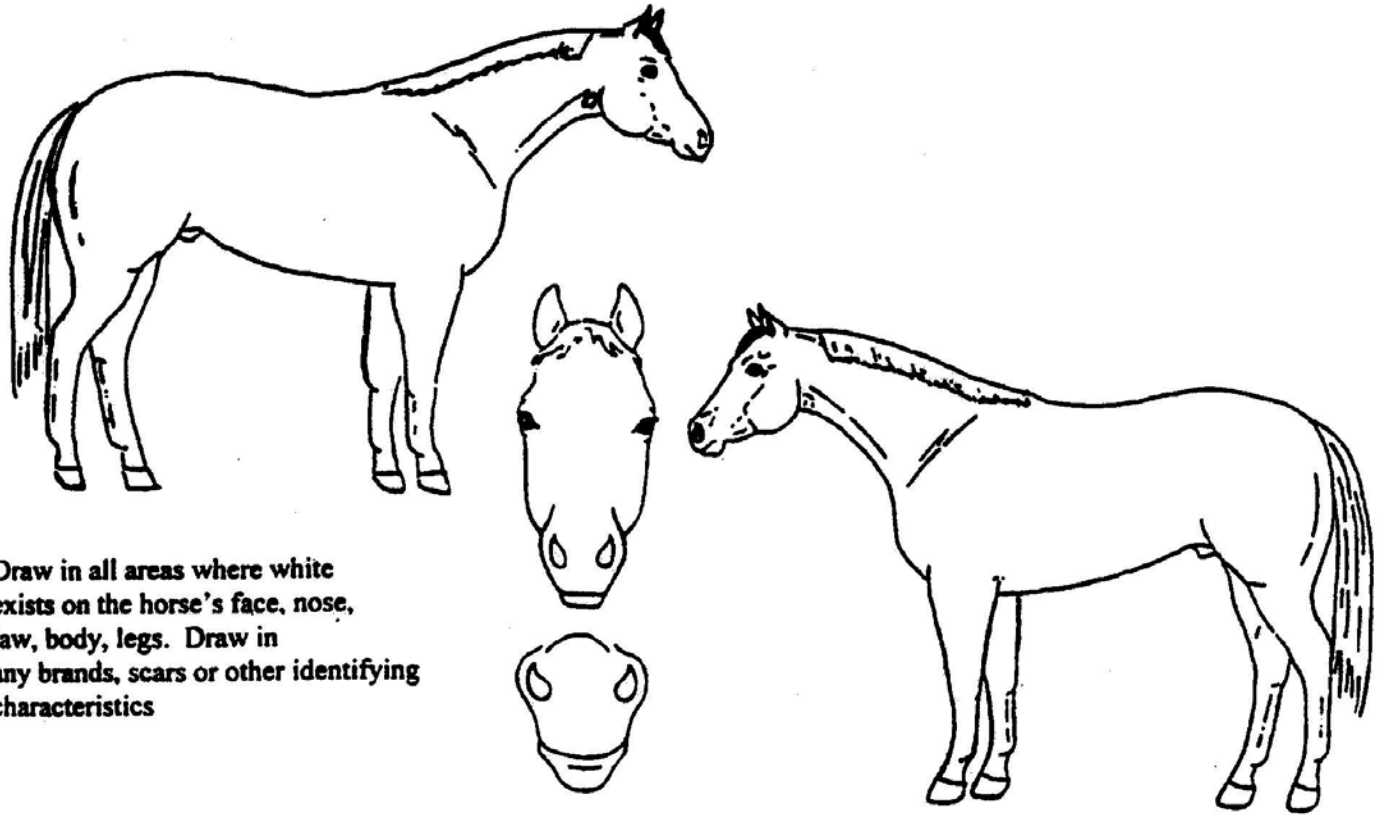
Horse's Birthdate (if known) _____ if unknown, horse's approximate age (years) _____
 Month Day Year

Horse's Height (inches) _____ Color _____

Examples of Color					
Sorrel	Buckskin	Black	Chestnut	Palomino	Brown
Bay	Paint	Spotted	Dunn	Roan	

Any unique identifying marks or brands _____

Horse was raised by 4Her or immediate family from birth
 or was purchased on _____ Date _____ From: _____ Seller's Name _____ Seller's Address _____



Draw in all areas where white exists on the horse's face, nose, jaw, body, legs. Draw in any brands, scars or other identifying characteristics

Signatures by the following certify that the horse identified on this form is the 4H horse project and that this horse was owned on or before May 1 of the current 4-H year by the 4-Her or that 4-Her's parent, brother, sister, grandparent or legal guardian.

4-H Member

Parent or guardian

County Extension Agent

Date

Date

Date



2010 State 4-H Horse Buckle Sponsorship Form



You now 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 Souvenir Program and Working Order 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"/> Champion Mare | <input type="checkbox"/> Yearling Longe Line | <input type="checkbox"/> Working Hunter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Geldings 5 & Over | <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Yr-Old Western Pleas-
ure | <input type="checkbox"/> Equitation Over
Fences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Geldings 4 & Un-
der | <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Yr-Old Stock Horse | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Jumping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade Geldings | <input type="checkbox"/> Tie Down Calf Roping | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Champion Gelding | <input type="checkbox"/> Breakaway Roping | |

Two-Day Horsemanship School Request Form

38th Annual

Summer Horsemanship School Program

Summer of 2010

GROUP: _____ County would like to host a 2010 Summer Horsemanship/Horse Training School to be held in _____ (town).

DATES: Rank your choices below: (Note: must have at least three choices filled in to be considered)

1-1 st Choice	3-3 rd Choice
2-2 nd Choice	4-4 th Choice

<u>Choice</u>	<u>Fri/Sat</u>	<u>Choice</u>	<u>Mon/Tues</u>	<u>Choice</u>	<u>Wed/Thurs</u>
_____	June 4,5	_____	May 31, June 1	_____	June 2,3
_____	June 11,12	_____	June 7,8	_____	June 9,10
_____	June 18,19	_____	June 14,15	_____	June 16,17
_____	June 25,26	_____	June 21,22	_____	June 23,24
_____	July 2,3	_____	June 28,29	_____	June 30, July 1

*Please check to make sure that area elementary, junior high and high schools are not in session, before requesting these dates.

SCHEDULING FEE: Please send this form, along with a \$300.00 check made payable to Department of Animal Science, by **January 31, 2010**. This \$300.00 serves as a deposit for scheduling. The remaining **\$830.00** balance is due in the Animal Science Business Office **May 15, 2010**. The deposit will be refundable only in the event that a date cannot be scheduled for your county on one of the four choices marked above. Once the schedule has been finalized and sent to your County Extension Agent, there will be no refund of deposit or balance. Complete refunds will be made if a clinic is completely rained out and a rain date cannot be scheduled.

COUNTY CONTACT PERSON:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____

Signature of County Extension Agent: _____ County: _____

_____ Date form returned: _____

Return to: Dept. of Animal Science/Business Office, 2471 TAMU, College Station, TX 77845-2471
 Phone: 979-845-1562 Fax: 979-458-2756

Three-Day Horsemanship School Request Form
38th Annual
Summer Horsemanship School Program
Summer of 2010

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1-1st Choice **3-3rd Choice**
2-2nd Choice **4-4th Choice**

<u>Choice</u>	<u>Mon-Wed</u>	<u>Choice</u>	<u>Thurs-Sat</u>
_____	May 31, June 1,2	_____	June 3,4,5
_____	June 7,8,9	_____	June 10,11,12
_____	June 14,15,16	_____	June 17,18,19
_____	June 21,22,23	_____	June 24,25,26
_____	June 28,29,30	_____	July 1,2,3

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State-Wide 4-H & Youth Cutting Clinic
Tarleton State University Equine Center – Stephenville, Texas
February 19 - 21, 2010

Limited to 20 youth riders. This is not a beginning riding clinic. You must have a broke horse which has had **considerable** cow work to derive the most benefit from this clinic. **Cost is \$100**, includes one stall, handout material, meals, and all cow work.

The focus will be on herd work, improving your cattle handling and showmanship skills, improving your horsemanship, helping your horse perform better, rules for showing in the cutting class.

Friday, Feb. 19th

- 5 pm Arrive
- 6 pm Equipment, bits and biting, proper tack, keeping horses fit and sound

Saturday, Feb. 20th

- 8 am Registration
- 9 am Introduction to cutting out of a herd
- 10 am Practice cattle handling and separating cattle
- 12 noon Lunch
- 1 pm Classroom-Rules review
- 2 pm Practice cow work
- 6 pm BBQ Dinner and Professional Cutting Demo

Sunday, Feb. 21st

- 8 am Cowboy Church Service
- 8:30 Practice Cow Work-Selecting and Shaping a Cow
- 12 noon Lunch
- 1 pm Continue Individual Instruction and Practice
- 4 pm Cutting Contest for all Contestants with prizes to the winners!

- 6 pm Adjourn

For more information contact:

Texas AgriLife Extension Service
Erath County Office
Todd Vineyard, County Extension Agent - Ag
Courthouse Annex
112 W. College St. - #109
Stephenville, TX 76401

254-965-1460
erath@ag.tamu.edu

**Statewide Youth Cutting Clinic
February 19-21, 2010
Entry Form**

Name _____ Age _____

Parent Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ Cell Phone _____

How many years riding experience? _____

How many years cutting experience? _____

Horse's Name _____ Horse's Age _____

Please make \$100 payment to:

Erath Ag Committees
112 W. College St. - #109
Stephenville, TX 76401