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Section 1—County Extension Agents

This section contains information on workshops, clinics, programs, and 4-H horse projects.

Section 2—4-H Horse Project Leaders

County Extension Agents, 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.

Equine Reproductive Management Short Course—January 11-13

The Equine Science Section will conduct the second breeder’s school for horse owners, farm managers, and veterinarians on **January 11-13, 2011. The cost is \$600.** Emphasis will be placed on broodmare management and preparing mares for the breeding season. Stallion handling and artificial collection/insemination will be covered, with discussions also on mare and foal nu-

trition.

For more information, contact Dr. Martha Vogelsang at m-vogelsang@tamu.edu or call 979-845-7731. See the website: <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/index.htm> and click on Equine Workshops and Equine Reproductive Management Short Course.

Print Form

Equine Reproductive Management Short Course Registration Form

Name _____

Farm or Business Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (daytime) _____ (evening) _____

FAX _____ E-mail _____

Please select preferred dates of attendance

_____ November 30-December 2, 2010

_____ January 11-13, 2011

Payment Information

Registration fee for each short course is \$600 per participant. Please send registration form for each participant. Payment should be made by check payable in US funds to:

Department of Animal Science

Mail payment along with this form to:

**Department of Animal Science
TAMU 2471
Room 129 Kleberg Center
Animal Science Business Office
Texas A&M University
College Station, TX 77843-2471**

Mare/Foal Management Workshop—February 24

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 13th Annual Mare/Foal Workshop on Thursday, February 24, 2011 at Texas A&M University. The workshop will be held at the Louis Pearce Pavilion. This location will allow for a hands-on approach to some of the workshop topics. Information on broodmare and foal nutrition, the estrous cycle, foaling care, as well as basic reproductive function, detection of estrus and signs of foaling will be discussed. Health care and

restraint of mares, as well as some foal handling and neonatal care also will be addressed. This one-day workshop is designed for mare owners. It is not intended to be a breeder's school and will focus more on mare management than on breeding procedures. The information will be useful for the mare owner, regardless of how many mares they own or manage. Instruction 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.

“Back to Basics” Horse Short Course—February 24-25

Starting at 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. on February 24, and then from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. February 25, there will be a “Back to Basics” Horse Short Course for all horse enthusiasts sponsored by Texas A&M University and Texas AgriLife Extension. The workshop will be held at the Louis Pearce Pavilion. Live training demonstrations will begin at 7 p.m. on the 24, focusing on starting young

horses. Starting at 8:30 a.m. on the 25, there will be presentations and live demonstrations on various topics of interest to horse owners, including health care, nutrition and feeding management, selection and evaluation and ending with basic and advanced training techniques for performance horses.

Registration Information for Mare/Foal and “Back to Basics” Workshops

Pre-registration is preferred. Registration includes printed materials, light breakfast, and noon meal. The program begins at 8:00 a.m. with registration. The cost for each of these Equine Owner Education Workshops is \$40.00, and online registration will be accepted through February 13, 2011. Late online registration is \$50.00 and will be accepted from February 14 through February 18, 2011. Registration at the door is \$60.00 per workshop. You may register for both workshops for a total of \$70 prior

to February 13, or \$90 from February 14 through February 18. Registration at the door for both workshops together is \$100. For more information, contact Dr. Dennis Sigler or Teri Antilley at (979) 845-1562 or dsigler@tamu.edu or see the webpage <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/index.htm> and click on Equine Workshops. For registration information, please visit AgriLife Extension Conference Services at <http://agrilifeevents.tamu.edu/>.

State-wide Youth Cutting Clinic—February 18-20

The State-wide **4-H & Youth Cutting Clinic** will be held at **Tarleton State University Equine Center in Stephenville, Texas on February 18-20, 2011**. It will be **limited to 20 youth** riders. This is not a beginning riding clinic. Riders must have a broke horse which has had considerable cow work to derive the most benefit from this clinic. The **cost is \$100**, and this includes one stall, handout material, meals, and all cow work. **The focus** will be on herd work, improving cattle handling and showmanship skills, improving horsemanship, helping the

horse perform better, and rules for showing in the cutting class. More information and an entry form are located at the end of the newsletter. For more information, contact Todd Vineyard, Erath County Extension Agent, at 254-965-1460 or erath@ag.tamu.edu .

State-wide Youth Reining Clinic—March 26-27

The annual Texas State **Youth Reining Horse Clinic** will be held at the **Somervell County Expo Center in Glen Rose, TX on March 26-27, 2011**. Youth attending must be a bonafide 4-H member and bring a horse they want to improve in executing all basic maneuvers. The horse does not have to be a reiner. If under 18, members must provide their own parental or volunteer supervision. Topics will include lateral flexion and forward momentum, circles, spins, stops, rollbacks, and lead changes. All par-

ticipants will receive “hands-on” practice and assistance throughout the clinic. This clinic will be hosted by the Texas State Youth Equestrian Foundation. For additional information, contact **Vicki Hoggett at (254) 897-9180 and/or visit www.reiningintexas.com** .

Horse Validation Deadline Reminder—May 1

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. Dennis Sigler and Teri Antilley—979.845.1562

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 Guide AS 1-2.120* and the *Youth and Collegiate Horse Judging Manual AS 3-2.051* are available online at the Texas AgriLife Bookstore - <http://agriflifebookstore.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

The *Texas 4-H Horsemanship Leader Guide AS 3-2.032* 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; haltering, 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 turnarounds; speed control; transitions and simple lead changes; and flying lead changes. Guides are available for purchase on-line at the Texas AgriLife Bookstore - <http://agriflifebookstore.org/> .

39th 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 38 years, this program has reached 45,874 people with 1,302 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 39th Annual Summer Horsemanship School fees will be slightly reduced to \$1100 for a 2-day school and \$1300 for a 3-

day school. 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.

Number of riders	Approximate cost per rider for a 2-day school
30	\$ 37.00
20	\$ 55.00
10	\$ 110.00
Number of riders	Approximate cost per rider for a 3-day school
30	\$ 44.00
20	\$ 65.00
10	\$ 130.00

Request forms for 2-day and 3-day schools for 2011 are located in the back of the newsletter. These forms, along with a deposit of \$300.00, are due by **January 31, 2011**. The remaining balance of \$800.00 for a 2-day school and \$1000.00 for a 3-day school is due by **May 15, 2011**. For questions or more information, please contact

Teri Antilley, Horse Program Specialist, at 979-845-5264 or tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu. Additional information can be found on the website <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/equine.html>.

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We are very excited about the future of this agreement with Anderson Bean and Texas 4-H. Please be sure you express your appreciation to Anderson Bean Boot Company any time you can.

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Liberty County Rebel Riders Perform at 2010 AQHA World Show

As 2010 Champion Texas State 4-H Drill Team, the Liberty County Rebel Riders were invited to perform during the Finals Performance at the American Quarter Horse Association World Championship Show in Oklahoma on November 19th. They competed against a youth drill team from Oklahoma, the “Freedom Riders.”

The Rebel Riders, with true Texas passion and the confidence of a well-trained unit, took command of the internationally packed arena. In classy black and white costumes they transported the audience back in time to the nostalgic ‘big band era’ with their equestrian rendition of “New York, New York.” Horse enthusiasts from all over the world praised them for their technical maneuvers which they executed with military precision. When the dust finally settled and the votes were tallied the Rebel Riders emerged the victors of the friendly “Battle of the Border” making them the Drill Team Champions of the 2010 AQHA World Show.

Much appreciation is expressed to the AQHA Show Committee for inviting them to compete in such an exclusive arena of champions. They considered it an honor to not only be invited, but to ride against the renowned Oklahoma “Freedom Riders.” The Freedom Riders showed great kindness and real southern hospitality to the Rebel Riders, hosting them for lunch and providing gifts for the team members. Their sportsmanship was greatly appreciated by the Rebel Riders, making it a memorable trip for them. The Rebel Riders also wish to thank the many faithful supporters, who

through the years have invested their hearts, their time, and their finances to promote youth equestrian sports. It is because of their commitment to the sport that these youth have been able to accomplish what others only dream about!

The Rebel Riders ride under the direction of head drill master, Tommy Small, and drill masters Tammie Turner and Rex Robertson. The AQHA World Champion riders were: Lauren Barham, Taylor Copenhaver, Jodee Crane, Melissa Crane, Katy Curry, Emalee Diehl, Hannah Duty, Harley Gray, Kacie Hughes, Kerry Jamison, Paula Miller, Chelsea Robertson, Amber Slater, Bobbie Turner, Jenna Turner, Kylie Turner, and alternate, Lauren Mohn.

Dr. Dennis Sigler, Extension Horse Specialist from Texas A&M, and Ron Holcomb, Liberty County Extension Agent, traveled to Oklahoma City to support the team.

This was the first year that a Texas 4-H Drill team has been invited to perform at the World Show. This was a great showcase for the Texas 4-H Horse Program, and we were represented well. We hope this invitation to the State Champion Team will be an annual event. The event was made possible through additional support from **Anderson Bean Boot Company**, the newest sponsor of the Texas 4-H Horse Program and the State 4-H Horse Show.

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 Teri Antilley prior to May 6th, 2011. tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu . If you have any questions, please contact Teri Antilley or Dennis Sigler at 979.845.1562.

2011 State 4-H Horse Show Dates—July 23-30

The State 4-H Horse Show will be held in Abilene, TX on July 23-30, 2011. 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>

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 2011 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 Teri Antilley.
 - Complete the 2011 Horse Validation Excel Spread Sheet.
<http://countyprograms.tamu.edu/ValPrg.htm>
Email the form to Teri Antilley - tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu - by **May 6th, 2011**.
 - 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 6th, 2011.
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4-H Horse Project Reminders—2011

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 2011 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 Reminders—2011 (cont'd)

Qualifying for State via District 4-H Horse Shows

The 2011 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, youth 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-old, 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 6** 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 Reminders—2011 (cont'd)

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 Fences 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—2011		
Date	Program/Activity	Contact
Jan 8	Montgomery Co. Horse Judging Contest—Conroe (Lone Star Expo)	Michelle Mihalek 936.539.7823 MMMihalek@ag.tamu.edu
Jan 5-9	National Western 4-H Roundup—Denver, CO	www.westernnationalroundup.org/
Jan 11-13	TAMU Horse Breeder's School-TAMU	Martha Vogelsang 979.845.7731
Jan 15	Johnson Co. Horse Judging Contest—Alvarado Diamond W Arena	Ed Bader 817.447.1704 ednetwork1@sbcglobal.net
Jan 28	Matagorda Co. Horse Judging Contest—Bay City, TX	Brent Batchelor 979.245.4100 b-batchelor@tamu.edu
Jan 31	Deadline for submitting Summer Horsemanship School Request Forms	Teri Antilley 979.845.5264 tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu
Feb 5	Ft. Worth Horse Judging Contest—Ft. Worth (Will Rogers)	Stock Show Office 817.877.2400
Feb 10	San Antonio Stock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest	Stock Show Office 210.225.0575
Feb 11	San Antonio Stock Show Youth Horse Quiz Bowl	Stock Show Office 210.225.0575
Feb 18-20	State 4-H Cutting Clinic—Stephenville	CEA Todd Vineyard 254.965.1460
Feb 24	Mare/Foal Workshop—College Station	Dennis Sigler 979.845.1562 dsigler@tamu.edu
Feb 24-25	“Back To Basics” Horse Short Course—College Station	Dennis Sigler 979.845.1562 dsigler@tamu.edu
Mar 7	Houston Stock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest—Katy (Greater Southwest Equestrian Center)	Stock Show 832-667-1000 www.rodeohouston.com
Mar 26-27	Texas State Youth Reining Clinic—Glen Rose (Somervell County Expo Center)	Vicki Hoggett 254.897.9180 www.reiningintexas.com
Apr 9	Multi-District Horse Judging Contest—College Station (Freeman Arena)	Teri Antilley 979.845.1562
May 1	Deadline for Validating 4-H Horse Projects—All Counties	Teri Antilley 979.845.1562
May/June	39th Annual Summer Horsemanship Schools	Teri Antilley 979.845.1562 tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu
May 15	Deadline for Entries to TAMU Horse Judging Camps	Dr. Clay Cavinder 979.845.7731

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June 14	Roundup—State Horse Quiz Bowl—College Station	Kyle Merten 979.845.1212
June 15	Roundup—State 4-H Horse Judging Contest—College Station (Freeman Arena)	Teri Antilley 979.845.1562
June 16	Roundup—State Educational Presentations—Horse Method Demonstrations & Public Speaking Contest—College Station	Teri Antilley or Dennis Sigler 979.845.1562 tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu or dsigler@tamu.edu
June 19-23	State 4-H Calf & Breakaway Roping School—Stephenville	CEA Scott Anderson 325.646.0386
June 22-24	TAMU Horse Judging Camp—College Station	Dr. Clay Cavinder 979.845.7731
June 23-26	State 4-H Team Roping School—South Plains College—Levelland	CEA Chris Edens 806.894.3159
July 6-8	TAMU Horse Judging Camp—College Station	Dr. Clay Cavinder 979.845.7731
July 23-30	49th 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 validating all other horses as projects for the current year.

The summer of 2011 marks the 39th 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. Information, as well as the forms, can be found on the following website: <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/index.htm> .

The Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations are being revised for 2011, and a copy will be posted to the internet by early spring. The rules will be available under the State 4-H Horse Show link at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/index.htm> . 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) All District 4-H Horse Shows
- 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 49th 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 2011.

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As 2010 Champion Texas State 4-H Drill Team, the Liberty County Rebel Riders were invited to perform during the Finals Performance at the American Quarter Horse Association World Championship Show in Oklahoma on November 19th. They competed against a youth drill team from Oklahoma, the “Freedom Riders.”

The Rebel Riders, with true Texas passion and the confidence of a well-trained unit, took command of the internationally packed arena. In classy, black and white costumes they transported the audience back in time to the nostalgic ‘big band era’ with their equestrian rendition of “New York, New York.” Horse enthusiasts from all over the world praised them for their technical maneuvers which they executed with military precision. When the dust finally settled and the votes were tallied the Rebel Riders emerged the victors of the friendly “Battle of the Border” making them the Drill Team Champions of the 2010 AQHA World Show.

Much appreciation is expressed to the AQHA Show Committee for inviting them to compete in such an exclusive arena of champions. They considered it an honor to not only be invited, but to ride against the renowned Oklahoma “Freedom Riders.” The Freedom Riders showed great kindness and real southern hospitality to the Rebel Riders, hosting them for lunch and providing gifts for the team members. Their sportsmanship was greatly appreciated by the Rebel Riders making it a memorable trip for them. The Rebel Riders also wish to thank the many faithful supporters, who

through the years have invested their hearts, their time, and their finances to promote youth equestrian sports. It is because of their commitment to the sport, that these youth have been able to accomplish what others only dream about!

The Rebel Riders ride under the direction of head drill master, Tommy Small, and drill masters Tammie Turner and Rex Robertson. The AQHA World Champion riders were: Lauren Barham, Taylor Copenhaver, Jodee Crane, Melissa Crane, Katy Curry, Emalee Diehl, Hannah Duty, Harley Gray, Kacie Hughes, Kerry Jamison, Paula Miller, Chelsea Robertson, Amber Slater, Bobbie Turner, Jenna Turner, Kylie Turner, and alternate, Lauren Mohn.

Dr. Dennis Sigler, Extension Horse Specialist from Texas A&M, and Ron Holcomb, Liberty County Extension Agent, traveled to Oklahoma City to support the team.

This was the first year that a Texas 4-H Drill team has been invited to perform at the World Show. This was a great showcase for the Texas 4-H Horse Program, and we were represented well. We hope this invitation to the State Champion Team will be an annual event. The event was made possible through additional support from **Anderson Bean Boot Company**, the newest sponsor of the Texas 4-H Horse Program and the State 4-H Horse Show.

39th Annual Summer Horsemanship School Program

This summer will mark the 39th 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 \$37 for a 2-day school and

\$44 for a 3-day school.

Request forms for 2-day and 3-day schools for 2011 are located in the newsletter. These forms, along with a deposit of \$300.00, are due by **January 31, 2011**. The remaining balance of \$800.00 for a 2-day school and \$1,000.00 for a 3-day school is due by **May 15, 2011**. 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 tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu. Additional information can be found on the website <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/equine.html>.

State-wide Youth Cutting Clinic—February 18-20

The State-wide 4-H & Youth Cutting Clinic will be held at **Tarleton State University Equine Center in Stephenville, Texas on February 18-20, 2011**. It will be **limited to 20 youth** riders. This is not a beginning riding clinic. Riders must have a broke horse which has had considerable cow work to derive the most benefit from this clinic. The **cost is \$100**, and this includes one stall, handout material, meals, and all cow

work. **The focus** will be on herd work, improving cattle handling and showmanship skills, improving horsemanship, helping the horse perform better, and rules for showing in the cutting class. More information and an entry form are located at the end of the newsletter. For more information, contact Todd Vineyard, Erath County Extension Agent, at 254-965-1460 or erath@ag.tamu.edu.

State-wide Youth Reining Clinic—March 26-27

The annual Texas State **Youth Reining Horse Clinic** will be held at the **Somervell County Expo Center in Glen Rose, TX on March 26-27, 2011**. Youth attending must be a bonafide 4-H member and bring a horse they want to improve in executing all basic maneuvers. The horse does not have to be a reiner. If under 18, members must provide their own parental or volunteer supervision. Topics will include lateral flexion and forward momentum, circles, spins,

stops, rollbacks, and lead changes. All participants will receive “hands-on” practice and assistance throughout the clinic. This clinic will be hosted by the Texas State Youth Equestrian Foundation. For additional information, contact **Vicki Hoggett at (254) 897-9180 and/or visit www.reiningintexas.com**.

Horse Project Validation Deadline—May 1

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, 2010, which is the start of the current 4-H year. The age minimum applies only to the futurity project. This is the sixth year for the minimum age requirement.

2011 State 4-H Horse Show Dates—July 23-30

The State 4-H Horse Show will be held in Abilene, TX on July 23-30, 2011. Look for the complete schedule of events coming very soon. The schedule will be posted under State 4-H Horse Show on the following site— <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/index.htm>

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 2011 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.

Texas State 4-H Rules and Regulations—Reminders

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 2011 rule book will be available online early in the year. It can be found on two websites. They are <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/>

[index.htm](http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/index.htm) and <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>. The 2010 version will remain on both websites, until the revised 2011 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 validated 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 2011 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.
6. Trail is a Qualifying Class at District Shows. Stock Horse Trail is an Open class. **The same horse CANNOT be entered in both Trail and Stock Horse Trail.**

Texas State 4-H Rules and Regulations—Reminders (cont'd)

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 2011, 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.
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Texas State 4-H Rules and Regulations—Reminders (cont'd)

15. Team Penning—The revised rulebook will contain 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 was added back to the class in 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 Futurity 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.

4-H Horse Project Reminders—2011

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 2011 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 Reminders—2011 (cont'd)

Qualifying for State via District 4-H Horse Shows

The 2011 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 6** 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 newsletter.

4-H Horse Project Reminders—2011 (cont'd)

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—2011		
Date	Program/Activity	Contact
Jan 8	Montgomery Co. Horse Judging Contest—Conroe (Lone Star Expo)	Michelle Mihalek 936.539.7823 MMMihalek@ag.tamu.edu
Jan 5-9	National Western 4-H Roundup—Denver, CO	www.westernnationalroundup.org/
Jan 11-13	TAMU Horse Breeder's School-TAMU	Martha Vogelsang 979.845.7731
Jan 15	Johnson Co. Horse Judging Contest—Alvarado Diamond W Arena	Ed Bader 817.447.1704 ednetwork1@sbcglobal.net
Jan 28	Matagorda Co. Horse Judging Contest—Bay City, TX	Brent Batchelor 979.245.4100 b-batchelor@tamu.edu
Jan 31	Deadline for submitting Summer Horsemanship School Request Forms	Teri Antilley 979.845.5264 tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu
Feb 5	Ft. Worth Horse Judging Contest—Ft. Worth (Will Rogers)	Stock Show Office 817.877.2400
Feb 10	San Antonio Stock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest	Stock Show Office 210.225.0575
Feb 11	San Antonio Stock Show Youth Horse Quiz Bowl	Stock Show Office 210.225.0575
Feb 18-20	State 4-H Cutting Clinic—Stephenville	CEA Todd Vineyard 254.965.1460
Feb 24	Mare/Foal Workshop—College Station	Dennis Sigler 979.845.1562 dsigler@tamu.edu
Feb 24-25	“Back To Basics” Horse Short Course—College Station	Dennis Sigler 979.845.1562 dsigler@tamu.edu
Mar 7	Houston Stock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest—Katy (Greater Southwest Equestrian Center)	Stock Show 832-667-1000 www.rodeohouston.com
Mar 26-27	Texas State Youth Reining Clinic—Glen Rose (Somervell County Expo Center)	Vicki Hoggett 254.897.9180 www.reiningintexas.com
Apr 9	Multi-District Horse Judging Contest—College Station (Freeman Arena)	Teri Antilley 979.845.1562
May 1	Deadline for Validating 4-H Horse Projects—All Counties	Teri Antilley 979.845.1562
May/June	39th Annual Summer Horsemanship Schools	Teri Antilley 979.845.1562 tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu
May 15	Deadline for Entries to TAMU Horse Judging Camps	Dr. Clay Cavinder 979.845.7731

Calendar of Events—2011		
Date	Program/Activity	Contact
June 14	Roundup—State Horse Quiz Bowl—College Station	Kyle Merten 979.845.1212
June 15	Roundup—State 4-H Horse Judging Contest—College Station (Freeman Arena)	Teri Antilley 979.845.1562
June 16	Roundup—State Educational Presentations—Horse Method Demonstrations & Public Speaking Contest—College Station	Teri Antilley or Dennis Sigler 979.845.1562 tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu or dsigler@tamu.edu
June 19-23	State 4-H Calf & Breakaway Roping School—Stephenville	CEA Scott Anderson 325.646.0386
June 22-24	TAMU Horse Judging Camp—College Station	Dr. Clay Cavinder 979.845.7731
June 23-26	State 4-H Team Roping School—South Plains College—Levelland	CEA Chris Edens 806.894.3159
July 6-8	TAMU Horse Judging Camp—College Station	Dr. Clay Cavinder 979.845.7731
July 23-30	49th Texas State 4-H Horse Show-Abilene	Horse Specialists' Office 979.845.1562



4-H Year: 2010-11

HORSE PROJECT(S) VALIDATION FORM
 May 1st DUE DATE in County Extension Office - (Fee \$10/horse)

Name of 4-H Member	Mailing Address	City/Town + Zip	County
Birthdate of 4-H'er mm/dd/yy	Current Age of 4-H'er as of Sept. 1, 2010	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
_____	_____	_____	_____	G M	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
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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
_____	_____	_____	_____	G F	Y	N	A	B	C	D	Y	N
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_____	_____	_____	_____	G F	Y	N	A	B	C	D	Y	N

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 Three-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

This form is to be completed by CEA offices and returned to the State Horse Specialists’ Office by **May 6, 2011**, along with validation information and breed registration papers or grade horse identification forms. Do **NOT** accept any validations after **May 1st**.

County: _____ District: _____

CEA’s Name: _____ CEA’s Signature: _____

County Office Address: _____
(Street/P.O. Box) (City) (Zip Code)

County Office Phone Number: _____

Please be sure all futurity horses listed have been validated. Make a copy of this summary sheet and proof of ownership, and keep it on file. **This form and proof of ownership** (registration papers or grade horse identification forms) **are due on or before May 6, 2011.**

A = Yearling Filly and/or Longe Line B = Yearling Gelding and/or Longe Line C = 2-Yr-Old Futurity D = 3-Yr-Old Futurity

Name of 4-H'er	Age of 4-H'er	Gender of Horse (Filly or Gelding)	Age of Horse	Nominated for: (Letters A-D)

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 _____

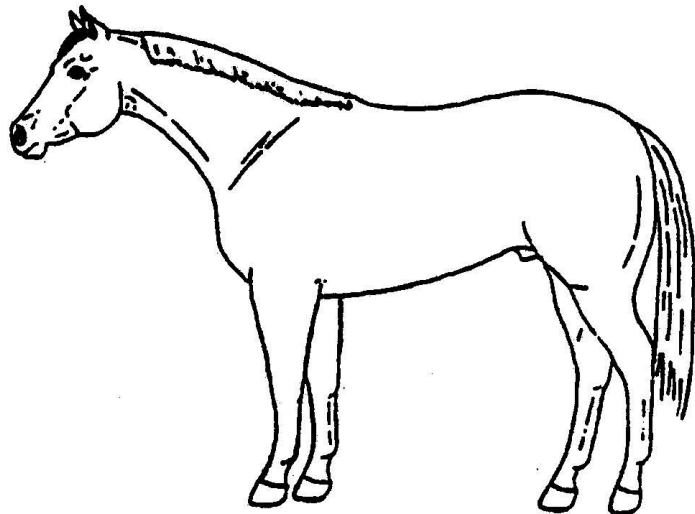
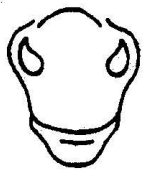
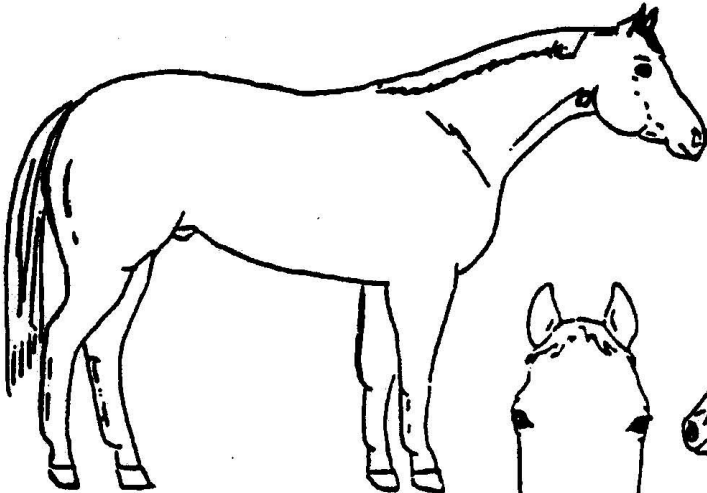
Horse's Birthdate (if known) _____ if unknown, horse's approximate age (years) _____
 Month Day Year

Horse's Height (inches) _____ Color _____

Examples of Color					
Sorrel	Bucksin	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

Date

Parent or guardian

Date

County Extension Agent

Date



2011 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 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) you are interested in sponsoring.

Remember that multiple buckles are awarded in each class.

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

Two-Day Horsemanship School Request Form

39th Annual

Summer Horsemanship School Program

Summer of 2011

GROUP: _____ County would like to host a 2011 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 3,4	_____	May 30, 31	_____	June 1,2
_____	June 10,11	_____	June 6,7	_____	June 8,9
_____	June 17,18	_____	June 13,14	_____	June 15,16
_____	June 24,25	_____	June 20,21	_____	June 22,23
_____	July 1,2	_____	June 27,28	_____	June 29, 30

*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, 2011**. This \$300.00 serves as a deposit for scheduling. The remaining **\$800.00** balance is due in the Animal Science Business Office **May 15, 2011**. 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: _____

Please make checks payable to Texas AgriLife Extension- #229100-60180.

Return to: Dept. of Animal Science/Business Office, 2471 TAMU, College Station, TX 77845-2471

Phone: 979-845-1562 Fax: 979-458-2756

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_____	Mon-Wed May 30,31, June 1	_____	June 2,3,4
_____	June 6,7,8	_____	June 9,10,11
_____	June 13,14,15	_____	June 16,17,18
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State-Wide 4-H & Youth Cutting Clinic
Tarleton State University Equine Center – Stephenville, Texas
February 18 - 20, 2011

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, and rules for showing in the cutting class.

Friday, Feb. 18th

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

Saturday, Feb. 19th

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. 20th

8 am	Cowboy Church Service
8:30 am	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

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**Statewide Youth Cutting Clinic
February 18-20, 2011
Entry Form**

Name _____ Age _____

Parent's 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