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4-H Horse Program Projects and Publications



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Horse projects are offered in four interest areas:

- **Performance/Horsemanship (Level 1, Levels 2-5)** Youth select and care for a horse or pony, keep a record of all activities with their horse at each level and may participate in local, district or state shows and activities.
- **Production** Youth in production projects participate with young horses up to five years of age. Records are kept for each animal enrolled in the project and horses may be shown at local, regional and state shows.
- **Competitive Trail Riding** Youth learn to select and condition a horse for competitive trail riding. Youth maintain records, record trail riding experiences and may compete in organized rides.
- **Horseless** This project is for youth who do not own horses, but want to learn more about them. There are many opportunities for horseless members such as the safety and horsemanship skills programs, horse judging, hippology, horse bowl, skillathon, communications contests, and more!

Safety Program

The safety program is designed to:

- * Promote safety of youth while working with horses
- * Promote safety awareness in youth, parents, leaders, and agents
- * Provide safety resources and activities for participants
- * Incorporate safety education within existing 4-H projects
- * Recognize youth and leaders for safety achievements

The primary components of the safety program are:

- ◆ "Safety Packets" including safety resources for each county
- ◆ Educational programs and activities for youth and adults
- ◆ Horsemanship Skills Program
- ◆ Safety awards for youth, leaders and clubs

Horsemanship Skills Program

The Horsemanship Skills Program provides a planned progression of skill development to promote safety, education, and life skills of youth. The program is available to *all* 4-H members, regardless of their riding level, discipline, or ability to own a horse. Youth are not required to use their project animals, although this is encouraged as appropriate. Youth who do not own a horse may participate by sharing or leasing a horse. Team Horse Power is a leadership and horsemanship component of the Horsemanship Skills Program. Team Horse Power empowers teens and young adults to develop their individual skills and in turn teach horsemanship and mentor youth at county, regional, and state levels.

Publications

4-H Skills For Life Animal Science Series:

- ✓ These books are used as project activity guides (project books) for each of the project areas.
- ✓ Each level is designed to take 2-4 years to complete.
- ✓ A planning guide at the beginning of each book outlines required and optional activities and specific skills for each level.
- ✓ Three to five learning experiences are required per year in each level.
- ✓ Twenty one activities should be completed before advancing to the next level.

Publications (continued)

4-H Skills For Life Animal Science Series:

A0680A Horse Level 1; Giddy Up and Go
A0690A Horse Level 2; Head Heart, and Hooves
A0700A Horse Level 3; Stable Relationships
A0706A Horse Level 4; Riding the Range
A0707A Horse Level 5; Jumping to New Heights
A0680C Horse Project Helper/Group Activity Guide

Project Records and Resources:

A0680B Performance Horsemanship Annual Record – Level 1
A0690B Performance Horsemanship Annual Record – Level 2-5
A0705B Horse Production Annual Record
A0650B Horse Production Record 1: Broodmare
A0650D Horse Production Record 2: Foal, Weanling, Yearling, 2, 3, 4 or 5 Year Old
A0650E Horse Production Show Entry Form (Registered) Rev09/12pdf4145 *online: animalscience.psu.edu*
A0650F Horse Production Show Entry Form (Futurity) Rev05/12pdf4145 *online: animalscience.psu.edu*
A0650G Horse Production Show Entry Form (Grade) Rev04/12pdf4145 *online: animalscience.psu.edu*
A0600A Competitive Trail Riding Reference Book
A0600B Competitive Trail Riding Annual Record
A0600G Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Show Rule Book
S4008 Pennsylvania 4-H Pony Height Certificate
A0701B Horseless Project Annual Record
A0601B Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Safety Standards
A0602B Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Safety Checklist
A0610B Horses, Safety and You – How to Work With and Around a Horse Safely
A0603B Pennsylvania 4-H Horsemanship Skills Resource Book (4-H Member)
A0604B Pennsylvania 4-H Horsemanship Skills Resource Book (Volunteer/Professional)
Code TBD Level 1 Horsemanship Skills Explanation Sheets
pdf booklet available from county extension office; print publication to be available summer 2013
A0605B Level 1, 4-H Horsemanship Skills Evaluation Sheet
A0606B Level 2, 4-H Horsemanship Skills Evaluation Sheet
A0609B Summary 4-H Horsemanship Skills Evaluation Sheet

* The following items are available online only and are *not* needed for county use. Triplicate forms are available as needed for district or state use from Penn State Equine Extension Specialist or Associates.

* A0607B Level 3, 4-H Horsemanship Skills Evaluation Sheet

* A0608B Level 4, 4-H Horsemanship Skills Evaluation Sheet

Orders for publications should be placed through the county extension office to:

Publications Distribution Center
The Pennsylvania State University
Phone: 814-865-6713

Also available from the Department of Animal Science:

Equine Science Newsletter

Pennsylvania Horse Power – Pennsylvania Equine Economic Impact Study

Pennsylvania Therapeutic Horsemanship Directory

The website is updated and new items are added on an ongoing basis.

Please check the website periodically for updates at animalscience.psu.edu

For 4-H Horse Program information go to Youth 4-H/Horses

Each county office of Penn State Extension has access to or a copy of:

Horse Industry Handbook

Youth Leaders Manual

Safety Packets - I and II

Safety and Emergency Procedures (for 4-H horse events)

Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Safety Program – overview, information, awards

Pennsylvania 4-H Horsemanship Skills – overview, information and PowerPoint

Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Show Management Guidelines

Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Show Rule Book

Procedures for Rule and Program Changes – PA 4-H Horse Program

Responsibilities of 4-H Horse District Representatives

Guidelines for Pennsylvania 4-H Obstacle Trail

Jumps and Courses for 4-H Over Fences Classes

Guidelines for Bits in Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Shows

Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Production Project Guidelines

Skills Testing for Youth Under 12 Years of Age Showing Production Animals

Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Program Protective Headgear Policy—Questions and Answers

Program Accessibility Guidelines for Persons with Disabilities in 4-H Horse Events

4-H Horse Show Judges current list available on the DAS website

4-H Horse Show Judges Evaluations

Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Measurers and Measurer Trainers current list available on the DAS website

Measuring Stick Suppliers

2013 4-Horse Events

2013 4-H Horse Program Deadlines

Promotional/marketing and fund raising publications:

Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Program – 4-H, Horses and Youth – A Winning Combination

Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Program Endowment – For the Future

4-H Horse program and state show sponsorship information

**For more information, contact your local Penn State Cooperative Extension office at:
extension.psu.edu/counties or go to: animalscience.psu.edu – Youth 4-H, Horses.**

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