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Location change of the NC 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest

NC Claims multiple National Championships

2008 All American Quarter Horse Congress 4-H Educational Contest Results & 2008 Eastern National 4-H Horse Round-up

Contest Results NC Wins Horse Judging NC Wins Hippology

# **National 4-H Horse Events**

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\_sci/extension/horse/ Webpages/NCSU\_EHH\_Contest\_Results.html

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#### JESSICA HICKS JOINS EHH STAFF

Please join us in welcoming our newest extension horse technician, Jessica Hicks, here at North Carolina Extension Horse Husbandry. Jessica is a successful graduate of our 4-H program, winning multiple national team and individual championships in horse judging at both the 4-H and collegiate level, and has played an active role in the 4-H Horse Program since ageing out. She has officiated Horse Bowl, Hippology and Horse Judging contests since 2003 and has instructed the hunter division at Horsemanship Camp numerous times. Jessica completed both her undergraduate and master's degree from North Carolina State University in the Department of Animal Science. During her undergraduate degree, she worked as a student technician for Extension Horse Husbandry, assisting in contest preparation and state horse show organization. She also assisted in the writing and publication of the "North Carolina Introductory Level 4-H Horse Judging Manual" under her maiden name, Jessica Hockney. Upon completion of her undergraduate degree, she obtained a master's degree in Animal Science, specializing in Reproductive Physiology. She hopes to continue her education by obtaining a PhD in Equine Nutrition while working at Extension Horse Husbandry.

#### 2008-2009 STATE 4-H HORSE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Minutes and a list of advisory board members from the November 14, 2008 State 4-H Horse Advisory Board Meeting can be found online at <u>http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU\_EHH\_4H\_Advisory\_Board.html</u>. The minutes include all rule changes, a calendar of District and State 4-H Horse Program Events, program sponsorships, and work responsibilities. Rule changes will be incorporated into the *NC 4-H Horse Program Rules and Regulations Manual* available on the 4-H Horse Program website <u>http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU\_EHH\_Rulebook.html</u>. Information from the minutes has also been incorporated into the appropriate event sections on the website, so the most complete, up to date information is provided. --Bob Mowrey

#### 2009 STATE 4-H HIPPOLOGY CONTEST

The 2009 State 4-H Hippology Contest is scheduled for Saturday, March 7 at the Memorial Student Union on the NC A&T Campus in Greensboro and April 18, 2009 at the Martin Community College in Williamston, NC. The two-phase contest will be held in conjunction with the State 4-H Horse Bowl (March 7-- Exam, ID portion, and Team Problems) and State 4-H Horse Judging Contest (April 18 -- Horse Judging and Awards Session). Please note, the location of the horse judging contest was changed from Raleigh to Williamston due to an NC State Fairgrounds scheduling change.

The Hippology Contest blends the education values of Horse Bowl, Judging, Stable Management and Showing into one unique activity. The contest consists of judging a minimum of six halter and/or performance classes, completing a written exam, answering questions from up to 50 horse related slides, and a team problem for senior teams only. This is an excellent opportunity for 4-H'ers to expand their horse knowledge and demonstrate their management skills acquired through the 4-H Horse Program. Contest rules, regulations, and eligibility requirements can be found in the *NC 4-H Horse Program Rules and Regulations Manual* available on the 4-H Horse Program website <a href="http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU\_EHH\_Rulebook.html">http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU\_EHH\_Rulebook.html</a>. Additional contest information can be found on the EHH website at:

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU\_EHH\_Hippology.html

The entry fee is \$40.00 per four-member team or \$10.00 per individual contestant. Check should be made payable to NCSU. The entry fees for the same youth(s) will also be applied to the judging contest (April 18) for those youth competing for awards in the judging contest. For example: if a youth enters the Hippology Contest and pays a \$10.00 entry fee, that entry fee will be applied toward the youth competing in the entire judging contest. However, the youth must still complete and submit a judging contest entry form if they intend on competing for awards in the judging contest, but no fee will be required. Those hippology contestants just competing in the four required hippology judging classes **should not** submit a judging contest entry form. If they do not wish to participate in the judging contest, the previous Hippology Contest entry form is all that is required. Team entries will be processed in a similar fashion. A box lunch will not be provided on March 7, but those 4-Hers entered in both the judging and hippology contests will receive a box lunch on April 18.

The North Carolina Horse Council (NCHC) will sponsor the Hippology Contest. You can visit the NCHC at <u>http://www.nchorsecouncil.com</u>. Letters of appreciation should be mailed to:

Sue Gray, Executive DirectorandRandy Ratliff, PresidentNC Horse CouncilNC Horse Council4904 Waters Edge Dr., Suite 290441 Plainfield RdRaleigh, NC 27606Greensboro, NC 27455

The top eight senior division individuals will be eligible to compete for an opportunity to represent North Carolina at the All American Quarter Horse Congress, Columbus, Ohio (October 14 and at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Round-Up in Louisville, Kentucky (November 6-8). The team will also be eligible to attend the Southern Regional Contest Little Rock, AR scheduled on July 29-August 2, 2009.

Hippology references are the same as the Horse Bowl contest references and can be found on the Extension Horse Husbandry website at <a href="http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU\_EHH\_Educational\_Materials.html">http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU\_EHH\_Educational\_Materials.html</a>

#### HORSE BOWL / HIPPOLOGY CONTEST SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 7, 2009 Memorial Student Union, NC A&T University For a map visit: <u>http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU\_EHH\_Maps\_And\_Directions.html</u>

7:30-8:15 a.m.	Hippology Contest Registration- Memorial Student Union Lobby (Junior Divison Only) General Classroom Building (Senior Division Only)	
8:45-9:45 a.m.	Horse Bowl Contest Registration- Memorial Student Union (All age categories)	
8:15-10:00 a.m.	Hippology exam and slides testing. <i>Refer to posted sign at registration desk.</i> Jr. Division- Memorial Student Union, Stalling Ball Room Sr. Division- Craig Hall Auditorium (Follow signs)	
9:45-10:00 a.m.	Horse Bowl Coaches' Meeting One coach plus team captain only! Memorial Student Union, Stalling Ball Room	
10:00 a.m. or after completion of Hippology Exams	Draw for seed by coaches or team captain Memorial Student Union, Stalling Ball Room	
11:30 a.m.	NC State 4-H Horse Advisory Board Executive Committee Meeting. Meet at tabulation room 101 extension	
10:00 a.m6:30 p.m.	Horse Bowl Contest (estimated starting and ending time)	
	Horse Bowl Contest Rooms (Memorial Student Union)Holding Room -Stalling Ball RoomSr. Match Room -Exhibit Hall (first floor)Mixed Match Room-Room 005 (basement)Jr. Match Room -Room 101 (1 <sup>st</sup> floor)Tabulations -Room 101 extension	
1:00 p.m.	Official Hippology exam and slide answers posted on lobby entrance of Student Union Building	
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Horse Bowl Awards Ceremony. Memorial Student Union, Stalling Ball Room	

Breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase as a fundraiser for the NC A&T Equestrian Team.

#### HIPPOLOGY / JUDGING CONTEST SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, April 18, 2009 Martin Community College (MCC) Williamston, NC

For a map visit: http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU\_EHH\_Maps\_And\_Directions.html

Hippology Contestants can also participate in the Judging Contest, but must submit a Judging Contest Entry form.

7:30-8:15 a.m.	Judging Contest Registration. Previously registered Hippology contestants check in at 8:30 a.m.
8:30 a.m.	Contest starts. Hippology contestants to judge 4 pre-determined performance classes.
12:30-1:15 p.m.	All Judging and Hippology contestants (also participating in the Judging Contest) walk to the MCC classrooms for lunch and oral reasons. Hippology contestants, not participating in horse judging should not travel to Millbrook until the awards ceremony.
4:00 p.m.	Hippology contestants report to the classroom building area prior to awards ceremony.
5:30 p.m.	Brief review of classes by official judges.
6:00 p.m.	Hippology Contest Awards
6:30 p.m.	NC 4-H Horse Judging Contest Awards

The top ten individuals in the overall standings of the judging portion and exam segment of the contest in both the junior and senior division will receive ribbons. In addition to the ribbons, the first place junior and senior individuals overall will also receive an award in each category. The high junior and senior individuals will be designated the Junior or Senior 4-H Horseman of the Year. Each high individual and Reserve high overall individuals will receive an award.

The Old Northwest District is the sponsor of the Junior Division Horseman of the Year Award. Letters of appreciation should be mailed after the contest to:

Richard Isley	
8209 Mill Run Road	
Stokesdale, NC 27357	

Morgan Maness Rockingham Co. 4-H Agent 525 NC Hwy 65, Suite 200 Reidsville, NC 27320

Carolina Farm Credit Service is sponsoring the Senior Division Horseman of the year Award. Letters of appreciation should be mailed to:

Mr. Bill Miller Carolina Farm Credit Service PO Box 238 Graham, NC 27253

--Bob Mowrey

#### 2009 STATE 4-H/FFA HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

The 2009 North Carolina State 4-H Horse Judging Contest is scheduled for Saturday, April 18 at Martin Community College, Williamston, NC. Due to a last minute change in the show calendar at the Hunt Horse Complex in Raleigh; the Easter Bunny Quarter Horse Show was moved back one weekend. The schedule change forced the State 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest to relocate to Williamston to remain on the previously advertised date. For a NC 4-H Horse Program map of the Williamston area, visit <u>http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU\_EHH\_Maps\_And\_Directions.html</u>. The contest will be held in conjunction with the State FFA Horse Judging Contest. Both contests will utilize the same judging classes and rules but receive a separate set of awards. Several out-of-state guest teams may participate for no awards. Judging Contest Rules are available in the *NC4-H Horse Program Rules and Regulations Manual* available on the 4-H Horse Program website <a href="http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU\_EHH\_Rulebook.html">http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU\_EHH\_Rulebook.html</a>

The North Carolina State Horse Judging Contest is offered in cooperation with Martin Community College and is co-sponsored by the following organizations. Please have your 4-H members send letters of appreciation to:

NC Farm Bureau	Orange County	South Central District
Federation	4-H Horse Council	4-H Horse Council
Chester Lowder	Iris Fuller	John Allen
PO Box 27766	Orange County Extension	3190 Alston Chapel Road
Raleigh, NC 27611	306-E Revere Road	Pittsboro, NC 27312
	Hillsborough, NC 27278	
	Debbie Wentz	Land O'Lakes Purina Feed
	P.O. Box 287	3600 Fairplay Road
	Newton, NC 28658	Madison, GA 30650

The contest will also be held in conjunction with the final segment of the North Carolina 4-H Hippology Contest. Both the judging and awards ceremony portion of the Hippology Contest will be held on April 18. Youth who are entered in the Hippology Contest may also compete in the NC 4-H Horse Judging Contest. However, <u>a separate entry form for both contests must be submitted in accordance with the contest rules</u> (see Hippology Contest rules in 2009 4-H Horse Program Newsletter). Hippology participants will automatically be entered in the Hippology portion of the judging contest. **Those Hippology contestants** <u>should not</u> <u>submit a judging contest entry</u> form unless they are competing for judging contest awards as well as Hippology awards. Youth participating in both contests must also submit a judging contest entry form and check the line indicating they are also competing in Hippology.

The Horse-judging project has been one of our more popular educational events. The contest is open to horseless, as well as horse owning, youth who wish to expand their judging skills. In addition to learning how to judge conformation and performance classes, contestants will also gain confidence in the ability to communicate through oral reason presentation.

Counties are eligible to enter any number of junior and senior teams plus an unlimited number of individual participants. The Judging Contest entry form should be completed and returned with a check or money order made payable to N.C.S.U. postmarked on or before April 2009. 4-H Horse Program event 3. All entrv forms are available at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\_sci/extension/horse/4h\_Horse/forms.htm. Entries must include the contestant's complete mailing address, phone number, age, social security number and birth date. It must be indicated on the NC State 4-H Horse Judging Entry Form those 4-H members also competing on a FFA judging team; this is done by checking the appropriate box to the left of their name on the entry form. In accordance with the State 4-H Horse Advisory Board ruling, entries received after the postmark deadline date of April 4 or completed incorrectly will not be accepted. Mail entries and registration fees to: NC 4-H Horse Judging Contest, NC State University, Box 7523, Raleigh, NC 27695-7523 (919-515-5784), Fax: 919-515-8518.

There is a standard entry fee of \$10.00 per youth entered in the North Carolina State 4-H Horse Judging Contest. Entry fees are used to help defray the cost of lunch and facility fees. <u>Additional lunches for coaches and parents will NOT be available</u>. Food will be available for purchase at the MCC concession stand.

#### Judging Contest Schedule Morning Judging Session Martin Community College

7:30 – 8:15 a.m.	Registration – Arena Entrance Contestants and coaches sit in arena bleachers
8:00 a.m.	All officials and contest staff meet at the arena entrance. (All guest horses to be on grounds by 7:45 am)
8:15 a.m.	Contest orientation. Organize into groups. Contest starts.
12:30 p.m.	Judging concludes. Horses released. (The arena refreshment stand will be open for coaches and spectators.)
1:30 – 1:15 p.m.	Contestants walk to Martin Community College. Lunch served to contestants prior to being seated in reason order at the building entrance.
	Afternoon Oral Reasons Session
1:15 – 5:30 pm	Oral Reasons (notes not to be referred to during presentation)
2:00 – 3:30 pm	Conclusion of Junior 4-H oral reasons. Junior contestants released.
5:30 pm	Brief review of classes by Official Judges.
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Hippology, Judging Awards and Adjourn.

The Fairfield Inn (252-799-0100) <u>http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/pgvfs-fairfield-inn-and-suites-williamston/</u> has been designated the headquarters hotel. It is located at the intersection of route I-64 across from the Senator Bob Martin East Arena. A special room rate of <u>\$49.00</u> plus tax for 1-4 people has been negotiated. A number of rooms have been blocked under the name **"North Carolina 4-H Program"**. Coaches should make room reservations directly to the motel and request the special room rate prior to April 3, 2009. All rooms will be released after that date. A list of additional area motels is attached.

A coach's meeting will be held at the Fairfield Inn meeting room starting at 8:00 p.m., April 17, 2009. Coaches are encouraged to attend to confirm directions, pre-register teams, and obtain contest information concerning rules, regulations and classes. Due to limited meeting room space, contestants and non-coaching adults may not attend. Directions to the Fairfield Inn and the Martin Community College Horse Arena can be found at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU EHH Maps And Directions.html.

As in past years, the contest will be a multiple breed event. There are no new rule changes in 2009. Although the classes are not confirmed, we will attempt to offer as much variety as possible. Classes will be selected from any of the light horse and draft horse breeds. The contest will consist of six to twelve classes with a minimum of three halter classes and three performance classes. The remaining classes will be determined by availability of horses. Senior team members and individuals will give four sets of oral reasons. Junior team members and individuals will give two sets of oral reasons. Additional rules are outlined in the *NC 4-H Horse Program Rules and Regulations Manual* available on the 4-H Horse Program website http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU EHH Rulebook.html

Awards will include ribbons for the top ten junior and senior division individuals in performance, halter, oral reasons and overall judging. In addition, the top six teams in each division will receive ribbons. The winning junior and senior individual in each judging category will receive appropriate awards. The winning junior and senior division teams will receive an award. A partial travel scholarship will be provided to the final four-state team members participating at the national horse judging contests in the fall of 2009.

The following motels are located in the Williamston area. Special room rates have not been negotiated with these motels. If you elect not to stay at the Fairfield Inn, Contact these motels directly for possible rooms:

EconoLodge Hwy 17 & Alternate 64 Williamston, NC 27892 252-792-8400 252-809-4800 Fax Holiday Inn 101 East Blvd. Williamston, NC 27892 252-792-3184 or 800-792-3101 Days Inn 103 West Blvd. Williamston, NC 27892 252-792-4168 252-792-1336 Fax

I look forward to seeing you on April 18, 2009. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest.

--Bob Mowrey

#### NC 4-H HORSE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CARDS AVAILABLE ON-LINE

2009 North Carolina 4-H Horse Program member eligibility cards can be obtained on-line from the Extension Horse Husbandry website: <u>http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU\_EHH\_State\_Horse\_Show.html</u> To enable greater access to eligibility cards, Agents and Volunteer Leaders can print the eligibility cards onto white paper and duplicate as needed.

Extension agents are required to verify each 4-H Horse Program membership and 4-H age via their signature. The agent's signature should be the last signature provided on the card. Feel free to call if you have questions concerning eligibility cards or the new procedures.

--Bob Mowrey

#### FEBRUARY IS HORSE HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

The North Carolina Horse Council has designated February 2009 as **"Horse Health Awareness Month"** This month is designed to help owners call attention to their horse's health needs. Some equine veterinary practitioners, horse organizations and REINS groups across the state are holding special clinics and other events for providing vaccinations and Coggins tests. If your veterinarian is not participating, urge them to do so! There are four especially important diseases that deserve special awareness:

□ Rabies

- always a fatal horse disease that is spread by wild animals and is a human health threat
  - Vaccinate once a year.
- **Gamma Scheme Singer Singer Scheme Sc** 
  - mostly a fatal horse disease that is spread by mosquitoes
  - Vaccinate twice a year.
- □ West Nile Virus
  - often can be a fatal disease that is spread by mosquitoes
    - Vaccinate twice a year.
  - EIA (Equine Infectious Anemia):
  - spread by biting flies no vaccine available
    - "Coggins" test once a year.

Regulations adopted by the State of NC required a negative Coggins test within the past 12 months on all equine over 6 months of age when being sold or ownership transferred. A negative Coggins test (within the past 12 months) is also required for all equine brought to or kept at any public stable or other public place for exhibition, recreation or assembly. All horse owners are urged to become familiar with the regulations and have their horses tested. Encourage your neighbors to have their horses vaccinated and tested too. Questions can be directed to the North Carolina Horse Council office at (919) 854-1990.

--Bob Mowrey

#### NORTH CAROLINA 4-H HORSE VOLUNTEER LEADER TRAINING

The North Carolina 4-H Horse Program and the NC State University are happy to continue its ongoing relationship with Virginia 4-H Horse Program and Virginia to cooperatively offer training programs to the 4-H Horse Program volunteer leaders in Virginia and North Carolina. The annual Horse Volunteer Leader Training Conference will be hosted by Virginia Tech on April 3-5, 2009 at the W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Center in Wirtz, VA.

The conference agenda was developed by Virginia and North Carolina volunteer horse club leaders to reflect the training needs of both state programs. All North Carolina adults and teen volunteer horse club leaders and extension 4-H agents are encouraged to attend the two-day conference. The conference will offer 18 hours of instruction appropriate for new and veteran volunteer leaders. NCSU specialist and technicians will be teaching at the conference.

All registrations and questions should be directed to Virginia Tech, <u>not</u> Extension Horse Husbandry. Additional information on the conference, including a schedule, registration form and information can be found at <u>http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU\_EHH\_Volunteer\_Leaders\_Conference.html</u> I look forward to seeing our leaders in attendance at the conference.

#### AQHA REGION 10 YOUTH HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

The Region 10 AQHA Championship Horse Show has announced the second youth horse judging contest to be scheduled in conjunction with the regional show on May 16, 2009 in Clemson, SC. The contest, which offers a full set of super awards, is open to 4-H, FFA, and state breed association horse judging teams from throughout the southeast United States. Additional information on the contest can be found at <u>http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU\_EHH\_Horse\_Judging.html</u>

- Bob Mowrey

The North Carolina 4-H Horse Program Newsletter is distributed to 4-H agents and volunteer leaders to assist in the development and management of the county 4-H Horse Program. Agents are encouraged to submit the name and e-mail address of volunteer leaders who should receive a notification of current newsletters. Agents and volunteer leaders are encouraged to download the newsletter and enclosures from the Extension Horse Husbandry web site.

NC 4-H Horse Program Website, which can be accessed through the Extension Horse Husbandry website at: <u>http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU\_EHH\_Home.html</u>

#### **Educational Contest Entry Forms**

# Entry forms are available on the NC 4-H Horse Program Website, which can be accessed through the Extension Horse Husbandry website at:

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU\_EHH\_Home.html

An agent or county extension director's signature verifying 4-H eligibility and age will continue to be required on all entry forms. Entry forms can be submitted via mail by either agents or volunteer leaders prior to the postmarked deadline date and accompanied by a check for the correct amount of entry fee. If entry forms are returned electronically, they must be sent by a county extension agent prior to the advertised post mark deadline date. Receipt of an electronically mailed entry form from an agent verifies the 4-H members' eligibility. *However, the entry is not complete until the entry fee is received via mail prior to the contest or events.* 

For copies of any entry form go to the particular event on the following webpage: http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU EHH Home.html Bookmark the following links for easy access to information about the NC State 4-H Horse Program.

# NC 4-H HORSE PROGRAM WEBSITE

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU\_EHH\_4-H\_Homepage.html

### 2008 4-H HORSE PROGRAM CALENDAR EVENTS

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\_sci/extension/horse/PDF%20Files/2009%204-H%20Horse%20Program%20Calendar%20of%20Events.pdf

# 2008-2009 STATE 4-H HORSE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU\_EHH\_4H\_Advisory\_Board.html

# 2008-2009 NCSU EQUINE SHORT COURSE AND CLINIC SERIES

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU\_EHH\_Short\_Course\_Series.html

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