



# NC 4-H Horse Program Newsletter

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## The Winner's Circle: Volunteer Leader's Awards

Three NC 4-H Horse Program volunteers were recognized for their outstanding service to 4-H during the NC 4-H Vol-

unteer Leader's Conference in early February. Recognized leaders are as follows:

- Deena Bost (Cabarrus County, Barn Bums 4-H Club) - Leadership and Service Award for the South Central District
- Debbie Campbell (Union County, Young Riders 4-H Club) - Achievement Hall of 4-H Leadership
- Karen Jones (Harnett County 4-H) - South Central District 4-H Adult Volunteer Recognition Award



Pictured from left to right: Deena Bost, Debbie Campbell, Karen Jones, Alaina Cross (NCSU Extension Associate)

We thank these leaders for all they do for the NC 4-H Horse Program and for 4-H as a whole!

## Welcome the NC 4-H Horse Program's newest (and youngest) member—Nolan Samuel Cross!

Congratulations to Landon and Alaina Cross on the arrival of their baby boy, Nolan Samuel Cross. Nolan was born on February 26, 2017 at 4:56 PM. He was 8 pounds, 2 ounces and 20.5 inches long.

We are thrilled for the Crosses and can't wait to see Baby Nolan at NC 4-H Horse events in the future!



## Upcoming Events:

- **March 4**—State Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest
- **April 22**—State 4-H & FFA Horse Judging Contest
- **April 30**—West Qualifying Horse Show
- **May 6-7**—East Qualifying Horse Show
- **May 13-14**—South Qualifying Horse Show
- **May 20-21**—North Qualifying Horse Show
- **June 11-16**—4-H Horsemanship Camp
- **July 5-9**—State 4-H Horse Show

[View our full calendar of events here, with locations and contact information!](#)

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## Inside the Tennessee Walking Horse Celebration: An Interview with Alex and Caroline Sinden



Alex Sinden and Nite's Destiny

Alex and Caroline Sinden are 4-H Horse Program alumni who have made big strides with their Tennessee Walking Horses. Learn more about their journey and showing their horses at the TWH Celebration in the interview below.

**Describe your involvement in the 4-H Horse Program.** We have been involved since 2005, joining at the age of 7. We showed at the district, state, & regional 4-H competitions, helped with 4-H Summer Fun Camps, and competed in Horse Bowl, Hippology, Presentations, and Artistic Expression—entering photography, drawings, and sewing projects. By being an active participant in the 4-H Horse Program, it helped us to obtain the number of activities to receive multiple awards such as Honor Club and has also led to our involvement in numerous community service projects.

**Tell us about your horses (age, accomplishments, etc.)** Alex has 2x International Champion 8 year-old mare, Nite's Destiny. They were the 2014 State 4-H High Point Champion in the Non-Trotting Senior Division and were successful at the 2014 4-H Southern Regional Horse Championships. Alex showed Rocky (Dangerous Dynamite), a min-

ature, at the State 4-H Horse Show finishing Reserve High Point in the Western Pony Division.

Caroline has 2x World Champion & Reserve World Grand Champion, Out There & Lovin' It, a 7 year old gelding. This team won multiple classes at the 2014 & 2016 State 4-H Horse Show and at the 2014 4-H Southern Regional Horse Championships.

**What did you do to prepare to show at the Celebration? How long did you work towards this goal?** In 2013, for our 16th birthday, we asked for Tennessee Walking Horses. We did in depth before taking a shopping trip for our 16th birthday. It was our best birthday ever!!! Since receiving our own horses, we have spent 4-5 hours per day, 4-5 days a week working with our horses. Our involvement began when our 4-H club leader submitted our horse project book to compete for the TWHBEA 4-H Achievement Award. Caroline won for the state of NC in 2010 and Alex won in 2011. Winning required attendance to the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration in Shelbyville, TN. We attended, falling in love with the horses, the excitement, and the thrill of competition. The dream of showing at the Celebration began. Finally, in 2015 we realized a dream when we were able to show our horses at the TWH National Celebration. In preparation for our first Celebration, we did an internship with a trainer at both the International and Celebration shows. We were fortunate to show again in 2016.

**What event did you show in at the celebration?** In 2015, Alex was

3rd in the Trail Pleasure Novice Horse Youth Rider World Championship and 4th in the Trail Pleasure Novice Horse & Rider World Grand Championship. Caroline was 3rd in the English Youth Country Pleasure World Championship and 3rd in the Western Youth Country Pleasure World Championship. In 2016, Alex was 3rd in the Novice Horse & Rider Western Trail Pleasure World Championship.

Caroline was reserve champion in the English Country Pleasure World Championship, 4th in the Western Country Pleasure World Championship, reserve champion in the English Country Pleasure World Grand Championship, and 3rd in the Western Country Pleasure World Grand Championship.

**What are your future plans (both horses & beyond)?** Currently, our goal is to continue in the equine industry in some capacity.

**What advice or words of wisdom do you have for younger 4-Hers?** Dream big, work hard, & never give up!



Caroline Sinden and Out There & Lovin' It

## Teams Qualify for the State Horse Bowl Contest

Teams from across the state competed in District Horse Bowl contests throughout January and February to earn a spot to compete in the State Horse Bowl contest on March 4th at NC State University. The qualifying teams are as follows:

| Junior                            | Mixed                             | Senior                  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Alamance                          | Alamance                          | Alamance                |
| Burke                             | Burke                             | Burke                   |
| Catawba                           | Cabarrus                          | Chatham                 |
| Chatham                           | Duplin - Johnson                  | Currituck (declined)    |
| Jackson                           | Duplin - McCoy                    | Granville               |
| Johnston - Noblin                 | Gaston                            | Johnston                |
| Johnston - Rosenbaum              | Granville                         | Transylvania (declined) |
| Moore                             | Johnston                          | Union - Kaus            |
| Union                             | Macon                             | Union - Taylor          |
| Wake - Bishop                     | Wake - Lewey                      | Wake - Mangum           |
| Wake - Petersen (declined)        | Wake - Rush                       | Wake - Morgan           |
| Wake - Winter                     | Wake - Tipton                     | Wake - Newton           |
| Currituck (withdrew)              | Rowan (1 <sup>st</sup> alternate) |                         |
| Granville                         |                                   |                         |
| Rowan (1 <sup>st</sup> alternate) |                                   |                         |

## Horse Smarts—New Resource for 2018—Now Available!

Horse *Smarts* will be a resource for ALL DIVISIONS for Horsebowl and Hippology beginning in January 2018. It will REPLACE the *Youth Horse Leader's Manual* Resource. So, effective Jan 1 2018, *Horse Smarts* will be a resource for ALL DIVISIONS and the Youth Leader's Manual

will be removed.

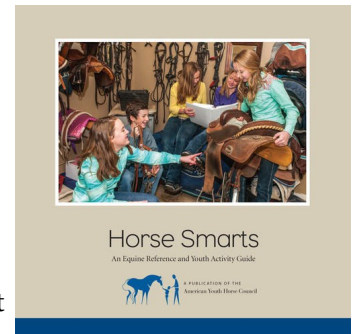
This resource can be ordered at the link below:

[Purchase Horse Smarts](#)

Use the Coupon Code "Horse Smarts" at check-out to receive a \$20 discount. This discount will only be available for the first 500 orders!

Also, this resource does NOT come in a 3-ring binder, but allows you to divide it up into different sections and different binders if you wish.

This resource also has many "hands on" worksheets appropriate for all ages, so it could be a great club resource in general.



## NC Horse Council Scholarships

The NC Horse Council is accepting applications for Equine and Youth Scholarships. The North Carolina Horse Council annually awards two scholarships of \$1,000.00 each to North Carolina students who have demonstrated academic success, equine community involvement and volunteerism.

Also, the North Carolina Horse Council will offer a total of 5 scholarships of \$100 each to interested middle school or high school youth interested in attending or participating in an equine related activity such as a recognized 4-H event, Pony Club event, summer camp or other equine related program. In addition, scholarship

grants may be submitted by a youth to participate in a certified equine therapy program.

Deadline for application submission is: June 1, 2017.

Go to this [link](#) and scroll towards the bottom of the page and look for the heading, "**Equine and Youth Scholarships.**"

## NCHC Feed Referendum Vote—March 8th

The NC Horse Council (NCHC) plans to hold an equine referendum to extend the Horse Industry Promotion Assessment, which was first authorized in 1999. The referendum will be conducted in all of NC's 100 counties with voting at county extension offices on March 8, 2017. There are absentee ballots available through the NCHC if you are unable to attend on the day of voting that are available beginning Feb 22nd.

### ***What the referendum currently is:***

An assessment (not a tax) of \$2 per ton paid by manufacturers of horse feed sold in NC and this must be voted on for renewal every 3 years.

### ***What the proposed referendum vote is:***

An assessment (not a tax) of \$4 per ton paid by manufacturers of horse feed sold in NC and this must be voted on for renewal every 10 years.

### ***What is the cost to horse owners?***

The estimated average cost per horse per year is \$2.25 to \$4.00 depending on your choice of feed. Horse owners are permitted to request a refund (must be submitted to the NCHC within one year of purchase and must be accompanied by proof of purchase).

### ***What is the purpose of the assessment?***

To provide funds to the NC Horse Council for the purpose of promoting the interests of the NC Horse Industry.

### ***What is the NCHC?***

The NCHC is the organization recognized as representing the interests of the horse owners in North Carolina.

### ***How much revenue will the assessment generate?***

Based on collections from the first two years of the assessment, annual receipts on the current referendum are approximately \$200,000.

### ***How can I contact/find out more about the North Carolina Horse Council?***

NCHC

4904 Waters Edge Drive, Suite 290  
Raleigh, NC 27606

[919-854-1990](tel:919-854-1990) (phone)

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[www.nchorsecouncil.com](http://www.nchorsecouncil.com)

### ***How do I vote/who can vote?***

Polling places will be open during regular business hours in each County Cooperative Extension Service office. Any horse owner/lessor, over the age of nine, can vote. There will also be an absentee balloting system put in place for owners who are not able to get to the Extension Offices on March 08, 2017. Contact the NCHC for information on absentee voting. The vote outcome will be by simple majority vote (i.e. 270 votes "yes" and 269 votes "no" would pass the assessment).

## NC 4-H Horse Program Eligibility Card Information

For NC 4-H'ers interested in showing at the 2017 NC State 4-H Horse Show: Your local Extension agent has received the documents and information regarding 2017 eligibility cards. Every county has different requirements regarding obtaining an eligibility card, so be sure to find out what the requirements are for your county.

4-H'ers will be able to show at 1 Qualifying Show of their choice (North, South, East or West). You must declare which show you will

be attending based on the guidelines shared by your local Extension agent. This year's shows are as follows:

April 30- West (WNC Ag Center, Fletcher)

May 5-7- East (Gov. Martin Ag Center, Williamston)

May 13-14- South (Lake Waccamaw Boys & Girls Home, Lake Waccamaw)

May 20-21- North (Gov. Hunt

Horse Complex, Raleigh)

Each qualifying show will be advertising their entry due dates and 4-H'ers must consult the entry deadlines and requirements for the qualifying show they are attending to be sure that all their paperwork is turned in on time and correctly.

All 2017 Qualifying Horse Show packets are available on the [District Advisory Council page](#) on the Equine Husbandry website.



## NCSU Extension Horse Husbandry

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## NC 4-H Horse Program Upcoming Educational Contests

**Horse Bowl & Hippology**—The 2017 NC State Horse Bowl and Hippology contests are being held March 4, 2017 in Riddick Hall at NC State University. The list of qualifying Horse Bowl teams can be found on page 3. Good luck to all the competitors!

**Horse Judging**—The 2017 NC State 4-H & FFA Horse Judging Contest will be held April 22, 2017 at St. Andrews University in Laurinburg, NC. The entry form is coming soon, but [the schedule has already been posted on the website, here](#). 26 double rooms have been reserved for 4-H teams at the rate of \$92.00 per night at the Holiday Inn Express—Laurinburg.

Request your rooms under the block “NC 4-H Horse.” The cut-off date for the block is March 20. For more information, [visit the horse judging page on our website](#).

**Horsemanship Camp**—NC 4-H Horsemanship Camp will be held June 11-16, 2017 at Millstone 4-H Camp in Ellerbe, NC. The registration fee is \$420, which includes the \$50 deposit. [The registration form can be found on the Millstone website](#). We are also accepting applications for junior leaders. More information on junior leader applications, Horsemanship Camp as a whole, the camp manual, and the 2017 instructors [can be found on the Horsemanship Camp page on our website](#).

**Artistic Expression and Creative Writing**—If you or a 4-Her you know loves to write or is artistic, direct them to the artistic expression contest information on our website. The divisions include short story, essay, poetry, craft, drawing, painting, poster, photography, and sewing. The artistic expression entry form can be found here and [the creative writing entry form can be found here](#). For the creative writing contest, your entry form, the entry fee of \$3 per contest, and 4 copies of your entries must be postmarked by May 1, 2017. To enter the artistic expression contests, [fill out this online entry form](#) by May 1, 2017. After you submit your entry, you will receive an invoice for which the balance must be paid within 10 business days. The fees are \$3 per contest. Your entries should be brought to the NC State 4-H Horse Show on July 7 between 10 AM and 4 PM. Both the creative writing and artistic expression entries will be available for viewing and pick up at the NC State 4-H Horse Show on July 8.

### Raise Your Hand—Register as a 4-H Alumnus!

Are you a 4-H alumnus? [Go to this link to register yourself!](#) States with the most participation will receive a \$20,000, \$10,000, or \$5,000 award. Registration is easy and only requires your name, state, and state of 4-H participation. There is an option to enter your mailing address and email address. Then, pass it forward and share your experience with 4-H with the hashtag #4HGrown! Alumni like you can make a difference for 4-Hers in NC and across the country!

