

NC 4-H Horse Program Newsletter



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The Winner's Circle: 2017 NC State Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest Results

The 2017 Horse Bowl and Hippology contests were held on March 4, 2017 at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

Hippology Results

In the Hippology contest, there were 123 individuals and 28 teams in the junior division and 87 individuals and 18 teams in the senior division.

Junior Horseman of the Year Raegan Shepherd, Johnston County

Junior High Team Johnston County (Raegan Shepherd, Madie Noblin, Madison Rosenbaum, Ally Clawson, coached by Tori Gwaltney)

Senior Horseman of the Year Cassandra Sigmon, Alamance County

Senior High Team Wake County (Emma Carmichael, Sarah Anne Mangum, Sophia Metcalf, Annie Asbill, coached by Beth Morgan)

[Full results and photographs from the Hippology contest can be found here.](#)



Junior Hippology champion team - Johnston County



Senior Hippology champion team - Wake County

Horse Bowl Results

In the Horse Bowl contest, there were 12 junior teams and 56 individuals, 12 mixed teams and 55 individuals, and 10 senior teams and 44 individuals.

Junior High Individual	Annie Winter, Wake County
Junior High Team	Catawba County (Claire Boger, Lauren Williams, Maliha Shabeldeen, Breeelane Griffin, Kenzie Lee, coached by Cindy Boger)
Mixed High Individual	Alyssa McCoy, Duplin County
Mixed High Team	Duplin County (Alyssa McCoy, Lauren Rackley, Faith Foyles, Dominic McCauley, coached by Sherry McCoy)
Senior High Individual	Mary Miller, Wake County
Senior High Team	Alamance County (Mary Rezin, Cassandra Sigmon, Reagan Riddell, Caitlin Smith, Abby Andrews, coached by Lindsey Riddell)

[Full results and photographs from the Horse Bowl contest can be found here.](#)



Junior champion team - Catawba County



Mixed champion team - Duplin County



Senior champion team - Alamance County

2017 NC State 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest

The 2017 NC State 4-H Horse Judging Contest (held in conjunction with the FFA Horse Judging Contest) will take place April 22, 2017 at St. Andrews University in Laurinburg, NC. The entry deadline to register horse judging teams is April 10, 2017. [Here is the link to the entry form.](#) More information, such as the schedule and eligibility requirements, [can be found at this link.](#)

You Be the Judge: Ranch Riding

[Here is a link to a Ranch Riding class.](#) It is pattern #3, [found here.](#) Judge it, then see the last page for the official placing and a sample set of reasons!

Additional Resources

Additional resources to help you prepare for the contest can be found on the [Horse Judging Resource Material page on the website.](#)

2017 Junior and Senior Horsemen of the Year

The individual winners of the Hippology contest receive the title of Horseman of the Year. The 2017 Junior Horseman of the Year is Raegan Shepherd from Johnston County and the 2017 Senior Horseman of the Year is Cassandra Sigmon from Alamance County. We asked these two young ladies a few questions about themselves and their 4-H experiences to get to know them better!

Raegan Shepherd – Johnston County

1) What grade are you in school?

I am in the 7th grade.

2) How long have you been in 4-H?

This is my 5th year in Johnston County 4-H.

3) What is your favorite part of the Hippology contest?

For me, my favorite part of Hippology is both the ID's and horse judging.

4) What kinds of things did you do to prepare for the Hippology contest?

To get ready for Hippology, I mostly go over Horse Bowl questions. I have a great Horse Bowl team and we like to study together. We make up fun ways to remember all the technical information, like the parts of the horse, organs, parts of the hoof, etc. For judging, I review a lot of classes - pictures and videos. My friends and I like to go to horse shows and have a lot fun placing the classes.

5) Do you do any other activities with 4-H or horses? I really enjoy 4-H and do a lot of activities with my clubs and county, like sweet treats and photography, and summer events like target sports and outdoor adventures. I also do Horse Bowl, Hippology, Judging, and presentations. I showed my Quarter Horse, Starlight, at the 4-H horse shows, the Johnston County Horse Show Series, NC Horse Council Trail Shows, and will be competing in the Sunchaser Equestrian Shows this summer. I also assist in fun horse camps and am a volunteer at the Special Olympics Equestrian Games. I love my 4-H family and have been blessed to be introduced to a lot of wonderful new friends this year. I hope to continue this horse journey for a long time! :-)



Cassandra Sigmon – Alamance County

1) What grade are you in school?

I am finishing 9th grade and am 14 1/2 years old.

2) How long have you been in 4-H?

I joined 4-H when I was 9, so that's about 6 years.

3) What is your favorite part of the Hippology contest?

My favorite part of the hippology contest is either the IDs or Horse Judging. I used to dread the horse judging because I wasn't very good at it, but I'm getting better and liking it a lot better now.

4) What kinds of things did you do to prepare for the Hippology contest?

Mainly I studied a group of diagrams and pictures that our club collectively calls "the horse kit." I also flipped through the Horse Anatomy coloring atlas a day or two before competition, and I went through some sets of stations. Besides that, I just studied the horse bowl resources.

5) Do you do any other activities with 4-H or horses? I'm in the Southern Alamance Horse Club. I do a lot of horse riding clinics spring through fall, and I take riding lessons for part of the year. In 4-H, I participate in the Horse Judging contest, our county talent show playing violin, and photography, drawing, poetry, crafting. I have taken several 4-H summer classes in gardening, farm touring, sewing, martial arts, clay modeling, and more, and I helped teach a crochet class.



2017 NC State 4-H Horse Show



VENDORS & SPONSORS NEEDED!

If you or someone you know would like to be a sponsor for the show or if you know a horse-related business that would be interested in serving as a vendor at the State 4-H Horse show, please share with them the links to the appropriate documents below.

[2017 NC State 4-H Horse Show Sponsor Letter](#)

[2017 NC State Show Sponsorship opportunities form](#)

[2017 State 4-H Horse Show Vendor Letter](#)

[2017 NC State 4-H Horse Show Vendor Request Form](#)

A special award presentation will be made during Opening Ceremonies to the county delegation who submits the largest sum of ad/sponsorship money. All money must be submitted to Extension Horse Husbandry by June 10, 2017 and must be clearly identified with the county submitting the funds.

NEW STALL DECORATING CONTEST!

A new event for the 2017 NC State 4-H Horse Show is a stall decorating contest. There will be an entry form sent out with the county stall assignments (mid-June) that must be returned by June 30, indicating the stall numbers to be judged within a county delegation. The entire delegation does not have to participate. There will be a small, medium, and large division (based on the number of stalls in the group). The break down within divisions will be announced after entries have been received. Stalls must be ready to be judged on Friday morning at 8:00 AM and the winners will be announced at the opening ceremonies Friday night. Decorations should remain up through noon on Saturday. Stalls will be judged on the following criteria: 40% Neatness & Eye Appeal (Eye catching design and visual appeal); 30% Originality & Creativity (Exceptional use of creative ideas and originality to the design); 30% Craftsmanship (Well-constructed and neat materials).

2017 NC 4-H Horse Program Artistic Expression and Creative Writing Contests

Entries are now being accepted for the 2017 Artistic Expression and Creative Writing contests. See below for more information:

Artistic Expression

The Artistic Expression contests include craft, sewing, poster, drawing, painting, photography, and digitally enhanced/altered photography. Entry fees are \$3.00 per contest and entry forms must be submitted no later than 11:50 PM, May 1, 2017. [Here is the link to the entry form.](#) After submitting your entry form, you will receive an invoice to your email for your entry fees, which are to be paid by May 18, 2017. Exhibits must be submitted to the NC State 4-H Horse Show on July 7, 2017 from 10 AM to 4 PM. [For more information on the Artistic Expression contests, visit this link.](#)

Creative Writing

The Creative Writing contests include short story, essay, and poetry. Entry fees are \$3.00 per contest and entry forms must be postmarked by May 1, 2017. [Here is the link to the entry form.](#) To enter, mail your entry form, entry fees, and 4 copies of your entry/entries to Extension Horse Husbandry. [For more information on the Creative Writing contests, visit this link.](#)

2017 NCSU Livestock Camp

Dr. Carrie Pickworth of the NCSU Animal Science Department is hosting a week long on-campus camp for youth ages 14-17 who are interested in livestock. This residential camp will be June 19-23, 2017 and will allow participants to explore animal management, welfare, challenges, and career opportunities related to the livestock species on campus. Throughout the week, students will spend time at each of the educational units and a day doing farm tours to local farms. The camp will cost \$500 and participants will get dormitory stay, meals, transportation, and activities during the week. There will be several scholarships available. If you know any youth that this program might interest (no livestock experience required), please encourage them to apply by April 15th. [For more information, visit this link.](#)

2017 Candace Norman Outstanding Service Award

Applications are now being accepted for the 2017 Candace Norman Outstanding Service Award. Two winners, a youth and an adult, will be selected as an individual who exhibits true dedication and embodies all the characteristics and morals of 4-H. This will be a well-rounded person who strives to make the community a better place through example and leadership. The winners will be announced on July 8th at the North Carolina State 4-H Horse Show in Raleigh during the evening program. [For the full criteria and selection process, as well as the application, visit this link.](#)

Upcoming Dates

April 10	Deadline to register for the NC 4-H Horse Judging Contest	
April 22	NC 4-H Horse Judging Contest (St. Andrews University, Laurinburg, NC)	Lori Stroud (919) 515-5788
April 29	West District Open Horse Show (WNC Ag Center, Fletcher, NC)	Shannon Coleman (828) 837-2210 EXT. 4
April 30	West Qualifying 4-H Horse Show (WNC Ag Center, Fletcher, NC)	Shannon Coleman (828) 837-2210 EXT. 4
May 1	Online deadline for Artist Expression entries & postmark deadline for Creative Writing entries	Lori Stroud (919) 515-5788
May 5-7	East Qualifying 4-H Horse Show (Williamston, NC)	Ashley Brooks (252) 633-1477
May 13-14	South Qualifying 4-H Horse Show (Lake Waccamaw, NC)	Samantha Taylor (704) 724-0525
May 20-21	North Qualifying 4-H Horse Show	Morgan Maness (336) 342-8230
May 20-21	Wake County Youth Horse Show (Raleigh, NC)	Heather Schaffer (919) 250-1093
June 11-16	Horsemanship Camp (Ellerbe, NC)	Alaina Cross (919) 515-7871

Ranch Riding Official Placing, Cuts, and Reasons

Official Placing: 3-1-4-2

Cuts: 2-5-3

I placed this class of ranch riding 3-1-4-2. In my initial pair, I placed 3 over 1. 3 walked with a longer, more ground covering stride, showed more extension at the trot and stopped harder and deeper in the ground. 3 had a more natural head carriage and was crisper throughout the turns. I do realize that 1 had a smoother transition from the lope to the trot after the lead change.

In moving to my intermediate pair, I placed 1 over 4. 1 was a steadier, more mannerly gelding that required less checking on the part of the rider. 1 was more responsive to the rider's aids and cues and was quieter with the bit. 1 also traveled in a softer, suppler fashion throughout the performance. I acknowledge that 4 showed a greater length of stride at the extended trot.

In coming to my concluding pair, I placed 4 over 2. 4 was more functionally correct throughout the pattern. 4 was smoother in the lead change, maintained the extended trot without breaking gait, and completed the second extended trot. I saw that 2 appeared more pleasant with a more willing attitude, but failed to complete the requirements of the class, including the second extended trot, and therefore could not place any higher today.

[Figure out your placing score here.](#)