

NORTH CAROLINA 4-H HORSE PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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Above: The 2016 North Carolina Delegation at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, KY

The North Carolina 4-H Horse Program's Continues Success at Fall Educational Contests: Results from Quarter Horse Congress and Eastern Nationals

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- Mia & Ella Braundel bring home awards from the War Horse Eventing Series
- Horse Program news, including 2017 qualifying shows the the new Ranch division
- Information for horse club leaders, including the Youth Educational Event Training Clinic
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The Winner's Circle

Fall Educational Contest Results

The North Carolina 4-H Horse Program was successful at both the Quarter Horse Congress and Eastern Nationals contests. The results for both contests are below:

All-American Quarter Horse Congress

Hippology

- Champion Overall Team
- Champion Overall Individual - Sierra Simmerman
- 5th Overall Individual - Julie Dickerson

Horse Bowl

- Champion Overall Team
- 5th Overall Individual - Pate Pollard
- 10th Overall Individual - Erin Christner

Horse Judging

- 7th Overall Team

Communications

- Champion Overall Individual Presentation - Rebekah Taylor
- 3rd Overall Individual Presentation - Allie Akers
- 3rd Overall Public Speaking - Kaitlyn Johnson
- 8th Overall Team Presentation - Lauren Fulkerson & Skyler Moore

For complete results, see link: [Quarter Horse Congress Results](#)

Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup

Hippology

- Reserve Champion Overall Team
- 4th Overall Individual - Sierra Simmerman
- 5th Overall Individual - Julie Dickerson
- 9th Overall Individual - Kirsten Gregory

Horse Bowl

- 4th Overall Team
- Reserve Champion Overall Individual - Pate Pollard

Horse Judging

- 4th Overall Team

Communications

- Reserve Champion Overall Team
- Reserve Champion Public Speaking - Kaitlyn Johnson
- 3rd Overall Individual Presentation - Rebekah Taylor
- 5th Overall Team Presentation - Lauren Fulkerson & Skyler Moore

For complete results, see link: [Eastern Nationals Results](#)

Congratulations to all our 4-H'ers who put in their hard work and dedication this competition season! Thank you to all the parents, volunteers, and coaches for your continued support of our program and of our youth.

4-H'er Spotlight

Mia & Ella Braundel

The War Horse Event Series is a series of combined training trials with levels ranging from green to advanced held at the Carolina Horse Park. The 2016 series was comprised of 5 trials, one being the end-of-year championships and a sixth trial will be added to the series for 2017. The series, which is sponsored by Adequan, Merial, Southern Pines Equine Associates, and more, partners with an organization called Warrior's Claim which partners ex-racehorses with military members to help both work through physical and mental issues. The series offers a 4-H division open to Southeast District 4-H'ers, organized by Carrie Everhart.

This month's 4-H spotlight focuses on Mia and Ella Braundel who were 2016 WHES Champion and Reserve Champion, respectively. Mia and Ella are 4-H'ers from Johnston County. Mia received a gift certificate from Cabin

Branch Tack Shop, a Championship neck ribbon, and a custom made saddle rack by Eric Moore of Raeford, awarded by the Southeast District 4-H Horse Council. Ella received a reserve champion ribbon.



Above: Mia Braundel and Cashmere compete in the Cross Country phase of the November War Horse trial at the Carolina Horse Park. (Photo courtesy of High Time Photography)



Above: Ella Braundel and Do You Believe in Magic compete in the Dressage phase at the November War Horse trial at the Carolina Horse Park. (Photo courtesy of High Time Photography.)



Above: Mia (left) and Ella (right) Braundel with their awards after receiving Champion and Reserve Champion in the 2016 WHES. (Photo courtesy of Carrie Everhart)

We had the opportunity to interview both of these accomplished young riders. Their answers are below!

Tell us a little about yourselves.

Mia: My name is Mia Braundel, I am 16 years old, and I have participated in 4-H for six years.

Ella: My name is Ella Braundel and I am 13 years old. I have been in 4-H for 6 years now. I won the reserve championship for 4-H at the War Horse series this season.

Can you explain more about the War Horse series and what was involved?

Mia: The War Horse Event Series is 5 schooling horse trials over the competition season and ends with the Championship event in November. It is an amazing opportunity for horses and riders of all levels to come out and school dressage, cross country, and show jumping the day before competition. This way horses and riders new to

eventing get the chance to do all this without the stress of competing. Competition the next day is a fun and friendly environment while at the same time, run like a recognized event. To qualify for the Championship event you must place 1st-6th place in a horse trial division or attend all four of the previous horse trials.

Ella: The War Horse Series is an Event Series that is held in Carolina Horse Park. Any skill level, from Green as Grass to Advanced, is allowed. For the Championships in November, you had to have placed first through fifth in any of their previous events from 2016. The events held before the championships don't really have any requirements, other than the skill you have.

How did you get involved in the War Horse series?

Mia: When I got my horse, Cashmere, neither of us had ever evented before. So that summer, I chose our first ever horse trial to be the War Horse event in July. We schooled cross country the day before and had an amazing experience the next day at our first horse trial. Ever since then, I love attending all the War Horse events with my horses.

Ella: I got involved in the War Horse Series when I first began eventing on my pony Pepperwood Swarovski. We needed a safe place to start eventing, a place where I could gain experience and confidence. War Horse was perfect, because it was a schooling show, and many people from our barn and our trainer had previously gone before. We signed up and made the great decision to keep coming back.

Tell us more about your horses (breed, age, etc.).

Mia: My horse, Cashmere, is a 9 year old, 17 hand, Dutch Warmblood. When I first got him he had only ever done dressage and had never jumped before. Over the summer I worked with him and began teaching him to jump. At first it was a challenge but he proved to be very talented. We competed in our first event, the War Horse

schooling show, in July of 2015, at Beginner Novice. This year we are moving up to the Preliminary level and our goal for next year is the Junior/Young Rider Championships in 2017.

Ella: My horse, Do you Believe in Magic, was pulled out of a field and trained to event by her previous owner. We aren't sure of her breeding but we think she is a black and white paint. We think she has a western background. She likes to do reining stops when we halt and salute in dressage.

What is the name of your 4-H club and who is your 4-H leader?

Mia and Ella: Our 4-H group is called the JoCo Rockin' Riders, or leader is Chris Williams. We have 12 members, five of which do eventing and compete in the War Horse Series.

What other 4-H events are you involved in?

Mia: I have gone to County Council meetings, Volunteering, 4-H Public Speaking, and club meetings.

Ella: We participate in the County Council meetings, Speech Contest, Sweets and Treats, Volunteering, and the art contest.

WNEC 4-H Leaderboard (end of 2016)

<i>Rider</i>	<i>Horse</i>	<i>Total Points</i>
Mia Braundel	Cashmere	22
Mia Braundel	Pepperwood Swarovski	22
Ella Braundel	Do You Believe in Magic	19
Elaina Shea Amy	Camaliel	11
Neena Cruz-Black	Grandma's Money	8
Darcy Dean	Trigger	8
Tess Brieholz	Stardust	7
Cheyenne Gardner	Big League Romance	5
Alyssa McCoy	SPRS The Dark Knight	2
Kassidy Taylor	Isn't He	2
Elaina Shea Amy	Christa	1
Emily Worth	Art's Lady Raisa	0

Over "Herd"

NC 4-H Horse Program News

Website Updates & How-To Video!

If you have visited our website lately, you will see that there have been some changes made to the set-up! This is due to Cooperative Extension-wide re-branding efforts. While the changes are exciting, we are aware that the navigation has changed a bit. Below you will find a link to a how-to navigational video for our website by Lori Stroud.

[Watch the video here.](#)

New Ranch Division Offered in 2017

After 2 years of being invitational/non-qualifying classes, Ranch will become a qualifying division for the State 4-H Horse Show and will award a Champion and Reserve Champion at the 2017 NC State 4-H Horse Show. In addition, the Ranch Champion will earn a Southern Regional 4-H Horse Show slot to represent NC. The 2017 NC State 4-H Horse Show will offer the following Ranch classes that will count towards Champion:

Ranch Ground Handling
Ranch Horsemanship
Ranch Trail
Ranch Rail Pleasure
Ranch Riding

Class descriptions, rules and scoring systems for these classes will be included in the revised version of the *NC 4-H Horse Program Rules and Regulations Manual*. 4-H'ers wishing to enter any of these classes at the 2017 NC State 4-H Horse Show will need to qualify in one of the Ranch classes offered at the qualifying show they attend.

Open Horse Show Judge's Clinic List Available

The judges' list from the Open Horse Show Judge's Clinic is now available on our website. The 126 individuals listed participated in either the 2014, 2015, or 2016 clinics. An asterisk (*) indicates that the individual certified in that division. An (X) indicates the individual's preference in judging assignments, but does not necessarily indicate their clinic performance.

View the list here: [OHSJC List](#)

2017 Calendar of Events

The 2017 calendar of events is available on the website.

View it here: [Calendar of Events](#)

2017 Qualifying Horse Shows

Due to the overwhelming popularity of the qualifying horse show system used in 2016, the NC 4-H Horse Program will continue to use the same system for State 4-H Horse Show qualifying in 2017. Youth can choose to attend **ONE** of the four qualifying horse shows that will be held across the state:

Show	Date(s)	Facility	Town
West	April 30, 2017	Western NC Ag Center	Arden, NC
East	May 5-7, 2017	Gov. Martin Eastern Ag Center	Williamston, NC
South	May 13-14, 2017	Lake Waccamaw Boys & Girls Home Exhibition Center	Lake Waccamaw, NC
North	May 20-21, 2017	Gov. James B. Hunt Horse Complex	Raleigh, NC

4-H'ers must communicate with their county Extension agent which qualifying show they wish to attend by March 1. 4-H'ers must also meet eligibility guidelines established by their county programs and complete an eligibility card in order to show. Deadlines and guidelines are set by individual Extension agents. Be sure to check with your agent to find out your requirements!

When available, 2017 Qualifying Horse Show packets will be made available on [the District Advisory Council](#) page on the Equine Husbandry website.

2017 NC 4-H Horse Creative Writing Contests

Do you love horses and enjoy writing poetry, short stories or essays? If you answered yes, the NC 4-H Horse Program Creative Writing Contests are for you! Deadlines, rules and registration information can be found on the [Creative Writing Contest page](#) on the Equine Husbandry website. Entries must be postmarked by May 1, 2017, but there is no penalty for going ahead and sending them in!

The Right Lead

Information for Horse Club Leaders

Southern Equine Consortium Newsletter

The November issue of the Southern Equine Consortium is available online. The newsletter is entirely equine focused, with topics ranging from nutrition to management and new scientific research. The newsletter is written by equine specialists from all across the South East and NC State is proud to partner in this collaboration.

To view the newsletter, visit the link: [SEC Newsletter](#)

Proper Use of the 4-H Name and Emblem

As you begin developing 4-H materials for 2017, please take a few minutes to brush up on the proper use of the 4-H name and emblem. The National 4-H Headquarters has developed a [fact sheet](#) with numerous examples of correct and incorrect emblem usage. If you and your club create pamphlets, t-shirts, advertisements, etc., be sure to follow the proper use guidelines on your items. Here are a few highlights and common errors:

- The official 4-H Name includes 4-H, 4-H Youth Development, or 4-H Youth Development Program. When using the term "4-H" it must conform as follows: Numeral "4" separated from a capital "H" with a hyphen (not a dash, slash or space).

Correct: 4-H

Incorrect: 4H

Incorrect: 4-h

- Don't place text or other images over or on top of the 4-H Emblem. The 4-H Emblem should not

appear screened under words or graphics. No photo, drawing, symbol, word or other figure or object may be placed on or obscure the 4-H Emblem. This includes on web pages, where it should not appear as a "watermark" behind other information.



Youth Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Horse Judging Clinic

The 2017 Youth Training Clinic will be held January 14, 2017 at Riddick Hall on NC State's campus in Raleigh. The morning session will be on Horse Judging, followed by afternoon sessions on Hippology and Horse Bowl, with 4-H'ers grouped by skill level. The registration form can be found at the link below, and the fee is \$10.00 per 4-H'er. There is no cost for Cloverbuds, and parents and coaches are also welcome to sit in on the sessions free-of-charge. **Register soon because space is limited!**

For more information and to register, visit the link: [Youth Training Clinic](#)

A Bit More

Educational Contest Information & Practice

Guidelines for Submitting Horse Bowl Questions

In order to compete at the district and state-level Horse Bowl contests, each county must submit 40 Horse Bowl questions to Extension Horse Husbandry by January 3, 2017. There is a wonderful article on the website written by Lori Stroud on how to write good questions and prepare for the Horse Bowl contest. **There is a new template for submitting 2017 questions. Be sure to use the**

template provided at the link below when writing your questions!

To read the article, visit the link: [Writing Horse Bowl Questions](#)

2017 Horse Bowl & Hippology Contests

The 2017 Horse Bowl and Hippology contests will be held March 4, 2017 at Riddick Hall on NC State's campus in Raleigh. Each district holds their own district-level Horse Bowl contest. The dates for those

can be found at the link below. The registration forms for both Horse Bowl and Hippology are due February 21, 2017. There is an entry fee of \$10.00 per team for Horse Bowl and \$5.00 per youth for Hippology. More information about each of the contests, including schedules, registration forms, and hotel information can be found at the links below.

For Horse Bowl information, visit the link: [Horse Bowl Contest](#)

For Hippology information, visit the link: [Hippology Contest](#)

2017 Horse Judging Contest

The 2017 Horse Judging Contest will be held April 22, 2017 at St. Andrew's University in Laurinburg. Although the entry form is not yet available, mark this date on your calendars! The link below provides more information on the contest itself, as well as the tentative schedule and hotel information.

For more information on the Horse Judging Contest, visit the link: [Horse Judging Contest](#)

The Judging Card

Hunter in Hand

Place this class of 4 hunters in hand! The official placing will be provided in the next newsletter.

Practice Horse Bowl Question

Try your hand at answering this Horse Bowl question! The answer will be provided in the next newsletter.

Question: What is the purpose of a flank cinch on a roping saddle?

Practice Hippology ID

Take a look at the picture below and try to answer the questions that accompany it! This is meant to simulate the ID portion of the Hippology contest. The answer will be provided in the next newsletter.



Name the animal pictured and the disease it carries that can affect horses.

Hunter In Hand



Reach Out to Us

Upcoming Events & Find Us on Social Media!

Facebook: [NC 4-H Horse Program](#)
 Twitter: [@nc4hhorse1](#)

Instagram: [@nc4hhorse1](#)
 Website: equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu

January & February Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Contact</i>	
January 14	Youth Horse Judging, Hippology, & Horse Bowl Team Training Clinic	NC State University	Lori Stroud	(919) 515-5788
January 28	Southeast District Horse Bowl Contest	University of Mount Olive	Stefani Garbacik	(919) 731-1525
January 28	South Central District Horse Bowl Contest	Union County Extension Office	Amanda Baucom	(704) 507-3754
February 1	4-H Honor Club & Scholarship Applications Due	Raleigh, NC	Sarah Kotzian	(919) 515-8480
February 3-5	4-H Volunteer Leaders' Conference	Sheraton Imperial, Durham, NC	Sarah Kotzian	(919) 515-8480
February 11	Northeast District Horse Bowl Contest	Nash County Cooperative Extension Office	Mason Lawrence	(252) 338-3954
February 11	North Central District Horse Bowl Contest	Guilford County Cooperative Extension Office	Morgan Maness	(336) 342-8230
February 11	West District Horse Bowl Contest	Mills River Research Station	Shannon Coleman	(828) 837-2210 EXT. 4

Advertisements

2017 Dixie National Quarter Horse Show Horse Bowl Contest

Sponsored by Mississippi Quarter Horse Association

Saturday, February 18, 2017, at 10:00 A.M.

Mississippi State Fairgrounds/Trade Mart Building
Jackson, Mississippi

Junior Contest: Ages 8-13 (Age as of December 31, 2016)

Senior Contest: Ages 14-18 (Age as of December 31, 2016)

Trophy Buckles awarded to 1st Place Teams in both divisions
 Plaques awarded to 2nd and 3rd Place Teams in both divisions

Single elimination tournament will follow Mississippi 4-H Horse Show Rules

Entry Deadline: February 3, 2017

Submit entries to: Dean Jousan, Extension 4-H Livestock Specialist,
 via email (Dean.Jousan@msstate.edu). Include the name and age of
 contestants, county and state in email.

For More Information Contact:

Dr. Dean Jousan
 Extension 4-H Livestock Specialist
Dean.Jousan@msstate.edu

The Mississippi Quarter Horse Association is sponsoring a Horse Bowl Competition during the Dixie National Quarter Horse Show (see attached flyer).

The Horse Bowl will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2017, in the Trade Mart Building on the fairgrounds in Jackson, beginning at **10:00 A.M.** A copy of the horse bowl rules and references can be found in our 2016 horse show rule book - <http://extension.msstate.edu/publications/publications/mississippi-4-h-horse-shows-classes-rules-and-regulations>.

There will be two contests: one for juniors (8-13) and one for seniors (14-18), based on their age as of December 31, 2016. Both contests are single elimination. In the past, we have had interest from other states, so here's your call.

Let me know by February 3 if you have teams. To sign your team up for the Horse Bowl, email me (dean.jousan@msstate.edu) with the name and age of the contestants along with their county and state.