

The Denton County 4-H Horse Show will be held, Saturday, April 4th at the North Texas State Fair Grounds in Denton, TX. The attached schedule includes classes listed in show order. Grounds will open at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. The grounds WILL NOT BE OPEN for participants to come in before 8:00 a.m. Concessions will be available on grounds that day. Speed events will run first at 9 a.m. with Judged events to start not before 10 a.m.

The following decisions pertaining to this year's show were made by the Denton County 4-H Horse Show Committee. **Please study this memo carefully, noting all changes being implemented.**

The "Rules and Regulations for Texas State 4-H Horse Project" will be followed. State Horse Office has made the Rules and Regulations available via the Animal Science website at <http://animalscience-extension.tamu.edu> and the Texas 4-H homepage <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu> following the "links" through "Resources and Publications." Any changes or additions to these rules will be observed. Other rules relative to our County Show are covered in this letter. Please become familiar with all of these rules.

We want to thank you in advance for your support of the Denton County 4-H and Youth Development Program and the Annual Denton County 4-H Horse Show. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or would like more information.

CLASS DEFINITIONS

Judged:

English Equitation classes are a little different. Instead of judging the horse, the judge will judge you and how well you can control your horse—not how well your horse moves. In English equitation you'll be asked to perform a test. This is simply a challenge to complete in the arena that helps the judge decide which of you in the class deserves to be first.

Hunter Under Saddle is an English riding competition at horse shows that judges the manners and suitability of the horse for appropriate gait cadence and speed, along with suitable disposition. Horses enter the arena at the trot and each contestant, at the command of the judge, is asked to have their horse to also walk and canter in both directions of the arena, as well as to stand quietly and back up readily. The riders compete at the same time, traveling around the outer edge of the arena.

Reining requires horse and rider to perform a precise pattern consisting of circles at a lope and gallop with flying changes of lead, rapid "spins" (a turn in one spot on the haunches), "rollbacks" (a rapid turn immediately followed by a gallop in the opposite direction) and the crowd-pleasing sliding stop (executed from a full gallop).

Western Pleasure is a western riding competition at horse shows that judges the manners and suitability of the horse for appropriate gait cadence and speed, along with suitable disposition. Each contestant, at the command of the event's judge, is asked to have their horse to walk, jog (a slow trot), and lope both directions in an arena, as well as to stand quietly and back up readily. The riders compete at the same time, traveling around the outer edge of the arena.

Western Horsemanship – the rider may be asked to perform a test or pattern, used to judge the rider's position and control of horse. Tests may be as simple as jogging in a circle or backing up, or as complex as a full reining pattern, and may include elements such as transitions from halt to lope or lope to halt, sliding stops, a figure-8 at the lope with simple or flying change of lead, serpentines at the lope with flying changes, the rein back, a 360 degree or greater spin or pivot, and the rollback.

Halter:

A **Halter Class** is defined as a class where the horse is judged based upon its conformation. The purpose of the class is to select individuals in the order of their resemblance to the breed ideal and that are the most positive combination of balance, structural correctness, breed and sex characteristics and muscling.

Halter Showmanship - the performance of the handler is judged, as well as the cleanliness and grooming of horse, equipment and handler, with the behavior of the horse also considered part of the handler's responsibility. The competitor is judged on his or her ability to present the halter horse to its best advantage. The horse is taken through a short pattern where the horse and handler must set up the horse correctly at a standstill and exhibit full control while at a walk, jog, turning and often backing up.

Speed:

Barrel racing, features a horse and one rider, running a cloverleaf pattern around three barrels in a triangular arrangement. The rider may decide on taking either the left or right barrel first, though it is often determined by the lead that the horse does best on.

Pole bending is a timed event that features a horse and one mounted rider, running a weaving or serpentine path around six poles arranged in a line.

Stake Race is a timed event that features a horse and one rider. The exhibitor starts between the two center markers and runs around the two end poles. The contestant must make a left and a right turn or a right and left turn. Time starts and finishes between the center markers.

Specialty:

Egg/Spoon features a horse and mounted rider, completing the chosen course in the best time, while balancing an egg in a spoon with one hand. The best time with out dropping the egg wins.

In **Judges Says** the horse and rider combination will be asked by the judge to perform as if in the "judged" classes. The contestants will all at the same time. Variation of "Simon Says". If the announcer says to "walk your horses" contestants should continue with what they are currently doing or face elimination. If the announcer says "Judge says to walk your horses" then contestants should all walk. The last person left after all others are eliminated wins.

In the **Pee Wee Stick Horse Race** 4-H Clover Kids may participate in this class. Contestants will be asked to ride their stick horses in a "judged" class to include walk, trot/jog, canter/lope, stop, back and stand quietly. All contestants will show at the same time in the arena.

GRIEVANCE POLICY

The Denton County 4-H Horse Committee is composed of both youth and adult representatives from the three organized 4-H Horse Clubs. Officers are elected at the first meeting of the new 4-H year. Each 4-H Horse Club may have two voting youth delegates and one voting adult delegate. ALL 4-H Clubs are encouraged to send a representative to the monthly meetings to gather information and provide input. For the 2008 Denton County 4-H Horse Show, the grievance committee will be composed of the elected officers and three adult advisors. Stages of appeal / protest:

1. Appeal to the Denton County 4-H Horse Show grievance committee — All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of \$100. Such protests must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the committee immediately after the incident leading to the protest.
2. Protests will be accepted prior to or immediately after judging. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation.
3. Depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until complete investigation is done.
4. The Denton County 4-H Horse Committee reserves the right to be the final authority.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information relative to the Denton County 4-H Horse Show includes the following:

- Entries will be accepted until March 9th. **A 4-Her may enter the day of the show at the rate of \$10 per class and the \$25 processing fee.**
- To check in and receive your show credentials you MUST HAVE a current negative EIA (Equine Infectious Anemia, also called “Coggins” or “Swamp Fever”) test that is valid through the County Show. IF a current EIA certificate (or Coggins) is not provided at check-in you will not be allowed to unload.
- Individual contestants may pick up numbers, safety pins and catalogs in the registration area.
- Three special classes will be offered: Egg/Spoon Jackpot, Judge Says Jackpot and PeeWee Stick Horse. In the two Jackpot classes the jackpot will be split 50/50 with the winner. A special prize will be presented to participants in the PeeWee Stick Horse class.
- Awards will be presented as follows:
 - § **Placing cups** – 1st – 6th place winners in all classes
 - § **Horse Chest Ribbons** – Grand and Reserve Grand
 - § **Buckles** - High Point in both Western and English styles in the following divisions: Junior, Senior and Walk/Trot. High Point in both Junior and Senior Speed.
 - § **The Lorie Shearer Sportsmanship Award** – The award will be presented to the contestant that demonstrates the most sportsmanship behavior throughout the day. The winner of this award will be determined by observation of the judge, the 4-H Horse Committee, and previous winners.

- The following point system will be used:
 - § 1st Place – 6 points
 - § 2nd Place – 5 points
 - § 3rd Place – 4 points
 - § 4th Place – 3 points
 - § 5th Place – 2 points
 - § 6th Place – 1 point
 - § If less than six exhibitors are in a class, the points will be pro-rated (IE: four in the class 1st Place – 4 points, 2nd Place – 3 points, 3rd Place 2 points, 4th Place – 1 point).
- FOR SPEED EVENTS – ALL RUNS WILL BE STARTED AND ENDED ON A CLOSED GATE. PROPER BOOTS AND SHIRTS WILL BE ENFORCED!
- Long-sleeve shirts will be required in all Western judged and timed event classes. See Texas State 4H Horse Show Rules for more information.
- Contestants are not allowed to use any type of device to tie themselves to the saddle or horse, such as seat belts, leg straps, etc. (Exception: physically disabled individual). Rubber bands on stirrups are allowed.
- Electronic devices (such as, but not limited to, walkie talkies, ear pieces) may not be used during Horse Show classes. Contestants will be disqualified.
- Participants and their parents are responsible for keeping track of working orders and being in line or in the makeup area when their fun or heat time arrives. If participants miss their heat or run they will FORFEIT THEIR RUN IN THE CLASS MISSED UNLESS THE CLASS SUPERINTENDENT IS NOTIFIED OF AN UN-PREVENTABLE EMERGENCY BEFORE THE TIME TO WORK HAS PASSED.
- All participants will compete under like conditions . . .
 - § For speed events, two (2) people will be working inside the arena.
 - § Spectators will be allowed to sit anywhere in the stands.
 - § Announcers will make announcements as needed.
 - § Events will be managed consistently and the same as for any other show.
- No dogs will be allowed on the show grounds.
- Any and all accidents should be reported to show officials.
- ONLY PARTICIPANTS MAY RIDE OR WORK HORSES ON THE SHOW GROUNDS AND MUST BE WEARING A CONTESTANT BACK NUMBER. Parents are encouraged to help with projects, but MUST refrain from riding.
- The use of alcohol and tobacco products by exhibitors on show grounds is prohibited.
- **Failure to notify show management in writing one class prior to run will result in a \$5 scratch fee.**
- **The Denton County 4-H Horse Committee strongly encourages the use of helmets by all riders. Helmets will be checked for regulation standards. English helmets must have harnesses.**

DENTON COUNTY 4-H HORSE SHOW ★ NORTH TEXAS STATE FAIR HORSE ARENA ★ APRIL 4, 2009

COMPLETE ONE ENTRY FORM FOR EACH HORSE

ALL ENTRIES AND FEES ARE DUE TO Denton County 4-H Horse Committee (11303 Southwind Place, Krum, TX 76249) BY MARCH 9, 2009.

Late entries will be accepted on-site at the cost of \$10.00 per class entered plus \$25 processing fee. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "DENTON COUNTY 4-H HORSE COMMITTEE."

4-H Exhibitor _____	District <u>4</u>	County <u>Denton</u>	4-H Club _____
Birthday ____/____/____	Age Division: ____ JR ____ SR	E-mail _____	
Address _____		Phone _____	
Horse's Name _____ (!!!ONE HORSE PER ENTRY SHEET!!!)			

Age Divisions: 4-H member age as of *August 31, 2008* - JR is 3rd Grade or age 9 through 13 years old; SR is age 14-19

Division: ____ Junior ____ Senior ____ Walk/Trot **NOTE:** *Judged High Point must show in the judged classes as a one horse/one rider for the entire division. Speed High Point must show in the speed classes as a one horse/one rider for the entire division. Walk/Trot High Point must show in the Walk/Trot classes as a one horse/one rider for the entire division. If more than one horse will be used by the contestant, the high point horse and division must be indicated at the time of entry. No change to designate High Point Horse after entry is received. **A 4-H member may not show in matching class with a lope or canter if they have entered the Walk/Trot class***

Class Entry: Check the classes you are entering. All events will occur on Saturday, April 4, 2009. Speed events will start at 9:00 a.m. Judged events will start at approximately 10:00 a.m.
 ∅ do not count toward High Point 4 Judged events † Walk/Trot events 1 Timed events

Jr Barrel Racing ¹	Walk/Trot Western Showmanship †		Jr English Showmanship 4
Sr Barrel Racing ¹	Jr Western Showmanship 4		Sr English Showmanship 4
Jr Pole Bending ¹	Sr Western Showmanship 4		Walk/Trot Hunter Under Saddle †
Sr Pole Bending ¹	Walk/Trot Pleasure †		Jr Hunter Under Saddle 4
Jr Stakes Race ¹	Jr Pleasure 4		Sr Hunter Under Saddle 4
Sr Stakes Race ¹	Sr Pleasure 4		Walk/Trot English Equitation †
Egg/Spoon Jackpot ∅	Walk/Trot Western Horsemanship †		Jr English Equitation 4
Registered Mares 4 & Under ∅	Jr Western Horsemanship 4		Sr English Equitation 4
Registered Mares 5 & Over ∅	Sr Western Horsemanship 4		TOTAL CLASSES ENTERED
Grade Mares ∅	Judge Says Jackpot ∅		\$5.00 per class
Registered Geldings 4 & Under ∅	Reining ∅ (<i>combined non-point event</i>)	\$25.00	Processing Fee (<i>This fee is waived if you secure a show sponsor – indicate sponsor or attach form and donation</i>)
Registered Geldings 5 & Over ∅	Pee Wee Stick Horse Race ∅		
Grade Geldings ∅	Walk/Trot English Showmanship 4		
			TOTAL ENTRY FEES

_____ is a member in good standing with in the _____ 4-H Club.
 Club Manager/Leader Signature _____

NO REFUNDS: *Classes may be combined, separated, canceled or changed as deemed necessary by the Denton County 4-H Horse Committee in order to facilitate the needs of the show.*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. It will be the participant's responsibility to show up and check in with registration.
2. Boots will be defined as a traditional cowboy boot or lace-up roper style boot. "Tenny boots" may not be worn.
3. Only participants may ride horses on the show grounds. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
4. No electronic aids will be used that could give a participant an undue advantage. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
5. Dogs will not be allowed on the 4-H Horse show grounds.
6. NO REFUNDS
7. Checks must be made out to the Denton County 4-H Horse Committee.
8. ALL HORSES must present current negative EIA test papers at the gate to enter grounds and to pick up entry numbers.

Attach to Entry or Bring to Show

1. Copy of Registration or Grade Horse Form
2. Current Negative Coggins (EIA) within the last 12 months
3. Payment
4. Eligibility Form - Must be turned in to the 4-H Office no later than March 19th at 4:00 p.m.
5. Futurity Project Forms must be sent to the 4-H Office no later than March 9th.
6. 4-H Horse Validation Forms and fees must be turned during validation night on March 9th.

Contestant Summary Sheet

One (1) horse per entry sheet

Signatures of exhibitor, parents and leader on the entry form.

EVEN IF YOU ARE 18 you must have your parents sign.

Each exhibitor has:

Minor Release Form

Copy of Texas 4-H Horse Ownership Form

Check made out to the Denton 4-H Horse Committee

Entered by deadline - March 9th

Minor's Release Statement

We do hereby consent and agree that it is satisfactory for our minor son/ daughter _____ to complete in the Denton County 4-H Horse Show, and we do not hold Texas A&M University System or any other person connected with the Show individually or collectively, for any liability for bodily injury or any other damage or loss sustained or suffered while a participant in the Denton County 4-H Horse Show and events of said minor.

Parent _____
(or Guardian)

Exhibitor _____

CEA Certification Statement

I hereby certify that the above named exhibitor and horse have fulfilled the minimum 4-H project requirements, agree to the provisions contained in the rules and regulations of the Show or event, and have complete the minor's release form.

CEA _____

Denton County 4-H Horse Show
11303 Southwind Place
Krum, Texas 76249



January 12, 2009

Dear Denton County Merchants,

It is time again for the **Annual Denton County 4-H Horse Show**. This year's show will take place on **Saturday, April 4, 2009**. The Denton County 4-H Horse Show committee is seeking your help. Below you will find details regarding our show. Additionally, we have attached a sponsorship request form.

Your sponsorship is needed in order to help us conduct a successful event. Sponsorships are used to cover the cost of awards, judges, insurance, facilities, and event incidentals. Profits received from the 2009 4-H Horse Show will be used to support recognition of 4-H members' accomplishments in the 4-H Horse Project.

The 2009 4-H Horse Show is planned and conducted by the Denton County 4-H Horse Show committee which is comprised of youth members, overseen by Agent McAlister and supported by parent volunteers. This competitive event provides an opportunity for 4-Hers to exhibit their skills and advancements in the 4-H Horse Project. We will again be offering judged and speed events for our 4-H members.

Please take a moment to complete the sponsorship request form and support the youth of Denton County. *Donations made to the Annual Denton County 4-H Horse Show are deductible based on the still valid IRS ruling of February 9, 1973, as provided in section 170 of the 1986 Code.*

We want to thank you in advance for your support of the Denton County 4-H and Youth Development Program and the Annual Denton County 4-H Horse Show. Completed sponsorship forms may be mailed to the address listed on the bottom of the form.

4-H Horse Project members are competing for one of two prizes. The Denton County 4-H Horse Committee will present a prize to two 4-Hers: (1) the 4-Her with the greatest total of monetary donations; and (2) the 4-Her with the greatest number of donors. A 4-Her is eligible for only one prize.

More information on the 4-H program can be found at <http://denton-tx.tamu.edu>. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or would like more information.

Happy Trails,

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Denton County 4-H Horse Committee Chairman
Trail Blazers 4-H Club President



Denton County 4-H Horse Show 2009 Sponsorship Form

Sponsorship Opportunity	Promotion Offered	Sponsorship Amount
Class Sponsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Business card sized ad on page of class sponsoredName announced at beginning of class sponsored	\$25.00
Bronze Sponsor High Point Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">¼ page ad in programName announced at award presentation	\$50.00
Silver Sponsor Grand and Reserve Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">½ page ad in programName announced during award presentation	\$75.00
Gold Sponsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Full page ad in programBanner displayed during showName announced during show	\$100.00
Platinum Sponsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Full page ad in programName on program coverBanner displayed during showName announced during show	\$250.00

4-H member contact: _____

Individual Placing Ad: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ E-mail: _____

Type of Sponsorship: _____

Amount Paid: _____

All sponsorships are tax deductible. A receipt and program will be sent to all sponsors.

Please make checks payable to "Denton 4-H Horse Committee."

Please send sponsorship form, payment and advertisements by April 1, 2009

Denton County 4-H Horse Committee, 11303 Southwind Place, Krum, TX 76249