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DATE: April 1, 2008

TO: Cooperative Extension Educators and Staff with 4-H Horse Responsibilities

FROM: Jean T. Griffiths and April Winslow  
Extension Horse Specialist and NYS 4-H Horse Events Coordinator

RE: 2008 NYS Fair 4-H Horse Information

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION!! PLEASE READ!**

- All youth showing in 4-H Horse Events must be given or have access to:**
  - A New York State Fair “4-H Horse Events Guide” – posted to the Animal Science Website at: [http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/nysfair\\_info.html](http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/nysfair_info.html)
  - A State Fair “Youth – Animal Exhibits” premium book – are now posted to the NYS Fair website: [http://www.nysfair.org/\\*/entry/Youth\\_Livestock.pdf](http://www.nysfair.org/*/entry/Youth_Livestock.pdf)
- Remind all youth showing horses that they MUST BRING the following items:**
  - **Coggins (EIA) certificate** - must be dated **2007 or 2008**.
  - **ASTM-1163; SEI approved helmet.**
  - **Proof of rabies vaccination.** Vaccination is good for one year from date of inoculation. The animal’s rabies vaccination status must remain current throughout its stay on the fairgrounds. Inoculation must be given at least 14 days prior to event date. If the animal was inoculated last year, the 14-day time span is only necessary if there was a lapse of time from the previous year's inoculation. Bring original certificate.

**Stop by vet inspection station when entering grounds.**

**Refer to Health Requirements section of the State Fair “Youth – Animal Exhibits” premium book.** [http://www.nysfair.org/\\*/entry/Youth\\_Livestock.pdf](http://www.nysfair.org/*/entry/Youth_Livestock.pdf)

- Submit electronically or mail original NYS Fair 4-H Horse Show entries directly to State Fair and one copy of entries directly to 4-H Horse Show Superintendent, as indicated on the entry forms.**

4. **Signatures** – **NOTE:** the NY State Fair Horse Show entries will need a county educator/designated staff signature AND the HEC “Regional Chair” signature once again!! The current required signature/approval process was approved by the 2006 Fall HEC, after suggestion from Regional HEC committees.

**ENTRY DEADLINE: MONDAY - AUGUST 11, 2008**

**NOTE:** The NYS 4-H Horse Program Superintendent stated that if ALL required signatures are not on a NYS Fair Horse Show entry – they will not be accepted as an “official entry”. There is a very short turn around time, from entry deadline to the first show day, in which data can be entered in the computer – there is no time for phone calls!! Do not jeopardize an opportunity for the youth!!

5. If a county does not use the 4-H Horse Show quota of 4 entries per county per Division – the unused slots may be given to another county in their HEC Region – this will be monitored by the Region not at the state-level – Remember the Region has only their set number of stalls and must manage and monitor their use. If you exceed your quota – please contact the stable manager as indicated in the region’s “stabling packet”.
6. **Entry Forms for Hippology, Horse Judging, Drill/Parade Teams and Mounted Games Teams** are posted to the web site at: <http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/horses/>  
➤ look under “Rules, References, Forms”
7. The Western Reining Pattern will be **pattern #3**.
8. **Readers are optional** in Dressage.
9. **Hippology:**
- There will be a live horse judging portion of the event again this year.
  - Since the live judging will be held outside, youth should bring raincoats, just in case.
  - Bring at least 2 pens or pencils and a clipboard.
10. **Horse Judging:**
- **Refer to the memo** from April Winslow posted at [http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/nysfair\\_info.html](http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/nysfair_info.html)
  - **Please give** a copy of this memo to each Horse Judging Coach.
  - **Remember** – Team only must be designated by the entry deadline/the team members may be declared the day of the contest.
11. **Remember to give every 4-H youth the “Expectations Memo”** - posted at [http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/nysfair\\_info.html](http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/nysfair_info.html)  
**PLEASE READ** and **PLEASE HAVE THE YOUTH READ!!**

12. **Kids and Horses Tent:**

\* Please help make this tent a success again this year!!! **We need old ribbons and horseshoes**. Challenge each youth riding in the horse show to bring 10 old horseshoes. Please drop ribbons and horseshoes off at the "Kids and Horses Tent". Thank You!!

13. **Horse Teen Leaders Needed** - Information and application is posted at:

[http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/nysfair\\_info.html](http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/nysfair_info.html)

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL!! ENCOURAGE ALL YOUTH TO DO THEIR VERY BEST, BUT REMEMBER....."WE ARE HERE TO HAVE FUN.....IF WE DO WELL BESIDES THEN WE HAD MORE FUN!!"**

Cc: Kinsman; Sherwood; 4-H Horse Superintendent; Bolton; Winslow; Griffiths; Baldini

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE!!!!**

## **2008 NYS FAIR 4-H HORSE SHOW**

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**BE AWARE THAT THERE ARE MANY DISTRACTIONS FOR HORSES AT THE NYS FAIR 4-H HORSE SHOW. THERE ARE HELICOPTERS, COWS, FAIR RIDES, SIRENS, TRAFFIC AND LOTS OF OTHER CONFUSION AND CHAOS!! BE PREPARED AS THIS IS NORMAL AT THE NYS FAIR!!**

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**PLEASE NOTE: State Fair Policy – Original rabies certificate and Coggins papers must accompany the animal at the vet inspection when entering the Fairgrounds. No animal will be admitted that does not meet all health requirements. Refer to Health Requirements section of your State Fair “Youth – Animal Exhibits” premium book.**

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**REMEMBER – Exhibitor numbers must be worn at all times when mounted or seated in a cart, while on the NYS Fairgrounds.**

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**\* REMINDE YOUTH THAT THEY WILL NOT RECEIVE STATE FAIR PREMIUMS IF THE PROCEDURE FOR CLEANING STALLS IS NOT ADHERED TO – REFER THEM TO THE “2008 NEW YORK STATE 4-H HORSE EVENTS GUIDE”.**

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## **State Fair Photos**

Please remember that 4-H youth that compete in events at State Fair may have their pictures taken. And that youth pictures from any of the various events may be used in media and/or press releases, used for educational displays, or could get posted to a web site.

**IF your county is sending a 4-H youth to any state level 4-H Horse event – PLEASE make sure that the county has a photo release form on file in the county office. If you do not have a photo release form on file for any child that will be participating in State Fair events – PLEASE MAKE SURE WE ARE AWARE OF THIS PRIOR TO THE EVENT.**



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DATE: April 1, 2008

TO: CCE Educators and Staff with 4-H Horse Responsibilities  
4-H Horse Program Youth  
4-H Leaders and Parents

FROM: NYS 4-H Horse Program Division Chairpersons  
TBA – NYS Fair 4-H Horse Program Superintendent  
Jean T. Griffiths – Extension Horse Specialist

RE: **“EXPECTATIONS”**

We want all involved in the NYS 4-H Horse Program State Fair events to have a **positive experience**. Please remember that there never will be and none of us has ever seen a **PERFECT** horse show, event, or day. But many, many very wonderful events have taken place in the NYS 4-H Horse Program. This is especially true if we all keep our perspective, relax, make all 4-H programs focus on the youth and have some fun.

**Please remember:**

- **Youth and horses are a natural combination.**
- **Learning + FUN = Positive Self-Esteem.**
- **We want all youth to do their very best but... “We are here to have FUN.....If we do well besides, then we had more FUN!!”**
- **You win some, you lose some and some get rained out!**
- **If you don’t want the judge’s opinion, don’t go through the gate.**
- **In 20 years from now is it going to make a difference?**
- **Youth Development Through Positive Life Experiences.**

We expect that everyone will help make the NYS Fair 4-H Horse Program events a positive experience for youth. Please do your part!!

**If there is a conflict....please take one step back and ask, “What is for the good of the youth?”**

**We expect all staff, volunteers, youth, leaders and parents to act in a way that would positively represent:**

- **4-H**
- **The NYS 4-H Horse Program**
- **Your County**
- **Cornell Cooperative Extension**
- **Cornell University**

**Please be careful and be safe.**

- The surroundings at fair are not always “horse friendly”. There are ferris wheels, helicopters, ambulances, sirens, campers, tarps, beef cows, and much more. This is a real challenge for many horses and the youth that are riding them. This is part of a State Fair. **PLEASE ONLY SEND QUALIFIED RIDERS ON SAFE MOUNTS!**

**THANK YOU ALL!!! GOOD LUCK!!**

## **2008 NYS FAIR 4-H HORSE JUDGING EVENT**

DATE: April 1, 2008

TO: **All Horse Judging Coaches**

FROM: April Winslow  
NYS 4-H Horse Judging Chairperson

RE: **Miscellaneous Items and Dress Code for the State 4-H Horse Judging Event**

**HORSES NEEDED!!** We will need horses for the judging contest. We are looking for Western, Hunt Seat, Saddle Seat, Driving horses and possibly others. **If youth are willing to have their horse be part of the 4-H Judging Event, please fill out the enclosed form and send to April Winslow, address and more instructions are on the form. The Deadline is August 11, 2008 !!** 4-Her's will get paid a day premium and a handler fee if they participate. **We really need your help this year to make this a wonderful event for the 4-H youth. Thank you!**

The following are **suggestions** for appropriate clothing to be worn at the State Judging Contest:

- \* Long pants
- \* Leather footwear
- \* Rain gear

Try to dress like a horse show judge would dress, if they were judging a horse show.

The following clothing is **not** allowed:

- \* Shorts or short skirts
- \* Sandals or women's dress shoes
- \* Tank tops
- \* T-shirts or sweatshirts with club or breed designation
- \* Hats (Equestrian or other)

**PLEASE NOTE** – No item of clothing may be worn which will establish the individual identity of the contestant or which will imply a direct or indirect association with a stable, a breed, a club or a county. Hats are prohibited in the judging arena.

**Please encourage all youth to bring the following:**

\* Clipboard or notebook (with blank paper only!) **NO** WRITTEN MATERIALS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE RING!!

\* At least 2 pens or pencils

**Drinks:** Are not supplied – please remind youth to bring with them if they want them.

**Lunches:** Please bring with you for all seniors. They will not get a formal lunch break. Juniors will be released and can go to get lunch on their own.

**ALSO:** please be prepared to designate **one volunteer** for every county to help with the contest. We will need runners, scorers, ring leaders and more. Thank you!

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APPLICATION FOR CONTEST HORSES FOR  
THE NYS 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

Owner's Name (owner or 4-Her's) \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
(Area Code)

Owner's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Social Security # (to be filled in at State Fair only if your horse is used)

\_\_\_\_\_ (needed in order to be paid a fair premium by State Fair)

Handler's Name \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Handler's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
(Area Code)

Handler's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Type or Breed of Horse \_\_\_\_\_ Sex of Horse \_\_\_\_\_

Horse can be used in (Please circle all that apply):

Western Halter

English Halter

Pony Halter

Draft Halter

Western Pleasure

English Pleasure

Saddle Seat Pleasure

English Equitation

Saddle Seat Equitation

Western Equitation/Horsemanship

Hunter Hack/Jumping

Pleasure Driving

Western Riding

Reining

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**\*PLEASE NOTE** – State Fair premiums can only be sent to you if all of the information is complete!!

**\*\*NOTE** – Sending in this form **DOES NOT** mean that your horse will be used in the contest. Confirmation will be received from the NYS 4-H Horse Judging Chair by phone, letter or in person at the fair grounds.

**\*\*\*PLEASE SEND FORMS BY 8/11/08 TO:**

April Winslow  
PO Box 1209  
Morrisville, NY 13408  
315-684-3001 e. 111  
amh36@cornell.edu

# HORSE TEEN LEADERS

APPLICANTS MUST BE: Mature – Responsible - Task oriented - Willing to work hard and have fun! - Enrolled in the NYS 4-H horse program

Please try to apply by - **July 14!!** Early applications will receive preference  
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## TEEN LEADER Application 4-H Horse Show, New York State Fair

(Please make copies as needed)

We're looking for 8-10 teens to help with the 4-H Horse Program during each of the county rotations at the NYS Fair. Teens applying should be knowledgeable, mature, responsible, and task-oriented.

Check (✓) time period / county rotation teen applicant is available:

- August 21 to August 24       August 25 to August 28       August 29 – September 1

*(Teens selected need to be available for the majority of time, during four (4) consecutive days. Teens are expected to work 6 hours per day. Applicants may also work for more than one time period if they so choose).*

**Please NOTE:** When teens are selected to work in Horse Program, it is the responsibility of the individual county to designate chaperones, secure dormitory space, and arrange for parking and gate passes.

Please rank preference (1, 2):      \_\_\_\_ Kids and Horses Tent      \_\_\_\_ 4-H Horse Show

County:	
Extension Educator:	Educator E-mail
Educator Phone #	FAX:
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b> / / Age: <i>(must be 13 as of January 1<sup>st</sup>)</i> ____
Address:	Cell phone (area code+ number)
City:	Telephone: (H) (area code + number)
State:	E-mail:
Zip Code:	

***\* More specific information as to work at State Fair will be mailed to County Educator and Teens once final selections have been made.***

Please list special training and experience of teen applicant:

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Why do you feel this youth would make a good Teen Leader?

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Please return completed form by **July 15<sup>th</sup>** to Jeannie Griffiths, Extension Horse Specialist, 125 Morrison Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853 OR use register online at <http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/program/events/SFTAInfo.php>

# "HORSE" TEEN LEADERS NEEDED FOR THE NYS FAIR

## APPLICANTS MUST BE

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  - Responsible
  - Task oriented
  - Enrolled in the NYS 4-H Horse Program
- And
- Willing to work hard and have FUN!!

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Application and information are posted to:

The Department of Animal Science web site/State Fair link  
<http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/nysfair.html>

or

The State 4-H Office web site  
<http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/program.events/statefair.php>