



DATE: January 5, 2009

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

FROM: Jean T. Griffiths
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RE: **2009 NYS 4-H Horse Entry Packet - Events Entry Forms, Project Animal Certificates, and Riding Level Evaluation Forms**

The **2009 entry forms, project animal certificates, and riding level/driving evaluation forms** will be posted to the web site – www.ansci.cornell.edu - click “Extension”; then “4-H Youth”; and then “Horses”.

FORMS

DEADLINE

- 4-H Horse Certificate **June 1**
- 4-H Donkey or Mule Certificate **June 1**
- “Riding Level Evaluation” *As needed*
- “Driving Evaluation” – release in 2008 *As needed*

EVENT

DEADLINE

- Horse Bowl Team **April 3**
- Communications Events:
 - Individual Presentations **May 1**
 - Team Presentations **May 1**
 - Public Speaking **May 1**
 - Video Presentation **May 1**
 - Slide/Audio **May 1**
 - Impromptu Speech **May 1**
- Hippology Team **August 1**
- Drill Team **August 17**
- Parade Team **August 17**
- Mounted Games Team **August 17**
- Horse Judging Team **August 17***
- Horse Show **August 17****

* **Horse Judging** - will only need to enter the team by the deadline - team members can be specified at the event – **A COMPLETED ENTRY WITH ALL INFO. MUST BE HANDED IN AT REGISTRATION!!** We use this information for computer tabulation, results, press, national entries, etc.

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**** HORSE SHOW ENTRY FORMS - will be included in the “State Fair Entry Packets” that will be available later this year on the website.**

NOTE: NYS Fair Horse Show entries will need signature/approval from:

- CCE “educator/designated staff”
- AND the HEC “Regional Chair”

PLEASE:

- **Print a copy of entry forms.**
- **Give to appropriate individuals.**
- **Make sure entries are submitted by entry DEADLINES.**
- **And ALL NEEDED SIGNATURES/APPROVALS ARE COMPLETED!!**
- **NOTE: Without proper paperwork entries will not be acknowledged as “official entries” - there is a very short turn around time from entry deadlines to event dates during which time data must be entered - especially for the State Fair horse show – there is no time for phone calls – make sure information is complete.**

Remind 4-H'ers to:

We have not seen the 2009 NYS Ag and Markets Health requirements announcement to date – so there could be some changes to the information below that will be included in the 2009 State Fair entry packet:

- **include a copy of animal’s “current” Coggins results** with their Horse or Donkey/Mule certificate - to be kept in the county CCE files; current means this year or last year; in other words, it must be dated **2008 or 2009 to be valid. Original must be presented at County and State Fairs upon entry.**
- **also remind all 4-H equine owners to vaccinate for rabies and to present a veterinarian signed proof of rabies vaccination (with animal markings for I.D. similar to a Coggins certificate) at all 4-H events; rabies vaccinations must be:**
 - current
 - given at least 14 days prior to arrival at any fair
 - must remain current throughout an animal’s stay on the fairgrounds
 - for most rabies vaccine manufacturers, “current” means not more than 1 year from date of vaccination
- **hopefully the new health requirements** for all fairs in New York State will be available soon; pay particular attention to health requirements published in them – and include the information in all fair books.

Good luck!! Have a wonderful 4-H year!

Jtg

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cc: Kinsman, Sherwood, Winslow, Bartholomew, NYS 4-H HEC Regional Chairs, Appropriate HEC Chairs