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**2008 RESULTS  
New York State 4-H Horse Program  
Eastern Nationals 4-H Horse Roundup, Louisville, KY  
Held at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE)**

December 2008

*Ithaca, NY* - Seventeen youths from New York State represented the NYS 4-H Horse Program at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup held at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). The event is held in Louisville, KY at the Kentucky State Fairgrounds.

The youth participated in one of the following six educational events:

- **Hippology** – is an equine knowledge event that evaluates the overall knowledge of the youths in animal science, equine science, veterinary science, farm management, equipment, facilities, anatomy, and so much more. There is a written phase with a written exam, a horse judging phase, there are stations with tests of all aspects of horse industry and identification problems, and there is also a team problem phase. Points are accumulated throughout the day for overall Team and Individual placings.
- **Horse Bowl** – is a fast moving equine knowledge based event in which youths are seated as a team and a moderator asks questions in all aspects of the horse industry. The youth need to think fast as the first one to buzz in on mechanical buzzers, gets to answer the question. Points are kept through the day for Team and Individual placings.
- **Communications Events** – there are three different communications events held at this event – Individual Presentations, Public Speaking and Team Presentations in which two youths participate. The topics presented must relate to the equine industry. The communications skills of these youths are impressive!
- **Horse Judging** – the horse judging event is a decision making and oral communications skills contest. The youth must evaluate several horse show classes, decide upon and place the class, and then orally justify why they placed the class the way they did. The oral part of the contest is call oral reasons – this is the hardest part of the event. Youth that may not

have placed the class the same way as the official judges have still have a chance to score highly, if they defend and justify why they placed the class as they did. These youths are truly skilled communicators!

The 2008 Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup was the largest in history. Youth traveled to Louisville from all parts of the United States. This year 354 youths represented 30 different states at the North American International Livestock Exposition event.

Congratulations to all of the New York State 4-H youths that attended this event. These youths qualified to represent the state by competing at the county, regional, and state levels. They were all winners before they even left for this event; they are the best in New York State. The things that these youths learn in the qualifying process and from attending this national level event are skills that will serve them throughout their lifetime. Jeannie Griffiths, Extension Horse Specialist says “the kids get on the bus...are not the same kids that get off the bus”. New York State is proud of each and every one of them!

### ***2008 NYS 4-H NATIONAL EASTERN ROUNDUP PARTICIPANTS:***

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATION**

Karleigh Chatt (Genesee)

##### **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Sarah Wahlstrom (Chautauqua)

##### **TEAM DEMONSTRATION**

Anna Young (Monroe)

Jana Magone (Monroe)

##### **NYS COACH**

Rich Miller, Wayland, NY

#### **HORSE BOWL**

##### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Melena Hagstrom (Tompkins)

Kassandra Wong (Monroe)

Shannon Bower (Dutchess)

Petra Raupp (Tompkins)

Casey Schroeder (Niagara)

##### **NYS COACH**

Ann Janson, Chittenango, NY

#### **HIPPOLOGY**

##### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Lisa Katherine Ballard (Oneida)

Alice Beardsley (Broome)

Hannah Clark (Cayuga)

Erica Freeman, (Steuben)

##### **NYS COACH**

Vicki Bolton, Cohocton, NY

**HORSE JUDGING**

**TEAM MEMBERS**

Amanda Wendt (Wayne)  
Doug Court (Wyoming)  
Corinne Marmon (Oneida)  
Jennifer Dahlgren (Chautauqua)

**NYS COACH**

April Winslow, CCE Madison County, Morrisville, NY

***2008 NYS 4-H HORSE ROUNDUP RESULTS:***

**INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS:**

Karleigh Chatt - 10<sup>th</sup> Place Individual

**PUBLIC SPEAKING:**

Sarah Wahlstrom – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Individual

**HORSE BOWL:**

**Individual Placings**

Melena Hagstrom – 5<sup>th</sup> Place Individual

**HIPPOLOGY:**

**Written Phase:**

**Individual Placings**

Alice Beardsley – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Individual

**Team Placings**

New York – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team

**Station Phase:**

**Team Placings**

New York – 7<sup>th</sup> Place Team

**Team Problem Solving Phase:**

**Team Placings**

New York – 8<sup>th</sup> Place Team

**Overall Placings:**

**Team Placings**

New York – 7<sup>th</sup> Place Team

**GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD:**

The 2008 recipient of the:

**NEW YORK STATE 4-H  
HORSE PROGRAM  
Perpetual “Good Samaritan” Award  
In honor, friendship, and memory of Laura Beth Janson**

Shannon Bower (Dutchess), Staffordville, NY

Congratulations to all!! Every one of these youth were winners before they even left for this event...they are the best in New York State!! And they have learned so much from this experience...“The kids that get on the bus are not the same kids that get off the bus”.

For complete results visit the Eastern National 4-H Roundup web site at:

[www.4hroundup.com](http://www.4hroundup.com)

4-H is the Youth Development portion of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Program in New York State. It is an educational outreach of Cornell University. If you are interested in getting your child involved in the 4-H Horse Program, contact your county Cornell Cooperative Extension office or Jean Griffiths, Extension Horse Specialist at Cornell University (E-mail – [jtg4@cornell.edu](mailto:jtg4@cornell.edu) or 607-255-2857).

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Group picture of the NYS 4-H Horse Program youths and coaches, that represented New York State at the 2008 Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, Kentucky.



Group picture of the NYS 4-H Horse Program youths and coaches, that represented New York State at the 2008 Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup Awards Ceremony.



The NYS 4-H Horse Program Coaches for the 2008 Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup (front row - lft. to rt.) Rich Miller/Communications, April Winslow/Horse Judging, Vicki Bolton/Hippology, and Ann Janson/Horse Bowl. Also pictured are other staff and state-level volunteers that supported the youths – (back row – lft. to rt.) Joe Schwartz/Western Chair, Jean Griffiths/Extension Horse Specialist, Karen Goodwin/Bus Guide, and Roger Parulski/Driving Chair.

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