

# NC 4-H Horse Program Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

Jan 2	Deadline for County HB Questions
Jan 19	Youth Training Clinic
Jan 26	Southeast & South Central District HB
Feb 1	4-H Scholarship & Honor Club Applications Due
Feb 1-3	4-H Volunteer Leaders' Conference
Feb 9	North Central, Northeast, & West District HB
Mar 1	State Portfolios and Project Records Due
Mar 9	State Horse Bowl & Hippology



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[2019 Calendar of Events](#)

## Winner's Circle

### Quarter Horse Congress

#### Hippology

- High Team Overall
- Champion Individual Overall - Cassandra Sigmon
- Reserve Individual Overall - Emma Carmichael
- 3rd Individual Overall - Kellianne Lunny
- 8th Individual Overall - Caitlin Smith

#### Horse Bowl

- High Team Overall
- 3rd Individual Overall - Sarah Isley
- 4th Individual Overall - Grace Conerly
- 10th Individual Overall - Abby Holsomback

#### Horse Judging

- 11th High Team Overall
- 9th High Team - Halter
- 11th High Team - Performance
- 10th High Team - Reasons

#### Public Speaking

- 4th Overall - Emily Worth

#### Individual Presentations

- Champion Overall - Nicole Worth

#### Team Presentation

- 3rd Team Overall - Madison Rosenbaum & Savannah Lindsey

For more Congress results, please visit [QH Congress Results](#)

For more ENRU results, please visit [ENRU Results](#)

### Eastern National 4-H Horse Round Up

#### Hippology

- High Team Overall
- Champion Individual Overall - Cassandra Sigmon
- 3rd Individual Overall - Kellianne Lunny
- 4th Individual Overall - Caitlin Smith
- 7th Individual Overall - Emma Carmichael

#### Horse Bowl

- High Team Overall
- 4th Individual Overall - Sarah Isley
- 6th Individual Overall - Grace Conerly

#### Horse Judging

- Reserve High Team Overall
- 4th High Individual Overall - Reagan Riddell
- 7th High Individual Overall - Kaitlyn Johnson

#### Communications

- 5th High Team Overall
- 6th Overall Public Speaking - Emily Worth
- 9th Overall Individual Presentations - Nicole Worth
- 10th Overall Team Preseantations - Madison Rosenbaum & Savannah Lindsey



## NC State 4-H Horse Show Revisions

At the conclusion of the State Advisory Board meeting on November 9, 2018, some new revision were made to the NC State 4-H Horse Show program. The following changes and improvements are as follows:

### Hunter Division:

New "Rookie W/T Division" - Riders must be in their first year showing huntseat at the 4-H level as a junior or higher division. The intention of this division is to serve as a safe introductory experience to the huntseat discipline.

- Classes Include:
  - Rookie W/T Showmanship
  - Rookie W/T Hunter Under Saddle
  - Rookie W/T Hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat
  - Rookie W/T Hunter Hack (18" cross rails)

### New Hunter & Equ O/F Class Groupings

#### Short Stirrup

- Ages 8-12, horses or ponies
- 2" fence height
- Three years of participation in this division is allowed, with no more than two years showing over fences.

#### Long Stirrup

- Ages 13-up, horses or ponies
- 2'-2'3" fence heights
- Two years of participation in this division is allowed

#### Low Working Hunter

- Juniors & Seniors, horses only
- 2'3"-2'6" fence heights

#### Working Hunter

- Juniors & Seniors, horses only
- 2'6"-2'9" fence heights
- Only class eligible for the medal class (in addition to junior and senior ponies)

### Hunter Division - Flat Classes

- Rookie W/T
- Jr. Pony
- Sr. Pony
- Short Stirrup (if not jumping, riders in first 2 years of showing, 8-12)
- Long Stirrup (if not jumping, riders in first 2 years of showing, 13 & up)
- Jr. Hunter Horse
- Sr. Hunter Horse

### Hunter Divisions for High Point

- Rookie W/T
- Jr. Pony
- Sr. Pony
- Short Stirrup
- Long Stirrup
- Jr. Hunter (can enter Low or Working Hunter over fences classes)
- Sr. Hunter (can enter Low or Working Hunter over fences classes)

### Stock Type Hunter Division - NEW

- STH Showmanship
- STH Hunter Under Saddle
- STH Equitation on the Flat
- STH Show Hack

**\*\* Note: Not permitted to cross enter into any other hunter division, not permitted to show in a jumping class at this show\*\***

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### Saddle Seat Division:

Invitational Academy Division, Saturday morning classes include:

- Academy Showmanship
- Academy W/T Pleasure
- Academy W/T Equitation
- Academy W/T/C Pleasure
- Academy W/T/C Equitation

### Costume Class Changes:

There will be 3 costume classes:

- Cloverbud Costume Class
- Junior Costume Class
- Senior Costume Class

### 4-H Alumni Showmanship Class on Saturday Night:

- Must be a 4-H alumnus (any state or program)
- Must show a horse or pony already on the grounds
- Show clothing optional
- Saturday night
- Minimum \$50 entry fee, special award to the alumni that raises the most money

**Be sure to check the 2019 NC 4-H Horse Program Rules and Regulations Manual (coming soon) or other rule and class changes!**

### 2019 Qualifying Horse Show Dates and Locations

#### West

- May 4-5th
- WNC Ag Center, Fletcher NC

#### East

- May 4-5th
- Sen Bob Martin Ag Center, Williamston NC

#### North

- May 18-19th
- Gov James B Hunt Horse Complex, Raleigh NC

#### South

- May 4-5th
- Lake Waccamaw, NC

### 2019 NC State 4-H Horse Show Stall Decorating Contest Theme:



## 4-H Spotlight: Casey Hiser

The Retired Racehorse Project, a charitable organization, created the Thoroughbred Makeover to showcase the trainability and talent of off-track Thoroughbreds. The competition is intended to inspire good trainers to become involved in transitioning these horses to second careers. This is the only national gathering of the organizations, trainers, and farms dedicated to serving these horses when they retire from racing.

Ten competitive disciplines are offered at the Makeover: Barrels, Competitive Trail, Dressage, Eventing, Field Hunters, Polo, Ranch Work, Show Hunters, Show Jumpers, and Freestyle. Each discipline competes separately in Finale, and each has their own final test to determine the Makeover Champion in that discipline. The crowd favorite (determined by text message voting) from among the 10 discipline winners is then crowned America's Most Wanted Thoroughbred and earns a \$10,000 check!



This month's 4-H Spotlight focuses Casey Hiser who competed in Ranch Work and competitive trail. Casey placed 13th out of 65 in working ranch and was the top junior trainer in that division and earned \$500. In addition, she placed 5th in competitive trail out of 70 thus qualifying for the final round. She finished 3rd in the finals and was awarded \$700 and was also the top junior trainer in that division earning \$500.

We had an opportunity to interview the accomplished young rider. Here are her answers!

**Tell us a little about yourself.**

I'm 14 years old and I started riding horses as young as I can remember. The first time I competed in a training competition was 2012 when I entered a youth mustang makeover. I competed in two more mustang makeovers before my first thoroughbred

**Tell us more about your horse (age, training, etc.)**

My horse's name is Utter Drama. She's a 7 year old, off the track thoroughbred, mare. She raced 40 times and won \$77,000. I competed in the competitive trail and working ranch in the makeover but we have competed in hunter jumper and eventing in smaller shows.

**Can you explain more about the Thoroughbred Makeover and what was involved?**

The thoroughbred makeover is part of the Retired Racehorse Project. These makeovers were made to help thoroughbreds find a second career. To compete in the makeover you have to find an off the track thoroughbred that raced at least once in the previous 2 years. The horse can't have more than 15 post track rides before Dec 1. Training officially starts on Dec 1, and the competition is in October. Once you find a horse you can choose up to 2 out of 10 possible disciplines where the pros, amateurs and juniors all compete together. For each discipline there is a preliminary round and then the top 5 continue to the final round. All the winners from each discipline are eligible to win America's Most Wanted Thoroughbred.

**How did you get involved in the Thoroughbred Makeover?**

A friend I met at a mustang makeover also does thoroughbred makeovers and talked me into competing myself. The mustang makeovers are in hand competitions for youth so this was a chance to compete in an under saddle training competition as a junior.

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

I was in a club called Spur of the Moment with Victoria Gwaltney but that group dissolved and I'm currently looking for another group.

**What other 4-H events are you involved in?**

Horse bowl, hippology, and horse judging. Last year my team won all three in the junior division and I was the second place individual in horse judging.

# Over Herd

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## New “Rookie” Division Added to State Hippology Contest

Must be their first year of competition ever for that event

- Junior Rookie
- Senior Rookie
- Individuals Only - Awards are top 10 overall

### Juniors

- 15 ID Slides
- 25 questions written exam
- Will place 1 halter class & 1 performance class

### Seniors

- 30 ID Slides
- 50 questions written exam
- Will place 1 halter class & 1 performance class

## New “Rookie” Division Added to State Horse Judging Contest

Must be their first year of competition ever for that event

- Junior Rookie
- Senior Rookie
- Individuals Only - Awards are top 10 overall

Both Junior and Senior Rookies will place all classes

- Juniors - oral reasons on 1 halter class
- Seniors - oral reasons on 1 halter class and 1 performance class

**\*\*Note: Use of notes discouraged, but can get a 25 if they read them (separate rubric for rookie reasons)\*\***

## 2019 Youth Horse Judging, Hippology & Horse Bowl Training Clinic

Youth and adults interested in learning how to excel as competitors and coaches in competitive 4-H, FFA and inter-collegiate horse judging contests are invited to attend the training session. Topics will include organizing and delivering oral reasons, formulating a judging system and effective use of terminology. The training session will use a variety of video horse judging classes as a model for training on class placing and oral reason training. The clinic participants are divided into four categories based on their experience level (cloverbud, rookie, non rookie and adults/coaches) and are then divided into break-out groups that allow for individual attention and hands-on, critical thinking activities.

The topics for our horse judging groups include and overview of how

horse judging contests work and also judging Performance Halter (rookie); Western Horsemanship and Hunter Hack (non rookie); and Coaching Tips, Tricks, Resources and Preparing Youth for Oral Reasons (adults/coaches). All experience levels will also develop oral reasons on their classes. Cloverbuds will learn parts of the horse, colors and markings and also learn how to judge halter classes.

An afternoon session for all individuals interested in expanding their knowledge for the Horse Bowl and Hippology contests will occur following the lunch break. We hold a mock Hippology contest where participants of all experience levels are able to take a Hippology exam, IDs, and stations in a constructive, learning-centered environment. Our Horse Bowl portion of the clinic involves randomized

teams within experience levels playing each other in a “mock contest” format! Participants will learn about scoring, rules, and the type of questions to study for and expect in a real contest!

The fee is \$10.00 per junior and senior 4-H and FFA members (there is no charge for Cloverbuds, Coaches and Parents). Please print your invoice(s) and send the appropriate fees to: Extension Horse Husbandry, Youth Team Clinic, Box 7621 NCSU, Raleigh, NC 27695-7621.

[Online Registration form link](#)

[2019 Youth Training Clinic Schedule](#)

## A Bit More

### Submitting Horse Bowl Questions

What is the best way to study for Horse Bowl? Where are the best places to find Horse Bowl questions to study? These are questions that we are often asked by coaches, leaders and 4-H'ers when preparing for 4-H Horse Bowl contests. There are several methods that can be used to prepare and each group and/or team should use what works best for them and their situation.

The first step in preparing to compete in NC District and State 4-H Horse Bowl is to submit 40 questions to NCSU Extension Horse Husbandry by **January 2, 2019**. Questions must be submitted in the [Excel spreadsheet file/template](#) that is provided and only come from the approved references. Be sure to include the page number for each question. There is a wonderful article written by Lori Stroud on our website on how to write good questions and prepare your teams for competitions.

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

**\*Please note the following changes for 2019:**

- As of Jan 1, 2019, "The Horse" by Evans is no longer a recognized resource
- As of Jan 1, 2019, Equine Science, 5<sup>th</sup> edition, by Parker will be a recognized resource for mixed and senior
- New rule for 2019: Coaches must assign team members to specific chairs prior to the start of the contest. Members must remain in those designated chairs, with the exception of the alternate, for the duration of the contest.

### Kids Rockin' Rescue!

Members of the Rescue to Ribbons 4-H Club in Elizabeth City lead by volunteer, Wendy Miller, took action and spent the day loading supplies to distribute from the Fleet of Angels Hay Bank they're operating!

The purpose of Fleet of Angels to serve as a base camp where equine owners and caregivers can connect with equine transporters, foster facilities, searchers and rescuers, horse-savvy handlers, and other volunteer service providers in situations where equines are at risk due to weather-related disasters in this area. Equine evacuation, post-disaster search and rescue, recovery, fostering, and equine facility repair and relief may all be addressed here.

To find more information about Fleet of Angels, how to become involved and donate, please visit the their webpage [fleetofangels.org](http://fleetofangels.org)



# NC 4-H Horse Program News

## Focus Group Participants Needed!

Attention NC 4-H Horse Program youth participants, parents, leaders and Extension agents, we need your help! We want to expand and improve our digital tools and communications to make our program stronger and better for you, but we need your input. We are looking for individuals to participate in 3 different focus groups. The dates and locations are:

November 27, 2018 Duplin County Extension Office, Kenansville, NC 5:15 pm-6:45 pm

December 1, 2018 James B Hunt Horse Complex, Raleigh, NC 10:00 am-11:30 am

December 10, 2018 Union County Extension Office, Monroe, NC 5:15 pm-6:45 pm

Refreshments will be served and participants will receive a gift for their participation. If you are willing and available, please complete the form that is linked below.

If selected, you will be emailed further details.

Thank you in advance!

[Registration Form Link](#)

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## 2019 Calendar of Events

The [2019 NC 4-H Horse Program Calendar of Events](#) is available for download and distribution.

Event hyperlinks take you to websites or Facebook pages with additional information. Contact person hyperlinks provide their email.

Please check the [website](#) and [Google calendar](#) regularly for updates and modifications!



