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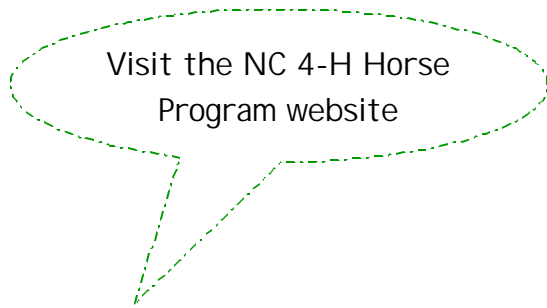
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Educational Contest Results
&
2005 Eastern National 4-H Horse Round-up
Contest Results

National 4-H Horse Events

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2005-2006 STATE 4-H HORSE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Minutes and a list of advisory board members from the November 11, 2005 State 4-H Horse Advisory Board Meeting can be found on-line at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/adboard.htm. The minutes include all rule changes, a calendar of District and State 4-H Horse Program Events, program sponsorships, and work responsibilities. Rule changes will be incorporated into the *NC 4-H Horse Program Rules and Regulations Manual* available on the 4-H Horse Program website http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/4hr_and_r/.

--Bob Mowrey

2006 STATE 4-H HORSE BOWL CONTEST

The State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest will be the first major 4-H Horse Program youth educational event of the year 2006. The contest will be held in conjunction with the State 4-H Hippology Contest on Saturday, March 4th at the Wake County Government Center and Cooperative Extension Office. A map of the Extension Office complete with directions can be found at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/PDF_Files/ral4hmap.pdf.

Once again in 2006, District 4-H Horse Advisory Boards were required to offer regional horse bowl contests to qualify teams for state competition. Participation in the district contests and submission of questions are required to enter and compete at the state contest. The top two teams in each age division per district qualify for state competition. All districts have announced 2006 qualifying contest dates in the State 4-H Horse Advisory Board minutes (http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/adboard.htm) and in the calendar of events located on the 4-H Horse Program Calendar website (http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/4hcalendar.htm). Counties wishing to participate in the regional qualifying contest previously received an email message from Emily Sue Farmer indicating that 35 questions are required to confirm a county entry.

Counties are eligible to enter any number of teams in the district contests by contacting the contest coordinator prior to the event. District or regional contest equipment, officials, and coordination efforts will be the responsibility of each district advisory board. Questions and assistance will be provided by Extension Horse Husbandry.

Contest registration for the State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest will start promptly at 8:45am in the Wake County Extension Office lobby. All Junior, Mixed, and Senior division team members must be present during the drawing for seeding at 10:00am or immediately following the conclusion of the Hippology test, whichever comes first. Failure of a team to draw for seed will result in disqualification. I anticipate the contest will conclude before 6:30pm. The awards ceremony will immediately follow the completion of the final match. Representatives from Southern States Cooperative, Triple Crown Horse Feeds, and North Carolina 4-H Horse Bowl Sponsors may attend the contest and participate in the awards ceremony. A complete contest schedule is located in this newsletter following the Hippology Contest article.

Refreshments, breakfast snacks, and lunch will be available for purchase in the kitchen of the Extension Office from 9:00am to 5:00pm. I encourage all participating team members and coaches to plan to eat at the contest headquarters and thus eliminate the chance of missing a match.

Please advise all participating 4-H members, parents, and volunteer leaders that Wake County Administration is requiring the facilities to remain in a clean condition throughout the event. Unfortunately, the untidy condition of the facilities after previous events has limited the availability of other facilities. All food consumption will be restricted to the Extension Office lobby and outdoors. Food will not be permitted in the government center. Access will be limited to contest rooms. Wake County 4-H Horse Leaders have agreed to monitor the cleanliness of the facilities and serve as the "trash police". Bill Crouse (Wake County) and Tricia Dean (Franklin County) will coordinate their efforts.

A reduced standard room rate of \$49.99 per night plus tax has been negotiated at the Best Western Cary, Phone (919)-481-1200, located at US 1-64 at Walnut Street, Cary, NC. A standard room rate permits up to four persons per room, and will apply to only the NC 4-H Horse Bowl event. A room block of 40 rooms will be held until February 2006. Participants in 4-H activities are not required to stay at the Best Western Cary, although it has been designated official headquarters of the 4-H Horse Bowl event. Rooms have been blocked for the State Horse Bowl Contest on a first-come basis. When making reservations, specify that you are requesting the special North Carolina 4-H Horse Program event room rate. Rooms not reserved by February 2006 will be released.

For a NC 4-H Horse Program map of the Raleigh area events, visit

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/PDF_Files/ral4hmap.pdf.

The list of references for Horse Bowl and Hippology can be found on the NC 4-H Horse Program web page http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/references.htm. Please note that "The Illustrated Dictionary of Equine Terms", has replaced the "Equus Glossary".

Rules pertaining to the State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest as well as other State 4-H Horse Program events are available at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/4hr_and_r/

The following changes have resulted for 2006:

1. Closer monitoring of talking in holding rooms and match rooms
2. Clearly posted contest schedules and flow charts
3. Contest moderators and doorkeepers will enforce a no writing policy for everyone in a match room.
4. Participants are not permitted to request a re-reading of a match question
5. An alternate can be substituted at anytime during a match

Regional qualifying contest participation is required for state contest participation. The top two teams in each division at the district contest will be eligible to compete in the 2006 State Horse Bowl Contest. A total of fourteen teams will be eligible to participate in each division at the State Contest. If a district fails to send two entries in a division, the Extension Horse Specialist will designate additional state entries from other regional contests, based upon regional participation, to make a total of fourteen teams per division.

Additional teams will be selected based upon the following priority order:

- The next highest ranked eligible team from the district with the most entries in that division

In the event of ties, the following priority order will be used:

1. The team with the greatest margin of victory in the final district round.
2. The team with the highest final round score.
3. The team with the highest average overall score.

District 4-H Horse Bowl entries should be sent to the district contest coordinators. See the 2005-2006 NC 4-H Horse Advisory Board minutes or the NC 4-H Horse Calendar of Events for information on the district events

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/forms.htm

A Horse Bowl Entry Form is available at:

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/forms.htm Please make certain your entry form was submitted at the district qualifying Horse Bowl contest, which will be forwarded by the district coordinator to the state EHH office. Also, please submit a separate form for each Junior, Mixed, and Senior team for your county. Entry forms must be completed for each team and should include a \$10.00 check per team made payable to NCSU, which **MUST REACH THE EHH OFFICE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 28, 2006**. Volunteer leaders must have completed Code of Conduct forms and maintain them in their possession for each 4-H member participating in the State Horse Bowl contest. **DO NOT MAIL** the Code of Conduct forms to EHH. Copies of the 4-H Code of Conduct and Medical Release forms are available at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/forms.htm County programs are encouraged to secure medial insurance coverage on horse bowl participants.

Letters of appreciation from participating coaches and 4-H'ers should be addressed to:

Dr. Marty Adams, Manager, Equine Sales and Marketing
Southern States Cooperative, Inc.
PO Box 26234
Richmond, VA, 23260

--Bob Mowrey

2006 STATE 4-H HIPPOLOGY CONTEST

The 2006 State 4-H Hippology Contest is scheduled for Saturday, March 4 at the Wake County Extension Office and April 15, 2006 at the NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh. The two-phase contest will be held in conjunction with the State 4-H Horse Bowl (March 4-- Exam, ID portion, and Team Problems) and State 4-H Horse Judging Contest (April 16 -- Horse Judging and Awards Session).

The Hippology Contest blends the education values of Horse Bowl, Judging, Stable Management and Showing into one unique activity. The contest consists of judging a minimum of six halter and/or performance classes, completing a written exam, answering questions from up to 50 horse related slides, and two team problems for senior teams only. This is an excellent opportunity for 4-H'ers to expand their horse knowledge and demonstrate their management skills acquired through the 4-H Horse Program. Contest rules, regulations, and eligibility requirements can be found in the *NC 4-H Horse Program Rules and Regulations Manual* available on the 4-H Horse Program website http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/4hr_and_r/.

The entry fee is \$40.00 per four-member team or \$10.00 per individual contestant. Check should be made payable to NCSU. The entry fees for the same youth(s) will also be applied to the judging contest (April 15) for those youth competing for awards in the judging contest. For example: if a youth enters the Hippology Contest and pays a \$10.00 entry fee, that entry fee will be applied toward the youth competing in the entire judging contest. However, the youth must still complete and submit a judging contest entry form if they intend on competing for awards in the judging contest, but no fee will be required. Those hippology contestants just competing in the four required hippology judging classes **should not** submit a judging contest entry form. If they do not wish to participate in the judging contest, the previous Hippology Contest entry form is all that is required. Team entries will be processed in a similar fashion. A box lunch will not be provided on March 4, but those 4-Hers entered in both the judging and hippology contests will receive a box lunch on April 15.

Counties are eligible to enter any number of junior and senior teams plus an unlimited number of individual participants. **The entry form must be postmarked by February 17, 2006.** For copies of any NC 4-H Horse Program event entry forms, go to http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/forms.htm

The entry form must be completed and include the contestants' name, complete address, phone numbers, social security numbers, ages, and a completed code of conduct form that must be maintained by the leader for all participating 4-H members. **Entries received after the February 17 postmark deadline will not be accepted.** Please encourage your horse club leaders to enter an unlimited number of junior and senior 4-H teams or individuals.

Once again, the North Carolina Horse Council (NCHC) will sponsor the Hippology Contest. You can visit the NCHC at <http://www.nchcouncil.com>. Letters of appreciation should be mailed to:

Cindy Wadford, Executive Director
NC Horse Council
4904 Waters Edge Dr., Suite 290
Raleigh, NC 27606

and

Casey Armstrong, President
NC Horse Council
PO Box 12999
Raleigh, NC 27605

The top ten senior division individuals will be eligible to compete for an opportunity to represent North Carolina at the All American Quarter Horse Congress, Columbus, Ohio (October 10-13) and at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Round-Up in Louisville, Kentucky (November 3-5). The team will also be eligible to attend the Southern Regional Contest in Raleigh, NC scheduled on July 25-30, 2006.

Rules pertaining to the NC State 4-H Hippology Contest can be found in the *NC 4-H Horse Program Rules and Regulations Manual* available on the 4-H Horse Program website at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/4hr_and_r/.

Hippology references are the same as the Horse Bowl contest references and can be found on the Extension Horse Husbandry website at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/references.htm.

HORSE BOWL / HIPPOLOGY CONTEST SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 4, 2006

Wake County Extension Office and Government Center

For a map visit: http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/forms.htm

7:45-8:15 a.m.	Hippology Contest Registration
8:45-9:45 a.m.	Horse Bowl Contest Registration
8:30-10:00 a.m.	Hippology exam and slides testing. <i>Refer to posted sign at registration desk.</i>
9:45-10:00 a.m.	Horse Bowl Coaches' Meeting-- <i>One coach plus team captain only!</i>
10:00 a.m. <i>or</i> <i>after completion of Hippology Exams</i>	Draw for seed by coaches or team captain
11:30 a.m.	NC State 4-H Horse Advisory Board Executive Committee Meeting. <i>Meet at registration table.</i>
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Dutch treat breakfast and lunch available. Extension office kitchen. Enter through outside door.
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Hippology Senior Team Problems-- <i>Come when you can-- 2 rooms/2 problems!</i>
10:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.	Horse Bowl Contest (estimated starting and ending time)
12:00 noon	Official Hippology exam and slide answers posted on Government Center first door. (After 12:00 noon). Tricia Dean – test key monitor
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Horse Bowl Awards Ceremony. Government Center

HIPPOLOGY / JUDGING CONTEST SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 15, 2006

James B. Hunt Horse Complex, Raleigh, NC

For a map visit: http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/forms.htm

Hippology Contestants can also participate in the Judging Contest, but must submit a Judging Contest Entry form.

8:00-8:45 a.m.	Judging Contest Registration. Previously registered Hippology contestants check in.
9:00 a.m.	Contest starts. Hippology contestants to judge 6 pre-determined classes.
12:00-12:30 p.m.	Transport all Judging and Hippology contestants also participating in the Judging Contest to the oral reasons and awards site-- Dorton Arena, Main Fairgrounds of NC State Fairgrounds. <i>Hippology contestants, not participating in horse judging should not travel to Dorton Arena.</i>
2:00-5:30 p.m.	Oral Reasons. Hippology contestants not judging are excused until the awards ceremony.
4:00 p.m.	Hippology contestants report to judging oral reasons holding area on the upper concourse of Dorton Arena prior to awards ceremony. Participants completing oral reasons are to remain in the arena seats in Dorton arena.
5:30 p.m.	Brief review of classes by official judges.
6:00 p.m.	Hippology Contest Awards
6:30 p.m.	State FFA Judging Contest Awards (optional)
7:00 p.m.	NC 4-H Horse Judging Contest Awards

The top ten individuals in the overall standings of the judging portion and exam segment of the contest in both the junior and senior division will receive ribbons. In addition to the ribbons, the first place junior and senior individuals overall will also receive an award in each category. The high junior and senior individuals will be designated the Junior or Senior 4-H Horseman of the Year. Each high individual and Reserve high overall individuals will receive an award.

The Northwest District is the sponsor of the Junior Division Horseman of the Year Award. Letters of appreciation should be mailed after the contest to:

Richard Isley
8209 Mill Run Road
Stokesdale, NC 27357

Morgan Maness
Rockingham Co. 4-H Agent
525 NC Hwy 65, Suite 200
Reidsville, NC 27320

Carolina Farm Credit Service is sponsoring the Senior Division Horseman of the year Award. Letters of appreciation should be mailed to:

Mr. L.D. Cole
Carolina Farm Credit Service
PO Box 238
Graham, NC 27253

-- Bob Mowrey

2006 STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

The 2006 North Carolina State 4-H Horse Judging Contest is scheduled for Saturday, April 15 at the Hunt Horse Complex in Raleigh, North Carolina. For a NC 4-H Horse Program map of the Raleigh area events, visit http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/PDF_Files/ral4hmap.pdf. The contest will be held in conjunction with the Spring Quarter Horse Show and the State FFA Horse Judging Contest. Both contests will utilize the same judging classes and rules but receive a separate set of awards. Several out-of-state guest teams may participate for no awards. Judging Contest Rules are available in the *NC 4-H Horse Program Rules and Regulations Manual* available on the 4-H Horse Program website http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/4hr_and_r/.

The North Carolina State Horse Judging Contest is co-sponsored by the following organizations. Please have your 4-H members send letters of appreciation to:

NC Farm Bureau
Federation
Chester Lowder
PO Box 27766
Raleigh, NC 27611

Orange County
4-H Horse Council
Iris Fuller
Orange County Extension
306-E Revere Road
Hillsborough, NC 27278

South Central District
4-H Horse Council
John Allen
3190 Alston Chapel Road
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Northeast District
4-H Horse Council
Lisa Briley
504 Kempton Drive
Greenville, NC 27834

Debbie Wentz
P.O. Box 287
Newton, NC 28658

Land O'Lakes Purina Feed
3600 Fairplay Road
Madison, GA 30650

The contest will also be held in conjunction with the final segment of the North Carolina 4-H Hippology Contest. Both the judging and awards ceremony portion of the Hippology Contest will be held on April 15. Youth who are entered in the Hippology Contest may also compete in the NC 4-H Horse Judging Contest. However, a separate entry form for both contests must be submitted in accordance with the contest rules (see Hippology Contest rules in 2006 4-H Horse Program Newsletter). Hippology participants will automatically be entered in the Hippology portion of the judging contest. **Those Hippology contestants should not submit a judging contest entry form unless they are competing for judging contest awards as well as Hippology awards. Youth participating in both contests are required to pay only one \$10.00 entry fee, but must also submit a judging contest entry form and check the line indicating they are also competing in Hippology.**

The Horse-judging project has been one of our more popular educational events. The contest is open to horseless, as well as horse owning, youth who wish to expand their judging skills. In addition to learning how to judge conformation and performance classes, contestants will also gain confidence in the ability to communicate through oral reason presentation.

Counties are eligible to enter any number of junior and senior teams plus an unlimited number of individual participants. The Judging Contest entry form should be completed and returned with a check or money order made payable to **N.C.S.U.** postmarked on or before April 3, 2006. All 4-H Horse Program event entry forms are available at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/forms.htm. Entries must include the contestant's complete mailing address, phone number, age, social security number and birth date. It must be indicated on the NC State 4-H Horse Judging Entry Form those 4-H members also competing on a FFA judging team; this is done by checking the appropriate box to the left of their name on the entry form. In accordance with the State 4-H Horse Advisory Board ruling, entries received after the postmark deadline date of April 3 will not be accepted. Mail entries and registration fees to: NC 4-H Horse Judging Contest, NC State University, Box 7523, Raleigh, NC 27695-7523 (919-515-5784), Fax: 919-515-8518.

There is a standard entry fee of \$10.00 per youth entered in the North Carolina State 4-H Horse Judging Contest. Entry fees are used to help defray the cost of lunch and facility fees. Additional lunches for coaches and parents will NOT be available. Food will be available for purchase at the show ground concession stand. Food will not be available for purchase at the oral reason facility.

The contest will start promptly at 7:30 a.m. and should conclude by 7:30 p.m.

Judging Contest Schedule
Morning Judging Session
Governor James B. Hunt Horse Complex

- 7:30 – 8:15 a.m.** Registration – Barn Master Building across from the outdoor ring (Covered outdoor area if incimate weather).
- 8:00 a.m.** All officials and contest staff meet at the Barn Master Building. (All guest horses to be on grounds by 7:45 am)
- 8:15 a.m.** Contest orientation. Organize into groups. Contest starts.
- 12:30 – 1:15 p.m.** Judging concludes. Horses released. (The Horse Complex refreshment stand will be open for coaches and spectators.)
- 1:15 – 1:45 p.m.** Transport contestants to Dorton Arena on the NC State Main Fairgrounds. Contestants are to be transported by their respective coaches. Lunch served to contestants prior to being seated in reason order on the upper concourse of the Dorton Arena. FFA contestants on the north side, 4-H contestants on the south side.

Afternoon Oral Reasons Session
Dorton Arena, NC State Fairgrounds

- 1:45 – 5:15 pm** Oral Reasons (notes not to be referred to during presentation) Holding area in Upper Concourse of Dorton Arena. Reason rooms in Dorton Arena.
- 2:00 – 3:30 pm** Conclusion of Junior 4-H oral reasons. Junior contestants released.
- 5:30 pm** Brief review of classes by Official Judges.
- 6:00 p.m.** Hippology, Judging Awards and Adjourn.

The Best Western Cary (919-481-1200) (http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/PDF_Files/ral4hmap.pdf), has been designated the headquarters hotel. It is located at the intersection of route I-64 and Walnut Street A special room rate of \$49.00 plus tax for 1-4 people has been negotiated. A number of rooms have been blocked under the name "**North Carolina 4-H Program Events Room Rate**". Coaches should make room reservations directly to the motel and request the special room rate prior to April 2006. All rooms will be released after that date.

A coach's meeting will be held at the Extension Horse Husbandry office starting at 7:00 p.m., April 14, 2006. Coaches are encouraged to attend to confirm directions, pre-register teams, and obtain contest information concerning rules, regulations and

classes. The Extension Horse Husbandry (EHH) office (see map at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/PDF_Files/ral4hmap.pdf), is located in the Reproductive Physiology Building at the Blue Ridge Road entrance to the NCSU College of Veterinary Medicine. After turning off of Blue Ridge Road, into the Vet School entrance, take the first immediate right into the EHH parking lot. The entrance is located in the front of the building that faces Blue Ridge Road. EHH's phone number is 919-515-5784.

As in past years, the contest will be a multiple breed event. Although the classes are not confirmed, we will attempt to offer as much variety as possible. Classes will be selected from any of the light horse and draft horse breeds. The contest will consist of six to eleven classes with a minimum of three halter classes and three performance classes. The remaining classes will be determined by availability of horses. Senior team members and individuals will give four sets of oral reasons. Junior team members and individuals will give two sets of oral reasons. Additional rules are outlined in the *NC 4-H Horse Program Rules and Regulations Manual* available on the 4-H Horse Program website http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/4hr_and_r/.

Awards will include ribbons for the top ten junior and senior division individuals in performance, halter, oral reasons and overall judging. In addition, the top six teams in each division will receive ribbons. The winning junior and senior individual in each judging category will receive appropriate awards. The winning junior and senior division teams will receive an award. A partial travel scholarship will be provided to the final four-state team members participating at the national horse judging contests in the fall of 2005.

I look forward to seeing you on April 15, 2006. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest.

--Bob Mowrey

WESTERN NC 4-H HORSEMANSHIP SCHOOL

4-H members with "intermediate or advanced level" showing experience are invited to participate in the following school:

June 12-14, 2006 Western NC 4-H Horsemanship School. It will be held in conjunction with the Western NC 4-H Horsemanship Camp at the Western NC Ag Facility in Arden, NC. Mary McGlauffin, Buncombe Co. , is the Agent Coordinator (828)255-5522. The Leader Coordinator is David Stiles. Sessions will be taught at an Intermediate/Advanced Level.

--Bob Mowrey

NC 4-H HORSE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CARDS AVAILABLE ON-LINE

2006 North Carolina 4-H Horse Program member eligibility cards can be obtained on-line from the Extension Horse Husbandry website: http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/PDF_Files/2005_elig_card.pdf
To enable greater access to eligibility cards, Agents and Volunteer Leaders can print the eligibility cards onto white paper and duplicate as needed.

Extension agents are required to verify each 4-H Horse Program membership and 4-H age via their signature. The agent's signature should be the last signature provided on the card. Feel free to call if you have questions concerning eligibility cards or the new procedures.

--Bob Mowrey

HORSE VOLUNTEER LEADER RECOGNITION

I am delighted to announce the continuation of the volunteer recognition program for 4-H Horse Program leaders. The State 4-H Horse Advisory Board has approved a NEW procedure to annually select an outstanding volunteer leader from each of the seven Extension Program Districts. Nominations will be accepted at the Extension Horse Husbandry Office until June 1, 2006 (post mark deadline date). Nomination forms are available at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/PDF_Files/volform.pdf through the NC 4-H Horse Program Entry Forms and Etc. webpage (http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/forms.htm). The outstanding leaders will be announced and presented during the Saturday evening opening ceremony of the 2006 State 4-H Horse Show.

Anyone can nominate a leader for recognition. They can even be asked to complete their own nomination form. However, a county extension agent must sign the form and provide a letter of reference to complete eligibility. Please complete and submit a nomination form prior to the June 1, 2006 deadline date. Feel free to attach additional pages as needed. **Incomplete nomination forms will be returned.**

--Bob Mowrey

FOOD LION MVP CARD SUPPORTS NC 4-H HORSE PROGRAM

I am happy to report the NC 4-H Horse Advisory Board approved the continuation of a fund raising project with Food Lion, Inc. during the November advisory board meeting. The funds will be used to support the 4-H Horse Program Scholarship Fund.

Since January 1, 2003 a percentage of purchases made with the Food Lion MVP card by properly registered horse owners, have been donated by Food Lion, Inc. to the North Carolina 4-H Horse Program. Unfortunately the amount of donated funds from this program has been minimal. Individuals wishing to participate in the program can register according to the following guidelines:

1. If you do not currently have an MVP card, request a card from the Food Lion website www.foodlion.com
2. If you already have a MVP card, access the following website: www.foodlion.com and register for the Fund Raising. To provide funds in support of the NC 4-H Horse Program, look under "Raleigh" and select the "NC 4-H Horse Program". The funds will be forwarded to the program quarterly.

Please feel free to call the Extension Horse Husbandry office if you have any questions.

--Bob Mowrey

2006 STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW & SOUTHERN REGIONAL 4-H CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULES

Schedules for the 2006 NC State 4-H Horse Show, July 5-9 and the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships, July 26-30, can be found at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/hhmain.html

FEBRUARY IS HORSE HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

The North Carolina Horse Council has designated February 1-28, 2006 as "**Horse Health Awareness Month**" This month is designed to help owners call attention to their horse's health needs. Some equine veterinary practitioners, horse organizations and REINS groups across the state are holding special clinics and other events for providing shots and Coggins tests. If your veterinarian is not participating, urge them to do so! There are four especially important diseases that deserve special awareness:

- **Rabies**
 - always a fatal horse disease that is spread by wild animals and is a human health threat
 - Vaccinate once a year.
- **Sleeping Sickness (Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis)**
 - mostly a fatal horse disease that is spread by mosquitoes
 - Vaccinate twice a year.
- **West Nile Virus**
 - often can be a fatal disease that is spread by mosquitoes
 - Vaccinate twice a year.
- **EIA (Equine Infectious Anemia):**
 - spread by biting flies – no vaccine available

- “Coggins” test once a year.

Regulations adopted by the State of NC required a negative Coggins test within the past 12 months on all equine over 6 months of age when being sold or ownership transferred. A negative Coggins test (within the past 12 months) is also required for all equine brought to or kept at any public stable or other public place for exhibition, recreation or assembly. All horse owners are urged to become familiar with the regulations and have their horses tested. Encourage your neighbors to have their horses vaccinated and tested too. Questions can be directed to the North Carolina Horse Council office at (919) 854-1990.

--North Carolina Horse Council

AYHC PROVIDES HORSE CLUB LEADER RESOURCES

The American Youth Horse Council (AYHC) provides numerous educational resources for 4-H Horse Program Volunteer Leaders. Visit the AYHC web site (www.ayhc.com) and learn more.

-- Bob Mowrey

HORSE VOLUNTEER LEADER TRAINING-- APRIL 1-2, 2006

North Carolina volunteer leaders are encouraged to enroll in and attend the annual Horse Volunteer Leaders training conference held April 1-2, 2006 at the W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center in Wirtz, VA, located 30 minutes north of the Virginia border. The conference is offered to North Carolina and Virginia Volunteer leaders through the cooperative efforts of North Carolina State University and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

The two-day course will feature the following training sessions and activities:

- How to start a 4-H Horse Bowl & Hippology Team- Emily Sue Farmer, NCSU Extension Horse Technician & Debbie Wentz, NC 4-H Horse Program Volunteer Leader, Catawba County.
- Horseless 4-H Opportunities- Bill Crouse, NC 4-H Horse Program Volunteer Leader, Wake County.
- Incorporating 4-H Members and Volunteer Leaders into Therapeutic Riding Programs- Dr. Tim Potter, Area Specialized Horse Agent, NC State University.
- Teaching Youth Oral Reasons- Y. Smith, VA 4-H Horse Volunteer Leader.
- Identifying and Working with Varying Personality Types in 4-H Types in 4-H Programs- Dr. Tim Potter, Area Specialized Horse Agent, NC State University.
- Ethical Issues Facing the 4-H Horse Leader- Dr. Bob Mowrey, Extension Horse Commodity Coordinator, NC State University.
- How to Get Started In Horse Judging: Judging Conformation Classes- Dr. Bob Mowrey, Extension Horse Commodity Coordinator, NC State University.
- Additional Topics Taught by VA Cooperative Extension Specialist
- Round Table Discussions
- VA & NC 4-H Horse Program Review & Update Sessions.
- Ice Breaker Social

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this informative and important training session. You will have an opportunity to interact with other new and veteran volunteer leaders while staying at a beautiful 4-H camp and conference center located in the Virginia Mountains.

**W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center
Tentative Schedule**

Friday, March 31, 2006

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. REGISTRATION
8:00 - 9:30 Ice breaker social. Light hors d'oeuvres

Saturday, April 1, 2006

8:00 - 8:40 a.m. REGISTRATION
8:30 - 8:45 Welcome. Conference Orientation.
8:45- 12:00 Concurrent Training Sessions
12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch at 4-H Camp
1:30 - 5:00 Concurrent Training Sessions
5:00 p.m. Evening meal at 4-H Camp.

Sunday, April 2, 2006

8:30- 12:00 Concurrent Training Sessions
12:00 - 12:30 p.m. Complete evaluation forms. Adjourn.

Help prepare today's youth to be tomorrow's horse industry!

**REGISTRATION FORM
CAROLINA/VIRGINIA HORSE VOLUNTEER LEADER TRAINING CONFERENCE
April 1-2, 2006**

Please complete a separate registration form for each participant.

Name _____
Address _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Email: _____
Phone - Home _____ Business _____

Are you on our brochure mailing list? Yes No
Has your address changed in the past year? Yes No

Conference registration fee is \$25.00. The registration fee includes the meeting space, symposium handouts and refreshment breaks. Meals and lodging are separate charges.

Meal charges (includes 9% food tax):
Breakfast - \$7.65
Lunch - \$8.75
Dinner - 15.20

Room rate per night (includes 10% room tax):
1 person/room, room is \$55.00
2/room, room is \$60.50
3/room, room is \$71.50
4/room, room is \$82.50

Lodging accommodations: W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center, Smith Mountain Lake, 775 Heritage Rd., Wirtz, VA 24184. Phone 540-721-2759. Website: www.skelton4hcenter.org

A check for the total amount (includes registration fee, selected meals and lodging), made payable to “Virginia 4-H Foundation – Leader Training” must accompany a completed pre-registration form postmarked prior to March 6, 2006. Improperly completed pre-registrations will be returned.

Payment:

	TOTAL
Conference registration:	\$25.00
Meals: ___ breakfasts @ 7.65	_____
1 lunch @ \$8.75	_____
1 dinner @ 15.20	_____
Room: ___/room @ ____/night	_____
Check Total:	_____

Requested roommates:

****Checks must be made payable to “VA 4-H Foundation – Leader Training” and received by March 6, 2006 deadline!

Mail completed registration forms and checks to: Celeste Crisman, Extension Horse Specialist, Virginia Tech, Dept. of Animal & Poultry Science, 380 Litton Reaves Hall. Blacksburg, VA 24061-0306. Phone: (540)231-9163; Fax (540)231-3713. ccrisman@vt.edu.

The North Carolina 4-H Horse Program Newsletter is distributed to 4-H agents and volunteer leaders to assist in the development and management of the county 4-H Horse Program. Agents are encouraged to submit the name and e-mail address of volunteer leaders who should receive a notification of current newsletters. Agents and volunteer leaders are encouraged to download the newsletter and enclosures from the Extension Horse Husbandry web site.

NC 4-H Horse Program Website, which can be accessed through the Extension Horse Husbandry website at: http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/4hmain.htm

Educational Contest Entry Forms

Entry forms are available on the NC 4-H Horse Program Website, which can be accessed through the Extension Horse Husbandry website at: http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/4hmain.htm

An agent or county extension director's signature verifying 4-H eligibility and age will continue to be required on all entry forms. Entry forms can be submitted via mail by either agents or volunteer leaders prior to the postmarked deadline date and accompanied by a check for the correct amount of entry fee. If entry forms are returned electronically, they must be sent by a county extension agent prior to the advertised post mark deadline date. Receipt of an electronically mailed entry form from an agent verifies the 4-H members' eligibility. *However, the entry is not complete until the entry fee is received via mail prior to the contest or events.*

For copies of any entry form go to http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/forms.htm

Bookmark the following links for easy access to information about the NC State 4-H Horse Program.

NC 4-H HORSE PROGRAM WEBSITE

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/4hmain.htm

2006 4-H HORSE PROGRAM CALENDAR EVENTS

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/4hcalendar.htm

2005-2006 STATE 4-H HORSE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/PDF_Files/2004min.pdf

EXTENSION HORSE HUSBANDRY MAIN WEB SITE

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/hhmain.html

2005-2006 NCSU EQUINE SHORT COURSE AND CLINIC SERIES

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/SC_Clinic/SC.htm

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