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2009 STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW OPERATING PROCEDURES

Dear 4-H Member, 4-H Volunteer Leader, Agent:

Congratulations on your achievement at your District 4-H Horse Show. Your performance at the district level has qualified you to participate at the State 4-H Horse Show in Raleigh on July 8-12, 2009, one of the largest youth shows in the United States. The four and one-half day state show will be held at the James B. Hunt, Jr. Horse Complex on the North Carolina State Fairgrounds. In accordance with 4-H Horse Program rules, the top forty-two horses and exhibitors will be eligible to compete at the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships in Little Rock, Arkansas on July 29 through August 2, 2009 hosted by the Arkansas 4-H Horse Program. ***The N.C. State 4-H Horse Show will begin with the Speed Events Division on Wednesday, July 8 at 3:00 p.m. and will resume on Thursday at 8:00 a.m. with the Hunt Seat and Western Division Showmanship and Halter classes, the Short Stirrup Division classes, and select hunter classes. The N.C. State 4-H Horse Public Speaking and Presentation Contests will also be held on Wednesday, July 8.*** The show will continue on the same time schedule as previous years on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. (7:00 a.m. on Friday in the Main Arena/8:00 a.m. in the Covered Arena), and at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday (8:00 a.m. for Dressage in the outdoor arenas). Although we are not anticipating class conflicts, you are still required to provide advance notification to show management of potential conflicts prior to the start of the next class. Show management will attempt to minimize potential conflicts by moving exhibitors up or down in the individual order-of-go. **The state 4-H horse advisory board supports a A No Gate Call Policy. When time permits, announcers will at their discretion make announcements to update exhibitors in the paddock and barns areas concerning which classes are in the arena. However, it is the exhibitor's responsibility for being aware of which class is in the arena and when their class is entering the arena. As per previous years, there will be no class holds for tack changes.**

A special Opening Ceremony has been planned for Friday evening. The Opening Ceremony involves a parade in the main arena for 4-H'ers and Volunteer Leaders participating in the State 4-H Horse Show. In addition, senior 4-H Horse Program Members who are aging out of 4-H will receive a special lapel pin. Four-H members must be recognized in the county narrative in order to be eligible for a lapel pin. If you are eligible for this award, please remind your volunteer leader and/or agent to include your name in the county narrative. ***Please note: NO ANIMALS ARE PERMITTED IN THE COUNTY DELEGATION DURING THE CEREMONY.*** You will be organized into county groups twenty minutes prior to the start of the Opening Ceremony in the Covered Outdoor Arena and enter the arena on foot. As per the recommendation of the N.C. State 4-H Horse Advisory Board, the order counties will march in will be reversed every other year. In 2009, counties will march in from Z-A. Each county group will have an opportunity to have their county or club banner displayed as they enter the arena. In addition, there will be a brief description of your county 4-H horse program including previous and current activities and achievements. Please note that a County Narrative Form has been enclosed in your show packet. This form is to be used for all county write-ups and information must be limited to the lines available on the form and must be legible. All forms not following the designated guidelines will not be read during Opening Ceremonies. **ALL FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO ROBIN LYNN, STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW MANAGER, NCSU BOX 7523, RALEIGH, NC 27695-7523 BY JULY 1, 2009 (NO EXCEPTIONS).**

A special award will be presented during the Opening Ceremony to the county 4-H Horse Program that sells the most sponsorships/ads. The Pleasure Pairs and Senior Versatility Class will be held approximately 15 minutes after the opening ceremony. A warm-up time will be provided in the covered arena for exhibitors entered in those classes.

There will be a special awards program prior to the beginning of the Saturday evening classes. Presentations will be made to honor the 4-H Sportsmanship winners

State Show awards will include a North Carolina 4-H Horse Program Show Champion Belt Buckle to the divisional champions, an award to the reserve champion and a show medallion to class winners. In addition, Southern Regional qualifying points and state show points will be awarded to horses and riders placing first through tenth depending upon the number of class entries in qualifying classes. Ten ribbons will be awarded for every class with ten or more entries. ***The Tarheel Appaloosa Association is again tentatively offering State 4-H Horse Show Appaloosa Incentive Awards at the 2009 event. Please refer to appropriate handouts for specific competition eligibility information, rules, awards, and entry forms.***

All North Carolina Southern Regional delegation members will continue to receive the traditional NC 4-H Horse Program T-shirt at the event. Additional horse-related items will also be provided to show exhibitors.

Exhibitors are responsible for knowing and following all show rules. I strongly encourage you to review the Rules and Regulations Manual prior to arriving at the show and print off appropriate sections pertinent to the events of your interest. The N.C. 4-H Horse Program Rulebook is available on-line at http://www/cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/hhmain.html.

Please complete the attached entry form in its entirety and return it to my office postmarked by ten days after your district show. No Entries received at the State Office after this postmark date will be accepted. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE 4-H HORSE ADVISORY BOARD, ALL ENTRIES TO THE STATE SHOW MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE. NO ENTRIES OR CLASS ADDITIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE APPROPRIATE POSTMARK DEADLINE OR DURING THE SHOW. There are NO extended deadlines on show entries. The State Show Entry Form will allow each exhibitor to pre-enter **eight classes**. Four-H=ers may duplicate their original entry form if necessary for additional class entries. Separate checks for each exhibitor must be made payable to "N.C.S.U." (please denote "4-H Horse Show" on the bottom of the check) and must accompany your entry form. In addition, all animals must have a copy of a current negative Coggins Test for Equine Infectious Anemia, taken within the last twelve months and valid through the last day of the show, enclosed with your entry. Officials from the N.C.D.A. State Veterinarian=s Office will be inspecting Coggins Tests prior to your entrance into the stable area. The horse's name that appears on the Coggins Test must be the same as that which appears on the entry form and on the Eligibility Card. All entry forms not abiding by these guidelines will be returned. All entry forms must also be accompanied with a completed copy of a current 4-H Eligibility Card for every horse/rider combination and a copy of the two-page **NOTORIZED** Medical Release Form for the current year which is on file with your county agent for 2009. If any of these items are not submitted with the entry form, the entry will be returned to sender and will not be accepted if the entry is resubmitted after the deadline date. ***This event is operating under the 4-H Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedure. Your can obtain a copy of this form from your 4-H Agent. The form is a condition of participation in any North Carolina 4-H activity or program. It should be maintained by the volunteer leader throughout the show.*** Pony entries must have a certified height listed on the entry form. Pony heights, Short Stirrup Exhibitor Status and Little Britches Exhibitor Status must be recorded annually on your 4-H Horse eligibility card at the district show.

Stalls will be available on Wednesday, July 8, at 9:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. Sunday, July 12. Please adjust your travel schedule to permit your arrival at or after 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday. (Exhibitors that are competing in the State 4-H Horse Communication Contests on Wednesday, July 8 may obtain special approval to check into their stalls on Tuesday, July 7 and must contact the Extension Horse Husbandry Office (919/515-5784) in advance of the event. ***Please be aware that per recommendation of the State 4-H Horse Advisory Board, no horses are allowed on the Hunt Horse Complex Showgrounds that are not qualified/entered in the State 4-H Horse Show.*** Please report your approximate arrival time on the appropriate area on the show entry form. The sixty dollar (\$60.00) stall fee covers the cost of the stall for the entire show period. The stall fee does not include bedding. The Entry Form has been revised to allow exhibitors to pre-purchase shavings. Shavings will also be available for purchase at the stall office during the show. You are permitted to bring straw, sawdust or shavings from home. **Shredded paper is prohibited as a bedding source by the N.C. State Fairgrounds.** **STALLS WILL NOT BE LIMITED.** As in previous years, stalls will be randomly drawn and assigned by county delegations prior to the State 4-H Horse Show. Stalls will be assigned starting with A Barn, Stall 1 through E Barn, Stall 100. Temporary stalls may also be assigned in F Barn if needed. Please refer to the handout entitled "Exhibitor Entry Information and Show Arrival Procedures" for stall and coggins check-in procedures.

A Schooling Schedule and General Information Handout from the 2009 N.C. State 4-H Horse Show Schooling Supervisor Coordinator is included in your horse show information packet. The handout describes the procedure for registering at the show for a designated schooling time. You are required to pre-register for a daily schooling time when you arrive at the Show grounds at the Schooling Supervisor=s Office. You will receive a duplicate set of back numbers. You are required to wear at least one AOFFICIAL= show back number during all schooling sessions (hand-written back numbers will not be accepted). Failure to follow this rule, or the directions of a schooling supervisor may result in disqualification from the state show. Please review the schooling supervisor requirements. Schooling supervisors have the authority to report any violations, disobedience or misbehavior to the Show Committee for disciplinary action. ***PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT WESTERN EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO DISPLAY THEIR EXHIBITOR NUMBERS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE SADDLE PAD WHEN SHOWING.***

Dressage Division championships will include Dressage and Combined Training Championship Awards. In addition, special awards will be provided to the high scoring First Level, Training Level and Walk/Trot Dressage Rides. ***Please note, in order to participate in a Combined Test at the 2009 State 4-H Horse Show, each exhibitor must jump a complete course of eight fences at their respective district show (placing is not a requirement).*** All Combined Tests and Dressage Classes are invitational and are not be included on the State 4-H Horse Show General Entry Form. (Combined Tests and Dressage classes entered on the General Entry Form will not be processed). A Dressage Entry Form and check must be separately completed for all Dressage entries and **mailed to the Extension Horse Husbandry Office, Robin Lynn, Extension Horse Husbandry, NCSU, Box 7523, Raleigh, NC 27695-7523** postmarked by June 10 to be accepted. No entries will be accepted beyond the June 10, 2009 deadline. (Please note that the entry fee for combined training classes is \$24.00). Copies of the revised NC 4-H Horse Program Dressage Manual and current Dressage Rule Supplement have been forwarded to all district show managers for inclusion in District show packets. Participants are advised that **current** USEF Test Patterns will be used for the 2009 North Carolina State 4-H Horse Show Dressage Division. Please review the amended rules and check-in procedures. Failure to adhere to the proper check-in procedures could result in disqualification. **Please note: The Dressage Test portion of the Combined Tests will be held on Thursday, July 9 and the Stadium Jumping portion of the Combined Tests classes will be held on Friday, July 10. The Combined Training Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded following the conclusion the Stadium Jumping classes on Friday, July 10.**

In accordance with State 4-H Horse Advisory Board recommendations, we have negotiated a reduced standard room rate of \$59.99 plus tax (1-4 people) at the Best Western Cary Inn and Suites and Days Inn with a rate of \$49.99 plus tax (1-4 people). The Best Western Cary Inn and Suites and Days Inn are located at US 1-64 at Walnut Street in Cary and is within 10 minutes of the Hunt Horse Complex. The hotel phone numbers are (919) 481-1200 (Best Western) and (919) 481-4011 (Days Inn). When making reservations, request the special ANC 4-H Horse Program rate. Standard rates permit up to four persons per room and will apply to all N.C. 4-H Horse Program activities held in the Raleigh area. Rooms have been reserved for the State Show on a first-come basis and will be released from the room block after June 24, 2009.

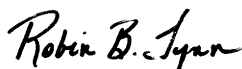
Camper hookups will be available at the fairgrounds on a first-come basis at \$25.00/night. Reservations will not be accepted! Fees will be collected daily by the fairgrounds security force. Campers are not permitted to use stall electricity outlets. Twenty-five camper hookup spaces with both electricity and water are located on the east side of the main arena across Youth Center Drive on the North Carolina State Fairgrounds. Twenty spaces available with electricity but no water, are behind the covered outdoor arena.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATION, NO STATE SHOW FEES (INCLUDING ENTRY, STALL, ETC.) WILL BE REFUNDED IF THE AMOUNT IS LESS THAN \$25.00.

IMPORTANT: 2009 Southern Regional 4-H Horse Show Entries will close at 12:00 NOON. at the State 4-H Horse Show Office on Sunday, July 12, 2009. All entries must be submitted prior to this time. Entries will not be accepted by mail to the Extension Horse Husbandry Office. All 4-H members, regardless of participation at the State Show including points earned are eligible and encouraged to enter the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Show. Priority will be given to entries according to rules listed in the 4-H Horse Program Rules & Regulations Manual. Hotel information for the Southern Regional event is available at the EHH website in the 4-H Horse Program Newsletter. This information will also be included in your state show packet.

Good luck at the State Show and best wishes for an enjoyable weekend in Raleigh. Feel free to contact my office if the Extension Horse Husbandry Staff can be of assistance.

Sincerely,



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State 4-H Horse Show Manager



Bob Mowrey
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