

Weber County 4-H

2010-11 4-H Horse Program



Weber County 4-H offers many horse shows, contests, workshops, and clubs. Although each member needs a horse to participate in the riding and showing aspect of the 4-H horse program, we offer many other horse-related contests, workshops and events that are perfect for children who have a horse and those who do not. Clubs generally meet once a month during the winter for service projects, awards, demonstrations, social activities, etc., then meet weekly from April through September. Each club has its own meeting schedule.

Following are highlights of the 4-H horse projects and contests available through Weber County 4-H. To learn more about getting involved, contact the 4-H office at 399-8202. Membership in the 4-H horse project is open to any Weber County youth in 3rd-12th grades!

Join a 4-H Horse Club—*Something for everyone!*

- ◇ **Western Horse Project:** Youth attend weekly practices with their club, practicing western riding and horsemanship skills. They participate in both horsemanship and speed classes at county, regional and state horse shows.
- ◇ **Two-Handed Project:** Youth develop their skills in training a young horse (less than 5 years old) and show their horse in special two-handed county and state shows.
- ◇ **English Horse Project:** Youth attend practices with their club, learning English riding and horsemanship skills. They participate in English riding and jumping classes at county, regional and state horse shows.
- ◇ **Working Ranch Horse Project:** Youth develop the skills required on a real, working ranch such as roping, sorting cattle, fence work, etc. and showcase those skills in area and state competitions.

4-H Horse Shows—*Western, English, 2-Handed & Ranch Horse*

2011 Weber County 4-H Horse Clubs		
Freedom Flyers—English/Western Kathy Borrett, Gail Rich & Carlene Squires	Slaterville	Tuesday 7 p.m.
Ghost Riders—Western Jody Taylor	West Haven	Tuesday 7 p.m.
Hoof Beats—Western Linda Gaz	West Haven	Tuesday 7 p.m.
Hoofprints—Western Lance Quinn, Kyle McEntire	Eden	Tuesday 6 p.m.
Maverix—Western Kim and Kari Byington	Hooper	Tuesday 5 p.m.
Purple Sage—Western Kris Clark, Kevin Short	Hooper	Wednesday 5 p.m.
Silver Spurs—Ranch Horse Connie Neal, Blaine Oakeson	Location, date and time varies.	
Silverados—Western Shawn Glenn, Judy Barrow	Plain City Reese Arena	Mon., 6:30 p.m. Friday, 6:30 p.m.



Weber County 4-H offers five western horse shows, a county fair horse show, plus shows for youth involved in two-handed, English and Working Ranch Horse projects.

The dates for these shows are posted on our county 4-H website.

www.webercounty4-H.org

Go to featured programs > horses > 4-H horse shows

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NEW! PICK YOUR COMPETITION DATE

Rather than having one specific day scheduled for our public speaking and demo contests, we are going to offer several different days. 4-H Contest Days will be from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H office on the following days:

Pick Your Date

March 12, April 13, April 27, May 11, May 18, June 8, and June 15

Contestants can pick the day and time that works best for them. To participate, youth MUST sign up for the contest with the 4-H office (399-8202) at least one week prior to the contest date. Appointments will be scheduled in 15-minute increments. Contestants need to arrive early enough to begin their presentation at the assigned time.

Horse Public Speaking

In this contest, youth research, write and deliver a speech on any horse-related topic—health issues, showing, horse industry concerns, ethics, etc. No props are used in this contest. See specific county contest rules at webercounty4-h.org/htm/contests.

- Eligibility:** Weber County 4-H club members in 3rd-12th grade
Time Limits: 3rd—8th grades: 3 minute minimum; 5 minute maximum
9th-12th grades: 7 minute minimum; 10 minute maximum.

This is a Pick Your Date Contest

4-H Horse Demonstrations

Some topics are easier to share by “demonstrating” rather than just talking about them. The 4-H demonstration contest is similar to the speech contest. Youth research, write and deliver a presentation. However, unlike horse public speaking, youth use posters and other props to demonstrate “how” to do something, or use illustrations to explain the information. Again, the sky is the limit on the horse-related topic you could choose. How to clean a saddle, the proper way to put on leg wraps, or how to treat hoof fungus are just a few possible ideas. Keep in mind that LIVE ANIMALS are not used, so youth need to use posters, models, stuffed animals, etc. to help the audience understand. The member provides all his or her own props and supplies. See specific county contest rules at www.webercounty4-h.org/htm/contests.



This is a Pick Your Date Contest

- Eligibility:** Weber County 4-H club members in 3rd-12th grade
Time Limits: 3rd-8th grade: 5 minute minimum; 10 minute maximum.
9th-12th grade: 10 minute minimum; 15 minute maximum.

4-H Impromptu Speaking

Impromptu public speaking is the perfect contest for youth who think fast on their feet! Rather than prepare a speech in advance, contestants pull a topic from a hat, have three minutes to organize their thoughts, and give a 3-5 minute speech about the topic. Questions will be relative to today’s youth and may include current events, 4-H and social issues. Examples of the type of questions include: If I were an author, I would write about... One issue facing children today is... If I could describe my personality as a tree, which tree would I be... What has being involved in 4-H taught me? See specific county contest rules at www.webercounty4-h.org/htm/contests.

This is a Pick Your Date Contest

- Eligibility:** Weber County 4-H club members in 6th-12th grade; **Time Limits:** 3-5 minutes (all grades)



4-H Horse Bowl

In this contest, youth compete in a “quiz bowl” format, answering horse-related questions. Questions come from the Horse & Horsemanship and Horse Science manuals (plus additional references for senior members). The team coaches are: Kathy Borrett and Connie Neal.

Eligibility: Weber County 4-H club members in 3rd-12th grade

Date: May 9, 7 p.m., Extension Office

Pre-registration required: 399-8202

4-H Horse Judging

Learn how to evaluate horse conformation and gain knowledge of the ideal traits for different breeds through the 4-H horse judging contest. Learn to evaluate a class of horses, place the class and give oral reasons to the judges. The team coaches are: Connie Neal and Jody Taylor.

Eligibility: 4-H members in 3rd-12th grade

Date: May (TBA) Date announced in 4-H newsletter.

Pre-registration required: 399-8202



4-H Horse Testing Program

Prior to the start of a 4-H horse show, members participate in a written test. The questions for the test come from specified chapters from 4-H horse reference manuals and the Utah 4-H Rules Book: Grades 3-5: Horse & Horsemanship and Utah 4-H Horse Program Rulebook; Grades 6-12: Horse & Horsemanship, Horse Science, and Utah 4-H Horse Program Rulebook.

Although youth participating in the show are required to complete a test, 4-H'ers who are not riding in the county show are also allowed to take the test. To be eligible to participate in the testing program, youth must be properly dressed (see Weber County 4-H By-laws) and take the test at the announced time. Each member's top three test scores are added to determine their total points. Medals are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place to the members with the highest scores in each grade division, along with an additional gift for first place.

Weber County Fair

In addition to showing in the 4-H Fiesta Horse Show, horse club members can also enter 4-H Indoor Exhibits. Each member can submit up to ten different projects as long as each one is in a different lot. Some great horse-related entries include photos, posters made for club and county demonstrations, videos, sewn garments, and leather craft.

4-H Horse Discovery Nights

Every Monday evening, except holidays, our horse contest coaches host weekly 4-H Horse Discovery Nights. During these sessions, youth learn LOTS about horses. Youth DO NOT have to own a horse to participate. All that is required is a desire to learn about horses. This is a great way to improve test scores and excel in 4-H horse contests!

4-H Horse Discovery Nights are free and no pre-registration is required. However, new attendees are encouraged to call the office (399-8202) to verify that the class hasn't been cancelled due to holidays, weather or other emergencies.

Location: USU Extension Office **Time:** 7 p.m.



4-H Horse Achievement Scorecard

All Weber County 4-H horse project members are eligible to earn a bronze, silver or gold award through the 4-H Horse Project Achievement Scorecard. Points are earned by participating in shows and contests, test scores, and attendance at 4-H Horse Council meetings. The form is posted online at webercounty4-H.org (go to featured programs > horse > awards). Completed forms are due by October 5, 2011.



4-H Horse Rank Advancement Program

Members will work with their 4-H club leader to demonstrate the skills or knowledge required to complete each rank. The criteria for each rank is listed in the Utah 4-H Rank Book, which is available from the 4-H office, or online at webercounty4-H.org (go to featured program > horse > awards). Only a 4-H horse project leader may certify completion of each skill or knowledge. Members must complete all the items within a rank to advance to the next rank level. Youth may earn several ranks within the same year. Likewise, members may take as much time as they need to complete a specific rank.



The horse ranks are:

- ◇ **Horsemanship:** Tenderfoot 1, Tenderfoot 2, Wrangler 1, Wrangler 2, Top Hand, Foreman, County Master Horseman, State Master Horseman, Judging
- ◇ **Western:** Western Show, Western Games, Trail
- ◇ **English:** Hunter Rider, Hunter over Fences, Dressage
- ◇ **Working Ranch Horse:** Unit 1, Unit 2, Unit 3
- ◇ **Roping:** Junior Roping Rank, Senior Roping Rank
- ◇ **Young Horse:** Foal Handler, Colt Trainer and Two-Handed Performance



4-H Leadership

There are many leadership opportunities at the club, county and state levels. Youth in 8th grade and older are invited to apply to become a 4-H Horse Ambassador, promoting the horse program and doing an individual project. Applications are due September 15, 2011.

**4-H HORSE
AMBASSADORS**

4-H Portfolios—Your tool for scholarships, awards, trips and more!

A portfolio is a written summary of a member's experience in 4-H, including projects, leadership and community service. This important record will be used for contests, scholarships and national opportunities.

- All 4-H horse project members must submit a complete, up-to-date 4-H horse portfolio by the night horse show (June 28) to be eligible to go to Regional or State competition.
- Members must also enter a complete, up-to-date portfolio into county competition to be eligible Weber County 4-H Horse Council awards. Because the regular due date falls on a Saturday this year, portfolios will be accepted through Monday, October 3.
- Each portfolio earns a blue, red or white award, plus 1st-3rd place winners are selected for each grade division.
- Members in 9th grade and older submit their portfolio for state judging by February 1.
- Graduating seniors submit their portfolio with their 4-H scholarship application by February 1.
- Learn how to compete a portfolio by attending one of these workshops: Wednesday, June 15 or Thursday, September 6. Both workshops will be held at the Extension office at 6:30 p.m.

