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53rd State 4-H Horse Show

Schedule: The State 4-H Horse Show schedule has been revised and is attached.

Rules and Regulations: Updated Rules and Regulations for the state show can be seen at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/livestock-species/equine/state-4h-show/>.

Entries: The State Show registration is open in 4-H Connect from June 1 - July 1.

July 1 is the absolute deadline. Participants should register within 48 hours after the end of their District Show so County Extension Agents have time to approve entries.

Sponsorships: Generous supporters have already begun donating to the State 4-H Horse Show! We are still in need of additional sponsorships. Please share the attached form with any interested parties to help support the state show.

Facebook: The State 4-H Horse Show is on Facebook. Find "Texas State 4-H Horse Show" and find information about the State Show and other useful posts. Results and pictures from the show will be posted daily.



Management Strategies Can Greatly Reduce Risk of Disease at Horse Shows

by Chelsie Huseman, M.S.
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With recent outbreaks of EHV-1 and vesicular stomatitis (VS), there is warranted concern about bringing horses together in a large gathering such as a horse show. However, good management practices can help keep your equine partner healthy in these situations. Follow these management strategies and greatly reduce risk:

- Maintain a healthy horse. If your horse is healthy, it is less likely to succumb to sickness.
- Vaccinate your horse according to your veterinarian's recommendations and maintain a current Coggins.
- Do not allow your horse to touch noses with other horses. If possible, put up tarps or a divider between your horse's stall and other unknown horses to keep them from touching.

- Clean and disinfect the stall at the show before placing your horse.
- Do not share bits, tack, water buckets or anything that comes in contact with the excretions of the horse - nose, mouth, etc.
- Do not touch other horses and discourage others from touching your horse. Sometimes the horse owner is the worst culprit in spreading diseases from horse to horse. If you do touch another horse, wash before touching your horses.
- Inform the show veterinarian and management immediately if your horse starts to show signs of illness at a show.
- Do not bring sick horses to a show.
- Upon returning home, disinfect all hard surfaces that were at the show. This includes buckets, feed pans, etc.
- Upon returning home, keep show horses isolated from other horses left at home. If they show no signs of illness they can be rejoined with the other horses after two weeks.

Youth Horse Workshops & Camps

Mark your calendar...

Equine Ambassadors Program Planned

The Texas 4-H Equine Ambassadors Program provides high school aged 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills related to mentoring other youth and to become advocates for the Texas equine industry. The 2015 program will be held in Gainesville, Texas, June 28 - July 2 with 27 students and two mentors set to attend. The goal is to give these students an opportunity to explore the industry from new and different perspectives. The Equine Ambassadors Program is held in the heart of Texas horse country where students can visit different industry leaders such as Cardinal Ranch, Valor Farms and Kiser Arena Specialists.

Summer Horsemanship School Program

The 2015 Summer Horsemanship School Program is in full swing. Fifteen county camps have been scheduled for June. This year marks the program's 43rd year to provide exceptional horsemanship training for youth across Texas. On behalf of the 2015 Horsemanship Schools, we thank Anderson Bean Boots for providing the instructors with a pair of boots and for monetary donations to support the program.



A talented group of Texas A&M students have been preparing since January for the June camps. Training teams include Ellen Black, Clarissa Conrad and Zachary Haydon; Bailey Barziza and Morgan Moreno; and Nicole Brooks and Kalley Fikes.



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| County | Location | Date |
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| Scurry | Snyder | June 1, 2 |
| Moore | Dumas | June 4, 5, 6 |
| Wichita | Wichita Falls | June 12,13 |
| Hansford | Gruver | June 15,16 |
| Taylor | Abilene | June 19, 20 |
| Young | Graham | June 3, 4 |
| Bastrop (Lee) | Giddings | June 8, 9,10 |
| Denton | Sanger | June 12,13 |
| Burnet | Marble Falls | June 22, 23, 24 |
| Wise | Decatur | June 26, 27 |
| Angelina | Lufkin | June 1, 2 |
| Jasper | Jasper | June 3, 4 |
| Hardin | Silsbee | June 12,13 |
| Brazos | Still Creek Ranch | June 19, 20 |
| Dewitt | Cuero | June 27, 28 |

District 4-H Horse Show Dates

- District 1 – June 19
- District 2 – June 16
- District 3 – June 17-19
- District 4 – June 15-17
- District 5 – June 15-17
- District 6 – June 22-23
- District 7 – June 16
- District 8 – June 15-16
- District 9 – June 16-18
- District 10 – June 16-17
- District 11 – June 19-20
- District 12 – June 19

Texas A&M Horse Judging Camps

The Texas A&M Horse Judging Camps will welcome 100 youth to Aggieland this summer. The first Horse Judging Camp was held June 3-5 and the second camp is scheduled for June 24-26 in College Station. The campers will stay at the premier Callaway Villas and for three days will work extensively to perfect their judging and reasons skills. A mock contest will be held at the end of camp and will give the students an opportunity to apply what they learned in a fun competition.



Basic Care and Management Tips for Show Horses

by Dennis H. Sigler, Ph.D.
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Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Basic Health Care

Proper health care and nutrition of the horse is vitally important. Whether considering a show horse or working ranch horse, in order for them to do their job and for overall well-being of the horse, they all must be healthy.

Horses should be on a routine deworming and vaccination schedule and a sound nutritional program. Owners should consult with their local veterinarian as to which vaccinations are currently recommended for the intended use and for their area of the state. Veterinarians also can provide important information about health requirements for hauling horses to events, sales or hauling out of state. Since other states' requirements change quite frequently, it is recommended to consult your local veterinarian any time you anticipate hauling out of state. Helpful hints for health care management also are available from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Animal Science publications (Scott, 2008).

Above all else, horses should appear bright, alert and full of energy. Trying to starve down a young horse so that they are easier to manage or easier to ride, is a poor substitute for good horsemanship and training. Regardless of their intended use, horses should never be intentionally starved in order to alter their behavior. Feed them properly for the level of work they are asked to do and then spend the time to train them properly. Short cuts will only lead to lethargic, ill-mannered horses that resent all riding or work activity.

Teeth care also is vitally important. All horses require routine tooth care and maintenance to prevent sharp edges from causing irritations during eating and/or riding. Making certain that the horse is in good health before beginning a training or riding program will reap many benefits later on. Young horses should be checked for the presence of "wolf teeth," which are the small, sharp teeth that erupt in front of the first premolar on the upper jaw. These teeth serve no purpose and they may cause the horse discomfort in carrying a bit. This may lead to behavioral problems during training. Wolf teeth are easily extracted by an equine veterinarian and all yearlings and 2-year-olds should be examined before training begins.

Nutrition

The importance of a good, balanced nutrition program for the show horse, performance horse or ranch horse cannot be overlooked. Proper early development should start even before the foal is born. A complete, balanced nutrition program for the broodmare, especially during the last 90 days of gestation helps assure that the foal gets off to the right start. Mineral intake is critical. Mares that are on pasture and are not supplemented with adequate high-quality, balanced concentrate should be provided with a free-choice, loose mineral containing approximately 10 to 12 percent Ca and P at a 1:1 ratio. Adequate protein intake for the broodmare, likewise, helps assure adequate skeletal development in foals during the later stages of pregnancy. Do not assume that all winter pastures are going to provide all the nutrients needed for optimal fetal development during late pregnancy.

Once the foal is on the ground, nutrition becomes even more important. Skeletal growth is primarily comprised of three major components, protein, Ca and P. These nutrients should be provided in proper ratios to the caloric intake to assure that needed nutrients are available for the level of energy the horses are consuming. The energy level basically determines how fast the young horse is trying to grow. If adequate protein and minerals are not available as compared to the level of energy in the diet, horses will simply get fat, with a compromised skeletal structure. This can be disastrous as the horses become heavier and their skeleton is not equipped to handle the added weight, especially when they enter the training program. Protein intake will affect growth rate more than any other nutrient. Therefore, adequate attention needs to be paid to the daily amount and the quality of the protein intake. Young horses actually require specific amino acids, not intact proteins. Horsemen should pay particular attention to amino acid balance especially lysine, threonine and methionine. Basically, if given a high-quality protein source such as soybean meal to supply the daily protein needs, the horse will receive adequate levels of these essential amino acids. An 18-month-old growing horse needs about 1.8 lbs of crude protein per day to meet their growth requirements (NRC, 2007). A faster growing yearling may need more protein. If a long yearling is also in training, they need about 1.9 lbs per day.



Ca and P also are required in adequate quantities and in proper ratios for optimum skeletal growth to occur. The basic requirements for an 18-month-old yearling for Ca and P are 37 g and 20 g respectively. Ca:P ratio in the total ration (including hay) should be around a 1.5:1 ratio. Since grass hay normally contains about 0.4 percent Ca and 0.2 percent P, a concentrate formulated to be fed with grass hay would obviously require a higher level of both Ca and P, with a closer Ca:P ratio. If feeding alfalfa hay (which contains Ca levels as high as 1.5 to 2.0 percent), Ca and P levels in the concentrate should be adjusted so that the ratio in the total ration does not exceed 2:1. Some trace minerals such as Cu, Zn and Mn also are involved in skeletal growth. A complete and balanced feeding program which provides recommended levels of all trace minerals is crucial to healthy growth and development of the young horse.

As a horse begins a training program, bone remodeling is initiated, and protein, Ca and P levels in the diet should be increased accordingly. Research has demonstrated that bone remodeling takes place in the young race horse at about 50 to 60 days of training. It has been suggested that by increasing the level of nutrition in the diet prior to this remodeling phase, the chance of injuries to the developing young performance horse may be reduced.

Nutritional status undoubtedly plays a major role in bone integrity during the early stages of training. Given the investments currently being made in young equine athletes, it is simply not advisable to skimp on the nutritional program. Not only will malnutrition compromise skeletal development, it may limit muscular development and repair. It also will compromise the immune system of the horse, which could further reduce the number of days the horse can stay in training, due to illness.

The primary nutritional concern for the mature riding horse is for total caloric intake, or energy. Anytime a horse does any type of physical work, they burn energy and that energy must be replaced in the diet. In comparison, a mature riding horse, that does one hour of hard exercise per day, requires about twice as much digestible energy in the diet as the mature horse at maintenance. This means that the diet of the exercising horse must contain some high energy feedstuffs such as grain or added fat. Supplementing the diet with additional fat is an excellent way to provide needed calories without the danger of carbohydrate overload and without creating the "sugar high" that some horsemen want to avoid. Even in the mature horse, it is important to feed a balanced diet and to be sure horses receive adequate protein, vitamins and minerals including salt. The easiest way to assure that the diet of the horse is balanced is to select a concentrate mix that has been formulated for the exercising horse and the type of forage or hay being used in the diet. Owners should pay attention to the horse's body condition score (BCS) to monitor their energy needs. Ideal BCS for a riding horse is about 5 or 5.5. If BCS remains constant as the horse is being rid-

den, their energy needs are being met. Adjustments can then be made in the hay : concentrate ratio to meet the horse's energy needs. Horses should always receive a minimum of 1 percent of body weight in hay or roughage and any adjustments to the diet need to be made gradually over a 2 to 3 week period. Total intake of hay and concentrate normally should be between 2 to 2 ½ percent of body weight, with at least half of that being hay or roughage.

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Foot Care and Shoeing

Foot care cannot be overlooked in considering the overall care and management of the riding horse. Proper foot care not only reduces the chance of developing unsoundness, but better equips the horse to do his job. A good balanced nutritional program is paramount to good overall hoof health. Maintaining cleanliness, moisture balance

and overall balance in the foot are also essential to maintaining a healthy hoof and proper hoof function. Spending a little extra time in daily foot care is well worth the time investment. If you don't do your own trimming and shoeing, spend a little extra money and hire the best farrier you can find.

Saddle Fit

Saddle fit and comfort play a major role in allowing the horse to do his job to the best of his ability. A sore back created by an ill-fitted saddle will cause a horse to try to adjust their stride, how they stop, turn or otherwise move in order to try to get away from the pain. This will eventually lead to behavioral problems, soreness, lameness and other characteristics that will keep the horse from performing up to par. Saddles that may otherwise fit but don't allow the rider to get in balance with the horse or to help the horse better do his job, may also create some of the same problems. Be aware of how a saddle fits each horse, especially in the wither area and in the loin and how the rider sits in that saddle in relationship to the horse's center of balance. It is also important to use good quality pads, keep them clean and keep all other tack such as cinches clean and in good repair.

Summary

A healthy show horse has to feel good on the inside and outside. A good health care program, adequate and balanced nutrition, foot care, good saddle fit and proper conditioning of riding horses are all essential parts of complete show horse management. Short cutting any one of these areas will result in lost time in training and a poor performance in the show ring. With the cost of maintaining your horse and value of horses, it pays dividends to devote a little extra attention to the daily care and management of these horses. In those cases where these horses also may play an essential role in day-to-day ranch operations, having sound, healthy horses ready to go each and every day can affect the bottom line and improve the overall efficiency of the ranching operation.

Calendar of Events

2015

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| June 1 - July 1 | Summer Horsemanship Schools - various counties statewide | Teri Antilley <tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu> (979) 845-5264 |
| June 1 - July 1 | State Show registration | |
| June 21-25 | 2015 Texas 4-H Calf Roping School and Break-A-Way School - Stephenville | Scott Anderson <sa-anderson@tamu.edu> (325) 646-0386 |
| June 24-26 | Texas A&M Horse Judging Camp - College Station | Jennifer Zoller <jennifer.zoller@ag.tamu.edu> |
| June 28-July 2 | Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Program - Gainesville | Jessica Cowan <jessica.cowan@ag.tamu.edu> |
| July 18-25 | Texas State 4-H Horse Show - Taylor County Expo Center, Abilene | Teri Antilley <tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu> Dennis Sigler <dsigler@tamu.edu> (979) 845-5264 |
| Sept. 29 | Ag Career Day - ACE Day, Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences - College Station | |
| Oct. 24 | Equine Judging Workshop | Teri Antilley <tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu> (979) 845-5264 |



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2015 Texas State 4-H Horse Show - Schedule of Events

New Covered Arena

Arena Horse Barn

Coliseum

Saturday, July 18

12:00 PM 1st STALLING PERIOD BEGINS

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| 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Arena Open - General Riding 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Arena Open for Trail Practice Only | 12:00 PM - 10:00 PM Arena Open - General Riding 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM Arena Open - General Riding 7:00 PM Drill/Precision Riding Leader Meeting (TCEC Office) | 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Arena Open - General Riding 3:00 PM Registration Opens for Packet Pickup in Show Office 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM Arena Open for Yearling Futurity horses Only 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM Arena Open - General Riding 7:00 PM Drill/Precision Riding Leader Meeting (TCEC Office) |
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Sunday, July 19

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| 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM Arena Open for Trail Practice Only 10:00 AM Arena closed for Trail set-up 1:15 PM Walk-through 1:30 PM Arena Preparation 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Western Trail Prelims (Walk-Up) | 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM Arena Open - General Riding 10:00 AM Church Service (Horse Barn) 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Arena Open for Speed Event horses Only 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Mandatory Yearling Futurity horse Check-in (West End Overhanging Area of Arena) 1:30 PM Arena Preparation 2:00 PM Pole Bending Prelims | 5:00 AM - 11:00 AM Drill Practice 9:00 AM Management Team Meeting (TCEC Office) 11:00 AM Office Open (Packet Pick-up) 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Arena Open for Showmanship horses Only 12:00 PM Arena Preparation 12:30 PM Showmanship Prelims 2:45 PM Arena Preparation 3:00 PM Halter Mares *Mares 5 & Over *Mares 4 & Under Grand & Reserve 4:00 PM Yearling Halter Filly Futurity 5:00 PM Halter Geldings *Geldings 5 & Over *Geldings 4 & Under Grand & Reserve 6:00 PM Yearling Halter Gelding Futurity (Minimum of 30 min. break for WP warm-up) 7:00 PM Western Pleasure Prelims 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM Arena Open - General Riding |
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8:30 p.m. PARTY FOR EXHIBITORS

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| Monday, July 20 | | |
| <p>6:00 AM - 7:30 AM Arena Open - General Riding</p> <p>8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Drill/Precision Practice</p> <p>12:00 PM - 10:00 PM Arena Open - General Riding</p> | <p>6:00 AM - 7:30 AM Arena Open for Speed Event horses Only</p> <p>7:30 AM Arena Preparation</p> <p>8:00 AM Barrel Racing Prelims</p> <p>1:15 PM Arena Preparation</p> <p>1:30 PM Stake Racing Prelims</p> <p>6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Arena Open - General Riding</p> | <p>6:00 AM - 7:30 AM Arena Open for Showmanship horses Only</p> <p>7:30 AM Arena Preparation</p> <p>8:00 AM Showmanship Finals</p> <p>(Minimum of 1 hr. break for WH warm-up)</p> <p>Western Horsemanship Prelims</p> <p>(Minimum of 30 min. break for WR warm-up)</p> <p>12:15 PM Arena Preparation</p> <p>12:30 PM Western Riding</p> <p>1:30 PM Arena Closed for Trail set-up</p> <p>2:30 PM Walk-through</p> <p>2:45 PM Arena Preparation</p> <p>3:00 PM Trail Finals</p> <p>5:30 PM Drill Judges' Meeting</p> <p>6:00 PM Recognition Ceremony</p> <p>Drill Team Competition</p> |
| Tuesday, July 21 | | |
| <p>6:00 AM - 8:00 AM Arena Open - General Riding</p> <p>8:00 AM Precision Judges' Meeting</p> <p>8:30 AM Arena Preparation</p> <p>9:00 AM Precision Riding</p> <p>11:00 AM - 10:00 PM Arena Open - General Riding</p> | <p>6:00 AM - 7:30 AM Arena Open for Yearling Longe Line horses Only</p> <p>7:30 AM Arena Preparation</p> <p>8:00 AM Yearling Longe Line</p> <p>11:00 AM Finals Performance</p> <p>Pole Bending (Top 20)</p> <p>Barrel Racing (Top 20)</p> <p>Stake Racing (Top 20)</p> <p>Awards Presentation</p> <p>Champion & Reserve Timed Horseman</p> <p>2:00 PM - 10:00 PM Arena Open - General Riding</p> | <p>6:00 AM - 9:30 AM Arena Open for WP and WH horses Only</p> <p>9:30 AM Arena Preparation</p> <p>10:00 AM Western Pleasure Semi-Finals & Finals</p> <p>(30 minute break)</p> <p>Western Horsemanship Finals</p> <p>Awards Presentation</p> <p>Champion & Reserve Judged Horseman</p> <p>3:00 PM - 10:00 PM Arena Open - General Riding</p> |
| 5:00 PM 1st STALLING PERIOD ENDS (Please Clean Your Horse's Stall Before Leaving.) | | |
| 6:00 PM 2nd STALLING PERIOD BEGINS | | |

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| New Covered Arena | | Arena Horse Barn | | Coliseum | |
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| Wednesday, July 22 | | | | | |
| 6:00 AM - 8:00 AM | Arena Open for Hunter horses Only | 6:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Arena Open - General Riding | 6:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Arena Open - General Riding |
| 8:00 AM | Arena closed - Fences Set-up for Jumping | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM | Early Arrival Mandatory 2 & 3-Yr-Old Futurity horse Check-in (West End Overhanging Area of Arena) | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM | 2nd-Half New Arrival Management Team Meeting (TCEC Office) |
| 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Hunter Warm-Up | 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM | Arena Open for Stock Horse horses Only | 10:00 AM | Arena Preparation |
| 1:30 PM 2:00 PM | Arena Preparation Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences Working Hunter Open Jumping | 3:00 PM 3:30 PM | Arena Preparation Stock Horse Pleasure Prelims | 11:00 AM | Cutting |
| | Hunter Hack Awards Presentation Champion & Reserve Hunter Fences Horseman | | | 4:30 PM | Hunt Seat Versatility Prelims & Finals |
| 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM | Arena Open - General Riding | 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM | Cow Horse Clinic by Shawn Hayes | 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM | Arena Open for riding Hunter horses Only |

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| New Covered Arena | | Arena Horse Barn | | Coliseum | |
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| Thursday, July 23 | | | | | |
| 6:00 AM - 8:00 AM | Arena Open for Roping horses Only | 6:00 AM - 7:30 AM | Arena Open for WCH horses Only | 6:00 AM - 7:30 AM | Arena Open for Hunter Showmanship horses Only |
| 8:00 AM | Arena Preparation | 7:30 AM 8:00 AM | Arena Preparation Working Cow Horse Prelims | 7:30 AM 8:00 AM | Arena Preparation Hunter Showmanship Prelims & Finals |
| 9:00 AM | Team Roping Prelims & Finals Breakaway Roping Prelims & Finals Calf Roping Prelims & Finals Awards Presentation Champion & Reserve Roper | (Minimum of 1 hr. break for HUS and HSE warm-up) | | 11:30 AM | Hunter Under Saddle Prelims & Finals Hunt Seat Equitation Prelims & Finals Awards Presentation Champion & Reserve Hunter Flat Horseman |
| | | (Minimum of 1 hr. after WCH Prelims but not before 1:30 PM) | | (Minimum of 1 hr. break for 2-Yr-Old warm-up) | |
| | | 1:30 PM | Boxing Class | | |
| | | 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM | Late Arrival Mandatory 2 & 3-Yr-Old Futurity horse Check-in (West End Overhanging Area of Arena) | | |
| 4:00 PM | Practice Trail Obstacles Available | | | 3:15 PM | Arena Preparation |
| 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM | Arena Open for Stock Horse horses Only | | | 3:30 PM | 2-Yr-Old Futurity Pleasure Pattern |
| | | 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM | Arena Open - General Riding | 4:45 PM 5:00 PM | Arena Preparation Stock Horse Horsemanship Prelims |
| 8:00 p.m. PARTY FOR EXHIBITORS | | | | | |
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| <u>New Covered Arena</u> | <u>Arena Horse Barn</u> | <u>Coliseum</u> |
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| Friday, July 24 | | |
| 6:00 AM - Arena Closed - Stock Horse 7:30 AM Trail Set-up 7:30 AM Walk-through 7:45 AM Arena Preparation 8:00 AM - Stock Horse Trail (Walk-Up) 12:00 PM 12:00 PM Arena Preparation 1:00 PM - 3-Yr-Old Futurity Trail (Walk-Up) 2:30 PM Finals set-up & walk-through 2:30 PM 2:50 PM Arena Preparation 3:00 PM Stock Horse Trail Finals 4:30 PM - Arena Open - General Riding 10:00 PM | 6:00 AM - Arena Open - General 7:30 AM Riding 8:00 AM Arena Preparation 9:00 AM Team Penning Prelims Team Penning 2nd Go Team Penning Finals 3:00 PM - Arena Open for WCH 4:30 PM horses Only 4:30 PM Arena Preparation 5:00 PM Working Cow Horse Finals 7:30 PM - Arena Open - General 10:00 PM Riding | 6:00 AM - Arena Open for Reining horses Only 7:30 AM Arena Preparation 8:00 AM Reining Prelims (Minimum of 1 hr. break for 2-Yr-Old warm-up) 12:00 PM Arena Preparation 12:30 PM 2-Yr-Old Futurity Versatility (Minimum of 1 hr. break for 3-Yr-Old warm-up) 3:15 PM Arena Preparation 3:30 PM 3-Yr-Old Futurity Reining 5:00 PM - Arena Open - General Riding 10:00 PM |

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| <u>New Covered Arena</u> | <u>Arena Horse Barn</u> | <u>Coliseum</u> |
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| Saturday, July 25 | | |
| 6:00 AM - Arena Open - General Riding 7:00 PM | 6:00 AM - Arena Open - General Riding 7:00 PM | 6:00 AM - Arena Open for 2-Yr-Old horses Only 7:30 AM Arena Preparation 7:30 AM 8:00 AM 2-Yr-Old Futurity Western Pleasure (Top 15) Awards Presentation 2-Yr-Old Futurity Overall (Minimum of 30 min. break for 3-Yr-Old warm-up) 9:45 AM Arena Preparation 10:00 AM 3-Yr-Old Futurity Pleasure Pattern Awards Presentation 3-Yr-Old Futurity Overall & Futurity Horse Shown all 3 Yrs 11:15 AM Arena Preparation 11:30 AM Stock Horse Pleasure Finals 12:45 PM Arena Preparation 1:00 PM Stock Horse Horsemanship Finals 2:15 PM Arena Preparation 2:30 PM Reining Finals Awards Presentation Champion & Reserve Stock Horseman High-Point County and District Awards |

Friends,

This summer will be the 53rd edition of the Texas State 4-H Horse Show. The sheer number of youth and families impacted by this program over the years is phenomenal. Our families look back fondly upon the years our children were competing. To say the show had a significant impact upon our families does not scratch the surface.

Joe Pluhar was a first year 4-H member in 1996, wanting to qualify for "State" more than anything in the world. He was crushed to miss qualifying by just one placing. After much work, he qualified the next year, but did not advance out of the prelims. When we arrived home, Joe would not unload his horse. Instead he wanted to go to the arena and start practicing for next year. Joe went on to win numerous state championships. More importantly, he learned to persevere through disappointment, set goals and find the commitment to see those goals to fruition. In 2013, Joe was at the Texas State 4-H Horse Show once again, as a member of the TAMU Veterinary Equine Field Services crew. He is a 4th year veterinary student, earning his DVM in May. It all began at the Texas State 4-H Horse Show.

Jill Jennings Dunkel grew up successfully showing at the State 4-H Horse Show. Her last year competing there, she met her future husband, Doug. They are now raising their three children through the 4-H program, and the State 4-H Horse Show is a highlight of their summer. Jill and Doug were honored last year with the 4-H Salute to Excellence leadership award. Skills they learned through the 4-H program have contributed to their abilities as leaders and as parents. It all began at the State 4-H Horse Show.

If our two families are any indication, we believe that the Texas State 4-H Horse Show has been an important part of the development of thousands of youth and families throughout Texas. Our families want to give back, to enhance the event that meant so much to us for so many years. To do that, we are leading an effort to get sponsors for the show.

Our summers were structured around the Texas State 4-H Horse Show. It is inspirational to see so many more families growing up with that wonderful experience. We want to make sure the show is financially sound for many years to come. Please consider giving, sponsoring a buckle or a saddle. Remember or honor a special 4-H leader, parent, even a special horse with a donation.

Be a part of the Texas State 4-H Horse Show again!

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YES! I want to support the Texas State 4-H Horse Show!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Please specify the amount you would like to donate. Donations can be made in any amount and at a variety of levels.

\$ _____ Diamond Sponsor: \$5,000 and up

\$ _____ Platinum Sponsor: \$1,000 to \$4,999

\$ _____ Gold Sponsor: \$500 to \$999

\$ _____ Silver Sponsor: \$200 to \$499

\$ _____ Bronze Sponsor: \$1 to \$199

Or you may wish to be a saddle or buckle sponsor at the levels below:

Saddle Sponsor @ \$1000 (check below if you wish to sponsor a specific saddle)

_____ Champion Judged Horseman

_____ Champion Timed Horseman

_____ Champion Stock Horseman

_____ Champion Roper

_____ Champion Hunter Flat Horseman

_____ Champion Hunter Fences Horseman

Buckle Sponsor @ \$200

Please indicate class sponsorship desired: _____

(Up to 10 buckles are awarded in each event, depending on the number of entries.)

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