



4-H Horse Project Packet
for
2016-2017 4-H Program Year



Step 1: Review Information

1. Make sure to review the information, policies, and requirements. Note the updates that have been made.
2. Review and collect the necessary information and items.

Step 2: Complete and Sign

1. Horse Registration (pages 6-7) Attach TWO photos of your horse.
2. Horse Health Form (pages 8-9)
3. Horse Lease Agreement, if applicable

Step 3: Return to the 4-H Office

by Saturday, November 12, 2016 (date of second 4-H open horse show)

1. Staple or clip the forms together. Include the lease agreement if applicable.
2. You may also include the following (optional):
 - ✿ A copy of your horse's registration papers (if purebred)
 - ✿ A copy of your horse's most up-to-date negative Coggins papers
3. Return to your club leader so she/he can submit them to the 4-H Office OR
4. Bring them to the 4-H office main office, Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., located at 1702 Highway 17 South, Bartow, 33830. Mail to P.O. Box 9005, Drawer HS03, Bartow, 33831-9005.



Polk County 4-H Horse Project Packet Philosophy and Goals of the Florida 4-H Horse Program



The purpose of the 4-H horse program is to provide young people an opportunity to participate in a series of activities designed to improve citizenship, sportsmanship, horsemanship, character, competitive spirit, discipline, and responsibility while creating an atmosphere for learning and awareness of the life about us.

If one takes time to study this statement, the goals and implications are awesome. It is not anticipated that a child would progress at the same rate for all these objectives; it is expected that given the proper motivation and provided good leadership by leaders, parents, and agents, there would be improvement in all areas. Many times the recognition by the 4-H'ers that they could improve in these areas is a significant accomplishment.

Most 4-H'ers electing this project will already have a significant interest in and even a passionate love for the animal. It is the leaders' responsibility to utilize this interest to accomplish the project objectives. Though the objectives may be arranged in a different order, you will notice the first objective is not horsemanship. Horsemanship, in the broadest sense, is an important facet of the 4-H horse program, but it should be understood that the horse is but a tool to be used in the development and education of the child. There are over fifty major project areas available in 4-H and all of them have as objectives to make better citizens of these youth, to increase their knowledge in a particular subject matter area, and to inspire them to explore other areas.

Horse shows are not the major objective of this program, and any leader or agent that professes this, either out of actual belief or to persuade someone to join a 4-H club, is certainly in error. In doing this, they would most certainly be setting themselves and the club up for disappointment and possible failure. This is not to minimize the importance of horse shows in helping to achieve our goals, but it must be understood we are in the business of education. There are many opportunities to show elsewhere and, also, it is quite possible there will be many youth in a club that are not interested in showing. They may be interested in one or more of the many forms of trail riding, rodeoing, breeding and production, or other activities involving the use of a horse.

When thinking about the horse program and its objectives, one should certainly realize the potential that participation in horse judging, public speaking, and method demonstrations has in helping to achieve said goals. Participation in these activities can help a youth improve in many areas, as well as gain a better education.

In summary, there is a need for all aspects of the current 4-H horse program, and it is hoped that you as leaders and agents will encourage participation of your club in all these areas.

E. L. Johnson, PhD (Taken from the Florida 4-H Area and State Horse Show, Official Rules, 2007)



Polk County 4-H Horse Project Packet Review of 4-H Horse Shows



Polk County 4-H Open Horse Shows: These are shows that are open to everyone, 4-H members, non-4-H youth (8 years and up as of September 1 of the current program year) and adults. The purpose of these shows is to give youth the opportunity to practice and improve their skills and also to generate revenue for the Polk County 4-H Horse Advisory to provide recognition for county 4-H members and support for those competing at the Area, State, and Regional 4-H Horse Shows. *These shows are managed by volunteers; the help of parents, family members, youth, and others is essential to the success of each show.*

Polk County 4-H Open Horse Shows will be held on *October 22, November 12, and January 14* for the 2016-2017 4-H year. The rain date is March 18. All shows will take place at the Bartow Horse Arena. Online entry is through <https://horseshowing.com/>.

Area C 4-H Horse Show: 4-H members from Polk, Pasco, Marion, Sumter, Citrus, and Hernando who have successfully qualified at their respective county level may advance to compete on a district level. Polk County 4-H qualification requirements are listed below. A mandatory meeting will be held prior to the show for riders and parents to review show rules and turn in registration paperwork and payment. Meeting date is TBA. The Area C horse show will take place on *May 13, 2017* at the Sumter Equestrian Center.

Among the given counties, the responsibilities of hosting the Area C show are on a rotational basis, in which case the help of 4-H volunteers may be solicited.

- Marion/Citrus-2017
- Hernando/Sumter-2018
- Pasco/Polk-2019

State 4-H Horse Show: Qualifications for this show are determined by points earned at the Area show as set by the State Equine Specialist. In previous years, the average has been the top 55% from all the participants at each of the Area Horse Shows. Qualifiers will be notified after the completion of the Area show once all the points have been tabulated and will receive their registrations packets by mail. Stall decorations are an optional activity for members and counties. A meeting may be held prior to the State 4-H Horse Show for reviewing rules and coordinating stall decorations. Meeting date is TBA. The State 4-H Horse Show will take place *July 12-15, 2017* at the Florida State Fairgrounds. Various responsibilities at the State 4-H show may be given to 4-H Areas or counties, in which case the help of 4-H volunteers may be solicited.

Regional 4-H Horse Show: The Southern Regional Horse Show is held at varying locations throughout the Southern US. The top 60 overall senior 4-H members at the State 4-H Horse Show are eligible to attend. Qualifiers are announced at the State 4-H Horse Show awards banquet. Due to the registration deadline, selected riders need to be prepared to accept, register, and pay for the Regional 4-H Horse Show that evening. If a rider has the potential to qualify but he/she is unable to attend the banquet, he/she may register and pay prior to the banquet at the State 4-H horse show office. If not selected, funds will be returned. The Southern Regional Horse Show will be held in *August 2-6, 2017*.



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September 1, 2016- August 31, 2017
Policies/Requirements



1. The Polk County 4-H Horse Registration Packet must be completed for any 4-H member participating in the 4-H Horse Project. (This is *not* a requirement for the Love-a-Horse 4-H Project.) Youth must be 8 years old as of September 1, 2016 to be enrolled in the 4-H Horse Project. The 4-H'er must be an active and currently enrolled 4-H club member.
2. Horse Registration Packets are due by Saturday, November 12, 2016 at the second horse show or the following Monday to the 4-H office. Early submissions are encouraged. Failure to meet this requirement could result in ineligibility for county overall Highpoint awards and Area and State shows.
3. 4-H members must manage at least one horse of any age or breed as a 4-H horse project.
4. If, due to circumstances beyond the control of the 4-H member, the project animal must be replaced after the Saturday, November 12, 2016 registration deadline, permission must be requested and approval granted by the Polk County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee and 4-H Agent within 14 days of replacement. Please contact the 4-H office in this event.
5. Leasing will be permitted with approval of the 4-H Agent. A notarized lease form must be included with the member's Horse Registration Packet for horses showing during the current 4-H year to be eligible to participate in the county 4-H horse shows and Area and State shows. The 4-H Horse Lease Agreement Form is available online at <http://animal.ifas.ufl.edu/youth/horse/HorseInfo.shtml>.
6. Polk County 4-H Open Horse Shows:
 - *Current Coggins is required for entry onto the show grounds. No exceptions.
 - *The cutoff time to add or remove a rider from a class will be 3 classes ahead of time. If a horse/rider misses a class they registered for, it is considered a no show and no refund will be given, unless a judge determines a horse is lame and cuts the horse/rider from the class.
 - * No refunds will be given on day of show; a credit will be applied to the next show and any remaining credit balance at the end of the season.
 - *Parking: Large trailers that hold more than two horses must park in the back of the Bartow Arena in rows behind the white fence and Western arenas. Two-horse trailers must park at an "angle" to the fence that is to the left of entrance. Non-trailer vehicles can load and unload on the show grounds; however, due to space limitation, they are to park outside of the show grounds. Participants should be cooperative with parking volunteers if present.



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*Highpoint: County 4-H horse shows Highpoint classes are noted on the show bill. Division Highpoint Awards will be given at each show, with year-end/overall Highpoint awards being presented at the end of the year banquet. Highpoint is calculated based on the current year 4-H Area/State Horse Show Rule Book.

To be eligible for Highpoint awards, youth must be an active county 4-H member, compete in a Showmanship class and at least one riding class in the respective discipline, and have no funds owed for county 4-H horse show classes.

Saddle Seat – To promote this riding discipline at the county level, this year Highpoint awards will be offered at each show and overall yearend if there are four or more riders total in the division. If this minimum number is not met, Saddle Seat riders can qualify for Highpoint awards in either the English or Western discipline. However, the rider must declare their alternate discipline (English/Western) upon registering and must participate in Showmanship in that discipline.

Dressage – To qualify for Highpoint, a rider must compete in a Showmanship class. Highpoint will be calculated based on the two highest scores/tests from the required test and one optional test selected from the USEF tests listed on the show bill. The required tests are based on the age division and are the recognized tests for both Area and State competitions.

Junior and Intermediate divisions: Training Level - Test 1

Senior division: Training Level - Test 3 or First Level – Test 3

7. To qualify for the Area C Horse Show, 4-H members must submit a Horse Registration Packet on time, present an up-to-date 4-H Horse Project Book to the 4-H Agent between **January and February 13, 2017**, and compete in two of the three county 4-H horse shows. Exceptions must be made in writing to the Polk County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee and submitted with the Horse Registration Packet by the due date.

8. Sportsmanship: All 4-H members and parents sign off on the Florida 4-H Code of Conduct as part of the enrollment process. 4-H members are expected to abide by these policies at any 4-H horse show. 4-H'ers should speak and act in a respectful way, work to maintain a safe environment for all participants, and dress appropriately (i.e. helmets, close-toed shoes, etc.).

9. Adult Etiquette: Parents, trainers, leaders, and others should also be respectful and courteous to volunteers, youth, and others.



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10. The Polk County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee and 4-H office reserves the right to alter or modify any class procedures or patterns for safety concerns, facility restrictions, or other circumstances and to dismiss a show exhibitor if an activity or situation is deemed unsafe or inappropriate. In the case of severe weather conditions, the shows may be canceled or postponed for the safety of all.

11. 4-H Horse Project resources are available online at the Polk County 4-H website as well as the University of Florida's Animal Science website <http://animal.ifas.ufl.edu/youth>. Youth may participate in State and Regional 4-H horse events in more than one way. The 4-H Horse Project includes the following:

- County, District, State, and Regional Horse Shows
- Hippology
- Horsemanship School
- Horse Judging
- Horse Quiz Bowl
- Horse Public Speaking/Demonstrations

12. 4-H Horse project resources include the following:

- Polk County 4-H: <http://florida4h.org/polk>
- Area, State, Regional 4-H Horse: <http://www.animal.ifas.ufl.edu/youth/>
- National Extension Horse: <http://www.extension.org/horses>.



**Polk County 4-H Horse Project Packet
Horse Registration
September 1, 2016- August 31, 2017**



This form must be completed and on file with the Polk County 4-H Office for any 4-H'er participating in the 4-H horse project. Attach two photos (different views) of the horse being registered. You may register more than one horse with the 4-H Office if you ride more than one horse in your 4-H project. Due November 12, 2016.

Member Information

4-H Member's Name: _____ 4-H Age (as of Sept 1): _____

Telephone: (____) _____ Family Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

4-H Club Name: _____ 4-H Club Leader's Name: _____

4-H Club Leader's Signature: _____

Animal Identity

Name of Horse: _____ "AKA": _____

Sex: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____ Age: _____ Color: _____

Special Markings: _____ Registered: _____ Grade

Florida Bred: ____ Yes ____ No Date Acquired as a 4-H Project: _____

I have read and I understand the requirements and procedures outlined in the Polk County 4-H Horse Project Requirements/Procedures. I certify that the information that I have provided is accurate and that this animal meets the minimum requirements set forth. I understand that this certificate may be revoked if upon later inspection the animal does not meet these requirements.

Signature of 4-H'er/Applicant Date Signature of Parent Date

Borrowed or Leased Horse

If project animal is *not* owned by the 4-H member, the signature of owner is required:

I grant permission to _____ (4-H Member)

to use my horse _____ (horse's name)

in all phases of the 4-H Horse Program, including competition. The 4-H Horse Lease Agreement must be on file with the 4-H office.

Signature of Owner Date

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Tape, glue, or staple TWO photographs of the horse to this page.

Polk County 4-H Horse Health Form
September 1, 2016- August 31, 2017 Program Year

Name of Horse (Legal Name): _____

AKA (Nickname): _____

Breed: _____ Reg. No.: _____

Age: _____ Sex: _____ Color: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Owned or Leased? (Circle One)

Lessee's Name: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Owner's Name: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

County: Polk 4-H Club Name: _____

4-H Leader's Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

4-H Agent Name: Amanda Squitieri

Veterinarian's Name: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Coggins Number: _____ State: ____ Date Taken: _____

Results: Negative or Positive (circle one) **Negative Coggins Required for All Horse-Related Events and Activities**

Farrier's Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Latest Shoeing Date: _____ Latest Teeth Floating Date: _____

De-Worming History (tube or paste): _____

Current Vaccinations

Encephalomyelitis									
Tetanus toxoid									
Rhinopneumonitis									
Strangles									
Influenza									
Rabies									
Current Feed: _____ Hay: _____ Amounts/Time									
Special dietary needs and time given: (i.e. supplements, etc.)									
Current medications: Why?									
Allergies:									
List any injuries, surgeries, or illnesses in the last 12 months:									
Special Instructions:									

This form developed by the State 4-H Horse Project/State 4-H Office for use at Horsemanship School and other specifically identified 4-H horse related activities.
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