



# Horse Judging Clinic and State Qualifying Horse Judging and Groom Squad Competition



June 4, 2017 ♦ 9 am – 4 pm

Melody Riders Arena, Hwy 395 and Logan Road, Chewelah

sponsored by Stevens County 4-H Horse Leaders

open to all interested 4-H/FFA/open youth in Stevens and surrounding Counties

\$10 registration fee due by May 31

## **HORSE JUDGING CLINIC in the morning**

Youth will have the opportunity to learn what the judge is looking for when judging 4-H classes. All youth will learn how to place horses on a judging card, give oral reasons, prepare to participate in a judging competition and match their placings with the judge. This clinic will help youth understand how to judge handling, conformation, equitation, etc. and what they can do to improve their own horsemanship skills.

## **HORSE JUDGING CONTEST in the afternoon**

Horse judging is one of the most educational and popular activities of the 4-H Horse Project. Horse judging contests involve two actions: placing each animal in a class and orally defending that placing. Horse judging helps youth to:

- Develop communication skills
- Make decisions based on facts and observations
- Compete with a sportsmanlike attitude
- Learn a skill essential for success in the horse industry
- Develop self confidence

Intermediate and Senior 4-H members who earn a blue ribbon at this event will be reviewed for eligibility to attend the state fair judging competition on September 12 at the State 4-H Fair in Puyallup. Stevens County may send up to 10 senior and 10 intermediate youth to the state judging event, so if you are interested, come and give this a try. Highest scoring 4-H youth may be eligible for a project medal at the year-end Stevens County 4-H awards banquet

Youth will judge at least four classes, with at least one being showmanship or a halter class and a couple of riding classes which could be In English or western riding discipline in equitation or pleasure. PNW 575 Horse Judging Manual is a great reference at: <http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/pnw0575/pnw0575.pdf>

## **GROOM SQUAD in the afternoon**

The purpose of groom squad: Groom Squad is to teach proper use of grooming tools, teach correct grooming procedures, encourage good teamwork, and to provide a fun activity. It also provides an area of competition, which includes 4-H members in the horse project who do not yet have their own horse.

The groom squad event is open to all 4-H aged youth to participate in for a learning experience. Only one senior 4-H team of three youth with the highest score at this event will be reviewed for eligibility to participate at the state level competition at the state 4-H fair in Puyallup, on September 12, if their team receives a blue ribbon.

Rules and regulations for county groom squad competition will be emailed to all registered participants or upon request prior to registering. State rules for Groom squad can be located at: [http://4h.wsu.edu/horse/groom\\_squad\\_rules\\_04.pdf](http://4h.wsu.edu/horse/groom_squad_rules_04.pdf)

**\*\*Bring a pencil, clipboard, and scratch paper. All tests, judging cards, and grooming equipment will be provided. Bottled water a snack or lunch are advised. DO NOT bring a horse—you will only be judging. All horses are provided.**

# Horse Judging—Groom Squad Entry Form

Entries with payment due by May 31

**Please sign and return this form and the attached liability release form with \$10 payment to:**

Debbie Harbin  
2526 Burgess Rd  
Addy, WA 99101

Make checks payable to: Stevens County 4-H Horse Leaders

Teams will be addressed and assigned at check in for groom squad.

Please answer the questions below to help register youth for event

I want to participate in Horse Judging:  yes  no I want to qualify for state:  yes  no

I want to participate in Groom Squad:  yes  no I want to qualify for state:  yes  no

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a:  Junior  Intermediate  Senior

I am:  4-H  FFA  Open youth

For office use only

Paid:  cash  check # \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-registration is necessary to have adequate materials available for each youth for this event.

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Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication or program information or reasonable accommodation should contact Shannon Rowley at 986 S. Main Ste. D, Colville, WA 99114 or 509-684-2588 or [sgordon@wsu.edu](mailto:sgordon@wsu.edu) at least two weeks prior to the event.

