Stevens County 4-H Horse Leaders
Horse Judging Groom Squad Clinic and Competition
Clinician and PNW Judge: Dan Moriarty

When:    April 22, 2018 at 1 pm
Where:    Northeast Washington Fairgrounds 317 West Astor, Colville
Who:  All interested 4-H/FFA/open youth in Stevens and Surrounding Counties
Cost:   FREE
Awards:  Danish ribbons to all youth participating youth. Additional awards may be given based on sponsors.

**HORSE JUDGING CLINIC:**
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:**
Horse judging is one of the most educational and popular activities of the 4-H Horse Project. Horse judging contests involve two actions: first, you must place each animal in a class; second, you must be able to orally defend 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

The horse judging event is open to all 4-h aged youth who want to try their hand at horse judging.

All 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 at the State 4-H Fair in Puyallup. Stevens County may send up to 10 senior and 10 intermediate blue ribbon youth to the state judging event, so if you are interested, come and give this event a try. See Stevens County Horse Policy for eligibility requirements.

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.

Highest scoring 4-H youth may be eligible for a project medal at the year-end Stevens County 4-H Awards Banquet

**GROOM SQUAD:**
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, if their team receives a blue ribbon. (See Stevens County 4-H Horse Policy for eligibility requirements).

**All tests, judging cards, and grooming equipment will be provided at this event for use.**
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)
PNW 575 Horse Judging Manual is a great reference at: [http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/pnw0575/pnw0575.pdf](http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/pnw0575/pnw0575.pdf)

Persons with a disability requiring special accommodation while participating in this workshop may call WSU Stevens County Extension, 509-684-2588. If accommodation is not requested 14 days in advance, we cannot guarantee the availability of accommodation on site. Extension programs and policies are consistent with federal and state laws and regulations on non-discrimination regarding race, color, gender, national origin, religion, age, disability, and sexual orientation. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office.
Horse Judging—Groom Squad Entry Form

Entries due by April 14th, 2018

Please sign and MAIL this form and the attached liability release form to:

Debbie Harbin
2526 Burgess Rd
Addy, WA 99101

Youth will need to bring pencil, clipboard, and scratch paper.

Contestants DON’T BRING horses, you will only be judging. Horses for Groom Squad will be provided for handling/grooming.

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

Please answer the question 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

ALL YOUTH MAY PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT. This is a state qualifying event for those eligible, This event is also an event being held for everyone to attend and participate as a County learning event.

Name: __________________________________________
Date of Birth ____________________ Age:_______
I am a ___ Jr ___ Int ___ Sr  4-H member  4-H Club name:_______________________________________
FFA ____Open youth ______ age:______
Email_______________________________________Phone:___________________________

Pre registration is necessary to have adequate materials available for each youth for this event.
WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY (WSU)
Name of Event: ___________________________
Date(s) of Event: ___________________________
For Parents or Guardians of Participants Under 18 Years of Age

ASSUMPTION OF RISK and RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I understand that there are risks in participating in the activities associated with the above named event at
Washington State University (WSU).

In consideration for and as a condition of being allowed to participate in this voluntary activity, I
agree to take full responsibility for any and all risks that exist, including the risk of death or injury to
my child or loss or damage to my property. I understand that there may be risks that WSU cannot
predict or foresee, and I also assume full responsibility for those risks.

Risks in participating in the above named event’s activities, include, but are not limited to: temporary or
permanent muscle soreness, sprains, strains, cuts, abrasions, bruises, ligament and/or cartilage damage,
orthopedic damage, head, neck or spinal injuries, loss or use of arms and/or legs, eye damage, disfigurement,
burns, drowning or death. I also recognize that there are both foreseeable and unforeseeable risks of injury
or death that may occur as a result of traveling to or from the above named event activities that cannot be
specifically listed. Further, I recognize that the actions of other participants in the activity may cause harm
or loss to my child or property.

I release, the state of Washington, the Regents of WSU, WSU, any subdivision or unit of WSU, its officers,
employees, and agents, from any and all liability, claims, costs, expenses, injuries and/or losses to person or
property, which I may sustain and/or sustain as a result of death or injury of my child, as a result of or
connected with participation in the above event. My child’s participation includes, but is not limited to,
travel to and from the event in a private or public vehicle, any activity connected with the event itself, and
use of state equipment or facilities for the event whether on or off WSU property. I have carefully read
this document, understand its contents and am fully informed about this program and circumstances.
I am aware that this document is a contract with WSU and the program sponsors. I sign it freely and
voluntarily.

Name of Parent or Guardian (Printed) ___________________________ Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Name of Minor (Printed): ___________________________

In Case of Emergency Contact: ___________________________ Relationship: ___________________________

Home Phone: ___________________________ Cell Phone: ___________________________

Please list any allergies, health concerns, or restrictions event coordinators should be aware of:

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through your local extension office. Reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and special needs who
contact Shannon Rowley at sgordon@wsu.edu or 509-684-2588 at least two weeks prior to the event.