

Spokane County 4-H Horse Program Sub Committees

4-H Educational Events:

The following are activities you do not need to own a horse. Youth must still be 8yrs as of October 1st of the current year. Youth that are under 5-8 years can do activities that don't involve horses.

Hippology

The primary objectives of the Hippology Contest are to provide, in a friendly but competitive setting:

- the opportunity to blend equine science and husbandry with horse judging and public speaking into one activity where 4-Hers can apply their acquired knowledge and skill;
- to encourage youth to continue expanding their horse knowledge and participation in various equine events;
- to recognize youth for their comprehension of the many facets of the horse industry; and
- to teach good sportsmanship and encourage leadership.
- *Only Seniors can compete at Washington State 4-H Fair
- *Seniors can qualify to Nationals.

Horse Bowl

The primary objective of the Horse Bowl Contest is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in a horse project in 4-H to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. It is also hoped that these contests will provide an educational experience for both participants and spectators.

*Only Seniors can compete at Washington State 4-H Fair

*Seniors can qualify to Nationals.

Horse Judging

The objective of judging in the 4-H Program is to help 4-H members grow in their ability to think, to reason, and to make logical and scientific judgments.

*Only Intermediates and Seniors can compete at Washington State 4-H Fair

Groom Squad

The purpose of this contest is to provide 4-H youth an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to work together in a safe and humane manner to groom and prepare a horse for show.

*Jr, Int. and Senior youth can compete at county level.

*Only Seniors can compete at Washington State 4-H Fair

Presentations

4-H members can participate in Public Speaking, Demonstrations, and Public Presentations at levels:

In their 4-H Club

At Spokane County 4-H events that provide the opportunity for public speaking

At Spokane County 4-H Qualifying Event(s) for Public Speaking

At Washington State 4-H Fair

Impromptu & Demonstrations

Demonstrations are a fun public speaking opportunity for members enrolled in Spokane County 4-H clubs. An impromptu demonstration is one that is not prepared before contest day. Members are given an article to read and then they prepare a short demonstration at the contest. The event is usually held in January or February and is a county event only.

*Jr, Int. and Senior youth can compete at Demonstrations at the Washington State 4-H Fair

Riding Educational Events:

The following are activities you do need to own a horse, plus the horse must be certified as a project or activity horse.

Youth must still be 8 as of October 1st of the current year.

4-H Beginning Horsemanship

This program is developed for beginning riders, to help them prepare and ride horses safely. This program also included important information about the horse's senses and social behavior. The program is devoted to provide beginning riders with the skills and knowledge to handle and ride horses safely and competently

Horse Spring Clinic

Each year, Horse Clinics are offered to get members off to a good start. There are varied instructors, locations and skills. There have been clinics in all areas of Spokane County to make them more available to the greatest number of members. There have been classes for equitation, fitting and showing, western games, trail obstacles and judging. There is a minimal fee for these clinics. Some are for beginners and others for the more experienced riders. Information on dates, locations, classes and instructors are shown on our website calendar and/or special mailings to members.

4-H Horse Camps There are three to choose from or you can go to all three. Camperships are available to each camp if finances are an issue. Check with the 4-H office for requirements to apply. All three camps are great. All three offer different things to do with your horse and family.

Happy Trails Horse Camp (HT)

Happy Trails is a family friendly, 5 day overnight camp that traditional happened in the last full week of June each year. HT searches for excellent clinicians to make learning fun and safe. The day is split into four classes: Trail, arena, mini and educational/free. The goal is to have your child comfortable on the trail with their horse, gain horsemanship skills and learn new equine and science related skills. In addition youth and adults gain great leadership and mentorship roles. Parents are able to ride in the classes with their children at the discretion of the clinicians and committee.

South Horse Camp (SC)

South Horse camp is a family friendly 4 day overnight camp traditionally been held in mid July at the Spokane County Fairgrounds. This camp emphasizes performance, showmanship and gaming, with lots of other fun disciplines. This is also a great camp for mentorships of older 4-Hers to younger or inexperienced ones. Parents are able to ride in the evenings.

Working Ranch Horse Camp (WRH)

The Working Ranch Horse Camp is a youth friendly 4 day overnight camp in mid August at the Triple H Cattle Company Ranch in Davenport WA. Youth earn the ability to come to camp by participating in events prior to camp to prepare themselves and their horses. The camp emphasizes on horsemanship, ranch roping, low stress sorting and animal science.

Competitive Trail

The Competitive Trails is an annual event that traditional happened the 1st weekend in October at the Spokane River State Park. The purpose of the Competitive Trail Riding is: stimulate greater interest in the breeding and use of good saddle horses possessed of stamina, hardiness and quality to make good mounts for trail use. Demonstrate the value of type and soundness and proper selection of horses for a long trip. Learn and demonstrate the proper selection of training and conditioning horses for a long trip. Train and demonstrate the best methods of caring for horses during and after long rides without the use of artificial methods or stimulants.

Working Ranch Horse Program

The 4-H Working Ranch Horse Program is an exciting program new to the already popular 4-H Horse Program in Spokane County. It provides an opportunity for youth to be involved in traditional western horsemanship activities beyond the show ring. Participants learn the age-old techniques of handling livestock while on horseback, proper use of tools and equipment, ranch/farm management, as well as the leadership, decision making and responsibility that comes with being engaged in a working ranch setting.

4-H Horse Fundraiser: One and only fundraiser.

4-H Horse Tack Swap

Tack Swap is a fundraiser sponsored by Spokane County 4-H Horse Project Committee. The money raised is used to sponsor educational clinics, awards and other benefits for the 4-H members.

Consignments for the sale are taken on Friday and the sale is all day Saturday. People bring saddles, bridles, halters, buckets, bits, clothing, boots – just about any horse related items. Local tack supply businesses also sell new tack and supplies. The vendors pay a fee for space. The consignment fee is \$1.00 and 15% of the selling price. The sale starts on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m.

The Tack Swap is held at the Fairgrounds. An area is available to County 4-H clubs (not just horse clubs) to use as BOOTHS to raise money or just to advertise their clubs. Clubs may not sell anything that would compete with our vendors or our consignment items. Clubs also need to bring their own tables for set-up. The Tack Swap is usually held the first part of March. Watch for it! It's a fun day for shopping for those much needed tack items at greatly reduced prices.

Horse Shows: The 4-H Horse Shows are competitive activities in the 4-H horse program. Contests help youth measure progress in knowledge and skill in horsemanship. They also provide opportunities to learn social skills and have fun.

Disciplines Offered:

- Performance
- Western Games
- Jumping
- Dressage
- Harness/Driving
- Green Horse
- Mini