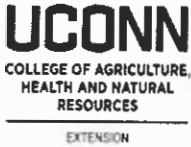


UConn 4-H Horse Program

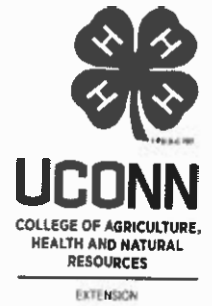


2024



Giddy Up Games Model Horse Show & Horse Poster Contest Packet

UConn 4-H Giddy Up Games
 February 24, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.
 UConn Haddam Extension Center
Please fill out form by February 10, 2024



We will again have Giddy Up Games in 2024! We are so very excited to see everyone! This event is free of charge but registration in advance is required. Email your form to emily.alger@uconn.edu and Jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu

For those new to the program, Giddy Up Games is a fun interactive program where teams of 2 participate in horse themed challenges and win prizes at the end of the day! There are two levels of participation, beginner and advanced. Your age does not matter you can self-select your team's level.

Please bring your own writing implement and clip board. We will likely need help this day – so idle parents/leaders should check in upon arrival to see if they can help.

If you are also doing Model Horse Show or Poster Contest, please follow all rules and set up guidelines.

Giddy Up Registration Form – due February 10, 2024

Team 4-H Member 1 –

Name	Email	County
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Team 4-H Member 2 –

Name	Email	County
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Division (circle one)

Beginner

Advanced

Parent names who are willing to help out (we will definitely need many helpers)*

Name

Email

**Helpers please arrive at 9:15 a.m. for instruction and assignment 😊*

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Connecticut State Model Horse Show
February 24th, 2024
Equine Events Day—Middlesex County Extension Center

What is a Model Horse Show Class?

So many young people who love horses most likely have one or two model horses – so why not show them in a 4-H model horse show?!

A model horse can serve as a teaching tool for either the 4-H horse owner or non-owner, encouraging the 4-Her who has some degree of horse knowledge/experience, as well as an introduction for those 4-Her's new to the world of horses! The Model Horse Show is a fun, educational way to learn about horse show classes, tack, barn safety, breeds and all sorts of horsey things. Gathering information, display organization, hand-making tack/accessories, and writing class descriptions all enhance the 4-Hers knowledge and skills.

A model horse show class captures a moment in the life of a real or imaginary horse. Model horses, such as a Breyer, Peter Stone or Hartland, are displayed in classes, such as fitting and showmanship, trail, or pleasure. Tack and other accessories may be included to create a realistic image of the class. Emphasis should be that the 4-H'er does his/her own work, just like in a real horse show. Expensive store bought items for the model horse are not necessary to participate. In fact, 4-Her's are encouraged to hand make lots of their own things!!

Entries should be on a display board that is no larger than 18" x 24". Poster board is acceptable as long as it is the correct size. Other boards or bases can be used. Size and type of the model horse/pony does not matter as long as the class is to scale. The horse and accessories should match the class being entered. The display must include a written description of the class, on a 3" x 5" card, which should explain what the horse is doing and the use of accessories.

Exhibitors must pre-register for the classes they want to enter and are given an exhibitor number. This number is used to identify your entry or entries. You can enter as many classes as you would like. You may also enter more than one display in a particular class. **The preferred method of payment for entry fees is Venmo.**

Model horses should be presented as clean and neat. The main criteria are to match the horse model to the class you are entering. Walking, trotting, and cantering poses, even standing models, offer performance options because you can explain what the horse is doing in the write-up. Rider dolls are not required, so if you choose to use a rider doll, the doll must be properly attired for the class and positioned well. Accessories should be proportional to the display. Keep it simple and natural. Hand-made accessories are encouraged. Model putty can be used to help position horses and accessories.

Rules

1. The show is open to all registered 4-Hers. Contestants do not need to have a horse project to enter.
2. The New England 4-H rule book may be used as a resource.
3. **Classes must be set up by the 4-Her, not parents or leaders.** Older 4-H members may assist younger 4-Hers if help is needed.
4. Pre-registration is required to plan for time to judge, ribbons, etc.
5. Entry fee is \$3.00 per entry per class; entry fee of \$20 for unlimited entries. **All entry fees can be paid via Venmo to @CTState-Horse.**
6. Explorer (5 & 6 yrs.) aged entries will receive feedback and a participation ribbon. Junior and Senior entries will be judged and receive Danish ribbons.
7. Classes will be judged on age, realism, relevance to the class, scale, correct fitting tack for discipline, detail, neatness and workmanship as well as condition of the model.

8. Displays should be no larger than 18" x 24" – a separate display is required for each class entered. The whole display should be to scale.
9. Displays must include a description of the class written on a 3" x 5" index card. On the back of the card, please include name and age of exhibitor, 4-H level, and name of class entered.
10. Riders are optional – points will not be taken off for lack of rider figures - figures if used, should be appropriate size.
11. When the term "horse" is used, this refers to any equine species.
12. Store bought items are not necessary, items created by 4-Her's welcome!

Set Up

Set up is from February 10th—February 22nd at the Middlesex Extension Center during business hours or at Trivia night (February 10th). Judging will occur after February 22nd. Awards will be presented at Giddy Up Games.

Class List

Classes should follow the same rules and judging criteria as a live horse show. For example, a western fitting & showmanship horse would be shown with a halter whereas an English horse would be shown with a bridle. The written description on a 3" x 5" card tells the judge what he or she is seeing in your class. Entries will be divided by explorer, junior and senior levels.

4-H Fitting & Showmanship. In the show ring. Horse should have a halter/lead or bridle to reflect the show discipline. Rider (if used) should be properly attired for the discipline. Accessories may be used to show a pattern.

Around the Barn. Does not have to include a barn but does have to include a horse. Display might include a paddock, arena, grooming, or tack area or anything else found around a barn. Accessories should be appropriate for what is being shown.

Western Pleasure Class. In the show ring. Include description such as tracking left or right, which gait, show less contact, etc.

English Pleasure Class. In the show ring. Include description such as tracking left or right, which gait, show less contact, etc.

Trail Class with 1 Obstacle -In the show ring. Include description of what horse is doing at the obstacle, and name of obstacle

Out for a Trail Ride - Include description of what horse is doing on the trail. Safety equipment should be included. Mixed tack is acceptable. Write up should include information about your trail ride.

Hunter/Jumper - In the show ring. Must include a jump & written name of jump and description of what the horse is doing

Famous Horse - Include the name of the horse and why this horse is famous

Schooling/Lesson Time - Include description of what is being displayed

Costume - In the show ring. Include description of costume/theme – higher points may be awarded for home-made costumes

Miscellaneous—In the show ring. Any horse show class that is not mentioned above, examples: lunging, driving, dressage, reining, gymkhana, breed, minis. Include name and description of class and what horse is doing.

Breed—Models should be good examples of the breed or type being exhibited. Halter and lead or bridle appropriate for breed are permitted but not required. Include index card describing breed, breed origin, typical size and coat color, use and other characteristics of note.



UConn 4-H Horse Show
Equine Poster Challenge



The Mission:

To create an attractive and informative poster to educate horses show spectators & participants.
The poster may illustrate any topic related to equine species.

The Details:

- The UConn 4-H Horse Show Committee challenges any 4-H members age 7-19 to enter this contest. There will be a separate division for Explorers ages 5 and 6.
- Contestants do not need to have a horse project to enter.
- Posters must be at the UConn 4-H Horse Activity Day before 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 24, 2024.
- Poster must have been made during the current 4-H year and must be the member's own work.
- Poster should be no less than 14" x 22" and no more than 22" x 28". They should be 2-dimensional, eye-catching, informational art. Posters should NOT be a booth board or a science project.



Will you accept
the challenge?

To enter, complete the lower portion of this form and email to:
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by February 10, 2024.

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Equine Poster Contest Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town/State/ZIP Code: _____

Birthdate: _____ Phone #: _____

Club: _____

