

2016 La Plata County 4-H Horse Program

Project Completion Requirements:

- Complete Horse Certificates ONLINE by May 1, 2016
- Complete Safety certification by May 1, 2016
- Complete Record book and turn in to the office July 25-29, 2016.
- Participate in project interview as scheduled on Monday, Aug. 8th.
- Show your horse at one 4-H or Fair Sanctioned event (horse show, gymkhana or horse camp).
- ** If you intend to Jump at any of the 4-H Horse Shows, you must have Level 1 & 2 English written & riding tests and a Jumping Certification or Level 3. Certification classes TBD.

Requirements for New Horse Members:

- 4-H Horse Orientation – March 13th at 1:00 pm
- Horse Safety Test and Arena Ethics Training – May 4th at 6:30 pm

Schedule and award requirements:

Horse Show Buckle Series – May 21, June 11, and July 9. Buckle to high point individual in each age group. Awards through 5th place (English and Western). For the June and July shows must use horses listed on horse certificate. Do not have to be a member of horse project to participate.

Gymkhana Buckle Series – May 22, June 12 & 24 and July 10. . Buckle to high point individual in each age group. Awards through 5th place. For the June and July shows must use horses listed on horse certificate. Do not have to be a member of horse project to participate.

Horse Camp – April 29th to May 1st

Fair Horse Show and Gymkhana – August 6th & 7th

La Plata County Fair Overall Champion - Buckle to Champion and Reserve Champion

- Grand and reserve champion for Western, English and Gymkhana high point for each age group.
- Grand Champion Record Book
- Grand Champion Demonstration
- Grand Champion Hippology
- Grand and Reserve Fair Overall Award for each age group - Buckle

Requirements

- Must be a member of 4-H Horse project
- Highest Points from 5 classes
- Hippology placing

- Record Book placing
- Demonstration Contest placing

Versatility Supreme Champion – Saddle to each highpoint participant in each age group.
Breast collar for reserve champion.

Requirements

- Member or their family volunteer 6 hours at any 4-H Horse sanctioned event including horse shows, gymkhana, horse camp, etc. check in with Horse Council board member or official is required.
- Show at Fair
- Must be a member of 4-H horse project
- Participate in interview
- Complete Horse Certificate
- Safety Certification

Award based on

- Record book placing
- Hippology Test placing
- Demonstration contest placing
- Highest Points from 5 classes at Fair
- Accumulated points from horse show including western and English
- Accumulated points from gymkhana series
- Accumulated points from any other 4-H sponsored show



OPTIONAL EVENTS FOR MEMBERS

Among the activities and events offered to members are:

1. Horse Shows & Gymkhanas
2. 4-H Horse Camp
3. State Fair 4-H Horse Show (Must have past Advancement Level 2.)
6. Various clinics
7. Horse Judging, Hippology and Horse Bowl Contests

Among the La Plata County 4-H Horse Project options available to members are:

1. **OWNER/TRAINER** - This is another county project which allows the members to show a horse that they are raising and training themselves. In order to compete in this, the 4-H member must complete an Owner/Trainer record book and interview and exhibit the horse they are training at the County Fair. Members can also exhibit horse at any 4-H sanctioned show.
2. **HORSE JUDGING** - Members are encouraged to be involved in learning about horse confirmation, parts of the horse, as well as have an opportunity to participate in Horse Judging Contests.
3. **DEMONSTRATION CONTESTS** - All members are encouraged to participate in the Demonstration Contest at the County Fair, on Aug. 8th, 2016. Senior members can participate in the Horse Public Speaking contest as part of the Fine Arts Program and go to State 4-H Conference to compete.
4. **HORSE HIPPOLOGY**- At the local level, the horse Hippology test is given as part of the La Plata County Fair (Monday, August 8, 2016). Senior members can also participate in the State Hippology Contest at State 4-H Conference.
5. **ADVANCEMENT LEVEL PROGRAM** - The Advancement Level Program is a teaching guide, which combines many aspects of horsemanship and horse care. All 4-H'ers have the option of participating in this 4 level program in English, Western and/or Working Ranch Horse. It is a two part program with member having to pass the written part first (questions come from the members' project book and manuals), then the riding part before advancing to the next level. Members can work at their own pace. Cash awards are offered at the end of the year for those members who complete a level. Any member wishing to participate at the 2016 State Fair 4-H Horse Show must have passed Level 2 by July 10th. Some classes may be restricted to only those who have passed level 3. At the local level, we require the member to have passed Level 2.5 or 3 in order to participate in the English Jumping classes.