

**DATE:** July 1, 2016  
**TO:** 4-H Horse & Owner Trainer members & leaders.  
**FROM:** La Plata County Extension Office  
**RE:** La Plata County Fair Horse & Owner Trainer Information

This letter is meant to help you prepare for the La Plata County Fair. It is meant to reinforce and not replace the La Plata County Fair Book - All 4-H Horse members should read General Rules on pages 7, and 4-H/FFA General Rules on pages 87 & 94

## 2016 UPDATE

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### Fair Preparation

**Record Book Help** – Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> between 9:00 am to 5:00 pm in the Extension Building. Bring your record book, records and all of your questions anytime between 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. All age groups and projects are welcome!

\*Obviously, if you have questions before then, please Angela or Greg at the Extension Office. 970-382-6465

### **Record Book Week: Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**

Please bring your Record Book and Fair Entry form to the Extension Office between 8:00 am Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> and 5:00 pm on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. We lock the door at 5:00 pm on Friday, no late entries are accepted.

When you turn in your Record Book and entry forms, you will also sign up for an interview on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Our hours of operation during Record Book Week:

Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. \*\*\*\*Only Wednesday & Thursday we will be open until 6 p.m.\*\*\*

Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. \*\*\*\*We lock the doors at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, so come early!\*\*\*\*

\*\*\* Owner Trainer members will get your Record Books back at the Horse Show on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Please update your books and bring them to your interview on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.

# LA PLATA COUNTY FAIR 4-H HORSE SHOW SCHEDULE

## Saturday, August 6, 2016 -

8 am Pick up show numbers at Announcers stand. (Keep these numbers because they are the number you will use for the whole Fair!).

Age Groups: (Western, English and Performance)  
Seniors (14 to 18 years old)  
Intermediates (11 to 13 years old)  
Juniors (8 to 10 years old)

All classes will begin with Seniors and continue down to Juniors

9 am \*\*\*Owner Trainer Classes will go first! There are 3 members, so be prepared to start English around 9:15 am

9:15 am English Classes: Control Walk Trot  
Discipline on the Rail  
English Equitation  
English Riding Control  
\*\* Hunter Hack  
\*\* Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences

\*\*Must have Level 2.5 or 3 English to participate in the Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences & Hunter Hack

11:30 am Showmanship - Can show either English or Western - Seniors first  
Champion Showmanship - Top one from each age group will compete in Round Robin on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Pavilion  
\*Horseless Horse Showmanship will follow the Juniors

### Following Showmanship Classes:

Western Classes: Walk Trot  
Discipline on the Rail  
Western Horsemanship  
Western Riding  
Reining  
Trail Class (Outdoor Arena from 1 to 3 pm)

All patterns will be posted the morning of the show.

Concession stand will be available for breakfast and lunch.

Dress Code: Western Attire: Long sleeve Western Shirt (no T-Shirts), Boots (lace ups OK) & Cowboy hats or helmets required for all age groups  
English Attire for all English classes.

## **Sunday, August 7, 2016 - Rodeo Arena**

9 a.m. Pick up show numbers if you did not show on Saturday (Keep your number as they are the number you will use for the whole Fair!).

9:30 a.m. Grand Entry and Star Spangled Banner, youth generated and organized

Following Grand Entry:

Classes Begin - All classes will begin with seniors.

Lunch Lunch Break will be determined by Show Committee. Concession stand available.

Order of Events - Flags; Barrels; Poles; Keyhole, Goat Tying/Tagging, Calf Daubing & Breakaway Roping.

Dress Code: Long sleeve Western Shirt (no T-Shirts)  
Boots (lace ups OK)  
Helmets required for all age groups

4-H Horse Awards will be presented at the 4-H Awards Banquet at 5 p.m., September 24<sup>th</sup> in the Exhibit Hall

## **Monday, August 8, 2016 - Extension Building**

**4-H Hippology Tests** - Times have been set up to begin at 10 a.m. and will go until 3 p.m. No pre-registrations are required. Contestants will have as much time as needed. Reading helpers will also be available, if needed.

**4-H Horse Record Book Interview Judging** - You must sign up for an Interview time when you turn in your record book and entry form between July 25<sup>th</sup> and 5 p.m. on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Interviews will be conducted on Monday, Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 9 a.m.

**4-H Demonstration Contest** - This contest will be on-going throughout the day. Please sign up by July 29<sup>th</sup>. Members who want to use a horse can give their demonstration in the morning, outside, but remember that live animals cannot be used in State Fair competition. No late entries are accepted! Please be sure to include a creative title on your entry form. Awards for both individual and team demonstrations will be presented at the 4-H Awards Banquet at 5 p.m., September 24<sup>th</sup> in the Exhibit Hall.

**Versatility Supreme Champion** – Saddle to each highpoint participant in each age group and 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

**How points are calculated:** competitors will be given 1 point + 1 point for each exhibitor who places after them, with a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 6 points awarded. (Example – for six or more entries in a class, points will be counted as follows: First place – 6 points, second place – 5 points, third place – 4 points, etc.) The points from the individuals top 5 placing will be accumulated for the performance score.

**\* Must have a 4-H Horse Certificate for each horse shown & Horse Safety Test on file in order to be eligible.**

**\*\* Must compete in at least one 4-H horse activity.**

#### **4-H Horse Show Entry Information - No later than 5 p.m., Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**

Entries and 4-H Horse Record Books will be accepted from 8 a.m. on Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> through 5 p.m. on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. No late entries will be accepted. If you foresee a conflict getting your stuff in on that Friday, do it earlier!!!!

Remember - you won't be able to add any classes after July 29<sup>th</sup> (and it's easier to drop a class if you decide at the show that you can't do it). Enclosed is an entry sheet for your horse(s). Classes are also listed in the 2016 La Plata County Fair Book. Remember to make sure that you list what horse you will be using for each class - all horses must have a 4-H Horse Certificate on file. Remember to fill in both the **front** and the **back** page of your entry sheet. In order to complete the 4-H Horse Project, we ask each 4-H Horse member attend a 4-H horse event at least once through the year; submit an up-to-date record book and complete an interview.

#### **Code of Practice Forms**

Don't forget that all Code of Practice forms must be signed (by you and a parent) and turned into the Extension Office by Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. If you don't have one on file yet, fill one out otherwise you will not be allowed to show your horse. We only need one on file so if you are taking another animal project, you don't have to fill out another form. Check when you turn in your entry form and record books.

#### **Horse Stalls May Be Available**

Stalls are be available on Friday and Saturday of the 4-H Horse Show. Please make those arrangements with Angela 970-382-6465. All stalls must be spotless when you leave or you will be charged a \$50 fee! You must have a current Coggins Test if you plan to leave a horse at the Fairgrounds overnight.

#### **4-H Owner Trainer - Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> and Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

All 4-H Owner Trainers should read the information on Page 94 of the 2016 La Plata County Fair Book concerning the Owner Trainer project for exhibit details. This is a county project. Turn in your record book by July 29<sup>th</sup> just like your other animal record books, and sign up for an interview for Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Members will exhibit their horse on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, and will receive their record books back at that time. They are then required to bring their updated record books back in on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> and go through an interview in order to complete the project.

#### **4-H Record Book Interviews - Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – on the Patio (between the Extension Building and Exhibit Hall)**

Remember to sign up for an interview when you turn in your 4-H Horse Record Book. Please make sure that you sign up in the right age group; i.e., Junior (8 to 10), Intermediate (11 to 13) or Senior (14 to 18) as of December 31, 2015. These will take place on Monday morning, August 8<sup>th</sup> - the same day that you do your 4-H Demonstration and Hippology Test. We will work your demonstration around your record book interview.

#### **4-H Hippology Test - Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

The purpose of the test is to give our horse members an idea of their knowledge of the horse project as well as things they may need to learn. Unlike a standard written test, this is a test where there are a number of different multiple-choice, identification, etc. There will be a separate test for Seniors, Intermediates and Juniors. It may cover any material in the 4-H Horse Manual. See the 2016 Fair Book (pages 94- 95) for more information. Page 6 is the 2016 Study Guide for the 2016 Hippology Test.

#### **4-H Catch-it Contest Information**

Some of you may be wondering why you're receiving information on the 4-H Catch-it Contest. Having taken a 4-H Horse project this year makes you eligible to enter this contest. Entry forms will be available on line at [www.laplatacounty4h.org](http://www.laplatacounty4h.org), or you may pick up a form at the Extension Office. Mark your first, second, third and fourth choices on the entry form. Members between the ages of 9 and 16 this coming year are eligible for sheep, and goat, but only those between the ages of 12 and 16 this coming year are eligible for beef. Be sure to read the contest rules and regulations on the Catch-it Contest on Page 93 of the 2016 La Plata County Fair Book. Entry forms are due no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### **County Fair 4-H BBQ - 12 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 13, 2016**

Tickets are available!

Every 4-H member and their family need to support this Annual 4-H Fundraiser - the proceeds go toward supplementing the cost of 4-H materials, and activities. We are asking that each 4-H family sell a minimum of 5 tickets. The BBQ dinner costs just \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 2 to 7 years old and seniors 65+ (presale).

Tickets are available from your 4-H Club leader or from the Extension Office.

Tickets at the door will cost \$10.00 for adults (child and senior tickets will remain at \$5.00). We really need servers and helpers with the BBQ and if you're only enrolled in a Horse Project, you shouldn't have any scheduling conflict – so volunteer to help!! A sign-up sheet is located in the Extension Office or call Angela at 382-6465 to volunteer.

## **State Fair 4-H Horse Show Information**

For entry information, go to the State Fair website at

<http://www.coloradostatefair.com/events/2015/4-h-horse-show> Members interested in showing must have passed Advancement Level 2 before they are eligible.

## **2016 4-H Hippology Study Guide**

*All questions are taken from the 4-H Horse Project guide Manual 2014 Edition and the 4-H Horse Rule Book 2014 Edition*

### **Horse Health**

Identify Parts of the horse, hoof and blemishes

Identify internal, external parasites and possible illnesses with descriptions

*Bot larvae, habronema, large strongyles, pinworms, horse fly, bot eggs, ring worm, wohlfarthia fly, laminitis, Cushing's, strangles, equine infectious anemia*

Horse's age by their teeth

### **Nutrition**

Identify common local hay grasses, grains, and local poisonous plants

*Alfalfa, brome, orchard, timothy, barley, corn, milo, barley, foxtails, water/poison hemlock, Russian knapweed, locoweed*

Label parts of the digestive tract and body condition scores

Know the 6 types of nutrients and where they are found

Vitamins

Nutrition content of grains and roughage

### **Breeds, Colors, Equipment**

Identify breeds, colors, body markings, parts of the bridle, types of bits, equestrian events by picture and breed classifications

Grooming

Measuring a horse (tack, height)

### **Rules and Safety**

Horse and trailering safety

*From the safety test*

English, Western and Gymkhana class descriptions

Rules for bits

Jumping