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4-H O-Rama
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Horse Activity

District & State O-Rama – Junior & Senior 4-H'ers
Animal Science



OBJECTIVES

Targeted Life Skills:

- Self-esteem
- Self-motivation
- Character
- Planning/Organizing
- Communication
- Leadership
- Critical thinking

Opportunity will be provided for faculty to share information about related college degree programs in animal science and career options in:

- Feed and feed additive sales
- Horse training
- Pharmaceutical sales
- Cooperative Extension Service
- Horse promotion, sales and advertising
- Horse operations management
- Professional – DVM, MS, Ph.D.

4-H'ers will be provided with the opportunity to display their knowledge of the horse industry.

The horse activity will provide an educational 4-H activity in addition to 4-H horse shows in which those interested in the 4-H horse project can participate.

To provide 4-H'ers with the opportunity to develop integrity, sportsmanship, cooperation and the ability to speak in public.

ELIGIBILITY

District 4-H O-Rama: Each county may enter one Junior and one Senior member at the District 4-H O-Rama.

Arkansas 4-H Horse Demonstration and Public Speaking Contest: The contest to select the Arkansas representatives to the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships and any other competition will be conducted during the State 4-H Horse Show. Competition will be open for both individual and team (two members) demonstrations, as well as public speaking. Live animals may not be used and contestants should understand that additional time (9-15 minutes) will be required. The first-place and second-place winners in each division (team demonstration, individual demonstration and public speaking) will be eligible to attend the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championship. Out-of-state trip expenses will be covered if funding is available.

Arkansas 4-H O-Rama: Senior members who place in the top five at each of the District O-Rama's will be eligible to compete at the state contest.

ACTIVITY

Each participant should be prepared to present an illustrated talk or method demonstration in an area related to the horse industry. Presentation can deal with topics related to horse science, safety, training, equipment, horsemanship, occupations related to the horse industry, and horseback riding as a recreational activity. A few suggested topics for the horse activity are as follows:

- Rules of good horsemanship
- Use and care of tack and equipment
- Fitting and showing
- Gaits of horses
- Balancing rations for horses
- Functional anatomy and action
- Training a horse
- Safety
- Physiology
- Nutrition requirements
- Horse psychology and behavior
- Hoof care and shoeing

A Junior will be limited to a 2-5 minute talk. Senior talks will be from 5-8 minutes. The judges reserve the right to ask questions related to the topic presented in the method demonstration or illustrated talk.

JUDGING

This activity will be judged on the standard score sheet for method demonstrations and illustrated talks.

AWARDS

District 4-H O-Rama: One trophy will be awarded to the high-scoring Junior participant and one trophy to the high-scoring Senior. Second-, third-, fourth- and fifth-place winners in Junior and Senior divisions will receive ribbons.

Arkansas 4-H O-Rama: One trophy will be awarded the high-scoring Senior. Second-, third-, fourth- and fifth-place winners will receive ribbons.

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Note: Work done in connection with the district and state 4-H horse activity should be reported in 4-H Journals under *Horse* or under related areas such as veterinary science, leadership, etc.

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