

On Horses



a newsletter for youth, parents, and leaders provided by the East & West Feliciana Cooperative Extension Services, 4419 Idlewild Rd., Clinton, 70722 or POB 1934, St. Francisville, 70775. Ph: 225-683-3101 or 635-3614

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Ten Commandments for Horse Safety

1. Buy or ride a safe horse
2. Don't mount too spirited or too large a horse
3. Know your horse
4. Don't Surprise your horse
5. Check your tack
6. Watch small children around horses
7. Tie your horse with care
8. Know trailer safety
9. Don't crowd others
10. No clowning, please

Calendar

April 1	Possession Date for Horses going to LSU AgCenter District & State Horse Shows
May 25	Deadline for Entries to LSU AgCenter Horse Shows
June 24-27	LSU AgCenter S.E. District 4-H/FFA Horse Show, LSU, B.R.
July 7-12	LSU AgCenter State 4-H/FFA Horse Show, Ike Hamilton Expo Center, West Monroe
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Greetings!

Because there are so many ongoing horse activities in Louisiana, this newsletter is limited to information I receive via LSU or from active horse people, which many of you are, in the field. If you would like to share items of interest on the Calendar, please phone me at 683-3101.

LSU AgCenter District & State Shows. The LSU S.E. District Show is set for **24-27 June** and the State Show, **7-12 July**. All youth must qualify to exhibit at State by participating at the District level. "Dressage" and "Equitation over fences" have been added to the State Show. Qualification for the Southern Regional Show in August (**Lexington, Virginia July 29- August 3rd**) is determined at the State Show – exhibitors will be required to wear helmets in all classes at Regional.

Exhibitors must have been in possession of their horses by **April 1** of this year. The State Horse Show Entry Form, Exhibitor's Pledge, one copy each of Breed Registration papers and/or Grade Horse Certificates (as applicable), and Certificates of Ownership by other family members must be completed and filed in the 4-H Office by **May 25 – The 2008 Horse Show Entry form, listing horse classes, will be made available at the 4-H Office in the near future – please phone the 4-H Office.**

Horses with registration papers must be registered in the name of the exhibitor or family member **before April 1**. Exhibitors must have in their possession evidence of a negative **Coggins test** within 12 months of the District and State Shows and a **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** within 60 days of the District & State Shows; these forms will be definitely checked at the District Show. According to last year's rules, exhibitors may show no more than one animal in each class at the District and State Shows. Only one exhibitor is allowed to show any one horse. Exhibitors may show in as many halter classes as they desire; exhibitors may also show in as many performance classes as they desire, however, they may only use a maximum of three different horses. Listed, below, is additional information from last year's Show (that may or may not change) – until Catalogues are published please refer to following Web address for the online Catalogue for horse show rules:

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/departments/Livestock_Show_Office/State_Horse_Show/

1) A **Team Penning Class & English** will be available at the *State Show only*, but exhibitors must enter during the District Show entry process.

2) **District Show Entry Fees.** All classes, including Halter will have \$5 entry fees; Roping Classes will have \$10 entry fees. Horse stalls will be available at an unlimited number and on a first come basis at \$10 per stall.

3) **Premier Exhibitor Contest at District Show.** This contest, open to exhibitors 14 years and over as of 1 January 2008, tests horsemanship knowledge and skills. Awards have included a belt buckle (1st place), tack bag (2nd), and boot bag (3rd place). I'll gather together study info for those exhibitors interested. Let me know you are interested.

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State 4-H Equine Educational members have planned the horse camps, listed below, for March, May, and June. Let me know if you are interested and I will get more info:

Dates	Location	Contact
March 24-25	Alexandria	Rodney Johnson (Rapides Parish)
March 26-27	Lake Charles/Sulphur	Jimmy Meaux (
March 26-28	Monroe	Jim McCann and Amanda Sewell (Ouachita)
May 9-10	New Iberia	Hilton Waits and Howard Cormier
June	Folsum	Lacey Urick and Sonni Karl (Washington/St Helena Parishes)

Sincerely,

Kenneth Spoto, County Agent, East & West Feliciana Parishes (Livestock)

Enclosures: Grade Horse Form; Use of Family Horse Form



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