



Equine FAX



March 2009

District & State Horse Shows set

Dates for the 2009 4-H & FFA District and State Horse Shows are set as follows:

NE District Horse Show: July 1-2

LSU State Horse Show: July 7-12

Both shows will be held at the Ike Hamilton Expo Center in West Monroe. For information about the center, go to: <http://www.westmonroe.com/departments/ike-hamilton-expo-center.php>

POSSESSION DATES:

All horses must be registered for possession by April 1, 2009. Grade horses must have paperwork on file in the parish 4-H Office by April 1st as well. Horse Show entry forms, grade horse certificates and other forms are available online at: http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/departments/Livestock_Show_Office/Forms/

All forms may also be obtained from the Madison Parish 4-H Office at 114 N. Cedar on weekdays from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm.

The 2009 LSU State Horse Show catalog should be available online by mid April if not before. Louisiana animal health regulations as they apply to 4-H and FFA are also available.

ENTRY DEADLINE:

Horse entries are due by June 5, 2009.



Highlights	
Show Possession Date deadline	4/1
Grade Horse Certificates due	4/1
District Show entries due	6/5
District Horse Show	7/1-2
LSU State Horse Show	7/7-12

N LA 4-H Horse Camp - April 16-17

The LSU AgCenter Equine Educational Committee is offering North LA 4-H Horse Camp 2009.

Only one camping opportunity will be offered this year. The North Louisiana 4-H Horse Camp will be held at the Ike Hamilton Expo Center in West Monroe on April 16-17, 2009. The camp is limited to 75 riders on a first come-first served basis. Registration forms, children's' health form and fees are due to 4-H Agent Office, no later than April 1st, 2009.

This camp will offer intense, hands-on training for horse and rider. Instructors from various disciplines of horsemanship will be on-hand to teach classes, offer advice and help you with specific problems with your horse.

NOTICE: After April 1st only 50% of fees will be refunded should you not be able to attend.

The cost of camp is:

\$60 for 4-H'ers, parents/leaders with a horse

(Registration includes stall, 1 bag of shavings, 2 meals & t-shirt)

\$15 for parents/leaders without a horse which includes meal.

Forms are also available from the Madison Parish 4-H Office .

REQUIREMENTS:

-4-H'ers must have a horse to participate

-A designated adult must be present with camper(s)

-Horses must have a stall (Expo Center Policy)

-Negative Coggins test required

-Horse must be broke to ride

-First choice on dates is limited to the first 75 4-H'ers who return their registration information for that camp

-R.V. hook-up available at extra cost.

-Extra shavings will be available from the Expo Center for \$7 per bag

Absolutely no stallions of any age are allowed to participate in 4-H Horse Camp. If you bring a stallion, you will be asked to remove him promptly.



Make checks payable to: North LA 4-H Horse Camp

Submit registration & child's Health Form to the Madison 4-H office.

Several hotels are available in the area. The Holiday Inn Express is offering a rate of \$80 per night for April 15th and 16th for horse camp participants.

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We're on the Web!

<http://la4h.org/madison>

Would you like to receive equine-related information and updates by email? Just email me and I will put you on my Horse Email List!

Volunteers needed!

Volunteers are critical to providing quality experiences for our 4-H youth members. With only one 4-H Agent staffed in Madison Parish, we need volunteers to help out in a variety of ways.

Volunteers can serve as:

- Chaperones for overnight trips and camps
- Leaders for after-school project meetings
- Organizers for special events and activities
- Mentors and trainers
- Transportation to and from meetings, activities and events.
- Resources for supplies, materials and funding support.
- Advocates for youth development programs

If you would like to saddle up to be a Horse Project volunteer, call the 4-H Office. We'd love to have you!



Need Help? ...just whinny!

Madison Parish is fortunate to have hosted two Master Horsemanship Classes in recent years. As a result, we have a number of area horsemen and horsewomen with knowledge and skills to assist young 4-H Horse Project members. In addition, regional and state specialists are available to provide additional information as needed.



The eExtension's online resource boasts a new Communities of Practice website called HorseQuest which provides Internet visitors with reliable and up-to-date horse information. There you will find a knowledge base of commonly asked questions that have science-based, peer-reviewed answers. In addition, online lessons use self-paced learning objects to help users learn more about specialized areas of equine science. The newest lesson being introduced is a module for new and prospective horse owners.

HorseQuest also features experts who work one-on-one with online users through live online chats. These one-hour chats feature three expert specialists covering various relevant topics.

For more information, go to:
<http://www.extension.org/horses>



Hats off to Chelsea Keene and Alana Florice who were both recognized at the NE LA District Livestock Show Awards Banquet held February 7 in Delhi. Both equestrians received halters for placing High Point Individual in the regional 4-H/FFA Horse Show.