

MCHENRY COUNTY 4-H HORSEMASTER AWARD

What is Horsemaster?

Horsemaster is a special award given to one junior and one senior horse project member who have shown the most interest and enthusiasm through their participation in all aspects of the horse project. Horsemasters are recognized on 4-H Night during the fair, and presented with an award. Horsemasters will also serve as the horse show color guard on show day. You do not need a horse to participate. Some dates below are TBD (to be determined). For competitions, **please see the 2020 Horse Project Packet and the supplemental state contest information sheet for contest details** - contact Michele Aavang, 4-H Program Coordinator, for a copy if you do not have these at maavang@illinois.edu. Failure to meet the requirements listed for any item will result in a no-score for that item.

Horsemaster Contest Contact Person: Lorraine Kraeplin, lorrainekraeplin@yahoo.com

How do you become a Horsemaster?

The junior (age 13 and under) and senior (age 14-19) 4-H members who accumulate the most points* will represent McHenry County as the 2019-2020 Horsemasters. An individual cannot receive the Horsemaster award in consecutive years.

You must earn a **minimum of 90 points** to qualify **and submit a checklist** of completed horsemaster items **by July 1** to Lorraine Kraeplin to verify points earned. If you plan to exhibit a horse science poster at the fair, please indicate this on your checklist and points will be verified the week of the fair.

1. **10 points:** FEB. 29 - Compete in the IL 4-H state horse judging contest (see supplemental contest info sheet for registration details)
2. **10 points:** MARCH 10 - Compete in the McHenry County Hippology Contest* (*competition scores/averages will be used to determine horsemaster tie breaker*)
3. **10 points:** MARCH 28 - Compete in the IL 4-H regional Hippology contest (must register by March 2. Contact Coach Lisa Kunzie BEFORE then at lisa.kunzie13@gmail.com to register)
4. **10 points:** APRIL 4 - Present a horse formal speech or illustrated talk at the McHenry County Communications Mini Fair (register with the extension office, contact Michele Aavang)
5. **20 points:** APRIL 18 - Present a horse speech at the IL 4-H Horse Speaking state contest (see supplemental contest info sheet for details, categories and registration)
6. **10 points:** TBD - Attend a horse judging clinic hosted by Nell Tekampe (contact Lorraine Kraeplin for details)
7. **10 points each (max of 30 pts. possible):** MAY to JULY - Attend "clinic nights" at weeknight warmups at the fairgrounds. Excludes "open riding" nights. You must sign in if you wish to receive credit. Dates and topics begin in May - TBD. The Horse Committee will release this information later. No horse required, but you must remain in attendance for the duration of the clinic.

8. **10 points:** JULY 1 - Write a 300-500 word report titled "My 4-H Horse Project – Past Experiences, Future Plans." The report must be emailed to Lorraine Kraeplin at lorrainekraeplin@yahoo.com by July 1, 2020. Failure to meet any of these requirements will result in no score.
9. **10 points:** JULY/AUGUST TBD - Exhibit a Horse Science poster in the county fair (dates will be announced in fair book)
10. **10 points:** Volunteer** at one of the designated volunteer locations listed in your 2020 Horse Project Packet. You must email a photo/scan of a **dated note signed** by the program organizer and indicate where you volunteered to receive credit. Email lorrainekraeplin@yahoo.com.
(Participation in this will be used as a secondary tie-breaker if necessary)

* = first tiebreaker

** = secondary tie-breaker

2020 Supplemental State Contest Information Sheet

All documents intended for public viewing have been added to the State 4-H event page for each contest: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events>

STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

February 29 | 11 AM

Black Hawk College | Galva, IL

Registration cards must be signed by Extension staff

In 4-H, learning about horses means much more than learning to ride. The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held Saturday, February 29 at Black Hawk College. Registration begins at 11 AM, with the contest following at noon. Youth will judge six classes of horses, at least two being halter classes. Youth 14 years of age and older may also choose to participate in oral reasons following the classes. For those not participating in the oral reasons class, one question class will be required. Learn more online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsejudging.

STATE 4-H HORSE HIPPOLOGY CONTEST

April 18 | 8 AM

David Kinley Hall | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

You must pre-qualify at the regional contest to be held March 28 at Emily G. Johns Intermediate School (off Rt. 34)

Take your love of horses to a new level and compete in the State 4-H Hippology Contest. There are several phases in this horse-related contest: written test, horse judging, station identification, and problem solving. Cost is \$5 per person. Learn more @ go.illinois.edu/4Hhippology. You must pre-qualify at a regional contest.

STATE 4-H HORSE BOWL CONTEST

April 19 | 8 AM

Education Building | University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

You must pre-qualify at the regional contest to be held March 28 at Emily G. Johns Intermediate School (off Rt. 34)

There are several ways to learn about horses, and you don't even need a horse! This contest operates very similar to scholastic bowls at school, with all the questions related to the horse industry! Cost is \$5 per entry or \$25 per team. Learn more @ go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsebowl. You must pre-qualify at a regional contest.

STATE 4-H HORSE SPEAKING CONTEST

April 18 | David Kinley Hall, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign | 10 AM

Any 4-H members may participate. No pre-qualifying is needed, but you must register at the Extension office by mid-March. Cost is \$3 per entry. You'll share ideas with others as you develop the ability to speak in public about the horse industry and the 4-H Horse project. Learn more @ go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsespeaking. There are 5 divisions

- **Original individual formal speech**

- **Original individual presentation:** either demonstration (step by step process) or illustrated talk on an idea or topic; both use visual aids.
- **Original team presentation:** either demonstration (step by step process) or illustrated talk on an idea or topic; both using visual aids.
- **Extempore speaking:** topic is selected at the event and participants have 25 minutes to prepare a 4 to 6 minute speech.
- NEW IN 2020: **Interpretive Reading** is the art of reading aloud from a printed page. The reading must be published works that are horse-related. They may be prose, poetry, short stories, play cuttings, narratives, book or review, or theatrical. You should NOT memorize; they are intended to be read from a page.

Michele R Aavang
4-H Program Coordinator
University of Illinois Extension/McHenry County
1102 McConnell Rd. / P.O. Box 1430
Woodstock, IL 60098
815-338-3737 fax: 815-338-4755
maavang@illinois.edu