

EVENT POLICY

Please **remember**, as you work with the 4-H youth this year, that the program is about the YOUTH, **not** about winning ribbons.

- We are here to have FUN. If we do well, then we had more **FUN!**
- If you don't want the judge's opinion, don't go through the gate.
- You win some, you lose some, and some get rained out!
- In 20 years from now, is it going to make a difference?
- Youth and Horses are a Natural Combination!
- Learning + Fun = Positive Self Esteem
- Youth Development Through Positive Life Experiences

We believe that the NYS 4-H Horse Program can and should be a positive life experience for youth - PLEASE HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN!



NYS 4-H HORSE PROGRAM THEMES

1995 - *“EXCELLENCE”*

1996 - *“COMMUNICATIONS AND COALITION BUILDING”*

1997 – *“LIGHTEN UP THE LOAD”*

1998 – *“EVALUATION”*

1999 – *“KEEPING THE FUN IN 4-H”*

2000 – *“MOVING FORWARD”*

2001 – *“I THINK WE’VE GOT IT!!”*

2002 – *“PRIORITIES”*

2003 – *“PERSEVERANCE”*

2004 – *“VOLUNTEERS ARE GREAT!!”*

2005 – *“LET’S KEEP THIS BOAT AFLOAT!”*

2006 – *“KEEP PRESSING FORWARD”*

2007 – *“RAISING THE BAR”*

2008 – *“RENEWED SPIRIT”*

2009 – *“LET THE GOOD SHINE THROUGH”*

2010 – *“CHANGE CAN BE GOOD”*

2011 – *“ONE STEP AT A TIME”*

2012 – *“CREATIVITY WILL BRING US THROUGH”*

2013 – *“HOLDING THE COURSE”*

2014 – *“TRANSITION”*

2015 – *“FORGING AHEAD”*

2016 – *“LEARNING AS WE GO”*

2017 – *“DISCOVER AND SHARE, CHANGE CAN BE GOOD”*



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I - NEW YORK STATE 4-H HORSE EDUCATIONAL EVENT POLICY

The rules, regulations and procedures contained in this section of the manual represent a combination of the rules and policies derived from national and interstate 4-H education events modified only enough to reflect the philosophy of the New York State 4-H Horse Education Committee and its subcommittee membership.

The information contained in this manual has been designed to serve two functions. The primary function is that of representing a single source of rules, regulations and procedures for all Animal Science 4-H horse educational events conducted at the state level, in particular, the events conducted at the New York State Fair. The secondary purpose is that of providing a set of guidelines or suggestions to counties, districts and regions for their competitive events and to serve in a similar manner for non-4-H organizations and agencies in organizing and conducting events open to 4-H'ers and to which 4-H'ers are specifically invited. The information contained herein is subject to annual review. It is the responsibility of the users of this information to be sure that this manual is kept up to date. It is also the responsibility of each participant in these events, especially in state level events, to be knowledgeable of all aspects of the rules, regulations, and procedures governing the events in which they participate.

