



MARYLAND 4-H HORSE COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST

July 7, 2016 1:00-4:00 pm
Queen Anne's County 4-H Park

Entry Deadline: June 24, 2016



4-Hers participating in the Maryland 4-H Horse Communications Contest may enter **ONE** category, either as an individual or as part of a team. Categories are:

- ④ Speech
- ④ Individual Presentation
- ④ Team Presentation

GENERAL RULES & INFORMATION

Objectives:

The primary objective of the Maryland 4-H Horse Communications Contest is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. This contest should provide an educational experience for both participants and spectators.

General

1. Contest date and time: **Thursday, July 7, 2016, 1:00-4:00 pm.**
Contest location—**Queen Anne's County 4-H Park**, 100 Dulin Clark Rd, Centreville, MD 21617
2. This is a contest in which **teams or individuals** compete. A Team is composed of two (2) members.
3. Pre-entry on by 4-H Online is required. **Entry Deadline: June 24, 2016.**
There is no limit to the number of entries from a local 4-H unit. There is a \$5.00 registration fee for this contest.
4. Statewide competition will be governed by the prescribed procedures and regulations. Additional rules may be promulgated for specific purposes. Contestants not complying with the rules will be disqualified. Coaches and/or spectators not complying with the applicable Procedures and Regulations will be dismissed from the contest area.

Contestants and Eligibility

1. Contestants must be bonafide Maryland 4-H members carrying a 4-H project. Contestants must have a current and active 4-H Online profile to confirm enrollment and eligibility.
2. Maryland 4-H members must be between the ages of 8 - 18 as of January 1 of the current year. Juniors are ages 8 - 10; Intermediates are ages 11 - 13; and Seniors are ages 14 - 18.
3. Contestants must not have previously competed in the respective (Team or Individual) Horse Communications Demonstration Contest at Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup (Louisville, Kentucky) or Western National 4-H Horse Roundup.
4. Senior contestants receiving college or vocational training beyond high school in areas relative to horses are restricted from competing in the Maryland 4-H Horse Communications Contest.
5. Attire: Contestants are strongly encouraged to wear appropriate attire.

HORSE SPEECH CATEGORY

1. The **Topic** of the speech may relate to any aspect of the horse project or the horse industry.
2. Contestants may use **notes**. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against them. Score deductions for notes use will be at the discretion of the judges.
3. No **visual aids** may be used.
4. The **Time** for each presentation should be as follows:
 - a. Juniors (4-6 minutes)
 - b. Intermediates (4-6 minutes)
 - c. Seniors (7-10 minutes)
5. **Time Penalties** are as follows:
 - a. Juniors and Intermediates: One (1) point will be subtracted for each minute over or under the allotted time.
 - b. Seniors: Three (3) points will be deducted for every minute under or over the allotted time.
6. **References** should be cited at the conclusion of the presentation. This will not be counted in the allotted time.
7. **Questions** may be asked by the judges only and will not be counted in the allotted time.
8. **Ties** will be broken by the scores in the following order: Delivery, Organization, Content and Accuracy.

Scoring

Scoring of individual and team presentations will be as follows:

Introduction	10 points
Organization	25 points
Content and Accuracy	25 points
Stage Presence	10 points
Delivery	15 points
Effect on Audience	5 points
Summary	<u>10 points</u>
Maximum Points Possible	<u>100 points</u>

Awards

1. Team and Individual awards will be presented in all age divisions.
2. The top Senior Team and the top Senior Individual will be eligible to compete in the respective National 4-H Horse Demonstration Contest at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, Kentucky as a part of the Maryland 4-H State Horse Communications Team.

HORSE PRESENTATIONS CATEGORY

1. The **Topic** of the presentation may relate to any aspect of the horse project or the horse industry.
2. Demonstrations or illustrated presentations are equally acceptable. Both should utilize **visual aids** to help convey the major points of the presentation and more than one type of visual aid is preferable. Visual aids may include but are not limited to: handouts, posters, props, videos, slides, and computer generated media (PowerPoint, websites, etc.). No live animals may be used.
3. Contestants must supply their own props. Two tables and chairs will be provided for the presenter's use. Contestants must provide all of their own equipment, including easels, **except** for a laptop, projector, and screen. Contestants must request use of laptop, projector, and/or screen when they register via 4-H Online.
4. Contestants may use **notes**. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against them. Score deductions for notes use will be at the discretion of the judges.
5. The **Time** for each presentation should be as follows:
6. Junior Teams and Individuals (5-7 minutes)
7. Intermediate Teams and Individuals (7-10 minutes)
8. Senior Individuals (9-12 minutes)
9. Senior Teams (10-15 minutes)
10. **Time Penalties** are as follows:
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To register for Maryland 4-H Horse Communications Contest you must do the following:

- ④ **Step 1: Register** via 4-H Online. Once you SUBMIT your registration you will receive a receipt and confirmation number.
 - Link to Maryland 4-H Online: <https://md.4honline.com/>
- ④ **Step 2: Download** the Horse Communications forms package from 4-H Online.
- ④ **Step 3: Complete** the payment form included in the package. Contest rules and information are also included for your reference.
- ④ **Step 4: Mail** the completed payment form with your registration and lunch (as applicable) payment to:

Maryland 4-H Center
ATTN: 4-H Horse Comm Contest
8020 Greenmead Drive
College Park, MD 20740

NOTE: If you are attending Horse Jamboree you may include your Communications Contest payment with your Jamboree payment. Please include BOTH payment forms when mailing.

Your registration is NOT complete until your forms and payment are received.
You will receive an e-mail from 4-H Online confirming your registration is complete once all documents & payment are received.