



Horse Quiz Bowl

The Horse Quiz Bowl is a 4-H program which develops self-motivation, self-esteem and responsibility. Students have the opportunity to strengthen their communication and leadership skills in an environment which allows contribution to group effort, encourages teamwork and promotes acceptance of differences.

Description of Project:

Cloverleaf, Junior and Senior 4-H members are eligible to compete in Horse Quiz Bowl. There are Junior and Senior divisions; Cloverleaf 4-H'ers who are at least 4th grade may compete in the Junior division. The primary objective of the Horse Quiz Bowl 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.

Competing as team members assists youth with the development of social skills, cooperation and managing feelings, as they become comfortable with working alongside others toward a common goal; integrity and sportsmanship are also developed through the Horse Quiz Bowl experience. This project is conducive to both traditional rural 4-H members with equine experience and urban youth who do not have the opportunity to raise animals.

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Break down of the contest:

Play consists of double elimination tournament style matches; topics include equine anatomy, conformation, feed and nutrition, evolution, breed characteristics, reproduction, horse management, way-of-going, tack and equipment, styles of riding and the exhibition of horses. Participants must work with four to five team members to answer questions to the best of their ability.

Preparation Activities:

- Each coach can determine the number of practices held during the judging season. Ideal practices last one hour to 1 ½ hours. You can have one to two practices a week. Teams can practice year round for a couple of months before the contest.
- Practices should include review sessions and rounds of questions to replicate competition.
- Each county participating is required to submit 25 typed questions, per team, written new that year, from the official resources.
- Classroom activities can include:
 - Chapter and section review
 - Youth written questions
 - Interactive power points, videos and activities
- Try to make learning sections easier by starting with an easy topic. Mastery of basic topics before moving forward is important.
- To get to the state contest, look for emails from the state office on registration deadlines.
- Encourage them that this is a fun way to learn about horses especially if you don't have one.
- Don't forget the snacks at practice!

Recommended Resources:

Procedure for Play Manual
http://georgia4h.org/livestock/horse/2017_Horse/18%20Procedure%20for%20Play.pdf

Special Considerations:

- Each team must consist of not less than four (4) or more than five (5) members of the same age group.
- Teams must provide one coach and one score keeper for the state contest.

Who do you call?

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