

2024

AREA NORTH

HORSE SHOW

HANDBOOK

March 22-23, 2024

Clay County Fairgrounds

2497 SR 16 West

Green Cove Springs, FL 32043



PHILOSOPHY & GOALS OF THE FLORIDA 4-H HORSE PROGRAM

The purpose of the 4-H horse program is to provide young people an opportunity to participate in a series of activities designed to improve citizenship, sportsmanship, horsemanship, character, competitive spirit, discipline, and responsibility while creating an atmosphere for learning and awareness of the life about us.

If one takes time to study this assessment, the goals and implications are awesome. It is not anticipated that a child would progress at the same rate for all these objectives; it is expected that given the proper motivation and provided good leadership by leaders, parents, and agents, there would be improvement in all areas. Many times the recognition by the 4-H'ers that they could improve in these areas is a significant accomplishment.

Most 4-H'ers electing this project will already have a significant interest in and even a passionate love for the animal. It is the leader's responsibility to utilize this interest to accomplish the project objectives. Though the objectives may be arranged in a different order, you will notice the first objective is not horsemanship. Horsemanship, in the broadest sense, is an important facet of the 4-H horse program, but it should be understood that the horse is but a tool to be used in the development and education of a child. There are over fifty major project areas available in 4-H and all of them have as objectives to make citizens of these youth, to increase their knowledge in a particular subject matter area, and to inspire them to explore other areas.

Horse shows are not the major objective of this program, and any leader or agent that profess this, with out of actual belief or to persuade someone to join a 4-H club, is certainly in error. In doing this, they would most certainly be setting themselves and the club up for disappointment and possible failure. This is not to minimize the importance of horse shows in helping to achieve our goals, but it must be also, it is quite possible there will be many youth in a club that are not interested in showing. They may be interested in one or more of the many forms of trail riding, rodeo, breeding and production, or other education.

When thinking about the horse program and its objectives, one should certainly realize the potential that participation in horse judging, public speaking, and method demonstrations has in helping to achieve said goals. Participation in these activities can help a youth improve in many areas, as well as gain a better education.

In summary, there is a need for all aspects of the current 4-H horse program, and it is hoped that you as leaders and agents will encourage participation of your club in all these areas.

-E. L. Johnson



Area North



Area North is composed of 35 counties, stretching from the northwest corner of the Florida panhandle to the eastern seaboard. Area North was created by combining the two areas previously known as A and B. The Area North Show will continue to offer many of the same opportunities the Area A and Area B shows offered. The Area show functions as a qualifying show for the State 4-H Horse Show held in Tampa, FL in July. The Area North Horse show is planned by a committee of county extension agents and volunteers from the counties in Area North. To learn more about volunteering opportunities, please contact your county 4-H office.

January 1



- Florida 4-H Horse Project Certification Forms due to County offices
- 4-H Horse and Pony Lease Forms due to county offices if applicable

February 19



- February 19th - Area North online registration open in 4H Online

March 1



- Area North online registration closes
- Payments due to county office

March 1

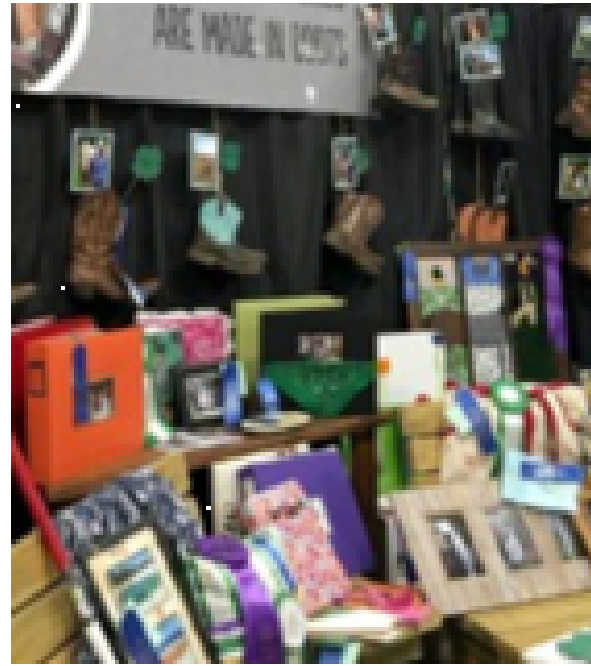


- Educational Display Contest Registration due



Educational Display Contest

The Area North horse show is an exciting and challenging weekend. We are offering a break in the usual business to offer participating counties a competitive opportunity adding educational value to the horse show. Similar to a stall decorating or booth contest, each county will be provided an area in which to display their chosen horse topic. This is a youth driven opportunity, so start planning now and be ready to show us what you know!



■ Size of Area & Location

1 stall in the East barn. Areas must be reserved in advance.

■ Entries

By county. All county clubs and exhibitors work together on one entry.

■ Judging

All booths are judged on Saturday at noon, by 2-3 non-partisan volunteers.

■ Judging Area

Youth can bring props, posters, and decorating materials, but no live animals will be permitted. Please see the attached score sheet for how displays will be judged. County participants are required to supply or request supplies at the agent's discretion including tables, materials, stands, etc.

■ Topics

Youth can choose any horse related topic that would provide educational value to other participants such as but not excluding: Breeds of horses, Colors of horses, Anatomy, Veterinary Care, Horse show preparation/tips, Nutrition, History, And more!

For questions or to reserve your spot, email Ms. Grace of Duval at grace.carter@ufl.edu.



Show Classes

All exhibitors utilizing stalls are required to clean their stall(s) before departing the showgrounds.

FRIDAY, March 22nd at 6:00PM

Uncovered West Arena

WESTERN DRESSAGE CLASSES

See order of go in show program

98. Walk/Jog Western Dressage, WDAA 2022 Intro TOC+

13. Jr. Western Dressage, WDAA 2022 Basic, TOC*

14. Sr. Western Dressage, WDAA 2022 Basic, TOC*

FRIDAY, March 22nd at 6:45 PM

Uncovered West Arena

DRESSAGE CLASSES

See order of go in show program

99. Walk/Trot Dressage, USEF 2022 Intro A or B+

51. Jr. Training Level Dressage, USEF 2023, TOC*

52. Sr. Training Level Dressage, USEF 2023, TOC*

53. First Level Dressage, USEF 2023, TOC*

FRIDAY, March 22nd at 6:00PM

Cattleman's Arena

SPEED EVENTS

24. Jr. Speed Events Ground Handling

25. Sr. Speed Events Ground Handling

28. Jr. Stake Race

29. Sr. Stake Race

30. Jr. Pole Bending

31. Sr. Pole Bending

32. Jr. Barrel Race

33. Sr. Barrel Race

26. Jr. Keyhole Race

27. Sr. Keyhole Race

SATURDAY, March 23rd at 9:00AM

Cattleman's Arena

WESTERN CLASSES

1. Stock Type Mares & Geldings, 14.2 hands and under

2. Stock Type Mares, over 14.2 hands

3. Stock Type Geldings, over 14.2 hands

4. Jr. Western Showmanship, 13 and under

5. Sr. Western Showmanship, 14 and over

92. Walk/Jog Western Pleasure+

6. Western Pleasure Pony, 14.2 hands and under

7. Jr. Western Pleasure, over 14.2 hands

8. Sr. Western Pleasure, over 14.2 hands

93. Walk/Jog Western Horsemanship+

9. Jr. Western Horsemanship, 13 and under

10. Sr. Western Horsemanship, 14 and over

SATURDAY, March 23rd after Western Classes

Cattlemen's Arena

RANCH CLASSES

15. Jr. Ranch Ground Handling, 13 and under

16. Sr. Ranch Ground Handling, 14 and over

95. Walk/Jog Ranch Riding+

17. Jr. Ranch Riding, 13 and under

18. Sr. Ranch Riding, 14 and over

21. Ranch Reining

SATURDAY, March 23rd after Ranch Classes

Cattlemen's Arena

CATTLE CLASSES

22. Ranch Roping

23. Working Cow Horse, Boxing Only

SATURDAY, March 23rd at 9:00AM

West Uncovered Arena

HUNTER CLASSES, In-Hand

34. Hunter Type Mares & Geldings, 14.2 hands & under

35. Hunter Type Mares, over 14.2 hands

36. Hunter Type Geldings, over 14.2 hands

37. Jr. Hunter Showmanship, 13 and under

38. Sr. Hunter Showmanship, 14 and over

East Uncovered Arena

HUNTER CLASSES, Over Fences

97. Cross rails+

45. Low Working Hunter

46. Low Equitation over Fences

48. Medium/High Working Hunter

49. Medium/High Equitation over Fences

50. Medium/High Handy Hunter

47. Low Handy Hunter

44. Hunter Hack

West Uncovered Arena

HUNTER CLASSES, Flat

90. Walk/Trot Hunter Under Saddle+

39. Pony Hunter Under Saddle, 14.2 hands and under

40. Jr Hunter Under Saddle, over 14.2 hands

41. Sr. Hunter Under Saddle, over 14.2 hands

91. Walk/Trot Hunt Seat Equitation+

42. Jr. Hunt Seat Equitation, 13 and under

43. Sr. Hunt Seat Equitation, 14 and over

SATURDAY, March 23rd 11:00AM-3:00PM

Small Covered Arena

TRAIL CLASSES

94. Walk/Jog Western Trail+

11. Jr. Western Trail, 13 and under

12. Sr. Western Trail, 14 and over

96. Walk/Jog Ranch Trail+

19. Jr. Ranch Trail, 13 and under

20. Sr. Ranch Trail, 14 and over

***Medium/High Section**

Entrants will choose their height (2'6" or 2'9") for each class at time of registration (and may change at gate before class starts)

***TOC= Test of Choice**

Dressage entrants may choose any test within the state level of each class.

+ = Area North only class, non-points accruing

All walk/trot and walk/jog classes are non-point classes. Youth may only compete in walk trot classes for up to two years - per horse/rider combination. Exhibitors entered in a walk/trot or walk/jog class may not cross over into any loping or cantering class. Walk/trot and walk/jog exhibitors will only be eligible to enter in-hand classes at the State 4-H Horse Show. If an exhibitor only competes in in-hand classes at Area, the exhibitor is only eligible to enter in-hand classes at the State 4-H Horse Show.

Area North Refund Policy: No post-entries will be accepted. No refunds will be granted for scratches received more than one week after the entry deadline with the exception that a partial refund (class entry fees only) may be made upon receipt of a doctor's or veterinarian's excuse. Refunds will not be provided for scratches occurring within 48 hours of the show.

Show Schedule

MARCH 22, 2024

3 - 7 PM CHECK-IN

- VISIT INSPECTOR BEFORE UNLOADING
- BRING BIT TO CHECK-IN AT THE OFFICE AND RECIEVE SHOW PACKET

5-6 PM PONY MEASURING

5:30 PM OPENING CEREMONIES

- CATTLEMAN'S COVERED ARENA

6 PM WESTERN DRESSAGE

- WESTERN UNCOVERED ARENA

6 PM SPEED EVENTS

- CATTLEMAN'S COVERED ARENA
- GROUND HANDLING TAKES PLACE FIRST FOLLOWED BY RIDING CLASSES

6:45 PM TRADITIONAL DRESSAGE

- WESTERN UNCOVERED ARENA

MARCH 23, 2024

7-8 AM CHECK-IN

- VISIT INSPECTOR BEFORE UNLOADING
- BRING BIT TO CHECK-IN AT THE OFFICE AND RECIEVE SHOW PACKET

7-8 AM PONY MEASURING

9 AM HUNTER DIVISION

- EASTERN & WESTERN UNCOVERED ARENA

9 AM WESTERN DIVISION

- COVERED CATTLEMAN'S ARENA
- RANCH GROUND HANDLING FOLLOWS WESTERN DIVISION
- RANCH RIDING & CATTLE CLASSES TO FOLLOW GROUND HANDLING

11-3 PM TRAIL

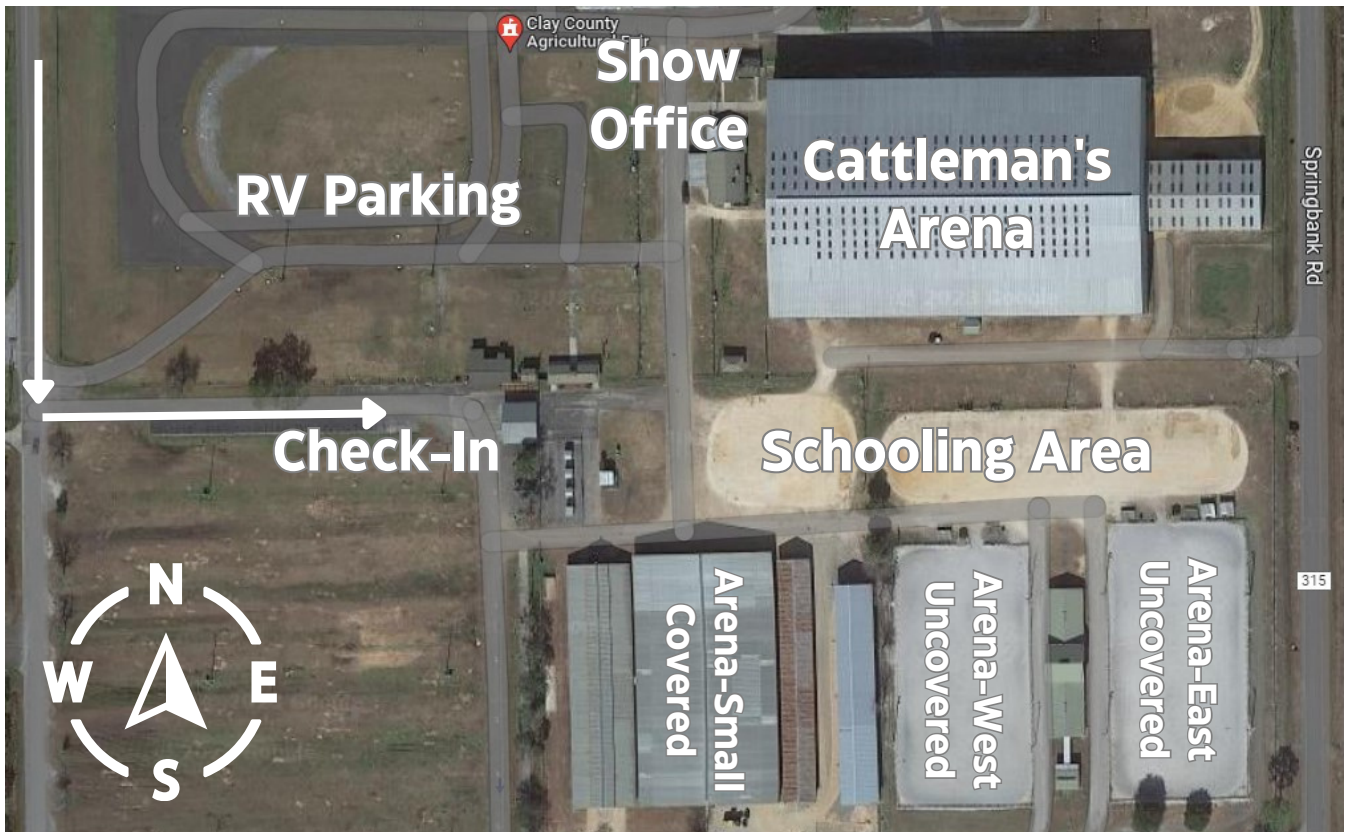
- SMALL COVERED ARENA

TIMES MAY VARY. SHOW MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJUST TIMES AS NEEDED.

All exhibitors utilizing stalls are required to clean their stall(s) before departing the showgrounds.



Facilities Map



Facilities & Accommodations

RV Hookups - \$30 per site for the weekend

- 14 - Full service, 50 amp hookups available
- 22 - Full service, 100 amp hookups available

Lodging

Camp Chowenwaw- \$35 a night

1517 Ball Rd, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

(904) 529-8058

Holiday Inn Express and Suites Fleming Island,

1815 E West Pkwy, Fleming Island, FL 32003

(904) 215-8900



Julie Andrew Photography

Helpful Links

Florida 4-H Horse Show Rules

<https://uflorida.sharepoint.com/teams/IFAS-AnimalSciences/Shared%20Documents/Forms/>

Horse Show Etiquette



For Everyone!

- **Use appropriate language** at all times and be mindful of your volume.
- **Cheer for the other team!** Be happy when others succeed. Watch classes that you're not riding in and give applause. Give compliments generously. Offer to help take photos.
- **Be mindful while in bleachers.** While watching classes be mindful of your actions/volume and stay seated. If possible, **wait for class changes to leave the bleachers.**
- **Always stay calm, positive, and professional.** Coaches, parents, and Trainers: avoid yelling from the sidelines at your students.
- **Don't block gates, alleyways, or common use areas,** even while loading/unloading or gathering with loved ones. Always be aware of your surroundings.
- **Random things scare horses** and can put others at risk. This includes: umbrellas, hats, golf carts, bicycles, children's toys, dogs, trash bags, and so on.
- **Prepare friends/family ahead of time** on how to be good spectators, especially those who do not have previous experience. They and your fellow competitors will appreciate it.
- **Remember the golden rule** & be respectful to everyone. This means no gossip or negative commentary about other riders, horses, or trainers. This reflects poorly on you and those around you.
- **Give thanks** to your ring steward, judge, barn hands, grooms, volunteers, gate holders, coaches, and other riders!
- **Love your horse and yourself even if you don't win!**



Area Committee

The Area North Horse Show is overseen by a committee that is charged with the planning and execution of the area show. The committee is composed of agents, volunteers, and state staff. Agents with youth involved in the horse program are asked to serve in various roles throughout the planning and execution process. Agents serve as points of contact for their county, support youth exhibitors, and are responsible for distributing information to their county volunteers and youth. Volunteers are needed to fill essential roles for the execution of the Area North Horse Show, where they provide advice and recommendations on decisions regarding the Area North Show. For counties that do not have a 4-H agent in place, their county offices will be used as a point of contact. Planning Meetings are conducted via zoom, which is a conferencing software that also features phone call in. If you are interested in serving on the Area North Committee, please contact your county 4-H office.

Mae Whitehurst

2023 Area North
Volunteer of the Year

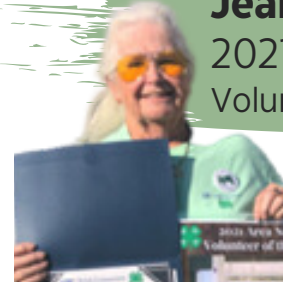


Terry Stout

2022 Area North
Volunteer of the Year

Jean McMillian

2021 Area North
Volunteer of the Year



2023-2024 Area North Chairs

Allie Prevatt

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Claire Reach

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Facilities Chair

Stephanie Conner

Clay County 4-H Agent
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Lydia Paffe

2023 Sportsmanship
Winner



Taylor Anderson

2022 Sportsmanship
Winner

