

AREA NORTH 2023-2024



WELCOME TO THE 2023-2024 4-H HORSE PROGRAM!

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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 around us. Here at Area North we prioritize these life skills more so than just showing, and aim to offer you a variety of educational opportunities for riders and horseless program participants.

Key Updates for the 2023-2024 Year

- **Walk Trot is staying at Area North!** All walk trot classes are non-point classes. Youth may only compete in walk trot classes for two years - per horse/rider combination. Exhibitors entered in a walk trot class may not cross over into any loping or cantering class. If a walk trot exhibitor qualifies for the State 4-H Horse Show with points from in-hand classes, the exhibitor's county 4-H agent will need to approve their advancement to the State 4-H Horse Show. Walk trot exhibitors will only be eligible to enter in-hand classes at the State 4-H Horse Show.
- **Sportsmanship Award Continued!** At Area North, we actively promote and celebrate sportsmanship! Earn yourself a "Caught Ya' Being Good" ticket by demonstrating exceptional sportsmanship, and redeem it at the show office for a well-deserved prize!
- **Youth Highlights** - We are encouraging agents and club leaders to send highlights for both their riding and non-riding youth to be celebrated on our Area North Facebook page.
- **Youth t-shirt design contest**- Calling all artists and graphic designers...we are seeking design options for this year's t-shirt. Designs can be drawn or digitally created. The Area North committee will vote on this year's winner and will be used as our official show 2024 show shirt. Designs are due by 1/22 to slbennett@ufl.edu.
- **The "Crew"!** Crew is an opportunity for horseless or non-showing youth to still be involved in clinics and horse shows by offering their skills in organization, grooming, cheering, and more. Crews are by-county and their specifics may vary.

PLEASE WORK CLOSELY WITH YOUR COUNTY AGENT AND CLUB
LEADER FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

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KEY DATES (Subject to change)

- Horse Lease & Certification Forms Due to Counties by 12/31
- Clinics & Prep Opportunities
 - Youth Equine Symposium - 5/21 & 5/23, at 5:30pm CT/ 6:30 PM ET, ZOOM - Industry leaders, up to date science, & youth presentations
 - Area North Horse Show Virtual Orientation - February 22 at 5:30pm Central/6:30pm Eastern, ZOOM - <https://ufl.zoom.us/j/97035671653>
 - Gadsden County Mock Show - February 17th, Quincy, FL
- Area North Registration, **February 19 - March 1**, *NO LATE ENTRIES*
- Contests and Non-Show Opportunities
 - Hippology State Contest, April 6-7
 - Horse Judging State Contest, April 6
 - UF Horsemanship Schools: TBA
- Presentations & Quiz Bowl, June 8
- Show Dates/Locations
 - Area North, March 22 & 23, Clay County Fairgrounds
 - State Horse Show, Date TBA, Tampa
 - Regional Horse Show, Jul 31 - Aug 4, Perry, GA
- Horseman of the Year Scholarship applications due, June 1st via 4-H Portfolio Webpage

MORE INFORMATION

- 2024 State 4-H Rulebook coming soon:
 - *2023's rules* - <https://animal.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/youth/horse/4h-shows/horse-show-rules/>
- UF Horse Program: <https://animal.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/youth/horse/>

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