UW | Wyoming 4-H

HORSE

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The 4-H horse project can provide youth with the opportunity to learn about care, selection, management, health, marketing and careers in the equine industry. Learn the basic principles of animal science by caring for, working with, keeping records or owning a horse. Explore knowledge of sound management, nutrition, reproduction and selection practices. Discover how you can start a career in the equine industry.

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN LEARN...

STARTING OUT

- Learn about basic horse care
- Identify the parts of a horse
- Learn breeds of horses
- Learn the gaits of the horse
- Learn about genetics and heredity of horses
- Investigate horse diseases

LEARNING MORE

- Learn the basics of trail riding
- Check horse vital signs
- Learn how to mount and dismount safely
- Learn etiquette to ride safely as a group
- Communicate with your horse
- Practice horsemanship maneuvers
- Improve your riding style

GOING FURTHER

- Research and purchase show clothing
- Improve a show horse's appearance
- Improve your showmanship skills
- Learn riding patterns
- Understand the quarter system
- Evaluate ethics in competitive situations

RESOURCES

- *Giddy Up & Go,* Level 1 (08053)
- *Head, Heart & Hooves,* Level 2 (08054)
- *Stable Relationships,* Level 3 (08055)
- *Riding the Range,* Level 4 (08056)
- *Jumping to New Heights,* Level 5 (08057)
- *Horse Helper's Guide,* Level 6 (08058)
- *Horses & Horsemanship* (CO220)
- *Horse Science* (CO221)
- *The 4-H Horse Project: An Introduction* (uwyo.edu/4-h)
- *Wyoming 4-H Equine Competition Guidelines* (uwyo.edu/4-h)

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For more information visit www.uwyo.edu/4h

TAKE IT FURTHER!

* Attend a horse show, rodeo or other horse event
* Visit a horse farm, horse training facility, horse boarding facility, etc.
* Participate in the Wyoming 4-H Horse Camp
* Visit a local tack shop or horse supply store
* Create a collection of horse showmanship and horsemanship patterns
* Research horse-related careers
* Participate in your County Horse Judging team and compete at Showcase Showdown
* Participate in your county Hippology Team and compete at Showcase Showdown
* Participate in the Presentation Contest at Showcase Showdown and give a talk about something related to your horse project

ENHANCE YOUR COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Present a demonstration about parts of a horse

Present a ground or riding safety session at a 4-H event

Give oral reasons as part of a horse judging team

GET INVOLVED IN CITIZENSHIP AND SERVICE

Participate or organize a charitable trail ride or benefit show

Set an example of safe riding by wearing a helmet when riding your horse

Collaborate with others to provide a horse therapy event for disabled youth

LEARN ABOUT LEADERSHIP

Organize a trail ride for your fellow 4-H project members

Organize a tack swap for 4-H members

Conduct a show horse grooming clinic

EXHIBIT IDEAS

* Participate in a 4-H Horse Show
* Make a poster about color markings
* Make horse treats
* Make a display of horse body parts
* Design your own patterns
* Make a display of horse diseases
* Design a horse stable
* Make a poster on the history of horses or a particular horse breed
* Make a video of horse body language
* Make your own horse show clothing
* Create a horse first aid kit
* Create a horse supply price chart
* Make a poster of the different types of tack you might use
* Create a poster of different types of saddles and their use
* Display of appropriate riding attire

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