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Montgomery County 4-H
HORSE PROJECT CLINIC CRITERIA
2024 - 2025

PURPOSE: Montgomery County 4-H Horse Project Clinics and Individual Scored Evaluation will serve as learning experiences to allow 4-H members to develop style in riding, learn sportsmanship and for self fulfillment. These activities will also assist members preparing for competition in County, District, State, or higher level shows.

JUDGING: Judges will be asked to make oral and/or written comments to assist riders in improving their skills. These are meant to be constructive in nature and not to hurt the members. Feel free to ask questions, but at all times bear in mind that most of the judges are volunteering their time without pay to help you learn. Show your sportsmanship and thank these individuals for their help.

☞ See list for dates and locations of scheduled events. Start times will vary depending on the presenter and location. The RSVP Hub will have specific times for clinics Watch 4-H Weekly Updates and 4-H Focus Newsletter for additional opportunities

☞ Arena meetings/clinics/evaluation - Bring your horses to ride, a particular discipline will be addressed.

☞ NO dogs will be allowed at the clinics. This is in consideration for the safety of the riders, the horses and the dogs.

☞ ONLY eligible horses will be on the grounds

☞ ONLY enrolled 4-H members can ride or longe horses at closed 4-H Horse Shows. Adults and Clover Kids are not allowed to ride or longe horses at the 4-H horse shows including clinics, County 4-H Horse Show, District 4-H Horse Show, etc.

☞ Any questions about the details contained in this document should be directed to the County Extension Office (936) 539 - 7823

GENERAL PROCEDURES:

1. Clinic and Evaluation will be held this year. Clinic and training followed by individual judged evaluations on the designated discipline. Must RSVP by the Wednesday before at RSVP Hub at <https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/rsvp/>
2. Current (within the past twelve months) original Coggins must be checked at each clinic. Must be a color or electronic copy. If needed, it can be printed at the Extension Office during office hours.
3. There is a work Signup Genius distributed for youth and adult volunteers to assist with activities. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4EABAA23A6FDCF8-51992285-volunteer>
4. All exhibitors must be enrolled 4-H members through 4-H Online system within a Montgomery County 4-H Club, who has paid the enrollment fee and completed the medical waiver form. We ask that you consider selecting Montgomery County 4-H Horsemanship Club as a secondary club in addition to selecting Horse as one of your projects.
5. Montgomery County 4-H members must actively participate in at least one Clinic/Judged Evaluation listed below to be eligible to enter the County 4-H Horse Show. If unable to ride, volunteering to assist and be fully engaged in the event will count as participation.
6. In the absence of Practice Shows where members paid an entry fee in years past to support the programming, 4-H members will pay a \$10 fee for each Clinic/Evaluation they participate in for the 2024-2025 year. Fee will be paid per clinic via PayPal link <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/DF3ZTYPNV8ZJA>.
7. Appropriate safety attire is mandatory for Western and English riders. This will include heeled riding shoes or boots for all riders and helmets for English riders. Chuckkas or tennis shoe type boots are not acceptable.
8. All tack is governed by State 4-H Horse Show Rule Book. If you have a question of legal tack, please contact the County Extension Agent for State Horse Show Rules.
9. Proper show attire is encouraged and includes: a long sleeve button down shirt that can be tucked into pants, long pants, and heeled riding shoes.
10. Any horse that the Horse Project Committee feels is unsafe for the rider or others participating will be excused from the clinic. Committee members will have the full support of the 4-H office for excusing a member/horse from the event for these purposes!!
11. A judge may excuse any horse they perceived to be in obvious pain. This includes, but not limited to lameness, respiratory issues etc.

12. A judge may excuse an uncooperative horse. Two attempts to enter a class or approach an obstacle will be allowed, after which the rider can be excused from the ring or asked to move to the next obstacle.
13. These are Clinics, therefore some horses may be green broke. All riders should be conscientious of this fact.
14. Anyone having financial difficulties, but wishing to participate in these shows should contact the 4-H office. Scholarships may be available due to some circumstances.
15. ALL participants must be accompanied by a parent/adult to participate unless prior approval is made by 4-H Office and Horse Project committee. Approval should be obtained at least two weeks prior to the show.
16. At the County 4-H Horse Show in May a 4-H member must participate in at least one regular class to be eligible to advance to District 4-H Horse Show. Horses must be owned or leased by the exhibitor or immediate family by May 1, 2025 to be eligible and must be validated. Watch for instructions March/April time frame

HORSEMANSHIP SKILL LEVELS

The skills listed below are the requirements for participating in that level. When moving up into the next experience level, members must be able to complete skills listed.

Beginner:

Must be able to:

- Catch, halter, lead and tie a horse safely.
- Groom a horse in preparation for saddling.
- Exhibit proper bridling and saddling procedure.
- Mount and dismount safely.
- Walk, trot, while maintaining correct seat.
- Stop and back up in a straight line.

Advanced:

Must be able to:

- Know basic position of seat, legs, feet, hands and body.
- Understand what training, direct, bearing, combination reins are and how to use them.
- Perform proper circles at a walk, trot and lope.
- Move horse away from pressure by side passing in a forward motion (two tracking)
- Perform simple lead changes.
- Know what flexing and bending are and how to perform.
- Know how to pass other horse on the rail safely.
- Know proper way to approach gate and open and shut.
- Back through a L
- Do flying lead changes or at least cue properly for change.
- Understand pivot, rollback, extended walk, extended trot and be able to execute these.
- Complete all things "in complete control".
- Have communication via legs, feet, voice, hands, weight, etc.
- Must perform two tracking and side passing with some proficiency.

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Activity Dates and Locations
Locations have been confirmed

Times differ depending on the presenter and/or location. Those details will be available when your RSVP at <https://agrillife.org/montgomery4h/rsvp/>

Clinics with judged class

	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
October 27, 2024	Troy Koehl Troy Koehl Arena, 22348 Sharp Rd., Montgomery, Texas	Reining and Transitions
November 10, 2024	Sabine Lazo Countless Blessings Arena, 2578 FM 1486, Montgomery, Texas	Performance
November 26, 2024	Jeremy Dull Jeremy Dull Arena	Ranch/In Hand Handling Friendsgiving Clinic
December 7, 2024	Matt Nichols Aggie Extension Land, FM 1486, Richards, Texas	Working Cow
January 4, 2025	Taylor Wells Location: TBD	Ground Driving
January 26, 2025	Ridley Cone and July Zander Countless Blessings Arena, 2578 FM 1486, Montgomery, Texas	Performance
To be determined	Lee Imhoff Location: TBD	Trail
February 16, 2025	Stephanie Austin Location: TBD	Performance
April 13, 2025	Tammy Ahrendt Location: TBD	Speed

COUNTY 4-H HORSE SHOW

May 3, 2025 Willis Arena 8:30 am
- Must participate in at least one Clinic/Evaluation.

DISTRICT 4-H HORSE SHOW

June 24-25, 2025 - Brazos County Expo
Must compete in at least one regular class at County 4-H Horse Show to advance to District 4-H Horse Show.

WATCH YOUR 4-H NEWSLETTER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT CLINICS AND PRACTICE SHOWS.

Please complete one per family and return this page to Practice Horse Show Coordinator immediately.

We have read the Montgomery County 4-H Clinic Criteria for 2024 - 2025, understand these criteria, and agree to abide by them. Our failure to do so could result in being removed from a clinic or failure to qualify for the Montgomery County 4-H Horse Show.

Member _____ Date

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Parent _____ Date

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