LAKE COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROGRAM

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1 PREFACE

The 4-H Horse Program provides an opportunity for young people to participate in activities designed to improve citizenship, sportsmanship, horsemanship, discipline, and responsibility, while creating an atmosphere for learning and building friendships. 4-H membership in the horse program is available to all youth ages 8-18 without regard to race, color, sex, handicap, or national origin. Note that youth ages 5-7 may enroll in 4-H, but may not enroll in a large animal project.

Activities offered through the 4-H Horse Program provide physical, mental, social, and emotional growth experiences for individual 4-H members. The Lake County 4-H Horse Program offers competitive and non-competitive cooperative learning activities in a balanced non-formal educational program.
The Lake County 4-H Horse Program offers a 4-Her the opportunity to undertake a horse project or participate in several horse-related activities that do not require ownership or lease of a horse.

The 4-H Horse Program is managed and operated by the Lake County Extension Service. The 4-H Agent in charge of the program is responsible for the program content and execution.

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**2.1 Definition of Terms**

**4-H Program Year**
The 4-H year starts September 1 and ends August 31 of the following year. 4-H enrollment and participation revolve around this 4-H program year definition.

**Cloverbud Participants**
Cloverbud refers to participants 5 through 7 years of age as of September 1 of the current 4-H year. Cloverbuds may not enroll in a large animal project.

**Junior Participants**
Junior refers to participants 8 through 10 years of age as of September 1 of the current 4-H year.

**Intermediate Participants**
Intermediate refers to participants 11 through 13 years of age as of September 1 of the current 4-H year.

**Senior Participants**
The Senior division begins at age 14, as of September 1 of the current 4-H year, and the 4-Her must not have passed his/her 19th birthday or graduated from High School as of September 1 of the current 4-H year.

**Project**
A series of learning experiences within an area of interest. Members learn and then share what they’ve learned. A 4-H project is what a 4-Her learns, creates, or acts out, for example: learning to grow a garden, making a dress, or managing an animal.

**Horse Project**
A large animal project that requires the 4-Hers lease/ownership and care of a horse. This would include any supporting events and activities in the large animal projects.
Love A Horse Project A 4-H supported activity for youth ages 8 through 18 as of September 1 of the current 4-H year. Participation in this project does not require ownership or lease of a horse.

Demonstration or Illustrated Talk A “show and tell” presentation in a specific curriculum area, using posters and other visual aids to communicate presentation content.

Speech A talk given without the use of props, posters, or visual aids.

2.2 The Horse Project

A horse project requires the 4-Her’s ownership or lease and care of a horse. The 4-Her undertaking a horse project is eligible to participate in any events related to the horse project providing the participant meets all the qualifications of attendance. These events include:

- County 4-H Horse Events
- Area-D 4-H Horse Show
- State 4-H Horse Show
- Regional 4-H Horse Show
- 4-H Horsemanship School

Rules and regulations governing District and State 4-H Horse Shows can be found in Florida State 4-H Horse Show Official Rules published by the University of Florida Extension Service.

Rules and regulations governing the Regional Horse Show can be found in Southern Regional 4-H Horse Show Rules & Regulations published by the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service.

Information about the 4-H Horsemanship School can be obtained from the County Extension Agent.

2.2.1 Record Books

The following record books may be completed by 4-Hers involved in the horse project.

Florida 4-H Horse Project Record Book (4H SR 02) –
This record book may be completed by any 4-Her who owns or leases a horse or pony. The completion of this book is required for all members who wish to participant in the Lake County Qualifier 4-H Show and beyond.

Beginner Horseman Record Book –
The “Beginner Horseman” record book is intended for 4-H members who either own or lease a horse or pony, or who are involved in the care and handling of a horse or pony.

CCS Horse Curriculum –
These horse project manuals provide an interactive curriculum for youth that is hands-on and grounded solidly in subject matter. Youth will develop life skills while exploring horse science.
Level 1 - *Giddy Up & Go* explores breed identification, horse body parts, selection, grooming, saddling and bridling, design the perfect horse, safety and equipment. Designed for ages 8-10. Available through National 4-H Council.


Level 4 - *Riding the Range* explores beginning riding skills and everything you need to know before getting on a horse for the first time. Some of the activities are round pen workout, bridle in a bucket, saddle up, where do you ride and basic riding. Designed for ages 14-18. Available through National 4-H Council.


2.3 Love A Horse Project

The Love A Horse Project is a 4-H supported activity for youth ages 8 through 18 as of September 1 of the current 4-H year. Participation in this project does not require ownership or lease of a horse. The *Horse Lover* (4H490) record book should be completed by members enrolled in this project.

The project is designed to encourage youth to enjoy and learn about horses. The youth will complete a project book that is structured to stimulate their learning and test their knowledge. There is a *Love A Horse Leader’s Guide* available to adult leaders of this project, which helps the leader to develop and conduct learning experiences for the youth enrolled in this project.

2.4 Competitive Horse Related Activities Not Requiring Ownership/Lease of a Horse

Horse related activities*, which do not require ownership or lease of a horse, include:

- Individual Demonstration
- Team Demonstration (2 people)
- Public Speaking
- Horse Judging
- Hippology
- Horse Bowl
- Skill-a-thon

*The participant must meet event qualifications to attend.

2.5 General Horse Rules

- Helmets and appropriate footwear must be worn by all 4-Her’s while mounted and participating in an activity/event related to 4-H (i.e. club activities, clinics, etc.)
- Participation in parades by 4-Her’s with their horses is strictly prohibited.
3 REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE 4-H HORSE PROGRAM

3.1 General Requirements

These general requirements apply to all participants in the 4-H horse program.

The individual must:

1. Be enrolled in 4-H - All required enrollment forms must be on file with the County Extension Office/4-H Agent prior to the youth’s participation in any 4-H activity. *Certain activities may have additional requirements.*

2. It is highly recommended that the 4-Her join one of the county 4-H horse clubs. There are one or more clubs available, meeting at various locations in the county. Please contact the County Extension Office/4-H Agent for a complete list of 4-H horse clubs in Lake County. The member is obligated to adhere to the rules and regulations set by the Horse Club Leader. Horse Club activities include regular meetings and educational activities which promote fellowship, leadership, and horsemanship.

3. All project animals must be owned or leased by the 4-H member, his/her parents, brother sister, or legal guardian. All rules and regulations set forth in the Florida State 4-H Horse Show Official Rules regarding ownership and lease of a project animal must be met.

4. All project animals must be declared by submitting a Lake County 4-H Horse Project Registration Form for each project animal. This form must be in the Lake County 4-H Office by December 30th of each year.

5. If the project animal is leased, the member(s) must complete the 4-H Horse and Pony Lease Agreement. This form must be filed with the Lake County 4-H Office by December 30th of each year.

6. A 4-H member may manage more than one project animal. All rules and regulations regarding ownership/lease and records apply to each project animal. One record book may be maintained for all project animals or a different project record book may be maintained for each project animal.

7. Additional requirements exist for members who wish to participate in the Lake County 4-H Qualifier Show and beyond. Refer to show specific information.
3.2.2 Love a Horse Project

1. The member must meet all the general requirements for participation in the 4-H horse program.
2. The enrollment form must declare participation in the “Love a Horse” project.
3. It is highly recommended that the 4-Her join one of the county 4-H horse clubs. There are one or more clubs available, meeting at various locations in the county. Please contact the County Extension Office/4-H Agent for a complete list of 4-H horse clubs in Lake County. The member is obligated to adhere to the rules and regulations set by the Horse Club Leader. Horse club activities include regular meetings and educational activities that promote fellowship, leadership, and horsemanship.

3.2.3 Competitive Horse Related Activities Not Requiring Ownership/Lease of a Horse

Individual demonstration, team demonstration, public speaking, horse judging, hippology, horse bowl and skill-a-thon are all competitive events not requiring ownership or lease of a horse. Lake County requirements for participation in these events are as follows:

1. The member must meet all general requirements for participation in the 4-H horse program.
2. The member must meet all district, regional, or national requirements for participation in the specific competitive events.
3. In the case where participation is limited, the 4-H Agent or coach may institute a qualification process to determine who will be selected to represent the county at the competitive event. The qualifying process will be at the discretion of the 4-H Agent or coach, but will be based on an objective procedure. Refer to Appendix A for the qualification process for the Lake County 4-H Horse Judging Team.
4. The activity coach develops the education curriculum for the activity with consideration given to materials available through the Florida Cooperative Extension Service.
4 LAKE COUNTY 4-H SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

To help support the Lake County 4-H Horse Program, members are asked to seek donations from businesses/individuals at the beginning of each 4-H year. In appreciation of the donations, the businesses/individuals are given space in the Lake County 4-H/Rotary Horse Show and Lake County 4-H Qualifier Horse Show sponsorship books.

In this space, individuals/businesses can choose to promote their business or write a personal message. The amount of space they receive in the sponsorship book is based on the amount of their donation.

Donation Amount = Space Provided

$15 = Business Card  
$30 = ¼ Page  
$50 = ½ Page  
$100 = Full Page

Members, who participate in at least one 4-H horse activity, will receive 10% of the money they collect back to help support their own project. This money will be given to the 4-Her at the end of the year. Members are encouraged to raise as much money as possible, as this is the only form of sponsorship the Lake County 4-H Horse Program provides.

If special circumstances arise and a member would be unable to attend a 4-H horse event without their 10% payback, 4-H staff may choose to distribute the 4-Her’s money at the time of the event.

If sufficient funds exist, the Lake County 4-H Horse Advisory may vote to not participate in the sponsorship program that particular year.
Florida’s 4-H Horse Advancement Program encourages planned, systematic and self-motivated learning by 4-H members. Its purpose is to:

- provide guidelines to help members set realistic project goals
- motivate self learning
- divide members into interest and ability levels
- broaden member experiences and help them develop both life skills and project skills
- provide a planned learning approach for members
- serve as a way of recognizing members for completion of project goals

There are four levels to Florida’s Horse Advancement Program. They are:

- Level I Basic Horseman
- Level II Novice Horseman
- Level III Intermediate Horseman
- Level IV Advanced Horseman

Refer to http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_4h_program_horse_advancement for all publications (including Leaders Guide) relative to the Horse Advancement Program.

The advancement levels are written so there is a planned learning sequence for all members. Each member should start with Level I, the Basic Horseman. It is recommended that a member be at least 8 years old to complete Level I, 10 years old to complete Level II, 13 years old to complete Level III, and 16 or older to complete Level IV.

The Advancement Program is designed so a 4-H member may progress as quickly as he or she desires based on interest, effort and ability. Members may work on sections in two or more levels at the same time; completing each level as the appropriate age requirements are met.

This program area is an optional activity for 4-Hers that own or lease a horse. This is not considered a project record book and may be turned in any time throughout the year. These books do not require traditional record book items (story, pictures, activities, etc.)
## 6 COUNTY 4-H HORSE EVENTS

### 6.1 Skill-a-thon

This event is held once during the 4-H year. The date and location for the event varies year to year. A skill-a-thon is a test of skill in which a series of stations ask various questions. This is an individual competition and is broken down into two age divisions – Junior/Intermediate and Senior.

The content for the skill-a-thon is based on the *Ohio State University Horse Kit*, which is in the Lake County 4-H Office and available for all clubs to check-out.

### 6.2 Educational Clinics

The Lake County 4-H Program offers various educational clinics throughout the 4-H year. The topic and content of these clinics are at the discretion of the Lake County 4-H Horse Advisory and the Lake County Extension Office/4-H Agent.

Attendance of these clinics will be used to determine certain end-of-the-year awards. Refer to Section 7 for further information.

### 6.3 County Horse Shows

The Lake County 4-H Horse Program sponsors two county horse shows. The 4-H/Rotary Horse Show is held in November and the Qualifying 4-H Horse Show is held in March of each 4-H year.

Rules governing the 4-H/Rotary Horse Show and the Qualifying 4-H Horse Show will adhere to the *Florida 4-H Area-D and State Horse Show Rulebook*, with the exemptions specifically mentioned in this section (6).

- All rules are in effect until you exit the show grounds.
- Members are not allowed to canter/lope horses in the parking areas. Warm-up and/or lunging is only permitted in designated areas.
- The show committee reserves the right to cancel or combine classes.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the show grounds.
- Refunds will be issued if a class is canceled by the committee or if an exhibitor provides a written doctor/vet excuse. Refunds will not be issued at the show.
- Show committee must be alerted of any tack changes five (5) classes prior.
- No limit is placed on the number of classes a 4-H member and project animal may enter.
- Exhibitors may not enter the same class twice, regardless of horse/rider combination.
- Youth may not ride double on any horse while on show grounds.
- Good sportsmanship, considerate treatment of animals and courtesy to officials are expected from all exhibitors and spectators. Should a lapse occur, the person in question may be disqualified or asked to leave show grounds, at the discretion of the Grievance Committee. All entry fees will be forfeited.
• The decisions of the Grievance Committee are final. The Grievance Committee will be composed of the Show Chairman, the 4-H Agent or their representative, and at least one Horse Club Leader/Volunteer.

Trail Classes:
If show committee determines that the show facility does not have an area deemed suitable for loping/cantering, the trail pattern will only consist of walk/jog/trot. The lope/canter will not be included in the pattern in these situations.

Walk-trot Eligibility:

Riders who wish to participate in the walk-trot division may not have loped/cantered in any class in any prior show. Walk-trot eligibility is based on the rider not horse/rider combination. 4-Her’s may not enter walk-trot and walk-trot-canter classes at one show.

6.3.1. 4-H/Rotary Horse Show

Hunter Hack: Youth may only enter Class #26 or #27; may not enter both hunter hack classes. Class #26 will be cross rails.

Walk-trot Speed: In reference to walk-trot speed classes, riders who exhibit a “break of gait” into the canter will be disqualified.

The class list for the 4-H/Rotary Horse Show is as follows:

1. Grooming & Conditioning
2. Mares at Halter
3. Geldings at Halter
   Grand and Reserve
4. Youth Showmanship 8-13
5. Youth Showmanship 14-18
6. Walk-trot Western Horsemanship 8-13
7. Walk-trot Western Horsemanship 14-18
8. Walk-trot Western Pleasure 8-13
9. Walk-trot Western Pleasure 14-18
10. Youth Western Horsemanship 8-13
11. Youth Western Horsemanship 14-18
12. Western Pleasure Jr. Horse (5yrs. & under) 8-18
13. Western Pleasure Sr. Horse (6yrs. & over) 8-18
14. Trail 8-13
15. Trail 14-18
16. Walk-trot English Equitation 8-13
17. Walk-trot English Equitation 14-18
18. Walk-trot English Pleasure 8-13
20. Youth English Equitation 8-13
21. Youth English Equitation 14-18
22. Youth English Pleasure 8-13
23. Youth English Pleasure 14-18
24. Show Hack 8-18
25. Jump Warm-up
26. Beginner Hunter Hack 18” 8-18
27. Youth Hunter Hack 2’3” 8-18
28. Youth Cloverleaf Barrel Race 8-13
29. Youth Cloverleaf Barrel Race 14-18
30. Walk-trot Youth Cloverleaf Barrel Race 8-13
31. Walk-trot Youth Cloverleaf Barrel Race 14-18
32. Youth Pole bending 8-13
33. Youth Pole bending 14-18
34. Walk-trot Youth Pole bending 8-13
35. Walk-trot Youth Pole bending 14-18
36. Youth Stake Race 8-13
37. Youth Stake Race 14-18
38. Walk-trot Stake Race 8-13
39. Walk-trot Stake Race 14-18
40. Youth Keyhole 8-13
41. Youth Keyhole 14-18
42. Walk-trot Youth Keyhole 8-13
43. Walk-trot Youth Keyhole 14-18

6.3.2. Qualifying Horse Show

In order to compete in the Qualifying Horse Show, members must adhere to the following requirements. Refer to Appendix B Lake County 4-H Requirements for Showing for further information.

- Member must complete all necessary requirements as stated in the Lake County 4-H Requirements for Showing.
- Rider may compete with more than one horse, as long as each horse is a registered project animal. However, the horse that the member wishes to exhibit at the Area-D 4-H Horse Show must be shown at this show.
- Show Hack & Road Hack: Road Hack is designed for members showing in Saddleseat attire. Show Hack is for members showing in English attire, EXCLUDING Saddleseat. Members may not enter both classes.

The class list for the Lake County 4-H Qualifier Horse Show is as follows:

1. Grooming & Conditioning
2. Ponies at Halter
3. Mares at Halter
4. Geldings at Halter

**Grand and Reserve**
5. Youth Showmanship 8-13
6. Youth Showmanship 14-18
7. Walk-trot Western Horsemanship 8-13
8. Walk-trot Western Horsemanship 14-18
9. Walk-trot Western Pleasure 8-13
10. Walk-trot Western Pleasure 14-18
11. Youth Western Horsemanship 8-13
12. Youth Western Horsemanship 14-18
13. Western Pleasure Pony (13.2 hands & under) 8-18
14. Western Pleasure Jr. Horse (5yrs. & under) 8-18
15. Western Pleasure Sr. Horse (6yrs. & over) 8-18
16. Western Riding 8-18
17. Reining 8-18
18. Trail 8-13
19. Trail 14-18
20. Walk-trot English Equitation 8-13
21. Walk-trot English Equitation 14-18
22. Walk-trot English Pleasure 8-13
23. Walk-trot English Pleasure 14-18
24. Youth English Equitation 8-13
25. Youth English Equitation 14-18
26. Pony English Pleasure (14.2 hands & under) 8-18
27. Youth English Pleasure 8-13
28. Youth English Pleasure 14-18
29. Show Hack 8-18
30. Road Hack 8-18
31. Jump Warm-up
32. Youth Hunter Hack 2’3” 8-18
33. Youth Cloverleaf Barrel Race 8-13
34. Youth Cloverleaf Barrel Race 14-18
35. Youth Pole bending 8-13
36. Youth Pole bending 14-18
37. Youth Stake Race 8-13
38. Youth Stake Race 14-18
39. Youth Keyhole 8-13
40. Youth Keyhole 14-18
7 END OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Lake County 4-H Horse Program hosts an end of the year awards night each summer. Youth are rewarded for their participation throughout the 4-H year. The following awards will be given out each year.

**High-point** – a high-point and reserve high-point award will be given to the exhibitors with the most points accumulated at the Rotary Horse Show and the Lake County 4-H Qualifying Show in the following divisions:

**Western**
- Junior Walk-trot Highpoint & Reserve
- Senior Walk-trot Highpoint & Reserve
- Junior Highpoint & Reserve
- Senior Highpoint & Reserve

**English**
- Junior Walk-trot Highpoint & Reserve
- Senior Walk-trot Highpoint & Reserve
- Junior Highpoint & Reserve
- Senior Highpoint & Reserve

**Speed**
- Junior Walk-trot Highpoint & Reserve
- Senior Walk-trot Highpoint & Reserve
- Junior Highpoint & Reserve
- Senior Highpoint & Reserve

**Overall Walk-trot**
- Highpoint & Reserve

**Overall Junior**
- Highpoint & Reserve

**Overall Senior**
- Highpoint & Reserve
For the purpose of horse showing recognition, points will be awarded to participants in the Rotary Horse Show and the Lake County 4-H Qualifying Show. Points are awarded to horse and rider combination. Points will be awarded on a graduated scale based on number of entries in the class up to a maximum of 6 points for first place.

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In a case of ties, the following priority order will be used:
1. Most points earned in performance classes.
2. Total number of horses beaten in any one class.
3. The horse with the highest placings.

**Horse Project Spirit Award** – awarded to all individuals enrolled in a horse project that meeting four of the seven following requirements:

1. Participate in the Rotary Horse Show **AND** the Lake County 4-H Qualifier Show
2. Compete in the Hippology, Horse Bowl, **OR** Horse Judging Contest
3. Participate in the Horse Skill-a-thon
4. Attend at least one 4-H county level educational activity
5. Present a County Events Day Horse Project Demonstration or Horse Public Speaking
6. Receive a Blue Award on their Horse Project Record Book
7. Complete Level I, II, III, or IV of the Member Advancement Program
Non-owner Spirit Award – given to those “horse lovers” who meet three of the five following requirements:

1. Receive a blue award on a horse project record book
2. Compete in Hippology, Horse Bowl, OR Horse Judging Contest
3. Participate in the Horse Skill-a-thon
4. Attend at least one county level educational activity
5. Present a County Events Day Horse Project Demonstration or Public Speaking

Most Active Club – presented to the club that earned the most points based upon the following:

5 points – Leader/adult at County Horse Advisory Meetings
2 points – Leader/adult at Area-D Horse Advisory Meetings
1 point – Club representatives working at County Shows
1 point – Participation in each of the above spirit events

The More You Know – the More You Know category will include five questions. These questions are taken from the “Horse Science” and “Horses and Horsemanship” books. The questions will be posted on the Lake County 4-H website on the horse page the third Monday of each month. The first questions will be posted in October, and continue through June. Answers must be received prior to the next month’s posting to receive points. The answers to June questions must be received by June 30th. Answers should be e-mailed to JSKAJOHNSON@netzero.com or mail to Sandy Johnson, 28867 Beechnut Road, Tavares, FL 32778.

Horse Skill-a-thon – The junior/intermediate and senior receiving the highest score on the skill-a-thon will receive an award.
The Lake County 4-H Horse Advisory plans the events that occur within the county horse program. Meetings are open to leaders and parents of horse club participants. Each 4-H club is allotted one vote. The club voting delegate must be declared prior to the start of business. Each club, with a minimum of three members participating in the horse program, must have an adult representative at each horse advisory meeting. In non-horse clubs, those having two or less participants, the parents of horse participants are responsible for knowing and understanding horse related information. Advisory attendance is encouraged to these individuals.

The Lake County 4-H Horse Advisory meets once during the months of September, January, and May. Additional meetings may be called if necessary. The meetings are held at the 4-H Office and begin at 7:00 P.M.
Appendix A: Horse Judging Team Selection Criteria

-Returning team members automatically have a position (same rank as previous year) on a team if:

1. They participated in the previous year’s Florida State Fair 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest or the Florida 4-H Horse Judging Contest

2. Continue to exhibit good attendance at meetings and fieldtrips

*Returning members, who do not meet the above criteria, must earn their position on a team by following the same criteria as new members.

-The remaining positions will be filled using the following criteria:

1. Attendance at horse judging meetings, field trips to judge horses, etc. - 25%
2. Combined average of pre-test and meeting quizzes (no make-up) - 25%
3. Score average from judging horses - 25%
4. Final test grade - 25%

Florida State Fair 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest Teams (Ages 8-18):

This team will consist of returning team members and 4-H members with the highest overall scores based on the above criteria. There will also be an alternate position determined. All remaining 4-H members participating in the horse judging classes are encouraged to attend the contest at the Florida State Fair and judge classes from the stands. This will help them gain experience in the actual horse judging environment and prepare them to compete on the team in the future.

The Florida State Fair will allow one or two teams to participate in their contest; this is determined on a year-to-year basis. If needed, a second team will be selected following the same criteria.

Florida 4-H State Horse Judging Contest Team (Ages 14-18):

This team may be formed if 3 or 4 seniors exist that wish to participate in the Florida 4-H State Horse Judging Contest in Gainesville. This team will consist of only seniors and selection will be based on the previously mentioned criteria.
Appendix B: Lake County 4-H Horse Show Requirements

2009-10 Lake County 4-H Horse Program
Requirements for Showing

4-H is a youth development organization, not a horse show organization. There are many opportunities for you in the 4-H Horse Program, participating in showing is just one of those opportunities. In order for you to get the most out of your 4-H experience, the following are required of you as a Lake County 4-H member to participate in the County Qualifier, Area, State, and/or Regional Horse Shows. It is the not the responsibility of the 4-H Leader or your parents to make sure that these requirements are met, but that of the member. Failure to meet the guidelines and deadlines will result in disqualification from show participation.

Membership:
1. 4-H’ers must be 8 years of age or older as of September 1st of the current 4-H year to participate in large animal projects.
2. All enrollment paperwork must be completed/signed and in the 4-H Office by 5:00 P.M. on December 30, 2009. This includes enrollment forms, Lake County 4-H Requirements for Showing Statement of Understanding, horse project registration forms and lease forms (if applicable).
3. Manage the care of at least one horse of any age or breed as a 4-H Horse Project. Only 4-H Project horses are eligible to be shown at qualifying shows. Members may manage & show more than one horse at the County Qualifier Horse Show, but you will only be able to show one horse at the Area Show. The horse that is shown at the Area show is the only horse eligible for the State show.

Ownership & Leasing:
1. Horses/ponies must be owned prior to January 1st of the current 4-H year. A completed 4-H Project Registration Form must be on file in the 4-H Office by December 30, 2009. (No Exceptions).
2. Leased horses are permitted with the following:
   - A certified lease & 4-H Project Registration Form are on file by 5:00 P.M. on December 30, 2009.
   - Dual leasing is allowed with approval of the State Office.

Participation:
1. Member must attend a minimum of 50% of their 4-H Club meetings during the current 4-H year. All youth must be members prior to December 30, 2009. Members who are not planning to participate in the County Qualifier Show may join a club after that date.
2. Members must present a demonstration on a project they are currently enrolled in (does not have to be horse). While demonstrations may be given on the club level, all members are encouraged to present their speeches or demonstrations at County Events.
3. Members must complete 4-H Horse Project Book 4HHSR02 on their project animal prior to the Area Horse Show. Please note these record books are due earlier than other 4-H record books. It is the responsibility of the member to know when this deadline is each year. For the 2010 Area-D Horse Show, record books are due in the 4-H Office by 5:00 P.M. on April 19, 2010.

4. Members must participate in at least one of the following Non-Horse Show 4-H activities prior to the County Qualifier registration deadline:

2009 4-H Camp
Team Leadership Council Meeting
Jr. Congress
County Events Day
Fashion Revue
Share the Fun
Pizza Social
TLC County Christmas Party

Please be sure to stay updated on dates for above events. All event dates are subject to change and may not always occur before the County Qualifier deadline. Do not wait until the last minute to complete this requirement, as there may not be an activity available for you to attend to meet this requirement.

5. It is the responsibility of 4-H members to know and follow the rules and guidelines stated in the current Florida State 4-H Horse Show Official Rule Book and additional requirements set forth by Lake County. These additional requirements can be found in the Lake County 4-H Horse Program Policies and Procedures. Copies are available from the 4-H Office or your club leader. Individuals showing at the County Qualifier Show must participate in at least one class in order to qualify for the Area Show.

6. Only those horses shown at Area can be shown at State. Counties can allow for the substitution of a project horse prior to the Area Show if a veterinarian certifies the horse/pony unsound. Approval of the 4-H Agent and 4-H Horse Club leaders is required. Substituted horses must meet all the horse project criteria other than the January 1st ownership date. See the Florida 4-H Horse Show Rule Book for details.

7. Lake County 4-H Horse Program Required Meetings

Parent/Exhibitor Meeting: All parents who have youth that wish to participate at the County Qualifier, Area, State, and Regional Horse Shows must attend, along with the participating youth, the Parent/Exhibitor Meeting that will be held January 11, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. in the 4-H Extension Auditorium. Parents with legitimate excuses who cannot attend the meeting need to contact the 4-H Agent prior to 5:00 P.M. the day of the meeting.

Any youth who participated in the 2008-2009 Safety Meetings are still required to attend the Parent/Exhibitor Meeting, along with their parent, on January 11, 2010. This meeting will cover separate material.
**Safety Meeting:** If this is your first year showing in Lake County 4-H or you have not participated in a Lake County 4-H Safety Meeting in the past two years, you (youth member) are required to attend a Safety Meeting. This meeting will be held on two different dates at the 4-H Office. Members must attend one of the following meetings:

Monday, January 11, 2010 at 8:00 P.M.
OR
Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

Once the member has participated in the Safety Meeting, they will be issued a certificate that will be good for the next two consecutive County Qualifiers. The certificate will include a number that will be required as part of the County Qualifier Entry Form.

**Beginning in the 2010-2011 4-H Year, the Parent/Exhibitor Meeting and Safety Meeting will be combined. The attendance requirements beginning in the 2010-2011 year will be based on the Safety Meeting requirements currently in place (see above paragraph).**

8. Your club may add additional requirements. These are listed below and must also be met in order to show:

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Lake County 4-H Horse Program Requirements for Showing

Statement of Understanding

**Please detach and sign this final page, and return to 4-H Office prior to December 30, 2009**

I have read these guidelines and understand what the requirements are in order to show as a Lake County 4-H Member. I realize that if I do not meet these requirements, I will not be eligible to advance to the County Qualifier Horse Show. I also agree to exhibit good sportsmanship and a friendly competitive spirit when participating in 4-H shows and activities.

I will abide by the rules of the show and conduct myself in a sportsman like manner. I will accept the decision of the judge as final. I will make my trainer aware of the 4-H rules and guidelines. I know that by trying my best I am a winner even if I do not place first!

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Parent Signature                                                          4-H Member Signature

Name of Club: ____________________________                     Date: ________________