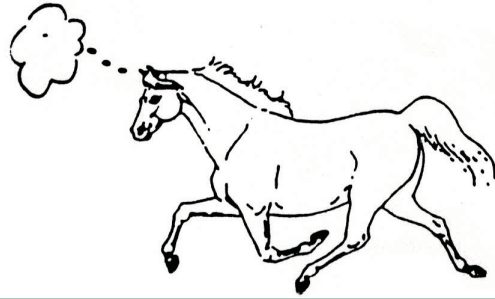

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A MESSAGE FROM JEANNIE

With spring just around the corner, the busy rush of spring programs in the New York State 4-H Program is spinning into action. Please mark these important programs on your calendar:

- **April 9** – Vet School Open House, Cornell University
- **April 16** – NYS 4-H Horse Program Horse Bowl Event, Cornell University
- **May 7** – NYS 4-H Horse Program Communications Event, Cornell University
- **May 14** – Animal Crackers/Goats and Horses, Cornell University
- **May 25** – NYS 4-H Horse Program In-service, Cornell University
- **June 28-30** – Career Explorations/Careers in the Horse Industry, Cornell University

For more information about these programs look in this issue of Unbridled Thoughts and also be sure to check out our web site. Information about these programs and so much more are available on our very “user friendly” web site at:

<http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/horses/index.html>

It is now time to be thinking about a “spring tune up” for your horse/s. Call soon to schedule an appointment with your veterinarian. Remember, for NYS 4-H sponsored events you will need a current Coggins test (dated 2010 or 2011) and a current/valid rabies vaccination certificate. Both require fairly extensive animal identification information – please make sure your veterinarian is aware that you need this paper work. Discuss a vaccination plan

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*A Message from Jeannie,
continued from p. 1*

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– work with your veterinarian to develop a plan that is best for that particular horse based on state of residence, health issues in your region, horse show schedule, out of state travel, age of the animal, current health status, and more.

And please do not neglect your horse's farrier care. If you have not done so already, also contact your farrier and set up a 2011 schedule for hoof care for your horse. Try to know your 2011 clinic and show schedules ahead of time and plan your farrier visits appropriately. It is best not to have your horse shod or trimmed right before an important show – but it is also important not to have their feet in need of attention at that important time either. Do try to plan well.

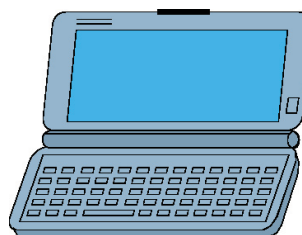
We hope to see you all at many of the spring 4-H programs!! Go, learn, and have **FUN!!** Remember to condition your horse slowly – it takes them time to “muscle up” for their job just like it does you!! **HAPPY SPRING AND HAPPY RIDING!!**

Jeannie

YOU CAN LOOK IT UP

The 2011 NYS 4-H Horse Educational Events Rule Book has been posted to the web site. It includes rules for Horse Bowl, Communications, Hippology, and Horse Judging Events. Go to:

<http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/horses/index.html>



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NYS 4-H Horse Program News & Notes

2011 ANIMAL CRACKERS PROGRAM

**“Horses and Goats - BFF”
(Best Friends Forever)**

**May 14, 2011, 9 AM – 3 PM
Cornell University**

Morning session

Afternoon Session



The annual Animal Crackers program provides New York youth with fun hands-on science-oriented experiences on Animal Science topics which feature the unique facilities & staff of Cornell University.

The Horse Program in Animal Crackers is for youth with a beginners (basic) or intermediate knowledge of the horse. All youth, 4-H and non-4-H, are invited to participate. Adult chaperones are also invited to attend to make Best Friends Forever a family event!

Please contact your county 4-H office for details and registration.

**** Register through your Cooperative Extension/4-H Office by April 15th!! ****

9:00 AM Registration, Morrison Hall

Welcome – Dr. Ron Butler – Chair of the Department of Animal Science

Key Note Speaker – Jessica Gulvin – “Horses and Goats: Helping Hooves of Different Sizes”

Oxley Polo Arena – Demonstration – Quadrille – What is it? How do you do it?

After lunch, you will rotate among stations at 30 minute intervals.

Basic Loop

Healthy Hides, Hair, & Hooves – Good grooming to your horse’s health.

Hay Now!! – How to pick good hay and feed it.

Like that Build – Learn how to pick a horse that will stay serviceably sound for years.

Hold Your Horses – Pick the right bridle and bit for you and your horse.

Intermediate Loop

Tiptoeing Thru the Barnyard – Learn to read the body language of horses, make working with your horse both

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safe and FUN.

Healthy Horses – Keeping your horse healthy and free of disease.

Foot Loose & Fancy Free – Healthy hooves, hoof care options, when to have your horse’s “feet” done.

Picking Up on Polo – Polo is a healthy sport both you and your horse can participate in. Learn more about the game from the Cornell University Polo Team.

Stations will be followed by a **Career Panel** with an Ag. Teacher, a Lab/Teaching Assistant, and a Farrier.

CAREER EXPLORATIONS/

“Careers in the Horse Industry”

June 28 – 30
Cornell University



2010 participants at the Career Explorations Program watch a demonstration of the equine treadmill used for research in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

There will be a horse educational program for 4-H teens during the Career Explorations program on the Cornell campus, June 28-30, 2011. The program is sponsored by the Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding and Development Fund or in other words the Harness Racing/Standardbred industry in New York State. The program is offered by the Department of Animal Science.

Are you interested in horses? Ever think about a job working in the equine industry? Come to Cornell this summer and learn about horses and careers in the horse industry. Learn about animal science, equine science, veterinary science, animal care, breeding, farm management, and so much more. Come and learn about the Standardbred and the Harness Racing industry. We will be taking an all day field trip (in a comfortable air conditioned bus) to visit a famous Standardbred farm, a harness racing track, and possibly also the “Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame” in Goshen, NY.

This is a wonderful and FUN horse-oriented program. Ask your county 4-H educator about the program. Different counties offer this program to 4-H youths in different ways; for some counties it is an awards trip. You must enroll through your local county 4-H office. See the web site for more information about this exciting program:

<http://sp.nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Pages/CareerEx.aspx>

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CAN YOU HELP?



Photo tip

When you take a picture of a front view of a horse, stand back and use telephoto, and the horse won't look as if it is all head, but will be in proportion..

Joan Cauley is working on an educational CD project. She is in need of pictures of horses from NYS 4-H members, staff, and volunteers. She writes:

I'm a retired CCE/4-H educator and worked with the NYS 4-H Horse Program in 2004 when Jeannie Griffiths was finishing her degree and writing the "*Equine Science Book*".

I'm trying to compose an interactive CD using Power Point to go along with Jeannie's book. I was in the process of checking copyrights on horse pictures when I came up with an idea. We are writing this program for the 4-H youth of New York State, why not use pictures of NYS horses!!

Well, I need pictures of horses. They have to be digital. You can E-Mail them to me and I can put as many as possible in the program.

Right now I'm trying to put together a section on parts of the horse. I need the side view with no tack (except a halter and lead rope) and no riders. This CD will allow me to use some pictures of horses with riders but many will be just of the horse. Some will be used for horse breeds while other will be used for other purposes such as markings or color.

I can't and won't use any pictures with kids or horses in unsafe equipment or in dangerous situations.

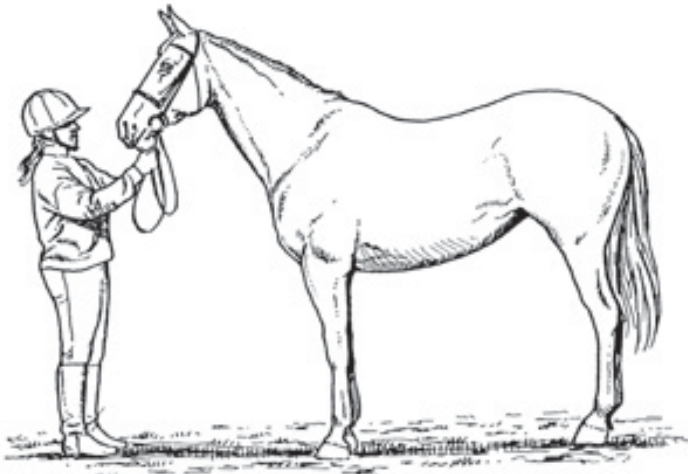
I will need the horse's name, breed, age, and owner's name, address, E-mail address, and phone number. This is important!! I can always E-mail or call for more information. I would like to represent as many counties as possible.

I sure miss everybody in the 4-H program, I guess I still have a little green blood! Take care and thanks for all the help.

THANK YOU!!

Joan Cauley

E-mail – JACAULEY@aol.com



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**SOME IMPORTANT
PIECES OF INFORMATION
FOR 2011 FOR THE NYS
4-H HORSE PROGRAM!!**

PLEASE READ!!

Helmets

Footwear

Reining Pattern

**No Draft Horse,
Donkey/Mule, or
Western Dressage
at SF this year**

Mounted Games in



The “**official**” **helmet** for the NYS 4-H Horse Program for the year 2011 will be equine riding helmets with ASTM – 1163/SEI or ASTM – F – 1163-04a/ SEI certification.

“Proper **equestrian footwear** with a distinguishable heel” is required.

A note about “Fat Baby” and “Chunk” type boots – there has been quite a bit of discussion, at the Horse Education Committee (HEC) meetings, about the Western style “Fat Baby” and “Chunk” type of boots that are currently being marketed by most major boot manufacturers. These boots originally hit the market as “fashion boots” and were not necessarily intended to be used when riding horses. They are however being marketed as “equestrian footwear” and do have a distinguishable heel. The NYS 4-H Horse Program can not make a decision to outlaw this equestrian footwear. Consider the width of the boot and of the stirrup being used to make sure that there is not a tight fit. Also some of the boots have significant tread types that may have more grip to the stirrup than would be desirable. Ideally, the foot of the rider should be able to “slip free” of the stirrup in the event of an emergency situation. It is up to the parents/guardians of the youths to decide which boots they will purchase for their children.

An approved helmet and equestrian footwear must be worn at all times at 4-H events when:

- a rider is mounted on an equine
- youth are riding in a vehicle being pulled by one or more equines
- or youth are in the show ring (i.e.: for showmanship at halter)

Some 2011 State Fair Notes

- The **reining pattern** for the 2011 NYS Fair 4-H Horse Show, Western Division, will be reining pattern # 6 – it is included in the 2011 NYS 4-H Horse Program Horse Show Rule Book.
- There will be no “Draft Horse” Division, “Donkey/Mule” Division, or “Western Dressage” classes at the 2011 NYS Fair 4-H Horse Show. Once again, there will be a “Mounted Games” Division being offered at this year’s State Fair 4-H Show, if there are enough entries.

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**2011 NY STATE FAIR
4-H HORSE PROGRAM EVENTS SCHEDULE**

WEDNESDAY - 8/24	3 PM - STABLES OPEN TO DRESSAGE DIVISION
THURSDAY - 8/25	DRESSAGE
FRIDAY - 8/26	DRESSAGE
SATURDAY - 8/27	DRILL/PARADE
SUNDAY - 8/28	HIPPOLOGY CONTEST HUNT SEAT/SADDLE SEAT
MONDAY - 8/29	HUNT SEAT/SADDLE SEAT COMMUNICATIONS INVITATIONAL
TUESDAY - 8/30	HUNT SEAT HORSE BOWL INVITATIONAL
WEDNESDAY - 8/31	HORSE JUDGING CONTEST MOUNTED GAMES
THURSDAY - 9/1	WESTERN
FRIDAY - 9/2	WESTERN
SATURDAY - 9/3	DRIVING/MINIATURE EQUINE
SUNDAY - 9/4	GYMKHANA
MONDAY - 9/5	GYMKHANA

* MORE DETAILED SCHEDULING INFORMATION WILL BE IN THE
NYS FAIR YOUTH PREMIUM BOOKS *

ATTENTION!! NEW FOR 2011!!

New for 2011!! The NYS Fair Horse Veterinary Inspection station will be closed at the New York State Fair. You will still go in at gate 7, drive past the Vet station, and swing left to enter the main fairgrounds at the gate next to the beef barn. You will unload your horse and attend to them with bedding, hay, and water. Then bring your Coggins and rabies certificates with you to check into the 4-H Horse Show office. More information will be in the State Fair entry packet.

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NEW YORK STATE
4-H HORSE PROGRAM
IN-SERVICE

“ONE STEP AT A TIME”

May 25, 2011
Wednesday, 9 am - 4 pm
8:30 AM, Registration,
Morrison Hall

Department of
Animal Science
Cornell University
Ithaca, NY

The 2011 In-service Program for CCE staff, volunteer leaders and teen leaders involved in the 4-H Horse Program will begin a 9 am in Morrison Hall. The first speaker will be **Dr. Ron Butler**, Chairman, Department of Animal Science, Cornell University. Dr. Butler will speak about the NYS 4-H Horse Program, how it fits into the Departmental initiative, and what the future might look like.



Dr. Ron Butler
Welcome



Kelly Radzik – SET

**“Ready,
SET, Go!!
Get Some SET in Your 4-H
Program!!”**

Kelly Radzik, CCE Educator from Columbia County. SET stands for Science, Engineering, and Technology. Kelly will give us simple activities to help youths develop science skills using their interest in animals and in particular horses.



April Winslow
Horse Judging

“Horse Judging Made Easy” – April Winslow., NYS 4-H Horse Program Horse Judging Chair, and volunteer Coach of the NYS 4-H Horse Judging Team that competes at the national level. (See page 14.) She is a CCE Educator, Madison County, and coordinator for statewide educational 4-H horse events. She also judges professionally in her spare time,

The Resource Room – Rm. 154 in Morrison Hall is worth a visit during the morning or lunch breaks. See what great horse materials and resources are available.

“Share Time” - CCE Educators, staff, volunteers, leaders, and teen leaders are all encouraged to bring an idea, a project, a program or something that you think would be of interest to share with the whole group. Make copies to hand out if appropriate. Please keep presentations to 2-3 minutes. Give the basic idea and people can find you later for additional information if they wish.

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4-H Horse News, In-service,
continued



Dawn Samuelson
“Through the
Horses’ Eyes”[®]

Come and learn about Dawn Samuelson’s “Through the Horses’ Eyes”[®], and where horses “teach” participants to better understand themselves and others. Learn about the emotional “coat” we all wear. She is shown here on the cover of “Country Woman” magazine!

Dawn Samuelson will further work with the participants during afternoon sessions in the Livestock Pavilion. Participants break into 3 groups that will rotate through:

- "The Round Pen"
- "The Obstacle Course"
- "What is Your Coat?"

This educational in-service program is supported by The Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund.

See the complete In-service brochure at: <http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/horses/index.html>

Notes from the Counties

4-H TACK SALE

Broome
April 2

The annual Broome County Tack Sale will be Saturday, April 2, 2011, 10:30 am– 1:30 pm, West Windsor Fire Department. 15% supports Broome County 4-H Horse Program.

For directions or more information: Joanne at 607-725-3112.

4-H TACK AUCTION

Tompkins
April 15

The Tompkins County 4-H horse program is sponsoring a tack auction with JP North on Friday evening, April 15, proceeds to benefit Tompkins County 4-H Horse Program. 5 pm preview, 6 pm auction at the Dryden Fire Hall.

For more information or directions: Cindy Rich, 607-753-1231.

New York State 4-H Horse Program at 2010 Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup

By Deborah Saroff, N.Y.S. 4-H Horse Media/Press Chairperson

Seventeen youths from New York State represented the NYS 4-H Horse Program at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup held at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). The event is held in Louisville, KY at the Kentucky State Fairgrounds.

The youth participated in one of the following six educational events:

- **Communications Events** – there are three different communications events held at this event – Individual Presentations, Public Speaking and Team Presentations in which two youths participate. The topics presented must relate to the equine industry. The communications skills of these youths are impressive!
- **Hippology** – is an equine knowledge event that evaluates the overall knowledge of the youths in animal science, equine science, veterinary science, farm management, equipment, facilities, anatomy, and so much more. There is a written phase with a written exam, a horse judging phase; there are stations with tests of all aspects of horse industry and identification problems, and there is also

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The seventeen NYS 4-H Horse Program youths that represented New York State at the 2010 Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup. They posed on their educational side trip to the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky.

a team problem phase. Points are accumulated throughout the day for overall Team and Individual placings.

- **Horse Bowl** – is a fast moving equine knowledge-based event in which youths are seated as a team and a moderator asks questions in all aspects of the horse industry. The youths need to think fast, as the first one to buzz in on mechanical buzzers gets to answer the question. Points are kept through the day for Team and Individual placings.
- **Horse Judging** – the horse judging event is a decision making and oral communications skills contest. The youth must evaluate several horse show classes, decide upon and place the class, and then orally justify why they placed the class the way they did. The oral part of the contest is called oral reasons – this is the hardest part of the event. Youth that may not have placed the class the same way as the official judges have still have a chance to score highly, if they defend and justify why they placed the class as they did. These youths are truly skilled communicators!

There were 332 4-H youths from 25 states at the 2010 Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup that was held at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). For complete results visit the Eastern National 4-H Roundup web site at: www.4hroundup.com

Congratulations to all of the New York State 4-H youths that attended this event. These youths qualified to represent the state by competing at the county, regional, and state levels. They were all winners before they even left for this event; they are the best in New York State. The things that these youths learn in the qualifying process and from attending this national level event are skills that will serve them throughout their lifetime. Jeannie Griffiths, Extension Horse Specialist says “the kids get on the bus... are not the same kids that get off the bus”. New York State is proud of each and every one of them!

2010 NYS Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup Results

COMMUNICATIONS

OVERALL STATE COMMUNICATIONS

TEAM AWARD:

New York – 2nd Place Team

New York – the Reserve Champion Communications Team at Nationals:
Front, Left to Right: Christina Born, Jessica Gulvin and Rich Miller (Coach). Back Row: Jennifer Dahlgren and Sarah Wahlstrom.



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4-H Round Up Results, continued. Communications

INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATION

Jessica Gulvin (Yates) Stanley, NY
5th Place Individual

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Christina Born (Oneida) Westernville, NY
2nd Place Individual

TEAM DEMONSTRATION – 8th Place Team

Jennifer Dahlgren (Chautauqua) Jamestown, NY
Sarah Wahlstrom (Chautauqua) Jamestown, NY

NYS COACH

Rich Miller, Wayland, NY



Christina Born, 2nd place Individual, Public Speaking

HORSE BOWL

New York's
Reserve Champion
Horse Bowl Team:
Left to Right: Jessica
Winstel, Marissa Rice,
Colleen Bailey, Connor
Bryant, Alice Beardsley,
and Ann Janson (Coach).



TEAM PLACING

New York –
2nd Place Team

TEAM MEMBERS

Marissa Rice (Livingston) Avon, NY **8th Place Individual**
Jessica Winstel (Wyoming) Warsaw, NY
Colleen Bailey (Cattaraugus) Allegany, NY
Connor Bryant (Saratoga) Stillwater, NY
Alice Beardsley (Broome) Whitney Point, NY

NYS COACH

Ann Janson, Chittenango, NY

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4-H Round Up Results, continued. Hippology

HIPPOLOGY

**New York's Reserve Champion
Hippology Team:
Left to Right – Melena Hagstrom,
Allison Tuchrello, Dee Dee DeRosa,
and Karen Dietrich.**



TEAM PLACING

New York – 2nd Place Team

TEAM MEMBERS

Melena Hagstrom (Tompkins) Lansing, NY

3rd Place Individual, Overall

5th Place Individual, Written Phase,

1st Place Individual, Station Phase

Allison Tuchrello (Livingston) Livonia, NY

7th Place Individual, Overall

8th Place Individual, Written Phase

5th Place Individual, Station Phase

DeeDee DeRosa (Fulton-Montgomery) Fultonville, NY

Karen Dietrich (Rockland) New City, NY

TEAM PLACINGS

Written Phase: New York – 3rd Place Team

Judging Phase: New York – not in top ten placings

Station Phase: New York – 1st Place Team

**Team Problem Solving Phase: New York –
4th Place Team**



**Melena Hagstrom, 1st place
Individual in the Stations
Phase of Hippology.**

NYS COACH

Vicki Bolton, Cohocton, NY

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4-H Round Up Results, continued. Horse Judging

HORSE JUDGING

TEAM PLACING

New York – not in top ten placing

TEAM MEMBERS

Shawna Kimberly (Madison) NY

Katie Hinman (Cattaraugus) Randolph, NY

Nikki Tubbs (Madison) Madison, NY

Abby Marcy (Madison) Kirkville, NY

NYS COACH

April Winslow, Morrisville, NY

Conformation Classes:

Individual and Team placing

New York – not in top ten placing

Performance Classes:

New York – **7th Place Team**

New York – individuals not in top ten placings

Oral Reasons:

Individual and Team Placings

New York – not in top ten placings

Overall Placings:

Individual and Team Placings

New York – not in top ten placings

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CONGRATULATIONS to all of these outstanding youths
and the county programs from which they came!

New York State, Cornell Cooperative Extension, the NYS 4-H Program, the NYS 4-H Horse Program, the Department of Animal Science, and Cornell University are **SO PROUD OF EACH AND EVERYONE OF THEM!!**

4-H Round Up Results, continued.



New York’s own Sarah Wahlstrom, from Chautauqua County, was selected to give the “4-H’er Response” at the Awards Breakfast. An estimated 1,000 people attended the very impressive event.



All of the NYS 4-H youths and their awards pictured after the awards breakfast. If you look really closely you can spot the NYS 4-H Coaches – April Winslow/Horse Judging; Vicki Bolton/Hippology; Ann Janson/Horse Bowl; and Rich Miller/Communications.

4-H Round Up Results, continued.

**NEW YORK STATE 4-H
HORSE PROGRAM
Perpetual “Good Samaritan” Award
In honor, friendship, and memory of Laura Beth Janson**



Abby Marcy (Madison) Kirkville, NY, with Ann Janson

Thank You, Karen!

Karen Goodwin was our excellent driver and tour guide on the Kentucky Trip, and did a superb job. She even had a chance to try out the rocking horse. What a good sport she is!

Photo by Christina Born.





From the World of Horses

2011 - 20TH ANNUAL SARATOGA HORSE SYMPOSIUM

**Saturday, April 9, 2011
8:00 am – 5:00 pm
4-H Training Center
556 Middleline Road
Ballston Spa, NY**

This Symposium offers four choices each 3-1/2 hour segment.

Topics include: new veterinary technologies and treatments; picture-taking, fitting saddles to rider and horse; feeding on a budget; natural foot care strategies for common pathologies; appraising; trailering; simple tune up exercises; benefits of spinal manipulation and acupuncture; English riding fundamentals; websites and social media. There will be door prizes and vendors.

Fees: Preregister by March 31, \$15 per person, \$7.50 for 4-H Youth . Walk-In Fees: \$20 per person, \$7.50 for 4-H youth. Lunch not included but available.

For more information: Phone, Sharon LaPier 518-885-8995, or stl32@cornell.edu, CCE Saratoga County, 50 West High Street, Ballston Spa, NY 12020.

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN HORSE COUNCIL (AHC)

Draft Forest Service Planning Rule Released



On February 14th, the Forest Service published a draft planning rule for public comment. Individual forests will use the final planning rule as a guide in setting land management policies over the next 15 years.

The 1982 Forest Service planning rule focused primarily on resource management. The new planning rule will cover recreation, wildlife and fish, wilderness, grazing rights, and timber, energy, and mineral production.

“We believe this rule will provide for sustainable recreational opportunities recognizing the important role that outdoor recreation plays in the economy of rural America that surrounds these forests,” said Secretary of the Department of Agriculture Tom Vilsack in his remarks introducing the draft rule.

There will now be a 90-day comment period that ends May 16, 2011. The Forest Service will review all submitted comments and then issue a final rule. For more information on the proposed

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From the World of Horses/AHC News,, continued

rule and about submitting comments, see www.fs.usda.gov/planningrule.

The American Horse Council will be reviewing the proposed rule and its impact on equestrians and submit comments to the Forest Service.

If you have any question please contact the American Horse Council. Go to www.horsecouncil.org.

***Expensing Allowance
now 100%***

Anyone who purchased a horse or other property for his horse business in 2010 could deduct up to \$500,000 of the cost. This limit has been eliminated for 2011. Horse owners and other horse businesses may write off the entire cost of most capital assets when purchased and placed in service. This retroactive provision will benefit any business involved in the horse industry that purchases and places depreciable property in service after September 8, 2010 and through 2011.

Conservation Easements

Owners of horse farms and ranches who contribute property for conservation purposes can keep their property available for farming rather than selling it for commercial purposes, while getting a tax benefit. The tax bill reinstated the conservation easement benefit for two years, through 2012, for contributions made in taxable years after December 31, 2009.

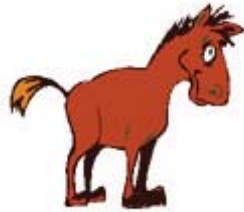
Source: American Horse Council, Washington Update, December 17, 2010.

For more information: www.horsecouncil.org

**SYRACUSE
INVITATIONAL
CANCELLED FOR 2011**

The Syracuse Invitational Sporthorse Tournament has been cancelled for 2011 because the National Horse Show, which joined it previously, has decided to move to a different location.

Source: EquiSearch.



Learning Opportunities

ON THE TV

Horse Racing TV is adding more and more equine sports to their off racing times. They are adding very good clinicians. March brings an array of fresh racing and new English, western and training shows for HRTV viewers. Derby hopefuls will be on display. Catch a HRTV broadcast or go to www.HRTVLive.com to view archived programs.

Also, check out RFDTV. On Sunday mornings, Northern Arizona University (NAU) has Horseshoe'n Time and Richard Winters Horsemanship, found on Channel 9411 on Dish Network.

WHY NOT TRY CTR?

By Nancy Hart

Competitive Trail Riding is a sport where you ride new trails, ride English or Western, and compete only against yourself. It's a sport for experienced riders of all ages. It's a sport where time counts, but not as much as the health of your horse; where the breed or the best looking does not indicate the winner; where you may choose to ride alone or in a small group; where how you take care of your horse and how you ride matters; where others will help you when asked—before, during or after a ride.

The 24th NYSHC (New York State Horse Council) Annual Competitive Trail Riding Clinic will be on on June 3, 4, and 5, 2011. It will be held at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Brookfield Horse

Trails. Headquarters are at the Madison County Fairgrounds (Brookfield, NY), where we have box stalls, hot showers, and water and electric hook-ups.

This clinic is to introduce you to the sport of competitive trail riding. You will have the opportunity to learn ways to provide exceptional horse care and practice improving your riding skills in different terrains.

Registration, followed by a trail riding activity, will begin at 1:00 PM on Friday,



Small group instruction at last spring's CTR

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June 3rd. Anne Filley of Trumansburg, New York, is head instructor. Lectures will include: conditioning the horse and rider, horse's anatomy and physiology, gait analogy, shoeing, judging, scoring, and horse camping safety. Small groups will rotate to presenters on saddle fitting, cooling horses and taking pulse and respiration, equitation for varied terrain and distance, pacing, and horse presentation to judges. All participants will have the opportunity to hear each presenter and to get some individual attention. Todd Gorton, W. Edmeston, NY, will discuss shoeing and hoof care for distance horses. Dr. Ann Chaffee, Trumansburg, NY, veterinarian, will participate in the clinic. Other highly qualified, veteran competitive trail riders providing instruction at the clinic are: Eva Norris, Port Crane, NY; Bonnie McDevitt, Fabius, NY; Chuck Houghton, Trumansburg, NY; and Nancy Hart, Marietta, NY.

Sunday's culminating activity is a 15-mile mock competitive trail ride following a carefully marked trail and run the same way as a real competitive trail ride. The wrap-up following the ride and all clinic activities will be completed by 3:00 PM.

NYSHC sponsors the clinic and it is sanctioned by ECTRA (Eastern Competitive Trail Riding Association). All rules and regulations of both organizations are followed as they are applicable to this clinic.

The fee for the 3-day weekend clinic is \$130 for NYSHC members and \$140 for nonmembers. The fee includes stabling, six catered meals, camping in your tent or trailer, and all clinic activities. Audits (those who participate in the clinic but do not bring a horse) are welcome. Audit fees are \$95 for NYSHC members and \$105 for nonmembers.

Deadline for entry registration is May 23. Early registration is recommended as past clinics have filled to capacity with waiting lists for riders. Applications can be downloaded from the NYSHC's website at www.nyshc.org. Go to New York trails and you will find the link to the clinic. You may also request an entry by writing the clinic secretary, Eva Norris, 253 Allen Road, Port Crane, NY 13833-1307, email Eva83919@aol.com or call #607-693-4024.

For more information contact the clinic chairman, Nancy Hart, #315-673-4326 or email nala.hart@yahoo.com.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES CALENDAR, SPRING AND SUMMER 2011

April 3 Horse Fun Day and Clinic at Winner's Glen. 10am – 4 pm.

Topics: Braiding, banding, clipping, attaching fake tails, and show ring etiquette and attire. One hour riding sessions (pick two): Horsemanship and Equitation Patterns; Pleasure and Hunter Under Saddle; Jumping; Trail Riding & Showmanship. Bring your horse or sign up to borrow one. Fee: \$40. Auditors: \$ 20. Register by April 1.

To register or for more information please contact: Donna Lombardi at (607) 206-5545 or Amanda Niemann (315)-744-4783 or email us: nieman248@morrisville.edu

April 7 – 10 Equine Affaire, Ohio Expo Center, Columbus, OH

Equine Affaire returns to Columbus with a power-packed lineup of clinicians (including John Lyons, Al Dunning, Julie Goodnight and Lynn Palm); an unparalleled program of clinics, seminars, and demos – a total of 48 presenters; the largest horse-related trade show in North America with Breed and Youth Pavilions; Equine Affaire's Versatile Horse & Rider Competition; and the fantastic Pfizer Fantasia—Equine Affaire's signature “musical celebration of the horse.” For more information, visit www.equineaffair.com

April 9 20th Annual Saratoga Horse Symposium, 4-H Training Center, 556 Middleline Road, Ballston Spa, NY See story on page 17.

April 22 Problem Solving Clinic at Winner's Glen, 9 am – 12 noon.

Showmanship patterns, noise sensitivity, spookiness, loading, clipping, and horsemanship/equitation patterns. Parelli and Natural Horsemanship applied to help solve these problems. Bring your horse or sign up to borrow one. Fee: \$35. Parents welcome to stay and watch free. Register by April 20. To register or for more information please contact: Donna Lombardi at (607) 206-5545 or Amanda Niemann (315)-744-4783 or email us at nieman248@morrisville.edu

May 14 Animal Crackers – Horses and Goats. A full day of horse learning opportunities for 4-H youth. There will be a Basic Loop, and an Intermediate Loop. See story on page 3.

May 25 2011 NYS 4-H Horse Program In-service, 8:30 am to 4 pm. For Extension Educators, 4-H Leaders, Teen Leaders, and Volunteers. Cornell University. See page 8.

June 3, 4, and 5 24th NYSHC Annual Competitive Trail Riding Clinic, NYS DEC Brookfield Horse Trails, Madison County. See story on page 19.

June 11 & 12 Obstacle & Sensory Training Clinics at Oakhill Farm & Ranch, Nunda, NY 585-468-5441. www.OakhillFarmNY.com. June 11 – Basic Obstacle; June 12 – Advanced. Mounted police training techniques. Registration forms and details: www.GentleDoveFarm.com

September 11 Charity Obstacle & Trail Rally for Habitat for Humanity, Nunda, NY. More information at: www.OakhillFarmNY.com and www.GentleDoveFarm.com.

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NEW YORK STATE
4-H HORSE PROGRAM
“Dates to Remember”

<http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/horses/index.html>

April 1 – Deadline – NYS 4-H Horse Bowl Entry Forms Due

April 9 – Vet School Open House – Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
<http://www.vet.cornell.edu/news/openhouse/>

April 16 – NYS 4-H Horse Bowl Event – Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

April 22 – Deadline – NYS 4-H Horse Communications Entry Forms Due

May 7 – NYS 4-H Horse Communications Event – Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

May 14 – 4-H Animal Crackers Program – Goats and Horses - Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
<http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/crackers/index.html>

May 25 – NYS 4-H Horse In-service Program – Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

June 1 – Project Animal Forms/Horse Certificates Due – to be eligible for state-level NYS 4-H Horse Program events

June 3 - NYS 4-H Horse Education Committee (HEC) Spring Meeting – Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

June 28 - 30 – Career Explorations – Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

July 15 – **Deadline** - State Fair Teen Leader Nominations Due for 4-H Horse – will accept later but please try to get them in early!!

August 1 – **Deadline** - Hippology Entry Forms Due

August 9-11 – Empire Farm Days – Seneca Falls, NY – Visit us in the Equine Bld.

August 15 – **Deadline** – for “other” 4-H Horse State Fair Entries (Horse Show, Horse Judging, Drill/Parade/Quadrille, and Mounted Games)

August 25 – **September 5** – The Grand and Glorious NYS Fair – Syracuse, NY (See separate State Fair Schedule – for more specific information)

November 3-6 – Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup – Louisville, Kentucky

December 3 – (“tentative date”) – NYS 4-H Horse Education Committee (HEC) Fall Meeting – Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

