



# Texas 4-H Horse Project

## Project Description

You don't have to own a horse to be involved in the horse project! This project helps youth gain a better understanding of the horse industry through horse judging, quiz bowls and showing. This project also offers activities in horsemanship, horse development and training.

The horse project allows for individuals to learn how to properly care for an animal, gain a better understanding of a nutritional balance for their animal, as well as improve their horsemanship skills.

This project can teach youth responsibility, leadership, decision making and public speaking.

### Basic

- Learn the basics of horsemanship
- Learn the responsibility of taking care of an animal
- Learn how to speak to a group of people
- Learn the importance of making decisions on ones own

### Intermediate

- Learn about the anatomy of the horse and and how a good nutritional balance helps with performance
- Gain more experience through competitive events
- Become confident with horsemanship

### Advanced

- Compete in state and national competitions
- Deliver educational presentations
- Become a mentor to someone just starting in the horse industry

# TAKE HORSES FURTHER

## *Project Learning Opportunities:*

- Attend local and county horse judging practices and meetings
- Ask peers and mentors that are in the equine industry for tips and pointers
- Attend the district and state 4-H horse shows
- Compete in the Horse Quiz Bowl
- Attend summer camps and workshops during the summer such as the Texas 4-H Roping School, Texas A&M Summer Horsemanship Schools, county supported playdays, and clinics.

## *Resources:*

- <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/horse/>
- <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/equine/>
- <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/>
- <https://www.tx4-hhomesforhorses.com>
- <https://kaufman.agrilife.org/kaufmanco4h/4-h-hippology/>
- <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/>
- <https://animalscience.tamu.edu/extension/#Equine-Programs>

## *Did you know?*

4-H is a club for kids and teens to develop life skills and make friends. Youth can join 4-H in all 254 counties. Everybody ages 8-18 and in 3rd-12th grades can join 4-H. Kids in Kindergarten to 2nd grades can join as Clover Kids. There are 43 different project areas in five project categories: Agriculture & Livestock, Family & Community Health, Leadership & Citizenship, Natural Resources, and STEM.

## *Want to get started?*

First...Contact your County Extension Agent!

- Contact information can be found at [texas4-h.tamu.edu](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu) > contacts information at the bottom of the page > county offices

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