

Kentucky 4-Her's Plow through the competition In Little Rock

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Every year the Kentucky 4-H Horse Program hosts a state wide contest in Lexington, Ky, where many youth ages 9-18 gather to test their knowledge of the horse. At the competition, 4-H members can compete in several contests which include:

- Horse Judging
- Hippology (consists of written exam, identification of various tack, equipment, and other horse-related items, and judging 4 classes of horses)
- Horse Bowl (quick recall – about horses)
- Public Speaking
- Individual or Team Demonstration

In the Kentucky 4-H Horse Program, both Juniors (age 9-13) and Seniors (age 14-18) compete in their respective age divisions. Seniors excelling in the state horse contests are eligible to move on to higher level competitions including the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships, All American Quarter Horse Congress, and the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup. Each individual winner/team in the contest receives an offer to attend these higher level competitions. In addition, 4-Her's who excel at the State 4-H Horse show can also earn the right to compete with their horses at Southern Regionals.

This year, many youth qualified and chose to represent Kentucky at the Southern Regional 4-H Championships, held July 30th -August 3rd, in Little Rock, Arkansas. Nearly 40 youth traveled to Arkansas to compete in Hippology, public speaking, demonstrations, horse bowl, and horse judging. These teams and individuals traveled hundreds of miles from all over the state of Kentucky.

After all of the educational contests were completed, and the scores were being tabulated, good vibes were coming from the Kentucky teams. Many of the Kentucky youth seemed to be happy with their performances and were eager to get the results at the awards banquet held Thursday evening.

The results for the educational contests are as follows:

Public Speaking

Kristina Fricker – 5th place

Individual Presentations

Chelsea Whittle – 2nd Place

Team Presentations

Brittany Knight & Katie Jury – 5th overall Team

Hippology

KY Team A

3rd High Team Written Exam

6th High Team Stations

3rd High Team Judging

3rd High Team – Team Problems

2nd Overall High Team

Katelyn Christian – 9th Individual Horse Judging

Georgia Skelton – 6th individual Horse Judging

Chelsea Whittle - 10th Individual overall

KY Team B

Tara Garland – 7th Individual Stations, 8th individual judging, 8th Overall individual

Horse Bowl

KY Team A – 10th overall

KY Team B – 6th Overall, Katelyn Christian – 10th high individual overall

Horse Judging

KY Team A – 5th Team Performance

- KY Team B – 10th Overall Team, 3rd Team Performance, Jessica Jenkins – 3rd high individual halter, Abigail Houchens 5th high individual performance.

Congratulations to all of Kentucky's youth representatives!!!



Kentucky Team A Hippology – Chelsea Whittle, Georgia Skelton, Katelyn Christian, and Brittany Sims

Kentucky was also represented in the Show Ring!

Approximately 45 youth represented Kentucky, one of the largest groups from the state to travel to Southern Regionals!

