



4-H/FFA HORSES

DEPARTMENT 4-H/FFA HORSE PROJECT Horses will be in Barns B, C, or D on map at back of fair book.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, August 1– 4:30 p.m.

Entry registrations due. Submit online at www.nwmtfair.com

Saturday, August 11

8:00 a.m. 4-H/FFA Horse Show judging begins

Sunday, August 12

8:00 a.m. Open Horse Show judging begins

Friday, August 17

11:30 a.m. Round Robin Pre-Training
1:30 p.m. Round Robin Competition

DEPARTMENT RULES

- Please reference the Flathead County 4-H website for Montana State Horse Project policies, general rules and judging criteria. www.flathead.mt.gov/extension/downloads.php.
- Competition in this division will start at 8:00 a.m. Saturday with showmanship. This division is open to all 4-H and FFA members currently enrolled in the Montana Equine Projects. This division is open to horses, mules or ponies (56") of any breed or mixture. All judging will be done by the Danish System except where noted.
- Showmanship members compete for ribbons and awards. Premiums will be awarded only to champions and reserve champions in the pre-junior Novice, Junior and Senior divisions. In showmanship, members may show in western or English attire. Clothing will be clean and neat, with long pants, long-sleeved shirt, appropriate boots and hat. All horses will be shown in web or leather halters (no bit halters). No chains to be used over the nose or under the chin. No whips. Conformation will not count except for yearling classes; grooming, training and handling will count. Juniors and seniors will compete with winners of other classes on Friday for Junior and Senior Round Robin. (Winners of Junior and Senior special awards may do so an unlimited numbers of times.)
- Senior members must have turned 14 years old before Oct 1, 2017. Junior members must have turned 11 years old before Oct 1, 2017. Pre-junior members must have turned 8 years old before Oct 1, 2017.
- Novice is defined as an exhibitor (any age) with two years or less enrollment in the 4-H Horse Project. Novice exhibitors may not cross enter into the age-specific division classes of the same division that they have entered as a novice.
- Performance classes are normally the same day as showmanship. Please refer to the 4-H State Horse Show Rule Book located at the Extension Office or on the Flathead County Extension website.
- Members may bring their horses in the day before showing any time between the hours of 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. and will be provided a free stall (two stalls maximum per member based on availability). If members want to use stalls for the open show, they must notify the barn superintendent on the entry form. Failure to clean stalls may result in loss of premiums. The barn superintendent (or designee) will inspect stalls for cleanliness before leaving.
- No stallions may be shown.** The Judge may separate the horses, ponies and mules in any class at his/her discretion. Performance classes under saddle in western classes require a stock saddle, a bosal hackamore, curb or snaffle bits are permissible; half breed or spade bits are not permitted. Spurs may not be used ahead of the

cinch. No wire, metal or rawhide device may be used in conjunction with, or as part of leather. A half-inch curb chain is permissible. If romal reins are used, hobbles must be carried.

- Green horse and colt to maturity classes:** A pattern may be posted.
- Western boots:** Fashion boots will not be allowed as they are a known safety hazard. Only approved riding boots must be worn.

(Awards per class: Blue = \$5.00; Red = \$3.00; White = \$2.00)

Premiums paid to 3rd place; ribbons only for 4th & 5th place

DIVISION 1900 – PERFORMANCE

4-H Trail class on Saturday, August 11th will start immediately after the first showmanship class and will close at 2:00 p.m.

English Dress: English riders will wear a long or short-sleeved, light, solid-colored shirt with collar, jodhpurs or hunt pants. English boots or jodhpur-type boots and hunt hat or derby. Stock pin, ties and gloves are optional. Vests and coats are allowed.

English Riding Equipment: Hunt seat and saddle seat riders may use snaffles, kimberwicks, pelhams or full bridles (curb and snaffle). No tie downs, martingales, mechanical hackamores or roping reins allowed.

Hunter Hack: Class judged on seat, hands, and ability to control and show the horse. The presentation begins when the rider enters the jumping arena. Jumping faults will not be considered unless caused by the rider. Courses will be posted the day of the jumping event. Practice jumping on the course is not allowed, but exhibitors are allowed to walk the course on foot without their horse before the jumping event starts.

Western Dress: Western riders will wear a long-sleeved western shirt, long pants, belt, boots, hat or helmet. Tie, gloves and spurs are optional.

Western Riding Equipment: Snaffle bit or bosal will only be used on horses 4 years old and under and must be ridden two-handed. Curb or shank bit is mandatory for horses 5 years old and over and must be ridden with one hand. Tie downs, martingales, mechanical hackamores, nosebands or roping reins are not allowed. Breast collars are optional. If romal reins are used, hobbles and lariats are not required.

Chaps and spurs are not allowed in Bareback Equitation.

Horsemanship Restrictions: Horsemanship 1 cannot cross enter in loping which include bareback and hunter hack classes. The preceding classes require loping. Horsemanship 7 may ride a pattern without a bridle, and/or bareback, with an assessment from the Horse Committee Chair and approval from the County Extension Agent. Neck straps may be used and the horse must be led into the arena with a halter. **Horsemanship 1 and 2 members may ride two-handed in any legal bit.**

For Working Ranch Guidelines, please see Working Ranch Horse curriculum provided by Flathead Extension Office.

All 2, 3, 4 and 5 yr. old English and Western Equitation horses must be enrolled in the Colt to Maturity Project or Green Horse.

Class

- Bareback Equitation, Seniors
- Bareback Equitation, Juniors
- Specially Challenged Horsemanship
- Horsemanship 1 - English Walk-Trot
- Horsemanship 2 - English
- Horsemanship 3 - English
- Horsemanship 4 - English
- Horsemanship 5 - English
- Horsemanship 6 - English
- Horsemanship 7 - English
- English Equitation Walk/Trot Level 1
- English Equitation–Junior
- English Equitation–Senior
- Colt to Maturity 2 yr old English (Green horse Level 1)



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- 15. Colt to Maturity 3 yr old English (Green horse Level 2)
- 16. Colt to Maturity 4 yr old English (Green horse Level 3)
- 17. Colt to Maturity 5 yr old English (Green horse Level 4)
- 18. Hunter Hack, Junior
- 19. Hunter Hack, Senior
- 20. Novice Hunter Hack
- 21. Horsemanship 1 - Western Walk-Trot
- 22. Horsemanship 2 - Western
- 23. Horsemanship 3 - Western
- 24. Horsemanship 4 - Western
- 25. Horsemanship 5 - Western
- 26. Horsemanship 6 - Western
- 27. Horsemanship 7 - Western
- 28. Western Equitation Walk/Trot Level 1
- 29. Western Equitation, Junior
- 30. Western Equitation, Senior
- 31. Colt to Maturity 2 yr old Western (Green horse Level 1)
- 32. Colt to Maturity 3 yr old Western (Green horse Level 2)
- 33. Colt to Maturity 4 yr old Western (Green horse Level 3)
- 34. Colt to Maturity 5 yr old, Western (Green horse Level 4)
- 35. Yearling Colt to Maturity (based on ground manners/conformation)
- 36. Trail (Junior)
- 37. Trail (Senior)
- 38. Yearling Trail, Colt to Maturity
- 39. Driving
- 40. Poles (Junior)
- 41. Poles (Senior)
- 42. Barrels (Junior)
- 43. Barrels (Senior)
- 44. Working Ranch Horse Level 1
- 45. Working Ranch Horse Level 2
- 46. Working Ranch Horse Level 3
- 47. Working Ranch Horse Level 4
- 48. Packing Level 1
- 49. Packing Level 2
- 50. Packing Level 3
- 51. Packing Level 4
- 52. Packing Level 5

DIVISION 1901 – POSTER CONTEST

(Posters must be in the Trade Center by 10:00 a.m. Sunday, Aug 12)

Displayed on horse stalls during the show and in the Trade Center Lobby through the Fair. All posters must be picked up in the lobby of the Trade Center between 12- 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 19 or they will be recycled.

If a poster is damaged from stall display, the exhibitor will not be penalized when judged. Posters must be the work of the project member.

Class

- 1. **Educational Posters** - Should be informative and legible.
- 2. **Me and My Horse** - Should include pictures of the member with their horse and be creative in appearance.

DIVISION 1990 – HORSE SHOWMANSHIP

- Horses, mules and ponies show in the same class number at the judge's or superintendent's discretion. Show order: Senior, Junior, Pre-Junior, Novice. **All ages are as of October 1, 2017.**
- **Showmanship equipment:** All horses will be shown with properly adjusted halters. Lead shanks with chains may be used, but not over or under the nose. Whips or bridles will not be allowed.

Class

- 1. Senior Horse Showmanship
- 2. Junior Horse Showmanship
- 3. Pre-Junior Horse Showmanship
- 4. Novice Horse Showmanship

AWARDS

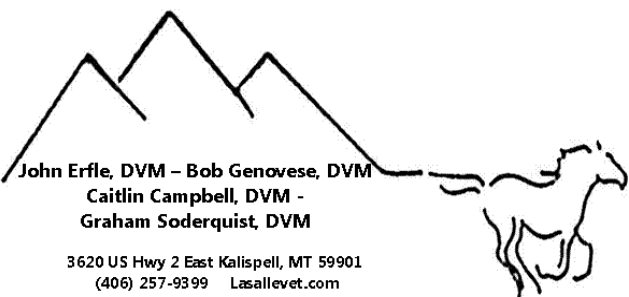
- Champion Senior All Around Riding One Horse Award
Courtesy of Birch Creek Ranch, Brooke Johnston
- Reserve Champion Senior All Around Riding One Horse Award
Courtesy of Birch Creek Ranch, Brooke Johnston
- Champion Junior All Around Riding One Horse Award
Courtesy of Birch Creek Ranch, Brooke Johnston
- Reserve Champion Junior All Around Riding One Horse Award
Courtesy of Birch Creek Ranch, Brooke Johnston
- Top Notch Horse Sportsmanship Award
Courtesy of Big Sky Land Improvement
- Yearling to 5 Year Old Award
Courtesy of Golden Spurs 4-H Club
- Champion Decorated Stalls by 4-H Club. Award
Courtesy of Sorenson Training and Shoeing
- Reserve Champion Decorated Stalls by 4-H Club. Award
Courtesy of Eastside Grange #109
- Champion Senior Educational Poster. Award
- Reserve Champion Senior Educational Poster Award
- Champion Senior Me & My Horse Poster Award
- Reserve Champion Senior Me & My Horse Poster Award
All of the above courtesy of Valley Bank of Kalispell
- Champion Junior Educational Poster Award
- Reserve Champion Junior Educational Poster Award
- Champion Junior Me & My Horse Poster Award
- Reserve Champion Junior Me & My Horse Poster Award
All of the above courtesy of The Saddle Exchange

Showmanship awards listed on page ???

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