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## Georgia 4-H Base Programming

# Horse Judging Contest

### Description of Learning Experience:

The Horse Judging Contest is a 4-H program which develops self-motivation, self-esteem and responsibility. Students have the opportunity to strengthen their communication and leadership skills in an environment which allows contribution to group effort; encourages teamwork and promotes acceptance of differences. Cloverleaf, Junior and Senior 4-H members are eligible to compete in Horse Judging. There are Junior and Senior divisions; Cloverleaf 4-H'ers who are at least nine years old may compete in the Junior division. The main components of the contest are placing a class of horses (either in-hand or performance classes) and then justifying their placing decision through a set of oral reasons. Participants compare their opinion of an animal against the ideal as specified by industry experts, and learn organizational skills as they compose their thoughts into a cohesive set of reasons justifying their decision. Competing as team members assists youth with the development of social skills, cooperation and managing feelings, as they become comfortable with working alongside others toward a common goal; integrity, sportsmanship, decision-making abilities and public speaking skills are also strengthened through the Horse Judging experience.

### Learning Outcomes:

- Acquire a better knowledge of horses and develop skills in the selection of horses, while learning the basic principals of animal science.
- Learn to identify breeds of horses, evaluate conformation and performance.
- Learn how to make individual decisions and support them with oral statements, which develops skills of decision making, critical thinking, and problem solving.
- Develop leadership abilities, build character and assume citizenship responsibilities, and develop skills, knowledge and attitudes for lifelong use.

### Georgia Performance Standards:

#### Elementary School Level (Grades 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>)

S4CS1 and S5CS1 Students will be aware of the importance of curiosity, honesty, openness, and skepticism in science and will exhibit these traits in their own efforts to understand how the world works.

S4CS2 and S5CS2 Students will have the computation and estimation skills necessary or analyzing and following scientific explanations.

S4CS3 and S5CS3 Students will use tools and instruments for observing, measuring, and manipulating objects in scientific activities utilizing safe laboratory procedures.

ELA4LSV1 and ELA5LSV1 The student participates in student-to-teacher, student-to-student, and group verbal interactions.

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ELA4C1 and ELA5C1 The student demonstrates understanding and control of the rules of the English language, realizing that usage involves the appropriate application of conventions and grammar in both written and spoken formats.

ELA4R3 and ELAR5R3 The student understands and acquires new vocabulary and uses it correctly.

### Middle School Level (Grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>)

S6CS1 through S8CS1 Students will be aware of the importance of curiosity, honesty, openness, and skepticism in science and will exhibit these traits in their own efforts to understand how the world works.

S6CS4 through S8CS4 Students will use tools and instruments for observing, measuring, and manipulating equipment and materials in scientific activities.

ELA6RC3 through ELA8RC3 The student acquires new vocabulary in each content area and uses it correctly.

ELA6C1 through ELA8C1 The student demonstrates understanding and control of the rules of the English language, realizing that usage involves the appropriate application of conventions and grammar in both written and spoken formats.

ELA6LSV1 through ELA8LSV1 The student participates in student-to-student, student-to-teacher, and group verbal interactions.

### High School Level (Grades 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

SCSH1 Students will evaluate the importance of curiosity, honesty, openness, and skepticism in science.

SCSH2 Students will use standard practices for all classroom laboratory and field investigations.

SZ5 Students will evaluate the relationships between humans and other animals.

ELA9-12SV1 The student participates in student-to-teacher, student-to-student, and group verbal interactions.

\*This list could expand based on the 4-H'ers main project work/area of interests.

### **Essential Elements:**

Primary: Mastery and Independence; Secondary: Belonging and Generosity

### **Mission Mandates:**

Science, Engineering and Technology

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