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Oregon 4-H

Horse Advancement Program

The 4-H Advancement Program:

- Will make your 4-H horse project more interesting.
 - Will help you learn more about horses and horsemanship.
 - Will help you develop greater skills with horses.
 - Will give you credit for extra work done.
 - Will allow you to advance according to your ability and your willingness to work and study.
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This is a voluntary activity. It is not a requirement of the 4-H horse project but is something you can do because you want to.

This program can be an important part of your 4-H horse project. It should be included as part of your project records and will be checked with your other records for county and state awards. Some 4-H horse shows and activities may be limited to 4-H members who have passed certain steps in this program.

Information needed to pass Step I is found in "Your 4-H Horse Project" manual. When you have completed Step I, get a copy of "Light Horses" USDA FB 2127 to help you with Step II. For Step III you will need a copy of "Horsemanship," EB 793. Both of these bulletins are available from your county extension office.

For Steps IV-A, B, and C there are many horse publications that you can get at your library or bookstore.

When each step is completed, send the signed statement to your county Extension agent for an attractive advancement certificate. Your manual will be returned to you with the certificate.

Step I. The 4-H Rider

This is the first step in the 4-H Horse Advancement program. When you have completed 10 of these jobs including the horsemanship tests, you are ready to be a 4-H Rider. As a 4-H Rider you may ride your horse at 4-H club meetings, take part in many games and contests, and go for short rides with your club as approved by your club leader.

	Date passed	Approved by
1. Name, locate, and spell the following parts of a horse: Poll, muzzle, withers, shoulder, forearm, knee, heart girth, flank, rump, hock, fetlock, and pastern.
2. Name, point out, and spell these parts of a saddle: horn, cantle, dee-rings, fender, pommel, and skirt.
3. Name, locate, and spell the following bridle parts: curb strap, headstall, nose-band, bit, and throat.
4. What are two requirements of a saddle blanket?
5. Name and spell at least four breeds of horses that make good saddle horses.
6. Care and feeding:		
a. How often should you feed your horse?		
b. In what order should you feed grain, hay, and water?		
c. What kind of hay is best for your horse?		
d. Should you ride your horse immediately after he has eaten?
7. Horsemanship:		
a. Halter and tie your horse.		
b. Bridle your horse.		
c. Saddle your horse and tie the girth.		
d. Mount and dismount.		
e. Start and stop your horse.		
f. Unsaddle your horse.
8. Name six safety rules all 4-H members should observe when working with or riding their horses.
9. Name three "aids" used in riding.
10. Pose your horse as if you were in a showmanship contest.
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Name of club member *Age*
 has satisfactorily passed all of the above tests and is now a qualified **4-H Rider**.

Approved by: _____ *Date*

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Step II. The 4-H Trail Rider

This is the second step in the 4-H Horse Advancement program. When you can answer all of these questions, do the performance tests, and know and practice the horsemanship rules, you are ready to be a *4-H Trail Rider*. As a *4-H Trail Rider* you may go on trail rides with your saddle-horse club and take part in games, activities, and contests as approved by your club leader.

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1. Name the five objectives of the 4-H horse project.
2. Spell and define the following horse terms: filly, mare, sire, dam, conformation, and hand.
3. Spell and tell where the following unsoundnesses are located: ring bone, curb, thorough pin, splint, side bone, and hernia.
4. Name and spell the parts of your horse's feet and legs: sole, frog, wall, gaskin, stifle, and cannon.
5. Identify at least three types of bits used by horsemen—describe differences.
6. Explain and demonstrate using your horse. Ride or walk, trot and canter, left lead at the canter, right lead at the canter.
7. Demonstrate using your horse. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How to properly back your horse from the ground. b. How to side step your horse two steps both directions.
8. Demonstrate how to properly pick up a horse's front and rear feet; also clean the hoof.
9. Give a demonstration to your club or other interested group on some interesting phase of horsemanship you have learned to date.
10. Name two persons who have helped you learn more about horses. and
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Name of club member *Age*
 has satisfactorily passed all of the above tests and is now a qualified **4-H Trail Rider**.
 Approved by: *Date*

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Step III. The 4-H Horseman

When you can answer these questions, do the performance requirements, and practice good horsemanship at all times, you are qualified for steps IVA, IVB, and IVC.

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1. What medicines should you have on hand for first aid for your horse?
2. Demonstrate and explain what you do when you "gather" your horse.
3. Explain and demonstrate a "fixed" or "set" hand.
4. Demonstrate the proper aids (hands, legs, and weight) at the walk, trot, and canter.
5. Demonstrate how to tie a bowline knot. Tell why it is a good knot and where to use it.
6. Name at least three health precautions when taking a horse to a fair or show.
7. Demonstrate proper cleaning and grooming of your horse's coat, mane, tail, face, and feet.
8. Demonstrate how to measure a horse's height.
9. Describe the characteristics, origin, and use of the following breeds of light horses: Thoroughbred, Standardbred, Quarter Horse, Arabian, and Morgan.
10. Do the following performance tests :		
a. Start lope from standing position, right lead, and left lead.		
b. Start lope from a walk, right lead, and left lead.		
c. Start lope from a trot, right lead, and left lead.		
d. Make a series of figure 8's at a lope, changing the lead so that your horse is always on an inside lead. English riders may trot figure 8, posting on the outside diagonal.		
e. Back your horse two lengths while mounted.
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Name of club member *Age*

has satisfactorily passed all of the above tests and is now a qualified **4-H Horseman**.

Approved by : *Date*

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Step IV-A. The 4-H Senior Horseman

This is an advanced step in the 4-H Horse Advancement program. After you have become a 4-H Horseman and have been recommended by your 4-H Club leader, you may try for the 4-H Senior Horsemanship Award. Requirements are listed on page 8.

The Senior 4-H Horsemanship Medal is awarded by E. L. "Dad" Potter, Professor Emeritus, Oregon State University, to any 4-H Horse Club member who has completed the first three steps in the 4-H Horse Advancement program and can pass these performance tests.

When you have practiced these movements until you feel confident that you and your horse can pass them, have your club leader recommend you to try for the award. Your county Extension agent will help arrange a time and place for judges, perhaps at your county fair or at a county-wide 4-H saddle horse event.

There will be opportunity to try for this award at the State Fair in connection with the 4-H Horse Showmanship and Horsemanship contests.

The application form (copies available from county Extension offices) is to be completed in *triplicate*. One copy is for the club member, one for the county Extension agent, and one for the State 4-H Club office. On receiving a completed form, properly signed by the judge(s) and the county Extension agent, the State 4-H Club office will send a 4-H Senior Horsemanship Medal to the county Extension agent to be presented to the winner.

Senior 4-H Horsemanship Award

Application Form

Name Birth date 19.....

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has completed the first three steps in the Horse Advancement program and has owned, cared for, and personally trained the horse used for at least 6 months.

Approved Club leader

MOVEMENTS REQUIRED FOR SENIOR 4-H HORSEMANSHIP AWARD:

	Yes	No
1. Forward and backward 3 times for the exact number of steps indicated by the judge. Do not count last half-step to bring feet even. Light hand. Horse's mouth closed. Straight forward or backward.
2. Side step squarely to the right and left as requested. At least 6 steps in each direction.
3. About on the forehand, Pivot foot kept within 2-foot circle. 360 degrees in both directions.
4. About on the haunches. Pivot foot kept within a 3-foot circle. 360 degrees in both directions.
5. Two-track, Side step combined with forward movement to right and left as requested. Horse's body kept straight forward while horse moves at a 45 degree angle to right or left.
6. Start trot from standing position. Jog trot without posting.
7. Posting trot. Post on either diagonal and change diagonals as requested.
8. Trot 3 figure 8's. Posting on outside diagonal and changing diagonals as the horse changes directions.
9. Start gallop from a walk without trotting. Right and left leads as requested.
10. Canter 3 complete figure 8's with your horse on an inside lead at all times. Make complete (front and rear) change of leads without breaking stride (flying change) at each change of direction.
11. Stand 30 seconds without moving any foot.

Approved by:, Judges

..... County Extension Agent

Date: Place:

Step IV-B. The 4-H Colt Trainer

This step is for horse club members who are raising or training a colt. Demonstrate and explain 10 of the following with your foal:

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1. Haltering; halter your colt.
2. Teaching to lead; lead your colt as directed.
3. Teaching to back; back two lengths.
4. Picking up the front and rear feet.
5. Work on longe line at walk, trot, and canter; right and left.
6. Teaching to yield to pressures; side step two steps right and left.
7. About on the forehand 180 degrees, right and left, pivot foot kept within 18 inches of starting point.
8. About on the haunches 180 degrees, right and left, pivot foot kept within 2 feet of starting point.
9. Sacking out; give your colt a thorough workout with a sack.
10. Drive with long reins.
11. Groom as for show.
12. Pose as for show.
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Name of club member *Age*
 has satisfactorily passed all of the above tests and is now a qualified **4-H Colt Trainer**.
 Approved by: *Date*

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Step IV-C. The 4-H Stockman

Older 4-H members should do all they can to assist their 4-H leader with other members of the club; so they, too, can become better horsemen. Do three or more group "A" jobs and one from group "B".

	Date passed	Approved by
GROUP "A"—LEADERSHIP JOBS		
1. Become a junior leader in a 4-H Horse Club.
2. Get 3 or more new members for your club or help organize a new horse club.
3. Help conduct a horse show, or help organize and conduct an educational tour, demonstration, or field day judging event.
4. Help a club leader work with younger members.
5. Demonstrate aids and leads to your club.
6. Help organize and train or lead a mounted drill team.
7.
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GROUP "B"—RESEARCH JOBS

Study, prepare a paper (300 words or more), and give a report on one of the following topics:

1. General management of light horses.
2. Horse feeds—feeding and nutrition.
3. Basic aids—how to teach them.
4. A history and description of your favorite breed of light horse.
5. Safety precautions that should be observed by horsemen.
6.
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Name of club member *Age*
 has satisfactorily passed all of the above tests and is now a qualified **4-H Stockman**.
 Approved by: *Date*

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Horse Publications

USDA F.B. 2127 Light Horses

OSU Club Series H24 Your 4-H Horse Project

OSU Club Series H 31 Horse Activities

E.B. 793 Horsemanship

C 8100 Senior Horsemanship