

*Horse Talk written by
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“4-H Horse Talk...” February/March 2017



Dear 4-H Leader & Member,

We are looking forward to 2017 being a great year in the 4-H Horse Program here in Cumberland County! We have a great year planned full of many equine activities so be sure to watch your calendar for upcoming 4-H Horse Events.



Remember cold weather is here and I can't emphasize enough to give your horse special care in the winter months. Watch to be sure your horse drinks enough water as impaction colic is common in the winter months when horses eat lots of dry hay, not much grass and drink less water because it's cold. Also, I have discovered that when the air is cold and dry, horses get shocked on their water tubs and refuse to drink if tub is close to the electric fence. Watch your horse and make sure he gets enough to drink. Be sure he has access to salt which will encourage him to drink more. Be careful to not to leave wet blankets on your horse. They can become wet from perspiration as well as rain or snow and can cause your horse to get chilled. Horses actually enjoy chilly temperatures (20°-50°) however they do not like wind or drafty spots.

Watch your horses feet for snow impaction in snowy weather and guard against slipping in icy weather, particularly if your horse is wearing shoes. Enjoy the beautiful weather, get out with your horse and enjoy a brisk winter ride. We have some new things planned this year so be sure to get involved! Be safe and have a great 2017!

IMPORTANT

Membership as of January 1 is required for all State Equine events. Please call the 4-H office and check to see if you are an active member. If you are not registered in 4honline, you will not be able to compete. Don't let this happen.

HORSE BOWL PRACTICE

Thursday, February 2, 9 and Thursday, February 16, at 7:00 PM

It's not too late to get involved in the 4-H Horse Bowl program. The next horse bowl practice is February 2, at 7:00 PM. Come out and learn lots of equine information and participate in a fun, educational competition. **The State contest will be held Saturday, February 25.** We welcome new horse club members to come out and join us. The practice schedule will be as indicated above at the 4-H Center. Give it a try! See you there!

**Horse Leaders Meeting-7:00 PM
Hunter Series Meeting-February 1, 6:15 PM**

Again this year Cumberland County 4-H Horse Clubs are sponsoring four Hunter Series Shows. They will be held May 6, June 10 and September 30 and we need your help to make these shows successful! These are great fundraising events for us also.

Our next planning meeting will be February 1, 6:15 PM at the 4-H office and you are welcome to come out and offer your input. This is a great undertaking for us and it is exciting to be learning about something new. We are asking every 4-H Horse Club member to sign up to help us with at least one show. Please fill out the tear off below and let us know when you can come help. We need ring crew, gate keepers, ribbon runners, food booth help and many other jobs. Let us know what you would like to do.

Important Reminder

Browsing online? Check out the Cumberland 4-H website at www.cumberland4h.org and the State 4-H Equine Website at www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/horses and the American Youth Horse Council at www.ayhc.com
Like our Facebook Page Cumberland 4-H

**Tack Swap and Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, February 5
8 AM-12:00 Noon**

Don't miss our annual pancake breakfast to be held Sunday, February 5, 8 AM-12:00 noon at the 4-H Center. The menu is great and includes pancakes, sausage, ham, bacon, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy, biscuits, toast, donuts, coffee, tea and orange juice. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$3.00 for kids ages 4-12.

**Ski Trip Reminder
February 19, 2017**

Your form and money are due by *February 8th*. We need people to ensure the trip is a go! Get your reservation in early!



Return to: 4-H Center, 291 Morton Avenue, Millville, NJ 08332

Hunter Series Show Sign-up

Name _____ Club _____

Date you can help _____ 5/6 _____ 6/19 _____ 9/30

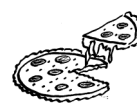
What would you like to do? Gatekeeper _____ Awards Table _____
Food Booth _____ Ring Crew _____

Joe Corbi's Pizza Sale – earn \$50.00 gift card

Horse Clubs are sponsoring a Joe Corbi's Pizza Kit and Cookie Dough Sale to provide ski trip scholarships. Anyone selling 14 or more pizza/cookie dough kits can go skiing for FREE! We are asking horse club members to sell pizza and cookie dough kits to family and friends. The top seller with the most number of kits will receive a \$50.00 gift card to the store/tack shop/feed dealer of YOUR choice!

Orders must be in to the 4-H office by February 3rd and delivery will be Tuesday, **February 28, 2017 around 2:00 PM**. Stop by the 4-H office and pick up your order forms, as they cannot be mailed.

Try your best to sell, sell, sell! If we sell over 200 kits a second gift card will be given out to the 2nd high kit seller and everyone selling anything will have their name put into a special drawing. 200 kits is our goal! Let's see what you can do!



VERY IMPORTANT - Check Out cumberland4h.org

In an effort to conserve paper, postage and labor most of our entry forms and schedules will be on our 4-H Website thanks to Mr. Callavini. Please check it often and we will try to get things on there in a timely manner. The web address is www.cumberland4h.org. If you or your club would like to put something on the website regarding your 4-H Club please contact Julie at karavan@njaes.rutgers.edu.

Fair Ad Book-get your ads in early

Remember to drop an ad form to every business you visit and you could win a special gift card. Also, remind family and friends to purchase a booster ad of encouragement or pride to go on the 4-H page in the ad book. ALL of the profits from boosters go to 4-H. The profit the fair makes from the ad book and attendance helps to keep the fair horse and animal shows cost free for 4-H members! Let's do our part to help them out!

Horse Registration Cards Due

We need at least 100 horse and rider combinations to ensure that we can send 3 entries to the state horse show. Therefore, it is imperative that every horse and rider have a registration form on file by **April 1**.

All horses need a new horse registration card on file in the 4-H Office. We have to send original registration cards to the state office this year with a picture of the horse included. Please register every horse you may be using for any event. **Please submit horse registrations by April 1 or sooner**. Thanks for your cooperation. I realize that this is not always a easy task but we really appreciate your effort in registering **any** and **all** project animals.

INOCULATION CLINIC
February 10th & 11th

Now is a great time to get your horses Coggins test done as well as his rhino-flu and rabies. You should not get a West Nile or 4 in 1 shot before the April clinic unless your horse has never had it before and then they will require a booster at the April clinic.

Remember, this is the perfect time for paste deworming. By taking part in this clinic you spare your horse as well as your pocketbook the trauma of so many shots at once. Look for your clinic letter and return your request right away so that we may put your stop on our schedule.

WINTER EQUINE SEMINAR
March 14 2017 at 7 PM

Come out on March 14th, 7 PM and find out about the new show craze Ranch Horse Riding & Pleasure. It is a great new event open to anyone wanting to show but not invest a lot in tack and clothes. Horses are shown in natural manes, no silver, minimal clipping, no hoof black and no bling. Horses move out at natural gaits and perform patterns demonstrating control. Come out to learn what Ranch Riding is all about and sign up for the clinic on March 25th at the Cumberland County Fairgrounds. We will also be holding some Ranch Riding Shows this season. See you there!

CUMBERLAND 4-H EQUESTRIAN OF THE YEAR CONTEST AND
ANNUAL COVERED DISH DINNER
Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 6:30 PM



This year's Horse Club Covered Dish Dinner will be on Thursday, March 23rd, 6:30 PM at the 4-H Center.

The meal will feature traditional covered dish cuisine and we are asking everyone to bring a covered dish or dessert with a familiar flair. Get out your recipe books and start planning your dish. We provide chicken, ham and drinks.

Please call JoAnn Murphine at (856) 825-6018 with the number in your party and what you will be bringing by March 11th so we can plan the main course and seating.

Don't forget you will be enjoying the Equestrian of the Year Contest that evening and we will be holding a Penny Auction and need **your** donation. Please bring us something exciting to put on the auction table! Put the date on your calendar and we'll see you there! All 4-H members there get a coupon for \$5.00 off each show entry. It's worth the trip!

EQUESTRIAN OF THE YEAR
Thursday, March 23, 2017, 6:30 PM at the 4-H Center

The 2017 Equestrian of the Year Contest will be held Thursday, March 23rd in conjunction with the Horse Covered Dish Dinner and it is very important that you fill out the enclosed application if you would like to be a contestant. **Make sure to return the application to the 4-H Center by the deadline, March 10, 2017.** You must fill out a separate application from the 4-H Ambassador application, that one will not be accepted this year!

The Jr. Equestrian of the Year is open to 4-H horse club members in grades 6 & 7 and is great practice for the actual contest. Don't forget, all contestants receive a gift for taking part. Members must be at the 4-H Center at 5:30 PM for interviews.

Contestants may wear business casual clothes for interviews and show clothes for the actual contest. A short 2-3 minute speech on what the 4-H horse program means to you will be required, as well as a short introduction. Members will be asked to model while their resume is read and they will be required to answer an impromptu question pertaining to horses and the equine industry. If you have questions, please contact Cyndy, 451-2800, x3. Good luck!

This is a great learning experience, you'll be glad you took part.

NOTE: The winning contestant must have given a State or Equine Presentation within the last 3 years to participate in the State Equestrian of the Year Event.



Congratulations to . . .

Jillian Tozer, who placed 3rd High Place Overall in the New Jersey Model Horse Show

Nina Callavini and Wade Espi, 2017 4-H Ambassadors

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:



- February 5 Horse Club Pancake Breakfast
- February 25 State Horse Bowl
- February 19 Ski Trip Jack Frost Mountain
- March 23 Equestrian of the Year Contest/Covered Dish Dinner
- April 8 Cumberland County 4-H Open Horse Show Circuit
- April 22 & 23 State Horse Judging & Hippology
- April 28 Cumberland County Game Show Series
- April 29 Qualifying Show (English/Western)
- May 6 Cumberland County Hunter Series Show
- May 7 Dressage Series
- May 7 Novice Show
- May 19 Cumberland County Game Show Series
- May 20 Cumberland County 4-H Open Horse Show Circuit
- May 27 Qualifying Show (English & Western)
- June 10 Cumberland County Hunter Series Show
- June 11 Dressage Series
- June 11 Novice Show
- June 24 Cumberland County 4-H Open Horse Show Circuit
- July 3 Dressage Series
- July 3-9 Cumberland County Fair
- August 19 Cumberland County 4-H Open Horse Show Circuit
- August 25, 26 & 27 State Horse Show
- September 8 Cumberland County Game Show Series
- September 9 Cumberland County 4-H Open Horse Show Circuit
- September 30 Cumberland County Hunter Show Series