

Horse Academy Instructions

The 4-H Horse Program Horse Academy is designed to give Volunteer Leaders and 4-H'ers a road map to increase their horse knowledge and verify their accomplishments. This is a 5 Level Program that starts at the basics of horsemanship and horse science, and builds upon the individual's knowledge as the levels increase. The program is designed to take 4-H'ers through a year of lessons, activities, and skills, however, if the 4-H'ers are more advanced, they are allowed to work through the book at their own pace. The Volunteer Leader is responsible for verification that each 4-H'er has completed each lesson, activity and skill before allowing them to take the Level Completion exam.

Once a 4-H'er has completed the workbook and the leader has signed off on the lessons, activities, and skills, the 4-H'er may take the level completion exam under the supervision of extension personnel (agent, staff assistant, specialist, etc). These exams are available on-line through the Agents Team Resource- Agriculture under the title of Horse Academy in the Horse folder. It is asked that once the person takes the exam, the county agent notify the Horse Extension Associate that the exam was completed and passed. After the 4-H'er has taken the exam and has received a score of 70% or higher they will receive recognition that they have completed the level.

4-H'ers are encouraged to wear their level completion pins to local and state competitions.