

HORSE PROJECT

ENTRY DEADLINE: AUGUST 29, 2008

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00

DIRECTOR IN CHARGE: Frank Monk
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: Susan Rice
COMMITTEE: Jerry & Kelly Kaminski, Matlock Rice, Vickie Monk, Kevin & Annie Wingo, Marty & Tracy Schiller, Ted & Terri Lamp, Carey Evans, Leigh Ann Schultz

The purpose of the Austin County Fair Horse Project is to provide 4-H and FFA Members an opportunity --

1. To set personal goals
2. To show one's pride in himself and his horse
3. To work together as a team with other project members
4. To demonstrate good sportsmanship, self discipline, and responsibility for his horse's care
5. To learn and apply sound nutritional, hoof, health and record keeping practices
6. To provide a continuing program for exercise, fitness and conditioning, and
7. To instill a knowledge of proper grooming and handling of a horse to assure that each horse will reach its ultimate growth potential

Project members will also demonstrate a knowledge of showmanship in order to exhibit the horse to its best advantage.

Classes, which will be offered at the Fair, will be:

- Yearling Filly Halter
- Yearling Gelding Halter
- Non-Sale Yearlings
- Two Year Old Halter (all two year olds show together)
- Showmanship at Halter 8-10 (age as of Oct. 9, 2008)
- Showmanship at Halter 11-13 (age as of Oct. 9, 2008)
- Showmanship at Halter 14-18 (age as of Oct. 9, 2008)
- Yearling Longe Line

The project has five (5) mandatory evaluations and clinics on Mondays - April 7, June 2, August 4 and October 6, 2008 and Saturday evening August 23, 2008. The committee will allow one (1) early evaluation with the prior approval of the Committee Chairman. The project also offers several additional clinics throughout the project. To exhibit at the 2008 Fair, a total of six (6) meetings must be attended, five (5) of which must be the mandatory evaluations and clinics on April 7, June 2, August 4, August 23 and October 6. The remaining meeting will be attendance at one of the additional meetings that are offered by the Austin County Colt Project. Additional monthly clinics may be announced.

- *** If there are two horses or less in a class, the project reserves the right to combine classes.
- *** All exhibitors and their horses should participate in Showmanship. The Showmanship exhibitor must be the owner of record.
- *** To exhibit in the 4-H Adult Leaders September Showmanship Competition, exhibitors must have attended five (5) Project meetings. (3 mandatory evaluations, the Showmanship Clinic on August 23, 2008 and at least 1 of the other additional meetings that are offered by the Colt Project). Exhibitors are required to write thank-you notes to the 4-H Adult Leaders Association for prizes won.
- *** If a colt is permanently injured or dies before the second mandatory weigh-in, a substitute colt will be accepted for exhibition. This acceptance will be based upon a decision by the project committee and a vet chosen by the committee. This vet will check the colt for verification of a permanent disability, which would prevent the colt from being shown or sold at that year's fair.
- *** **A**f a colt is declared unfit to show, the exhibitor must attend the rest of the Project's meetings in order to receive a portion of the project's incentive funds earned through fundraisers. All project members must attend: The 5 mandatory meetings, 2 other project meetings, 75% (3 out of 4) of the September work nights at the Fairgrounds, and must participate in 75% of all fund-raisers and donations to participate in the disbursement of the project's yearly earned incentive funds. @
- *** All equine entries are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Austin County Fair and to the rules governing the Youth Auction Sale.
- *** Dr. Bowers will award a prize based on her evaluations.

2008 RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Any registered breed may be exhibited, either mare or gelding. **There will be no substitutions after the 1st required evaluation except in the case of the colt's death or permanent injury before the 2nd mandatory weigh-in as explained above.** Each horse must be eligible to be shown in shows approved by its own Breed Association. All stud colts must be gelded by July 1 of their yearling year.
2. A COPY OF A NEGATIVE COGGINS and proof of EWT, flu, rhino, west Nile virus & rabies vaccinations MUST BE TURNED IN AT THE FIRST EVALUATION, and your copy of your COGGINS must be brought to each project meeting for every horse in your trailer. Strangles vaccines is highly recommended but not mandatory.
3. A ten (10) day Health Certificate and a current Negative Coggins are required for all horse entries and **horses must be sound and in good health upon arrival at the Fairgrounds for the Fair.**

A soundness examination will be administered by a licensed veterinarian the week of the fair. Examination results must be acceptable for the horse to be exhibited and/or sold at the Fair.
4. Each 4-H or FFA member is limited to one horse in each division. Divisions are Yearling and Two Year Old. A 4-H or FFA member cannot show both a Yearling and a Non-Sale Yearling.

5. Exhibitor or immediate family member (same household) must own horse(s) on or before the horse's first required evaluation and must continue to own horse(s) throughout the Project period.
6. **A MANDATORY HORSE PROJECT REGISTRATION, WEIGH-IN, AND EVALUATION WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008 FROM 6:30-8:30 P.M. AT THE FAIRGROUNDS FOR ALL EXHIBITORS AND ALL YEARLING AND TWO YEAR OLD HORSES. Horses should be halter broken and manageable.** Horses should be weighed in at Harrison's Farm Service between 6:00 - 6:30 P.M. and then report to the Fairgrounds.

A NEGATIVE COGGINS IS REQUIRED as well as proof of EWT, flu, rhino, West Nile virus & rabies vaccinations. AND A COPY MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE PROJECT FOR ALL PROJECT HORSES AT THIS EVALUATION.

7. **THE SECOND MANDATORY WEIGH-IN AND EVALUATION AT THE FAIRGROUNDS FOR ALL EXHIBITORS WILL BE HELD MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2008 FROM 6:30-8:30 P.M. Horses must be halter broken, fit and easy to handle. Unfit and/or unmanageable horses will be re-evaluated at the August evaluation.** Horses should be weighed-in at Harrison's Farm Service from 6:00 - 6:30 P.M. before coming to the Fairgrounds.
*****NOTE: HORSES THAT ARE STILL UNFIT OR UNMANAGEABLE AT THE 3RD EVALUATION WILL BE SIFTED FROM THE FAIR.**
8. **THE THIRD MANDATORY WEIGH-IN AND EVALUATION from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds will be held on Monday, August 4, 2008 for all horses and exhibitors.** Horses should be weighed-in at Harrison's Farm Service between 6:00 - 6:30 P.M. before coming to the Fairgrounds.
9. On Saturday, August 23, 2008, a 4th MANDATORY MEETING, SHOWMANSHIP PRACTICE and party will be held at Jerry & Kelly Kaminski's or Matlock & Susan Rice's. Details will be given at a later date.
10. **On Monday, October 6, 2008, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. A MANDATORY WEIGH-IN, CLINIC, AND EVALUATION will be held at the fairgrounds for all horses and exhibitors.**

Horses should be weighed-in at Harrison's Farm Service between 6:00 - 6:30 P.M. before coming to the Fairgrounds.

11. If a substitute showman is needed to show a colt during the Fair due to an academic failure or a conflict with another show animal, the substitute must be chosen from the Colt Project exhibitors. Also, if a substitute is needed, he will only show the colt in the appropriate halter class. He will not show the colt in a showmanship or longe line class.

12. Entry fees are \$15.00 per horse exhibited payable at the time of sign-up through Home 4-H or FFA Club. Cards furnished by 4-H and/or FFA Clubs must be turned in on each horse to be exhibited. **Friday, August 29, 2008 -- All entry cards and fees are due in the Fair Office.** Also, turn in a self-addressed stamped envelope with the entry card so that the list of buyers and add-on money donors can be mailed to the exhibitor after the Fair. Exhibitor will write thank you notes to the name on the list and turn into the Fair Office by November 1, 2008. These are in addition to thank you notes for donors
13. The show will be conducted according to AQHA rules and regulations where applicable. Halter classes will be judged with consideration as to the model qualities of the different breeds exhibited. Austin County Fair's General Rules and Horse Project Rules take precedence over AQHA rules.
14. During the Fair, all horses are subject to blood, urine or saliva tests and re-evaluation conducted by a veterinarian and supervised by the livestock superintendent or committee chairman. Any horse requiring medication during the Fair must have the prior approval of the livestock superintendent or the committee chairman before being administered by a veterinarian.
15. All horses must be shown free of a prohibited substance (medication) in accordance with AQHA rule 441(h), or forfeit its sales check and all other awards. Non sale animals will forfeit all awards. A prohibited substance is defined as any stimulant (Example: Epinephrine), depressant (Example: Demerol), tranquilizer (Example: Acepromazine), or local anesthetic (Example: Procaine), which may affect the performance of a horse, or any drug classified as a steroid. Also prohibited are any drugs, regardless how harmless or innocuous they might be, which may interfere with the detection of the aforementioned drugs. Such drugs are masking drugs. Some examples of masking drugs are as follows: Polyethyleneglycol, Thiamin, Dipyrone, Furosamide, and other potent diuretics, Sulfa drugs, Benzimidazole Anthelmintics (wormer) and Isoxsuprine.
16. Horses must arrive at the Fairgrounds on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 between 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 noon and may not leave until 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 12, 2008. Exhibitors will unload on the road behind the stalls.

DIVISIONS

YEARLINGS

1. All yearling horses must be foaled between January 1 and December 31 of the preceding year. (Foaled during 2007).
2. All yearling exhibitors are required to have registration papers showing exhibitor's name or showing an immediate family member (same household) as owner.
3. **A clear Xeroxed copy of registration papers must be turned in to Susan Rice by the June weigh-in.**

4. The Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd and 4th place mare and gelding in the Yearling division must sell in the Youth Livestock Auction Sale, unless the exhibitor has another higher placing animal in the Sale, in which case, the next placed horse of the same gender will move up to sell.
5. The winning horses in this division will be designated Grand Champion Yearling Filly, Reserve Grand Champion Yearling Filly, Grand Champion Yearling Gelding, Reserve Grand Champion Yearling Gelding.

YEARLING - NON-SALE DIVISION

1. The rules for the non-sale yearlings are the same as the Yearling division horses except the yearlings are not eligible for grand or reserve champion nor are they eligible for the Youth Auction Sale.
2. **A clear Xeroxed copy of registration papers must be turned in to Susan Rice by the June evaluation.**

TWO YEAR OLDS

1. All exhibitors or two-year olds are required to have registration papers showing exhibitor's name as owner or showing an immediate family member (same household) as owner. These two year olds are not eligible for grand or reserve champion nor are they eligible for the Youth Auction Sale.
2. All two year old horses must have been yearling projects in Austin County during the preceding year.
3. **A clear Xeroxed copy of registration papers must be turned in to Susan Rice by the June evaluation.**

YEARLING LONGE LINE

The Yearling Longe Line class will follow and be governed by the Texas State 4-H Horse Show 2008's rules for the Yearling Longe Line Futurity. All yearlings are eligible to participate in the Longe Line class. If required, exhibitors will participate in a qualifying show prior to the fair to determine which horses will compete at the fair show competition.