



## 2009 New Hampshire 4-H Horse Judging Contest Entry Information

**Date:** April 4, 2009  
**Time:** 8:00 A.M.  
**Location:** Plainfield Elementary School  
92 Bonner Road  
Meriden, NH 03770  
603.469.3250

**Entry Deadline:** March 13, 2009

**Superintendents:** TBA

Each New Hampshire County 4-H program, FFA, or collegiate horse judging program, is invited to enter one designated reasons team in this statewide horse judging contest. Up to six additional eligible individuals per program may also compete in the non-reasons division. All entrants and coaches should recognize that this is a statewide educational competition and not a clinic. There will be no opportunity for discussion of classes or explanation of placings.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Team members in the **Reasons (senior)** division must be ages 14-18 as of January 1. Each county may enter ONLY 4 persons in the reasons division. These members will place classes and present two sets of oral reasons to contest judges. Participants may not have competed in the National 4-H Horse Judging Contest nor in any official collegiate level contest. The **Non-Reasons** division is open to eligible 4-H members 12-18 years of age on January 1. In the non-reasons division, participants compete on an individual basis by placing the classes and answering 10 questions about the classes upon their return to the contest site. Counties may enter up to 6 people in the non-reasons division. Youth with special needs (physical, learning, etc.) who require accommodations should make their needs known to the State 4-H Office prior to the entry deadline of March 13, 2009. **Collegiate or FFA teams** are welcome to compete in their own divisions, however no awards will be provided. Collegiate or FFA members must not previously have participated in an Official Regional/National Horse Judging Contest and must abide by 4-H code of conduct rules.

**ENTRY FEE:** Each contest must pay a \$6.00 entry fee. Fees cover the resources used, ribbons, and transportation. *In accordance with UNH Cooperative Extension policy, no 4-H member will be denied the opportunity to participate because of an inability to pay.*

**TRANSPORTATION:** All judging contestants, senior hippology, and contest officials must ride buses to and from farms for judging. Exceptions, including motion sickness are allowed to travel in designated car with signed release form. Designated car to be assigned at contest. All others must have own transportation to farms. Car pooling is strongly encouraged as most farms have limited parking.

### WHAT TO BRING:

1. Dress warmly; it may be VERY COLD (mittens and hats). Please wear socks and appropriate footwear. Clothing or insignia that identifies 4-H may be worn during the contest, except insignia naming a county or club must be removed during oral reasons.
2. Clipboard, pencils, notepad, and notes but travel light.
3. Personal items for a cold, dusty, environment (Kleenex, etc.)
4. Contestants will not have contact with coaches or personal items outside the contest area until the conclusion of their portion of the contest. Things needed during the contest must be carried - a small backpack is suggested.

## FOOD: TBA

### Tentative Agenda\*\*

8:15 a.m.	Coaches get packets
8:30 a.m.	Instructions to Contestants (mandatory)
8:45 a.m.	Buses leave for farms
12:00 p.m.	Buses return to school
1:00 p.m.	Non-Reasons Division answers 10 questions about classes, then is dismissed
	Reasons Division Eat Lunch
	Reasons Delivery/awards to follow

\*\* times are approximate; event could run late; stay available

### STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING TEAM CANDIDATES:

The top four individuals in the reasons-division contest will become the *tentative* NH 4-H judging team and the next four top scoring individuals become alternates. All will be offered further training in horse judging to prepare for the 2009 Regional and National Contests. Tentative team members are not guaranteed a spot on the final team that attends the regional and national contests as they could be replaced by an alternate if unable or if they do not satisfactorily attend practices and do assignments/homework. Final team selection will be made by the coaches according to objective, written criteria - announced and handed out to all of the tentative delegates and alternates at their first official practice held before June 1. The 4-H Horse Judging Team coach and assistant coach will announce the final team participants no later than July 1, 2009.

**Coaches:** The coach of the winning team, providing he/she meets the eligibility requirements and agrees to coach, may be the official coach. He/she will select an assistant coach with the same eligibility requirements as the coach. Coach will provide team members with a schedule of anticipated practice sessions and written expectations, approved by the State 4-H office, prior to the first team meeting.

**CONTEST RESULTS:** **Tentative** contest results will be announced as soon as possible after all contestants have finished giving reasons. Each coach will be given a print copy of the results/scores and any corrections must be made by 4:30 pm on the following Monday. Placings will be announced for the following:

1. Top 5 Teams - Halter, Performance, Reasons, and Overall
2. Top 10 Individuals (Reasons) - Halter, Performance, Reasons, Overall
3. Top 10 Individuals (Non-reasons) - Halter, Performance, Overall

**QUESTIONS:** Maryann Kasprzak, UNHCE 4-H Moiles House, 180 Main Street, Durham, NH 03824-4735 (Phone (603) 862-2188 or email [maryann.kasprzak@unh.edu](mailto:maryann.kasprzak@unh.edu))

New Hampshire 4-H Horse Judging Contest - A complete set of rules can be obtained from your county Extension office OR on the web at: <http://www.extension.unh.edu/4H/4HProgs.htm>

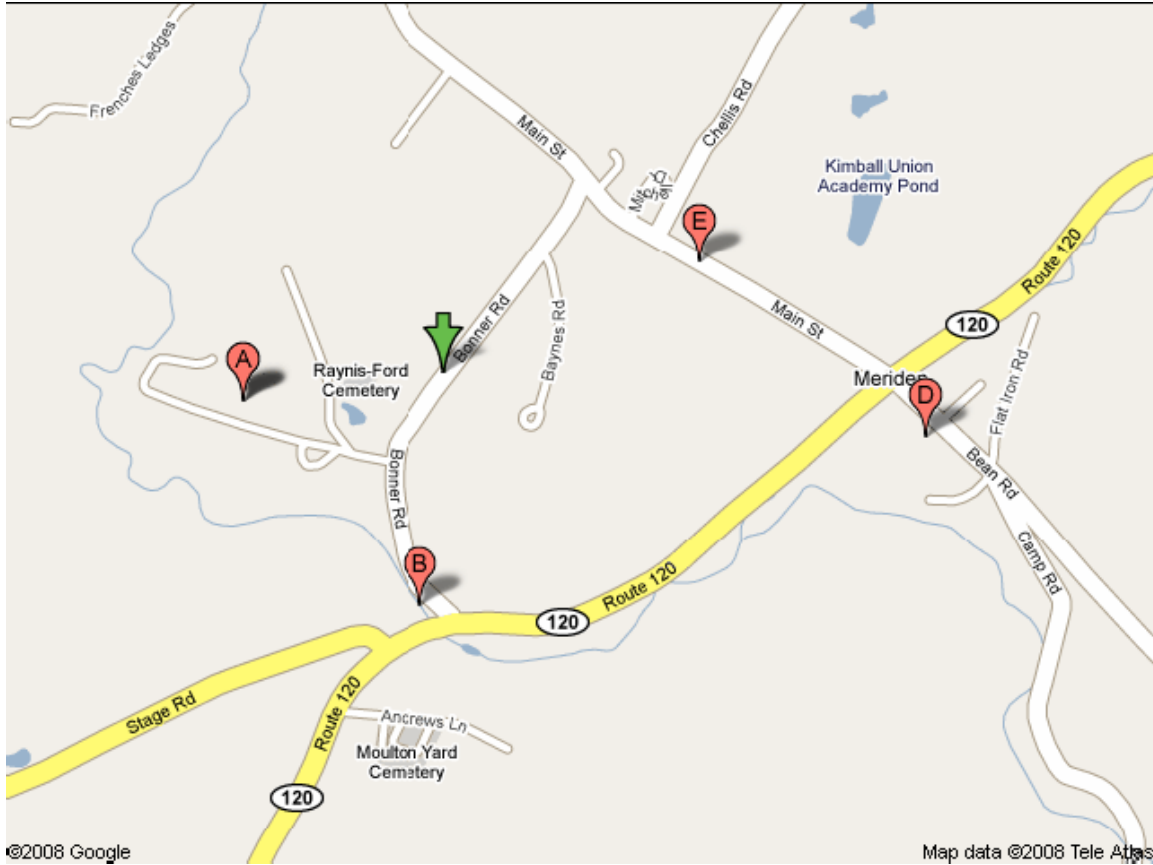
**All youth who qualify for NH state teams may be asked to pay a portion of their trip expenses.**

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## Plainfield Elementary School

- A. Plainfield Elementary School, 92 Bonner Rd, Meriden, NH –  
(603) 469-3250 - 0.2 mi W
- B. Plainfield Elementary School, Meriden NH –  
(603) 469-3250 - 0.3 mi S
- C. Plainfield School District Superintendent 92 Bonner Rd, Meriden, NH –  
(603) 469-3442 - 0.2 mi W
- D. Meriden Library, 22 Bean Rd, Meriden, NH –  
(603) 469-3252 - 0.6 mi E
- E. Kimball Union Academy, 57 Main St, Meriden, NH –  
(603) 469-2000- 0.3 mi NE



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**Entry Deadline: March 13, 2009**

**Entry Fee: \$6.00 per person**

**Make checks payable to 4-H Foundation of NH, Inc.**

**Entry fee must accompany entry**

COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Coach Name</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Address</b>

I volunteer to help with the contest as needed

**TEAM ENTRY - REASONS DIVISION**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Birthdate</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Address</b>
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
Alt					

*I hereby approve the participation of the above contestants and declare that they are eligible.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Extension Educator/Program Associate

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**INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES - NON-REASONS DIVISION**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Birthdate</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Address</b>
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2.					
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