New Hampshire 4-H Hippology Contest Entry Information

DATE: April 29, 2018
TIME: 9:00 AM SENIORS AT FARM; 12 NOON JUNIORS & INTERMEDIATES

LOCATION: Seniors – Live Judging: Ancora Imparo Equine, 52 Peverly Rd Northfield NH
Juniors, Intermediates (and Seniors remainder of day) at Winnisquam Regional High School, 435 West Main St, Tilton NH  Directions are on Page 8 of this packet

ENTRY DEADLINE: April 20
FOOD: TBD

SUPERINTENDENT: Andrea Kenter

We will start on time. Participants that are late may be allowed to participate in the next available judging class/contest component as available at the discretion of the superintendent. If unforeseen circumstances occur and you are going to be late, please call Mary Davis at (603) 312-0128. Registration begins at 9:00 AM at the farm for seniors, judging starts at 9:30 am. Juniors and Intermediates, registration starts at 12 noon at the Sunapee Middle/High School. The contest starts at approximately 12:30 or as soon as judging contestants and Hippology seniors arrive from the farm.

Please be prepared to stay until the contest is complete (possibly as late as 5 pm). SCORING THIS CONTEST IS COMPLEX AND TIME CONSUMING. Participants are not required to stay for awards; we understand that you will be tired and may have a long distance to travel. Please let the contest superintendent or staff know if you are leaving, and be sure you have completed all your contest components.

The New Hampshire 4-H Hippology Contest is a comprehensive, skill based competition where youth demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of equine science and horse husbandry through hands-on and written tests, skill stations and a horse judging contest. The Senior Division contest is used to select the senior members that may compete as the New Hampshire State 4-H Hippology Team in regional and national events.

ELIGIBILITY: **NOTE CHANGES in Junior and Intermediate divisions starting 2017**
Junior & Intermediate Divisions: The Junior Division is open to 4-H members 8-10 years old on January 1 of the current year & The Intermediate Division is open to 4-H members 11-13 years old on January 1 who wish to participate in a Hippology experience. Juniors & Intermediates may also enter the Horse Judging Competition (non-reasons division) held in the morning (a separate entry is required).

Senior Division: The Senior Division is open to 4-H members 14-18 years old on January 1 of the current year. Seniors cannot compete for New Hampshire State 4-H Judging Contest if they wish to compete in Hippology. Counties enter seniors as individuals or in three or four member teams and may send multiple teams. Individuals may be entered and will be placed on a team as space is available. Participants must not have competed in the National 4-H Hippology Contest or in any official collegiate level contest and may not have taken collegiate level courses above introductory level in the subjects involved.

Youth with special needs (physical, learning, etc.) who require accommodations or their parent/guardian/leader should contact Mary Davis (see below) prior to the entry deadline.

INCOMPLETE TEAMS AND ALTERNATES:
A Senior team from a County can be made up of 2, 3, or 4 members. Only teams of 3 or 4 can compete in the competition. A two-member team will need to be assigned an additional contestant or two contestants to compete. Individuals may be entered and will be placed on teams as space is available.

First priority would be that all competitors that come to the competition compete. Next priority would be to make every effort to keep two-member teams together. In the event that a unique team number arrangement
presents itself, all coaches, the superintendent, and the event coordinator will meet prior to the contest and decide on the best way to handle the situation. The decision will be presented back to the youth involved and the youth involved will weigh in on the decision. The superintendent makes the final decision.

ENTRY FEE: Each contestant must pay an $8.00 entry fee. In accordance with UNH Cooperative Extension policy, no 4-H member will be denied the opportunity to participate because of an inability to pay.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: ** Times are approximate; times subject to change and event could run late.

9 AM       Registration
9:30       Judging begins for Senior Hippology Contestants and All Judging Contestants
12:00      Contestants return to the school; Lunch
            Registration for Juniors Orientation for Station Timers and Problem Judges
12:30 or ASAP thereafter
            Hippology Contest Resumes/Begins for Junior & Intermediate Contestants
            ASAP after conclusion of contest
            Awards Ceremony

STATE 4-H HIPPOLOGY TEAM CANDIDATES:
The top four Senior 4-H contestants in New Hampshire 4-H Hippology Contest will become the tentative New Hampshire 4-H Hippology Team (A Team) and the next four top scoring individuals become alternates (B Team). All will be offered further training in judging to prepare for the Regional Contest. Both the A and B Team (4 alternates) have the opportunity to compete at the New England Regional 4-H Horse Contest in October. Team members are not guaranteed a spot on the final team. Team members could be replaced if they do not satisfactorily attend practices and do assignments/homework. Final team selection will be made by coaches according to objective, written criteria approved by the State 4-H Office and announced and handed out to all of the tentative team and alternates at the first official practice held ASAP after the contest (within 3 weeks of final coach appointment). The NH Hippology team(s) will attend the Regional Contest in 2018 and may attend the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in 2018. All youth qualifying for NH state teams may be asked to pay a portion of their trip expenses. Funding is uncertain for a Hippology team to attend the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup. The decision of which teams will attend ENHR will be determined by team rotation, team member qualification & participation and availability of a qualified coach.

SENIOR CONTESTANTS- WHAT TO BRING TO THE JUDGING CONTEST:
1. Please dress warmly; it may be VERY COLD (mittens and hats) during the Judging Contest. Please wear socks and appropriate footwear. Clothing or insignia that identifies 4-H may be worn during the contest.
2. Clipboard, pencils, notepad, and notes but travel light.
3. Personal items for a cold, dusty, environment (tissues, etc.)
4. Contestants will not have contact with coaches or personal items outside the contest area until they have completed the contest. Things needed during the contest must be carried - a small backpack is suggested.

QUESTIONS: Mary Davis, NH 4-H Program Coordinator, Animal and Agricultural Sciences email: Mary.Davis@unh.edu Office: (603) 862-2188

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NH 4-H Junior & Intermediate Hippology Contest Rules

PHASES:
Phase I - Horse Judging: (50 Points) Juniors will judge classes using slides, photos, and/or videos.

Phase II - Examination: (50 Points)
- Written Exam (25 Points) and Anatomy (10 Points) May include parts of the horse and detailed anatomy.
- Projected Slides (15 Points) Identify and/or answer questions about photos/pictures.

Phase III - Station Phase: (50 Points) Identification of or questions about horse knowledge from official sources listed below.

Phase IV - Individual Problem: (50 points based on: accuracy, organization, and presentation.) Members solve a problem using their practical knowledge of horses. May involve assembling equipment, or an oral presentation/demonstration.

AWARDS:
Danish rosettes (Blue 85%+, Red 70-84%, White below 70%) will be given following the contest. The top 8 scoring juniors will receive place ribbons based upon total overall scores.

The following criteria will be used to break ties, should they occur: 1) highest written phase, 2) highest station phase, 3) highest judging phase.

SOURCES:
Junior tests/stations subject matter will be taken from the following sources:
- Equine Science: Basic Knowledge for Horse People of All Ages by Jean Griffiths
- Illustrated Dictionary of Equine Terms, New Horizons Education Center, Inc.
- NH 4-H Horse Project Member’s Manual (available online)
- Dover Saddlery Catalog
- Schneider’s Catalog
- Washington State University Harness Driving Manual (available online)
- Grains, forages, and feeds representative of those used in horse rations
- Common horse knowledge that every 4-H Horse Project member should know

Note: Junior and Intermediate 4-H members can participate in both Hippology and Horse Judging. This might be too long a day for some youth – please evaluate on an individual basis. Seniors may do only Judging or Hippology but not both.
PHASES:
Phase I – Horse Judging: (100 Points) - the average of the member’s halter class scores (50 points) and the average of the performance class scores (50 points) earned in the morning at the New Hampshire 4-H Horse Judging Contest.
Phase II – Examination: (100 Points)
- Written Exam: Questions on horse knowledge (50 Points) and anatomy (25 Points). From sources listed below.
- Projected Slides (25 Points)
Phase III – Station Phase (100 Points): Series of stations to answer questions and identify items.
Phase IV – Team Problem (100 points - two problems - added to team score only): Team members work together to solve problems using their practical knowledge of horses. Problems may be hands on, verbal, written or a combination and may involve an oral presentation, and/or demonstration. 50 points per problem will be awarded based on: accuracy, organization, presentation, and team participation. Example question: Here are some items that might be in a farrier’s box. Put them in the order that the farrier would use to take off a shoe and to prepare the hoof for a new shoe. (Tools displayed on a table).

AWARDS:
Individual: Points earned from Phases I–III. Individuals achieving 85%+ will receive a blue Danish; 70 – 84% a red Danish; and 69% or less a white Danish rosette.
Top 8 seniors will receive place ribbons based upon their overall scores.
Team: Based upon the sum of the top three team members total scores and the Phase IV team score. Overall: 1st - 6th place and 1st through 3rd in Written, Station, Judging and Problem Solving phases.

For a team of four, the lowest scoring member of the team’s score will be dropped.

The following criteria will be used to break ties, should they occur: 
Individuals: 1) Highest written phase, 2) Highest station phase, 3) Highest judging phase.
Teams: 1) Highest average written phase, 2) Highest average station phase, 3) Highest average judging phase.

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- NH 4-H Horse Project Member’s Manual (available online)
- Illustrated Dictionary of Equine Terms, New Horizons Education Center, Inc.
- The Coloring Atlas of Horse Anatomy, Kainer, R. & McCracken, T.
- Horse Industry Handbook – American Youth Horse Council
- Horse Smarts published by the American Youth Horse Council, 2016
- Feeding and Care of the Horse - Lewis, C. (2nd edition)
- The Horse - Evans, Borton, Hintz, VanVleck, (2nd edition) (will be replaced in 2019 by Equine Science by Parker, 5th ed)
- Dover Saddlery Catalog & Schneider’s Catalog
- Washington State University Harness Driving Manual (ONLINE)
- Grains, forages, and feeds representative of those used in horse rations & Common horse knowledge

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NH 4-H HIPPOLOGY CONTEST ENTRY
Entry Deadline: April 20
Make checks payable to: UNH Cooperative Extension
Entry Fee: $8.00 per person
Entry fee must accompany entry.

COUNTY: __________________________

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This contest requires a lot of volunteers. Please submit the name and email address of a volunteer(s):

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Send to: Mary Davis, NH 4-H Program Coordinator, Animal and Agricultural Sciences, Mary.Davis@unh.edu 129 Main Street/ Kendall Hall Suite 403, Durham, NH 03824 Fax: (603)862-2157

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For Junior and Intermediate Members Only

Coaches: Please have your team members’ parents sign.

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For SENIOR Members Only

NH 4-H HIPPOLOGY TEAM INTENT FORM

Upon completion of the New Hampshire 4-H Hippology Contest the four highest scoring Senior 4-H contestants (and four alternates), who have not previously competed in a national Hippology competition, will be eligible to receive further coaching in horse hippology and may represent New Hampshire in an October regional competition and November at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup.

The New Hampshire 4-H Hippology candidates will work with the coach at periodic, pre-scheduled practices. The final team will be named by coaches using objective selection criteria approved by the State 4-H Office and announced and handed out to all of the team candidates at the mandatory first official practice held within 3 weeks of final coach appointment. A calendar for all required practices will be determined at the first meeting and shared with all contestants.

As this opportunity requires a great deal of commitment, we ask that you consider this carefully and indicate now whether or not you are interested in pursuing a spot on the state team if selected. This doesn't yet commit you to a team, but simply indicates your interest.

All youth who qualify for NH State Teams may be asked to pay a portion of their trip expenses.

Please check one:

___ I am only interested in participating in the New Hampshire 4-H Hippology Contest and do not want to qualify for the state team.

___ I am interested in qualifying for the New Hampshire 4-H Hippology Team, which means participating in practices throughout the year and when applicable, attending the regional and/or Eastern National contests.

Yes □ No □ I give permission for the use of quotes/photos of my child or myself: in the newspaper, newsletter, UNH Cooperative Extension web sites, or in other ways to publicize 4-H events or activities.

Participant Name (please print) Parent Name (please print)

Participant Signature Parent Signature (Even if over 18)

Participant Email Parent Email

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**Directions to Ancora Imparo Equine**, 52 Peverly Hill Rd, Northfield NH (for all judging contestants and SENIOR Hippology Contestants)

From Concord: Take I-93 to Exit 19 to Route 132 toward Northfield and Franklin. Go approximately 4/10 mile and take a left onto Sargent St. Follow Sargent St, which veers left to become Zion Hill Road. At the top of the hill, turn left on Peverly Rd. In approximately 9/10 mile the farm will be on the left. There is a sign, and you will see wooden fenced paddocks with run-in sheds.

From points north: Take 1-93 to Exit 20 Head toward Tilton on US Route 3. Turn left on Park St/NH Route 132. Follow Sargent St, which veers left to become Zion Hill Road. At the top of the hill, turn left on Peverly Rd. In approximately 9/10 mile the farm will be on the left. There is a sign, and you will see wooden fenced paddocks with run-in sheds.

From Farm to **Winnisquam Regional High School**, retrace your route back to Route 132 (Park St.). At the intersection of Route 132 and Route 3, take a left. Winnisquam Regional HS will be on the right after 6/10 mile.

**Directions to Winnisquam Regional High School** (for Junior Hippology Contestants)

Take I-93 North or South to Exit 20. Turn toward Tilton/Franklin on Main St/US Route 3. Follow Main St for approximately 9/10 mile to Winnisquam Regional High School on right.
ANCORA IMPARO EQUINE CENTER
MINOR CHILD RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

THIS IS A VOLUNTARY RELEASE OF LIABILITY ON BEHALF OF YOUR CHILD.

I knowingly and voluntarily agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Ancora Imparo Equine Center, Hoof Balancing & Horsemanship, LLC, its owners, agents, representatives and assigns (collectively the “Releasees”), for all actions, causes of actions, suits and any and all claims, demands and liabilities whatsoever, both in law and equity which result from my child’s presence, and/or participation in equine activities, at Ancora Imparo Equine Center (“the host facility”). The only exception to this release would be for any actions that result from the Releasees’ gross negligence.

The terms hereof shall be binding on my executors, heirs, administrators, and assigns, and shall serve as an assumption of risk and general release for all members of my family including my minor child participating in equine activities. I understand my child’s presence at the host facility makes my child a participant, even if my child is not handling a horse. All activities in the horse area, which includes barns, run-ins, rings and paddocks, are considered equine activities and the assumption of the inherent risk of equine activities is in full force and effect.

Whereas the Participant is a minor, under the age of eighteen (18) years, the signatures of both parents/guardians are required below as well as the signature of the Minor. If only one parent/guardian signature is provided, that parent/guardian agrees to indemnify and hold the Releasees harmless from any causes of action that may arise under this agreement brought by the other parent/guardian. It is the responsibility of the undersigned parents/guardians to ensure the Minor understands and complies with the policies stated herein.

This Release incorporates by reference any and all agreements between the Participant Minor, the Minor’s Parents/Guardians and the Releasees. This shall include, but not be limited to: the Participant Release and Waiver of Liability and the Equipment Release and Waiver.

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Dated: _______________________

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RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

THIS IS A VOLUNTARY RELEASE OF LIABILITY. IT IS ALSO A BINDING ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY CONTRACT.

In consideration of my participation in equine activities at Ancaro Imparo Equine Center in Northfield, New Hampshire (the “host facility”), I, the undersigned, ___________________________ on behalf of myself, my representatives, assigns, executors, and heirs (collectively the “Participant”), hereby agree as follows:

FOR ALL PURPOSES HEREIN: AUDITORS AND SPECTATORS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE PARTICIPANTS AND ARE BOUND BY THE FOLLOWING TERMS.

Release of Liability and Hold Harmless.

I hereby fully and forever release, waive and discharge Ancaro Imparo Equine Center, Hoof Balancing & Horsemanship, LLC, its owners, agents, representatives and assigns (collectively the “Releasees”) from any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action of any kind, which I may or might have against the Releasees, arising from/or by reason of, any and all known and unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, bodily injuries, damage to property, and any consequences therefrom, which Participant may sustain due to Releasees’ negligence.

I shall not bring any demand, claim, legal action against and/or sue the Releasees for any economic or non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death, or property damage as a result of the Releasees’ negligence or my participation in equine activities.

I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from and against any and all claims, liabilities, loss, damages, demands, actions, causes of action, including attorney’s fees, costs and expenses of any kind, which may be made against them which arise out of my presence at the host facility.

Assumption of Inherent Risk for Equine Activities. I acknowledge that I have read New Hampshire’s Equine Liability Statute and I understand it applies to my presence at the host facility. (N.H. RSA §508:19) _____ Initial here.

I fully realize the risks and dangers of participating (which includes auditing) in equine related activities and fully assumes the inherent risks associated with such audit/participation. “Inherent
risks of equine activities" means those dangers and conditions which are an integral part of equine activities, including, but not limited to: (a) the propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them; (b) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movements, and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; (c) certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions (some may not be obvious to me or reasonably not known by the Releasees); (d) collisions with equines or objects; and (e) the potential of another Participant or person to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to me or others, such as failing to maintain control over a horse or not acting within their ability.

MINORS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR HELMETS AND APPROPRIATE ATTIRE AT ALL TIMES AND SHALL EXECUTE A MINOR LIABILITY WAIVER, INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

Entire Agreement; Construction; Attorney’s Fees. This contract contains the entire understanding of the parties and may be modified only in writing. The invalidity or unenforceability of any term or provision shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remainder of the provisions contained herein. This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed by the laws of the State of New Hampshire. Jurisdiction shall lie in Merrimack County Superior Court. In the event the Releasees retain an attorney to enforce any of its rights under this contract or state law, or to defend any action brought against them, they shall, should they prevail, be entitled to recover from the other reasonable attorney’s fees and costs expended, in addition to any other remedies.

I have carefully read this Release and I fully understand its content. I am aware that this is a Release of Liability, a waiver of legal rights and a contract between myself and the Releasees identified above. I sign this Release at my own free will.

_________________________  _________________________
Signature                                      Date

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Printed Name and Address