

TO BECOME A CERTIFIED JUDGE AT THE 2009 MINNESOTA STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGES SEMINAR

The 2009 Minnesota 4-H Horse Judges Seminar will be held, March 28TH at Hi Circle Vee Ranch, Isanti, MN. The special session will be held March 27TH at Cambridge-Isanti High School, Cambridge, MN.

The seminar will cover the classes offered at the State 4-H Horse Show, the Training Program, the Danish System and 4-H Philosophy. There will be a judging test on 5 classes, an interview and a written test based on the 4-H Horse Program Rule Book, 4-H Philosophy, Training and Achievement Program Books, seminar presentations and general horse knowledge.

The special session will cover judging mechanics, professionalism, ethics and scoring systems.

If you pass the tests and interview the next requirement, be an apprentice judge, under another 4-H judge at a 4-H show, which includes showmanship, performance and game classes, in a county other than your own. When you have completed this you will receive your 4-H Judges Certification Card and be listed in the 2010 Minnesota 4-H Judges List. To maintain your judge's certification you must attend a Minnesota 4-H Horse Judges Seminar every three years.

4-H Judging is more than just placing the class. We are looking for Judges who like working with youth, can communicate in a positive manner, to help the 4-H'er grow and learn with each experience and sometimes do this for an abnormal fee. Often County Fairs are not in a position to pay large fees for Judges. However, we hope your interest in the education of our youth will be more important than the compensation you will receive.

To register for the 4-H Horse Judges Seminar fill out the application form, return it to me along with \$35.00, payable to Minnesota 4-H Horse Association, by March 10th.

The seminar is also open to 4-Her's, 4-H adult volunteer leaders, parents, etc. The spectators fee is \$10.00 payable at the door.

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