

H.F.F.C.F.
Horse Mastership Program
2011 Entry Form

Date of Show: Sunday May 15, 2011

Start Time: 9:00am

Place: Hoof Beat Park

Judges: to be announced

Name of Exhibitor: _____

Name of Horse: _____

Club or Chapter: _____

Years in Project: _____ Leader Initials _____

Horse Experience: 4-H: _____ Novice _____ Junior _____ Senior

FFA: _____ Novice _____ Advanced

Please refer to the 2011 H.F.F.C.F. rules for more information.

All entrants must participate in Showmanship. 1st and 2nd place winners are required to participate in Round Robin, which takes place at the Fair Grounds (Healdsburg Recreation Park) on Saturday May 28, 2011.

By signing below exhibitor and parent acknowledge that if the exhibitor wins 1st or 2nd place in all showmanship classes other than Novice, they will be expected to participate in round robin with the horse exhibited.

Exhibitor: _____ date: _____

Parent: _____ date: _____

Entry Fee Paid _____

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See entry for show date and details

Horse Exhibitors, Parents and Leaders,

The horse mastership program is designed to provide education to young riders and to give the opportunity to express equine knowledge, safety and the enjoyment of owning/leasing a horse.

Attached is a sample of what will be asked of the exhibitor, through grooming, tacking and mounting skills, riding and handling skills, and knowledge retained on proper care and safety. Each class will be age appropriate.

Although we do have a high point award, our show is not based on who the best rider/handler is. The show is judged on the Danish system by using points scored and all exhibitors with a 90-100 points are awarded a blue sash, anything below 89 points is awarded a red sash. Showmanship will be the only section to have 1st through 6th place ribbons, to acknowledge who will be in our Round Robin competition. Please see entry form for important Round Robin information and read the 2010 H.F.F.C.F. Rules.

Trophies are given to the first place winner in 4-H Novice, Junior and Senior showmanship, and FFA Novice and advanced showmanship. High Point award winner will be announced on Saturday May 29th, 2010 at 4:00pm during the awards ceremony at the fairgrounds. A thank you letter addressed to the award sponsor is mandatory, for all awards. Submit the thank you letter, addressed, stamped and un-sealed, to the fair board for approval and acknowledgement that the thank you was written.

We look forward to seeing you for a fun, exciting and rewarding day with your horse. If you have any questions, please call.

Happy Trails,
Katie Sereni, chairman
(707) 494-4200

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See H.F.F.C.F. Livestock and exhibit rules.

Showmanship Classes will consist of:

4-H Novice (Novice winner will advance to the Junior Class.)

4-H Junior

4-H Senior

FFA Novice (novice winner will advance to the advanced class)

FFA Advanced

Program Schedule:

Showmanship (50 points) will be the first class. You may show English or western tack, but must be in uniform. This will be a basic class and pattern will be posted the day of show by the judge.

Grooming and Tacking (12 points) is the second part of the program. You will groom and tack your horse in front of a judge. There will be a bucket of grooming tools provided. Some tools may be horse appropriate, and some may not. You may have to identify certain tools. A saddle stand is provided, but you may bring your own. Since all horses will be previously washed and groomed, you may be asked to only demonstrate how to properly use grooming equipment. Dirty or broken equipment may cost you points.

Equitation (100 points) will be the third part of the program. A basic pattern will be provided and posted the day of the show by the judge. Rider will demonstrate leading, mounting, walking, trotting and reversing your horse. Senior/Advanced riders may be asked to Lope/Canter.

The **Trail Course (50 points)** is the fourth part of the program and the final mounted class. A course will be set up either before or during the program. No one may enter the trail course arena for practice. The judge will have an assistant walk through the course for all riders to see what will be expected. If your horse is shy of an obstacle, do your best to try and encourage your horse, but you may pass on the obstacle. A zero will be given, but remember, you can make up the points on other obstacles. Don't get discouraged, and pat your horse for trying.

The **Written Test (12 points)** ugh!!!! Don't let the word **test** fool ya'all! Senior's and Advanced riders will start with the test while the novice and juniors are beginning with grooming and tacking. The written part of the program will be based on safety, feeding, health, housing, parts of equipment and parts of the horse. Keep in mind your everyday tasks of caring for your horse and you will do fine.

There may be two judges. The first judge will focus on the grooming and tacking and oversee the scoring of the written test. The second judge will be dedicated to showmanship, and equitation. Depending on the number of exhibitors, the first judge may ask you to complete trail before equitation.

So polish your boots, shine your helmets, wash and clip your horses. You can look forward to having a fun and relaxing day. After all the program is based on your day to day caring of your horse.

