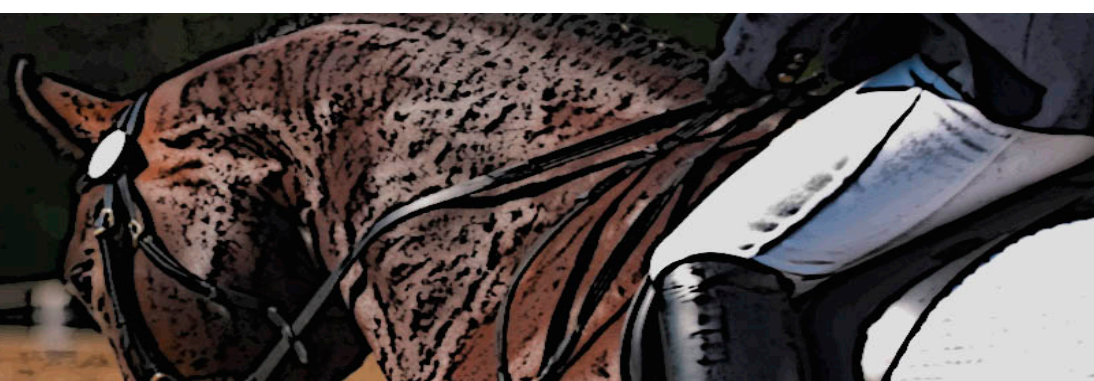




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TO: Area 'E' Horse Show Participants & Parents

CC: *Wendy Taylor (Animal Sciences Department); Joe Schaefer, (District Director)*

FROM: Adam Gletzer, Indian River County 4-H Agent, Area 'E' Chair

DATE: March 3, 2010

RE: Area 'E' Horse Show Registration Packet

Congratulations on qualifying to represent your county at the Area 'E' 4-H Horse Show, which will be held April 24 – 25, 2010, at the Florida State Fairgrounds' Bob Thomas Equestrian Center in Tampa, Fla. The show's planning committee has worked very hard to plan this event for you, and we're excited to have you attend.

First, though, we have to get you registered. All registration will be handled through your county's Extension Office; so please pay close attention to their deadlines and other instructions. Below is a list of individual forms that you will need to complete and return to your County 4-H Agent:

- ✓ Entry Form
- ✓ Statement of Understanding
- ✓ 4-H Participation/Health & Code of Conduct Form - *Be sure to include all three shows and their dates in the Activity and Date lines: Area 'E' Horse Show, April 24 - 25, 2010; State 4-H Horse Show, July 8 - 10, 2010; and Southern Region Horse Show, July 26 - 31, 2010. Youth not traveling with a parent/guardian will need to bring this form in case of emergency. We will forward a copy of this form on should you qualify for the state and regional shows.*
- ✓ Receipt of Rule Book Form
- ✓ T-shirt Order Form - *if you're ordering a T-shirt*

Also included in this packet for your information:

- ✓ Class Schedule
- ✓ Class List
- ✓ Dressage Test Training Level 3
- ✓ Host Hotel Information



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DUE DATES: Registrations forms and payments must be submitted through your local county Extension office. _____ County's deadline is _____ . Please make your check payable to: _____ .

County registration packets, including one check, are due to the Indian River County Extension Office by Thursday, April 2, 2010.

FEES: The registration fee set by the state for 2010 is \$50. Also, there will be no free-range horses on the fairgrounds. All horses must have a stall; the stall rental fee is \$38. Tack stalls are also available for \$38 and riders may share the stall and the cost. There will be no jump fee this year.

HOW MANY CLASSES MAY I ENTER?: You may register for a total of five (5) classes, including one (1) Showmanship class. If you do not enter a Showmanship class, you may only register for four (4) total classes. Each horse may only be entered in one (1) Confirmation class, and each participant may only enter in one (1) Showmanship class.

STALL REQUESTS: On the entry form, please write in your stall preference and total your fees. If you are the individual purchasing a tack stall, please list those with whom you'll be sharing.

RULES: The "Florida 4-H Area & State Horse Shows Official Rules 2010 (4HHSG05)" will be the rule book for this show. If you do not have a copy, please contact your local Extension office, or download it from the show's Web site.

FOALS: There will be **NO FOALS** at the Area 'E' 4-H Horse Show. None.

THEFT, misuse or abuse of public or personal property by a participant or his or her family will not be tolerated. Counties and/or individuals will be billed for damages.



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WEATHER: The weather will likely be hot and/or raining. If it rains, we will conduct our classes in the rain. If the weather deteriorates, the show may be temporarily suspended. That decision will be made solely by the Show Management.

BRING WITH YOU TO THE FAIRGROUNDS FOR CHECK-IN:

- ✓ Your current, negative Coggins paperwork. Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services inspectors will be at check-in to check for this paperwork. The name you show your horse under must be exactly the same as it is on his or her Coggins paperwork. If the name on the Coggins paperwork is a nickname, then register your animal under that nickname.
- ✓ Your equestrian safety helmet. Please refer to the Official Rules 2010 to see if your helmet meets the standards
- ✓ Your bits. Please refer to the Official Rules 2010 to see if your bits meet 4-H standards.

DRESSAGE: The dressage test used at this year's Area 'E' show will be 2007 Training Level Test 3. If you did not receive a copy, please contact your 4-H Agent or visit the show's Web site.

MEASURING PONIES: If you are entered in any of the following classes at the Area Show you must have your pony measured during check-in at the show: #1, 2, 7, 28, 29, 34, and 41. Friday Check-in is from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.; on Saturday and Sunday, please come to the Show Office after 7 a.m. Your pony must be measured before you enter your first class.

IN THE RULES: Only the 4-H exhibitor is allowed to ride his or her horse while on the show grounds. Parents or trainers may not ride any horse at any time on the show grounds. "Tuning up" by anyone other than the exhibitor is prohibited. Assistance or coaching from the sidelines while competing in the class is also prohibited. Failure to comply with these rules may result in penalties or the disqualification of the exhibitor. However, lunging (in a halter, with no other tack or equipment on the animal) by someone other than the exhibitor is allowed.

HOTELS & CAMPING: The Area 'E' 4-H Horse Show Committee has arranged for a host hotel: the Hilton Garden Inn of Tampa East. Please refer to the hotel information page for prices and contact information. Make your reservations now. Camping is also available at the State Fairgrounds starting at \$40 per night. Please contact the fairgrounds at (813) 740 - 3500.



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DEADLINES: The agents presenting the Area 'E' Show try to be as pleasant and flexible as possible. Please aid us in this endeavor by getting your forms submitted on time and completed. We do understand that sometimes there are unforeseeable circumstances, especially with kids and horses. So, the ABSOLUTE LATEST DATE to withdraw from the show with a registration refund will be Friday, April 9.

If your horse becomes injured or otherwise unfit to show, we will allow a substitution if you provide us with documentation from your veterinarian on letterhead. If this occurs before April 9 we will allow you to switch classes. If after, no class substitutions will be made.

* Some counties have policies in place regarding participation in the Area 'E' Show. The Area 'E' Show management will defer to counties on those policies. So, please check with your county agent before requesting a substitution of horse or classes.

SAFETY REMINDERS: Your safety is our top concern, and sometimes large numbers of horses in the staging area can become a problem. The planning committee would like to remind you:

- ✓ No motorized two-wheel personal vehicles (scooters)
- ✓ No dogs in the staging area
- ✓ Horses must not be left tied and unattended in the aisles of the barns
- ✓ Horses must be led into and out of the barns, not ridden
- ✓ Helmet rules will be enforced

WHO QUALIFIES FOR STATE?: A 4-H'er must compete and place in the top 55th percentile of those who actually show at the Area 'E' 4-H Horse Show. A notification of your advancement to the State 4-H Horse Show will be sent to your county's 4-H Office following the show. If you DO NOT plan to attend the State Horse Show should you qualify, please select the box indicating so on your entry form. The Area Show is allowed to advance a finite number of riders to State. Youth who qualify but fail to attend the state show may take away the opportunity for a fellow rider to attend.



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WHEN YOU ARRIVE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS: Bring your horse, negative Coggins, bits, helmets and yourself to check-in at the livestock barn. Friday's check-in will be held from 3 p.m.– 7 p.m. County faculty and volunteers will be there to check you in, go over your classes, measure your pony and answer any questions you may have.

Here's a quick checklist for completing all of this paperwork:

- ✓ Entrant's birth date and age are entered as of Sept. 1, 2009
- ✓ Horse is registered under the same name that appears on his or her Coggins
- ✓ Class names and numbers are correct
- ✓ Signatures are completed on the front and back of all forms
- ✓ Check that you've included the correct amount in your payment
- ✓ Checks made out to: _____
- ✓ Due to County Office by: _____

We look forward to seeing you in April at the 2010 Area 'E' 4-H Horse Show! If you have any questions, please contact your local 4-H Agent. Be sure to visit the show's Web site. Good luck at the show.