

# MISSOURI 4-H HIPPOLOGY CONTEST

## WHO?

4-H members ages 8-18

## WHEN?

3rd Sunday in March

## WHERE?

University of Missouri -  
Columbia

## WHAT YOU WILL DO

- **Test Phase**- Questions are multiple choice or true false and relate to equine knowledge.
- **Judging Phase**- Judge halter and performance classes. Placing classes is essentially ranking best to worst.
- **Stations** - There may be 5-10 stations in which youth identify objects and their purpose. This could be tack, parts of the hoof, different feeds, organ systems, grooming tools, etc.
- **Problem Solving** - Each team will be given an equine related problem to solve using their equine knowledge. After 10 minutes, a solution is presented to a judge and scored.

Each phase is worth 100 points. The first three phases are completed individually with each individual's points added for the team points.

## WHY DO IT?

- Gain knowledge of characteristics to look for in equine halter and performance classes.
- Learn about horse care, breeds of horses, horse health, tack, and more.
- Gain critical thinking, communication, and decision-making skills.
- Develop a connection to the equine industry as a career.



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## TIMELINE

**October** - Enroll in 4-H and a horse project (not required, but recommended).

**November to February**- Attend horse project meetings.

**February**- Register for state contest.

**March**- Attend 4-H State Hippology Contest.

## THINGS YOU MIGHT DO AT PROJECT MEETINGS

- Review online resources.
- Meet with a local equestrians to learn about their careers.
- Learn about horse care, breeds of horses, horse health, tack, and more.
- Learn about the confirmation and performance judging classes.
- Practice preparing and giving reasons.

## RESOURCES

- [Curriculum and Other Resources](#)
- [Sample Hippology Questions](#)

