

Fourth Annual All-Youth Horse Judging Trials Draw Over Two Hundred Youth

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On March 6th, over 200 youth contestants, ranging in age from eight to nineteen years old, and hailing from three states put their breed knowledge and judging skills to work. These young people were expected to know the judging standards of all eight breeds showcased in the fourth annual All-Youth Horse Judging Trials which is held in conjunction with the Illinois Horse Fair. The contest coordinator was thrilled to have several breeds participating in the All-Youth for the first time this year.

Three conformation classes were presented to the youth including Pony's of America, miniature donkeys, and Friesian yearlings. Both Saddlebreds and Tennessee Walking Horses were judged under model class rules for each breed. The youths' knowledge of performance classes was put to the test as well. After judging the diverse in-hand classes the contestants also judged an assortment of riding classes including stock type western pleasure and Saddlebred saddleseat English Country Pleasure as well as Ranch Riding judged according to the American Ranch Horse Associate rules.

Awards were presented to the top ten individuals in each age division as well as to the top five teams in each age division. The top individual in each division along with the top team in each division received trophy duffel bags in addition to their first place ribbons. Ribbons and trophies were generously donated by the Illinois Horse Fair.

The contest was organized by the University of Illinois Equine Extension Specialist who would like to thank the horse owners, handlers and riders that exhibited horses for the judging. Without their participating the All-Youth would not be possible. Complete results from the contest are available on Illini Horsenet

<http://www.livestocktrail.uiuc.edu/horsenet/>

In the eight to fourteen year old Junior division awards were given as follows.

Junior Top Ten Individuals

Placing	Contestant	County	Coach	Points
1	Alexandrea Hemberger	Sangamon-Menard County 4-H	Terri Bailey	406
2	Rebecca Gordon	It's Peanut Butter Jelly Time	Beth Gordon	404
3	Sydni Redding	Willing Winners All Starz 4-H	Staci Redding/Shari Day	395
4	Morgan Killian	Mclean County 4-h	Diane Wohlers	393
5	Sydney Boehm	Shelby County 4-H	Lori Miser	393
6	Amy Monroe	Bits N Spurs – Macon Co. 4-H	Rebecca Lloyd	392
7	Emily Frank	Bond County 4-H	Debra Fritch/Vicki Enloe	392
8	Samantha Briscoe	Clay County 4-H	Lori McAllister	391
9	Abi Winbigler	Knox County 4-H	Rebecca Curry	389
10	Lexi Leach	Grundy County 4-H	Lisa Leach	388

Junior Top Five Teams

Placing	Team	Coach	Points
1	<u>Sangamon-Menard County 4-H</u> Alexandrea Hemberger, Lana Nickelson, Ashli Kruse, Sarah Kate Hemberger	Terri Bailey	1163
2	<u>Clark County 4H Appaloosas</u> Hanna Jones, Mickenzie Thompson, Haley Elliott	Ruth Stewart	1135
3	<u>Vigo County 4-H Horse & Pony (Indiana)</u> Abby Kelsheimer, Jacob Kelsheimer, Hunter Duncan, Chance Duncan	Jamie Duncan	1127
4	<u>Mclean County 4-H</u> Kayla Colthurst, Krista Colthurst, Morgan Killian	Diane Wohlers	1121
5	<u>Lake County 4-H</u> Taylor Pogue, Chelsie Boyle, Trace Miller	Sarina Miller	1106

In the fifteen to nineteen year old Senior division awards were given as follows.

Senior Top Ten Individuals

Placing	Contestant	County	Coach	Points
1	Kayla Wells	Illinois Quarter Horse Assoc.	Susan Wells	423
2	Lauren Wells	Illinois Quarter Horse Assoc.	Susan Wells	416
3	Zoe Underwood	Knox County 4-H	Rebecca Curry	415
4	Molly McGhee	DuPage County 4-H	Deb Woznicki	412
5	Danielle Potter	Shelby County 4-H	Theresa Boehm	407
6	Julia Shoop	Christian County 4-H	Barb Campbell/Sandra Shoop	407
7	Shaunte Padilla	Carroll County 4-H	Bryan Hollewell	407
8	Megan Richter	Carroll County 4-H Contenders	Joan Harms	406
9	Karen Woznicki	DuPage County 4-H	Deb Woznicki	406
10	Rachel Riddle	Mclean County 4-H	Diane Wohlers	405

Senior Top Five Teams

Placing	Team	Coach	Points
1	<u>Illinois Quarter Horse Association</u> Kayla Wells, Lauren Wells, Derek Maynard	Susan Wells	1241
2	<u>DuPage County 4-H</u> Karen Woznicki, Alexis Patinos, Molly McGhee, Samantha Marusiak	Deb Woznicki	1213
3	<u>Shelby County 4-H</u> Danielle Potter, Ashley Deere, Andrew Mathis, Hailey Potter	Theresa Boehm	1195
4	<u>Knox County 4-H</u> Zoe Underwood, Makaela Mason, Amber Schlomer, Alison Riesing	Rebecca Curry	1193
5	<u>Mclean County 4-H</u> Rachel Riddle, Courtney Wright, Shelbi Mason	Diane Wohlers	1191