Youth Equestrian of Excellence Program

Requirements
Must be an active member of FFA, Pony Club, or 4-H must be C1 or above. May also be an active member in more than one affiliation.

Mandatory Items:
- Participate in a horse-related public speaking activity.
- Participate in a community service project.
- Keep a record book on an animal.
- Participate in a leadership activity.
- Promote safety within the horse industry.
- Explore career options in the horse industry.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:
To qualify, complete 3/5

Horse Events:
- GENERAL OPPORTUNITIES
  Attend horse camp
  Participate in/audit/volunteer at a clinic
  Participate in/volunteer at a horse show
- Pony Club Opportunities
  *Attend Pony Club Camp.
  Attend Upper Level Pony Club Camp.
  Teach at a local camp.
  *Volunteer at a horse event.
- FFA Opportunities
  Develop an SAE in a horse related field
  Participate in FFA Horse Judging
  Enroll in a horse management class at your Ag center

Local Participation:
- GENERAL OPPORTUNITIES
  Educate firefighter on how to handle horses/ barn layout.
  Help out at a horse rescue center.
  Collect donations for a horse rescue center.
  Promote safety in your community.
- 4-H Opportunities
  Submit for judging at least one project at your county 4-H fair.
  Submit for judging a second project at your county 4-H fair.
  Sell ads or sponsors for the 4-H fair.
  Collect donations for the 4-H fair.
  Submit a project for judging at another 4-H fair.

Class/Club Activities:
General Opportunities
- Attend
- Give a demonstration
- Participate in/organize a community service activity
- Organize an activity
- Organize a learning activity for the meeting
- Attend a club activity
- Participate in fundraising
- Pass a horse knowledge exam
- Make a snack
- Present a talk, demonstration or speech for your club
- Submit an article about your club’s activities to a media source

4-H Opportunities
- Teach another 4-H member a 4-H skill
- Be directly responsible for having a new member join 4-H
- Make a poster, exhibit, or any other promotional article (s) for 4-H
- Organize a Hippology or quiz bowl study session and team
- Host a Hippology or quiz bowl study session and team

To register: https://tinyurl.com/uconnyee

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4-H website: http://www.4-h.uconn.edu/member/event.php#state
FFA website: www.ctffa.org
Local Participation:

* **Pony Club Opportunities**
  Conduct a Rating at the Club level.
  Participate in a fundraiser for the club or region.
  *Attend a mounted meeting.
  *Attend an unmounted meeting.

* **FFA Opportunities**
  Enroll in a horse management or animal science class at school.
  Plan a horse related event for your chapter (horse show, clinic, etc.)
  Participate in an Agri-Science Open House at your school.
  Develop a fundraising effort for your chapter.

Record Keeping:

* **GENERAL OPPORTUNITIES**
  Maintain a record book on an animal.

* **Pony Club Opportunities**
  Complete a record Book to C-1 Standard or above.

* **FFA Opportunities**
  Complete an Ag Experience Tracker.

**ATTEND A COUNTY, STATEWIDE, REGIONAL OR NATIONAL HORSE EVENT:**

* **GENERAL OPPORTUNITIES**
  *Participate in the UConn Cornucopia Fest, visiting the horse related activities.
  *Participate in the Fall Festival at the 4-H Education Center at Auer Farm.
  *Attend the Riding Camp Safety Horsemanship Clinic
  *Attend the CT Horse Symposium
  *Attend a CT Horse Council Meeting
  *Attend a horse related planning and zoning meeting.
  *Attend Equine Affaire
  *Participate in a horse related clinic (audit or active)

* **4-H Opportunities**
  State 4-H Horse Public Speaking Contest
  State 4-H Horse Individual Presentation Contest (senior 4-Hers only)

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* **4-H Opportunities continued:**
  State 4-H Horse Team Presentation Contest
  State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest
  State 4-H Hippology Contest
  State 4-H Horse Judging Contest
  *Horsin’ Stride Workshop Day
  *Giddy Up Games
  New England 4-H Horse Contests
  New England 4-H Horse Show at Eastern States Exposition
  Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup
  Help with set up or clean up for a county level 4-H horse event.
  Participate in Connecticut 4-H Expressive Arts Day with a horse related theme.
  Participate in 4-H Public Presentation Finals with a horse related theme.
  Participate in a 4-H Fashion Revue as an equestrian.
  Participate in a Connecticut 4-H Photography and Art Contests with a horse related theme.
  Participate in the 4-H Talent Show with a horse related theme.
  Participate in the 4-H Textile Arts Contest with a horse related theme.
  Attend a CT State 4-H Horse Advisory Meeting

* **Pony Club Opportunities**
  Attend a Rally at the regional level.
  *Volunteer at a Rally.
  Attend the Pony Club Regional Rally Championships in any discipline.
  Compete in a Pony Club Quiz Rally.
  Participate in a USPC National Contest – T-shirt, foxhunting essay, etc.

* **FFA Opportunities**
  *Chapter FFA Horse Shows
  FFA State Horse Judging CDE at UCONN
  FFA Regional Horse Judging CDE at UCONN
  FFA National Horse Judging CDE at National FFA Convention
  *Weekend Education Program for Dressage4Kids
  *Equine Affaire

LEADERSHIP SKILLS:

**GENERAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Be an elected club officer
Become a committee chairperson in your chapter
Recognize a chapter officer
Be a member of a chapter committee
Compete in Parliamentary Procedure CDE
Compete in Prepared or Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE
Participate in chapter open house for new students or elementary students

*Attend State FFA Convention
*Attend National FFA Convention
*Attend Junior Leadership Conference
*Attend Advanced Leadership Conference
*Compete in any FFA CDE at the state level
*Earn your Greenhand degree
*Earn your Chapter FFA degree
*Earn your State FFA degree
*Earn your American FFA degree

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