



New Hampshire 4-H Team Wins First Place at 26th Annual Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup

(Durham, NH) New Hampshire youth earned the highest honors among more than 300 of the nation's most knowledgeable 4-H Horse Program members from 25 states during the 2012 Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup, an annual event hosted by the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, KY.



The New Hampshire State Horse Quiz Bowl Team earned First Place in the Horse Quiz Bowl Contest. The team was composed of Leah Varney, 16, of Swanzey NH, Magdalena Kenter, 16, of Kingston NH, Emily Blain, 17, of Pembroke NH, and Kyle Edmonds, 16, of Pepperell MA and coach Mary Davis of Madbury NH. The team received a plaque and a Perpetual Trophy. This is a huge honor for the New Hampshire State Horse Quiz Bowl Team.

Leah Varney placed 3rd Overall in the Individual Horse Quiz Bowl Contest and Emily Blain placed 8th in the Individual Horse Quiz Bowl Contest.

Other contests held during the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup which New Hampshire teams participated in were Public Speaking, Individual Presentation, Team Presentation, and Hippology. All contestants must be 14 to 19 years old and qualified for the competition by earning top honors at their state 4-H horse contest. Sarah Cote, 19, of Andover MA placed in the Top Ten with her individual presentation "Bad Horse or Bad Bridle". Mekayla Lagerberg, 18, of Fitzwilliam NH and Elizabeth Morris, 15, of Swanzey NH placed in the Top Ten with their team presentation "Getting-A-Head". The New Hampshire Communications Team placed 5th Overall and was made up of Sarah Cote, Elizabeth Morris, Mekayla Lagerberg, and Laura Santer, 16, of Hollis NH and coaches Kathleen and Amanda Shultz of Methuen MA.

Hippology is a comprehensive battery of activities testing a person's knowledge of the horse. Clara Lane, 16, of Surry NH placed 7th Overall in the Individual Hippology Station Phase and achieved 9th Overall in Hippology. The coach of the New Hampshire 4-H Hippology Team is Diane Post of Raymond NH.

"I'm very impressed with how hard working and driven the kids are" said Mary Davis, coach of the Quiz Bowl Team and New Hampshire Team Chaperone. "The team deserved this honor. They worked extremely hard and have been studying for years. The Quiz Bowl Team really came together as a team and supported each other and the whole New Hampshire delegation came together really nicely. The youth that represented New Hampshire are truly an exceptional group of young people." This trip was made possible through funding of the 4-H Foundation of New Hampshire.

Additional results of the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup can be found at www.4hroundup.com. More information about the North American International Livestock Exposition can be found at www.livestockexpo.org.

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