

Delaware County 4-H Livestock Team Opportunities

We do not have always have each of these teams every year, but if there is enough interest we can create a team. In some cases we can work with nearby counties to create a team. Use the interest survey to let us know you want more information.

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Avian Bowl

The avian bowl is a contest for team members to test their knowledge of poultry. Each county can take up to 2 junior and senior teams of 4 with an additional member for the alternate. A senior team member must be 14 to 18 4-H age.

Dairy Judging and Dairy Quiz Bowl

The primary objective of the Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in a 4-H dairy project to demonstrate their knowledge of dairy cattle and the dairy industry in a competitive setting, which is friendly and congenial. It is intended that this contest will be an educational experience for participants and spectators.

General Livestock Judging

The general livestock judging contest is an individual and a team contest where you test your judging skill of Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Goats. Each species will have a market and breeding class to be evaluated. A team can consist of 3 members with an additional member being an alternate. Multiple junior and senior teams can be entered from each county; a senior member must be 14 to 18 4-H age. Juniors have the option to participate in giving oral reasons for their placings. The senior members must give oral reasons to justify their placings.

Equine Team

The equine team has many options in regards to contests. There are also individual contests. Youth do not need to own or ride a horse but must be enrolled in a horse project to compete in these contests.

Horse Bowl is a team event. Teams of 4 or 5 compete in a quiz bowl. The first contestant to buzz in for each question being asked by a moderator - has the opportunity to answer. A correct answer earns their team 1, 2 or 3 points depending on the type of question. An incorrect answer results in a penalty point. Each round of the contest usually has a total of 32 questions. Some of the questions are one-on-one questions where one specific contestant from each team has the opportunity to buzz in. Other questions include open questions (anyone from either team can buzz in), toss up questions (a more difficult question or one that requires several answers - and a correct answer to such a question gives that team a chance to answer a bonus question). Bonus questions are worth 3 points, require multiple answers and are even more difficult. Teams also have the opportunity to earn 2 additional points for a team bonus. This is awarded after all 4 of the team members have correctly answered a question and this bonus can be earned multiple times during a round. Horse Bowl is a double elimination contest and thus teams can continue to compete until they have had

2 losses. Team and individual awards are given at the completion of the contest. Questions for the contest come from designated resources.

Hippology is the ultimate contest. I consider it to be a combination of knowledge and skill learned for other contests. This is also a team event for teams of 3 or 4 contestants. Hippology is divided into 4 sections: 1. Written test (which tests the individuals knowledge as with horse bowl), 2. Horse judging (individuals judge 4 classes - usually 2 halter classes which judge conformation and 2 performance classes), 3. Stations - which is answering questions regarding anything and everything related to horse via visuals. Examples include poisonous plants, anatomy, feeds, hay, horse shoes, farrier tools, tack, bits, parasites, photos, etc. and 4. Team problem. For the team problem the individuals work together to develop and present their solution to a given problem/situation. This is an opportunity for them to develop their problem solving and public speaking skills - and to learn to work together as a team. Team problems can be an impromptu situation or a prepared problem where the team has a designated amount of time to come up with their answer. Each division of the hippology contest is worth 200 points so this is a contest that offers not only the chance to do well as an individual or team in a particular division - but also the opportunity to prove themselves as an all around champion. At the regional (Congress) and national level teams will be presented with 2-3 team problems.

Horse Judging is also a team event and is for a team of 3 or 4 contestants. Individuals judge 8-12 classes of horses. Each class contains 4 horses and/or riders. They will judge 2-4 halter classes and 4-8 performance classes depending on the level of the contest. At the state event the contest usually only includes 6-8 total classes. The difference between this contest and the horse judging division of the hippology contest is that the contestants are required to give 2-4 sets of oral reasons. Oral reasons are when the contestants are required to present their reasons for placing the classes they way they did. They have 2 minutes to present these reasons to a judge and must follow a designated format - comparing the horses in 3 pairs (horses placed 1/2, 2/3, 3/4) giving specific reasons for why which horse was placed higher. They also give grants and criticisms and must use correct terminology. Oral reasons can be intimidating and sometimes deter contestants from this contest. However, patience and baby steps has helped the most timid become excellent reasons givers and develop confidence with speaking in public! Individual and team awards are given in halter classes, performance classes, oral reasons presentation and overall.

Groom and Clean contest is another team event. This is for teams of only 3 individuals. Each team brings a horse to the contest. Prior to the beginning of the contest the horses are covered with wet mud and given time for the mud to dry. Contestants take a short written test prior to beginning of the grooming contest. For the grooming contest each team has an adult that is responsible for holding their muddy horse with a lead rope. This person is there only to hold the horse and is not permitted to talk with the team. The teams have 30 minutes to remove the mud from their horses using a designated set of grooming tools and without using water to give them a bath! They are judged on how clean the horses are - and their teamwork and safety

standards during the grooming contest. After the horses are cleaned and evaluated by the judges - each individual must present the horse in a showmanship pattern. Only team awards are given for this contest and this contest does not go on to a regional or national level.

Dog Bowl Rabbit Quiz Bowl

Dog bowl is a contest for dog lovers to test their knowledge of canine-related subject matter, similar to jeopardy. Teams of 3 to 5 individuals compete against one another in rounds until the winning team has been decided. Contestants need to be enrolled in a dog project in Delaware County to participate. Each county can take up to 2 junior and senior teams of 4 with an additional member for the alternate. A senior team member must be 14 to 18 4-H age. All of the questions used in the contest are from information found in three reference books, one of which is the dog handbook. Dog bowl is a great way to expand and practice your dog knowledge, as well as connect with other 4-Hers from across the state. Dog bowl can help to improve your public speaking and team working skills, as well as time management and studying skills.

Rabbit Quiz Bowl

The primary purpose of the Rabbit Quiz Bowl Contest is to provide an opportunity for 4-H members to demonstrate their knowledge of rabbit-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. The Rabbit Quiz Bowl Contest should provide an educational experience for both participants and spectators. Team members must be 4-H members, but are not required to enroll in a 4-H Rabbit Project to participate. Each county may enter two (2) junior and two (2) senior teams of four (4) or five (5) contestants. One team member will be designated as the alternate if five contestants are entered. The team may be selected by any procedure the county deems appropriate.