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MEMORANDUM TO: County 4-H Coordinators,
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Certain County Extension Agents-Agriculture
Southeast Extension District 9

FROM: Dale A. Fritz, Ph.D., District Extension Administrator, and
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SUBJECT: 2015 District 9 4-H Horse Show

The Southeast District 9 4-H Horse Show Committee has completed the plans for the 2015 District 9 4-H Horse Show. The show will be conducted June 16-18 at the Brazos County Expo Complex, 5827 Leonard Road, Bryan. Directions to this facility can be found at http://www.brazoscountyexpo.com/contact/directions.

Attached and posted at the http://d94-h.tamu.edu/ website, you will find the 2015 District 9 4-H Horse Show Rules, Class Schedule, Show Assignments, Entry Worksheet, Hold Harmless and Medical Care Forms. We expect all to assist the committee by bringing equipment assigned to your county and carrying out your assigned duties. We are not sending a supply of the Entry Worksheets, forms, etc.; however, each county is expected to reproduce their own forms.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. **Volunteers for Show Classes** - Class superintendents must secure 4-H volunteers to assist with the various classes at the show. These volunteers should be contacted prior to June 1 to confirm their assistance at the.

2. **Entries will be submitted online via the 4-H CONNECT System by May 24, 2015.** Use the District 9 4-H Horse Show ENTRY WORKSHEET to prepare entries for entry online. Late entries will be assessed additional fees as outlined in the 2015 District 9 4-H Horse Show Rules. Agents will need to certify all District 9 4-H Horse Show entries in 4-H CONNECT and only horses properly validated will be allowed to enter.

3. Also, complete the District 9 4-H Horse Show Hold Harmless Form and Authorization for Medical Care Form for submission at the Horse Show Registration Office upon arrival at the show.

4. The **Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) regulations** require a Negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) Test within the past 12 months for horses entering shows, fairs,
or exhibitions. All of the counties in our district are requiring negative EIA test papers for horses in their county 4-H horse program. We will also require a negative EIA test paper for participation at the District 9 4-H Horse Show. These papers will be checked upon arrival at the show within these times: June 16 – 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.; June 17 - 7:00 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and June 18 - 7 a.m. to 12 noon.

5. **Stalling and check-in times** for the District 9 4-H Horse Show will be June 16 – 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.; June 17 - 7:00 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and June 18 - 7 a.m. to 12 noon.

6. All District 9 4-H Horse Show participants should be familiar with the State 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations (2015 edition). Each county received an e-mail copy of the 2015 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations in March, 2015. You can make copies for your local needs. This publication is also available at these web sites: http://animalscience.tamu.edu/livestock-species/equine/state-4h-show/ or http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/

7. **Qualifying for the State 4-H Horse Show** - Advancement to the Texas 4-H Horse Show in the Qualifying Divisions requires participation in the Division at the District 4-H Horse Show. All classes within a Division are available to the contestant if the contestant participated in at least one class in the Division at the District 4-H Horse Show. Please note – just entering a class does not define participation. A contestant must enter the arena and participate in the class in order to advance to the State 4-H Horse Show in a Qualifying Division. Please note, all futurity project horses must be shown at District to be eligible for the State 4-H Horse Show.

Advancement to the Texas 4-H Horse Show in the Open/Invitational Divisions does not require participation in the Division at the District 4-H Horse Show.

8. **All State 4-H Horse Show Entries** (Qualifying and Open/Invitational) will be due on 4-H CONNECT by July 1, 2015. Computers will be available in the Registration Office at the District 4-H Horse Show to complete State 4-H Horse Show entries.

9. **Attire for Timed and Cattle Events** - In the past, there have been several questions related to attire for timed events. The State 4-H Horse Show Rules indicate the following: Riders are required to wear a long-sleeve shirt and western boots. Western boots shall include typical cowboy boots and lace-up ropers. All other footwear is prohibited. Boots other than leather soled boots are discouraged. Western hat is optional, and, if worn, should be affixed in a manner to keep it from coming off the rider. Caps are prohibited. The use of spurs and chaps shall be optional. Clothing should be neat and clean.

10. A listing of hotels/motels in the Bryan/College Station area can be found at http://www.brazoscountyexpo.com/area-info/hotels or http://www.visitaggieeland.com/Where-to-Stay/Hotels-Motels-Inns. RV hookups are also available at the Brazos County Expo Complex.
11. **PLEASE ASK YOUR COUNTY’S CONTESTANTS TO EXAMINE THEIR ENTRY ON 4-H CONNECT CAREFULLY, SINCE ADDITION OF CLASSES AT THE SHOW WILL BE COSTLY.**

12. Each contestant and donor will be presented a District 9 4-H Horse Show T-shirt. Donors can contribute on 4-H Connect and indicate the number and size of t-shirts they wish to receive.

13. **Show Photographer** - Jay Hardy Photography from Madisonville has been secured to serve as the show photographer. Contestants can make arrangements directly with Mr. Hardy at the show for class and award photographs.

14. **Ground Fee** - A Ground Fee of $10 per horse entered in the District 9 4-H Horse Show but not stalled at the show will be charged. This fee will help cover the costs associated with the show. Each exhibitor who is not stalling his or her horse(s) at the show is required to pay this fee for each horse entered.

15. **Shavings Fee** - A Shavings Fee of $10 per horse stalled at the District 9 4-H Horse Show will be charged. This fee covers the cost of one bag of shavings in each stall which is required by the Brazos County Exposition Complex. Each exhibitor who is stalling his or her horse(s) at the show is required to pay this fee for each horse. Additional shavings will be available for purchase at the show.

16. **Emergency Medical Service Fee** - An Emergency Medical Service Fee of $5 per horse entered in the District 9 4-H Horse Show will be charged. This fee will help cover the costs associated with having an ambulance and medical personnel on site at the show.

If you have questions, please contact us at the District 9 Extension Office.

This letter serves as your authorization to attend the District 9 4-H Horse Show in Bryan on June 16-18, charging expenses to your regular travel allowance.

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