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

FROM:            Dale A. Fritz, Ph.D., District Extension Administrator, and  
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SUBJECT:        2016 District 9 4-H Horse Show

The Southeast District 9 4-H Horse Show Committee has completed the plans for the 2016 District 9 4-H Horse Show. The show will be conducted June 20-22 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 9201 Airport Road, Conroe, TX 77301. Directions to this facility can be found at http://www.mcfa.org/directions.aspx.

Attached and posted at the http://d94-h.tamu.edu/ website, you will find the 2016 District 9 4-H Horse Show Rules, Class Schedule, Show Assignments, Entry Worksheet, Hold Harmless, Medical Care Forms and Instructional Horse Show Flier. 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. An Instructional 4-H Horse Show will be conducted on Monday, June 20, 2016 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. The Instructional Show is open to any 4-H member and includes these classes... Showmanship, Western Horsemanship, Western Riding, Western Trail, Hunt Seat Equitation, Working Cow Horse, and Stock Horse Pleasure. The entry fee is $50 and includes any or all of the above classes. Entries are due on 4-H CONNECT by May 22, 2016. Participation in the Instructional Show does not require 4-H Horse Validation or ownership. Please refer to the attached flier for complete details.

2. In many of the classes at the District 4-H Horse Show, contestants will compete in Senior (9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades but not 19 years of age as of August 31, 2015) and Junior/Intermediate (3rd grade and 8 years of age, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades) age divisions. These age divisions will be in place as the State 4-H Horse Show as well.

3. 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.
Entries will be submitted online via the 4-H CONNECT System by May 22, 2016. 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 2016 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.

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.

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 20 – 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.; June 21 - 7:00 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and June 22 - 7 a.m. to 12 noon.

Stalling and check-in times for the District 9 4-H Horse Show will be June 20 – 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.; June 21 - 7:00 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and June 22 - 7 a.m. to 12 noon.

All District 9 4-H Horse Show participants should be familiar with the State 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations (2016 edition). Each county received an e-mail copy of the 2016 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations in March, 2016. 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/

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.

All State 4-H Horse Show Entries (Qualifying and Open/Invitational) will be due on 4-H CONNECT by July 1, 2016. Computers will be available in the Registration Office at the District 4-H Horse Show to complete State 4-H Horse Show entries.
11. **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.


13. **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.**

14. **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.

15. **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.

16. **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.

17. **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 Montgomery County Fairgrounds. 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.

18. **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 Conroe on June 20-22, charging expenses to your regular travel allowance.

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