

TimesNew Article 6/2023 - Wild Horse & Burro Trip 2023

Friday, May 19th Youth involved with the Juab County Horse 4-H Programs took a trip to the Delta, UT Wild Horse & Burro Adoption Facility to test their knowledge. 4-H youth have been learning about equine conformation, coat coloring and markings, breeds/types of horses, and much more. This field trip allowed youth to practice their knowledge and test their skills on a vast selection of horses. 6 youth from Juab county went down to Delta to participate in this field day activity.

Youth were able to see live examples of correct and incorrect conformation, coat coloring, marking locations, and more. Youth played a "Horse Bingo" game to help them in looking for specific things like pigeon toes, cow hocks, sorrels, and duns.

Because an acquaintance of the Horse Coordinator was there adopting two horses, youth were also able to participate in and observe the whole process from selection, bidding, paperwork, sorting, and load out.

The youth were enthralled in watching a horse trainer work from the start, with an untouched wild horse, to after an hour having touched and haltered the horse. This was a great spectacle for youth to take part in watching and broaden their understanding of how training horses starts. It was also a good opportunity for them to see the differences in working with mustangs versus domestic horses.

It was a successful event and the youth thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It will be an annual event allowing youth to experience testing their knowledge, traveling to an out-of-classroom lesson, networking with agencies and other youth, and learning about different sectors of the horse world.

The Juab County Horse 4-H Programs are growing rapidly and would love to include as many youth as possible to provide them with these positive opportunities for growth.

If you have any questions or inquiries, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Juab County Extension Office,

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Three of the six Juab County youth in attendance for the 2023 Wild Horse & Burro Trip from left to right: Haylee Jensen, Haiden McPherson, and Sadie Winn