USU Extension 4-H Members Kick Off Wild Mustang Challenge

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Utah State University Extension 4-H members will pick up wild yearling mustangs and wild burros to kick off the 2018 Wild Mustang Challenge on June 9.

Every year the Bureau of Land Management gathers wild horses and burros and attempts to find them new homes. The BLM partnered with USU Extension 4-H youth programs to provide training for several of these young horses. For the Wild Mustang Challenge, youth and leaders in 4-H clubs will have 100 days to work together to train the horses in preparation for the trail challenge at the Utah State Fair.

Money earned from adoptions at the Utah State Fair will help support the 4-H clubs.

Any youth interested in the Wild Mustang Challenge must be a registered 4-H member with horse experience or have an approved designated mentor. Additionally, participants must pass all facility requirements from the BLM, including sufficient space, shelter, fence heights and transportation. All applications will be reviewed by a committee including 4-H and BLM representatives. Approved applicants will meet at the Wild Horse and Burro Festival in Farmington on June 9 where they will pick up their yearling mustang.

For more information, visit http://utah4h.org/projects/ag/horse/mustang.

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