USU Extension 4-H Youth Succeed at National Competition

Shelby Ruud

02/12/2016

Utah State University Extension 4-H youth from across the state recently travelled to Denver to compete in the 4-H Western National Roundup Conference.

These youth, who had already succeeded at the county and state competitions, were able to test their skills against 4-H members from around the country.

“It was amazing to see the intensity, drive and growth of our competitive Utah 4-H delegation,” said Joshua Dallin, USU Extension 4-H volunteer management specialist. “We are very proud of our 4-H youth. They represented Utah well.”

The Horse Bowl Team from Salt Lake County, consisting of Jessie Melton, Breanna Morrison, Savannah Ogden, Mattea Osborn and Nicholas Woolley, did particularly well and placed ninth in the nation in their event. The team faced off against opposing teams by quickly answering questions related to horse topics.

Kevin Kesler, director of Utah 4-H and youth programs, said competitions like this one showcase the benefits of the 4-H program.

“We are always pleased with how the 4-Hers from our state represent us at national events and activities,” Kesler said. “The 4-H program is not only about mastering a skill related to one of the 4-H subject matter areas, but more importantly it is the life skills and experiences that help youth become contributing members of society. That’s the long-term goal of 4-H.”

The 4-H program is a community of six million young people across America learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. Land-grant colleges and universities implement the program through local Extension offices. The 4-H program is further supported by 514,000 dedicated adult volunteers around the nation who help put 4-H youth on a path toward successful careers. Visit utah4h.org for more information.

Photo

Top row: Leslie Price, Savannah Ogden, Emily Donaldson, Dallin Bunnell, Dalton Gibbs

Second row: Dianne Huffman, Cambria Deakin, Jacob Meeks, Jacob Elgaan, Kodee Dawson, Koleman Ducharme, Megan Rowley, Nicholas Woolley

Third row: KaliJo Eisel, Coree Jacobson, Calee Lott, Jessica Meeks, Rosie Smith, Joseph Cannon, Mattea Osborn, Breanna Morrison

Bottom row: Dalley Spendlove, Morgan Perkins, Bailey Gehrlein, Jessie Melton, Daintre Ducharme, Calissa Robinson, Mckaylie Richins, Darla Foster

Writer: Shelby Ruud shelby.ruud@usu.edu

Contact: Joshua Dallin Joshua.dallin@usu.edu