

4-H 2026 Horse Council General Meeting: February 9 @ 6:30 PM

Welcome: Tonya Holyoak

- Executive Horse Council: Tonya Holyoak, President; Teresa Horrocks, Vice President; Kurt Kelso, Treasurer; Chelsie Hansen, Secretary
- Special Activities: Chelsey Black, Jayna Brooks, Katie Peterson
- Support/Counsel: Randee Jaques/Keisha Otten

Pledges: 2 Volunteers: [Kenley Kelso- US Pledge](#), [Kayla Holyoak- 4H Pledge](#)

Contoy Arena donation: Recently painted and donated a set of 3 barrels to the Contoy Arena. We are so grateful that they don't charge the 4-H for using this amazing facility. When we are asked to help clean stalls, pick up trash, or pull weeds, we are happy to provide service to show our appreciation.

Horse 4-H Dates:

Region Horseless Contest: March 21, 2026, Delta, UT

Volunteer/Judges Training: March 26 - 28, 2026, Spanish Fork, UT

Back Country Scavenger Hunt: May 5, 2026, 5:00 pm White Hills, Spring City

Sanpete County Clinic: May 26, 2026, 4:30 pm Contoy Arena

Lucky 21: June 2, 2026, Contoy Arena

1st Show: June 30, 2026, 5:00 pm Contoy Arena

MP Rodeo concessions: July 2 - 4, 2026

2nd Show: July 21, 2026, 5:00 pm Contoy Arena

Portfolio Due: July 27, 2026 - (Optional, but counts toward year-end total points *Required for state all-around prizes)

3rd Show: August 11, 2026, 5:00 pm Contoy Arena

Record Book Due: August 14, 2026 - *Required for year-end prizes

End of Year Banquet: TBA - most likely early September

State Horse Show: September 16 - 19, 2026 South Jordan, UT - Bastian Equestrian Center

Horseless Contests: Randee & Bailee Jaques, Bailey Jo Peterson

- Horse judging, Quiz bowl, Knowledge test and stations, Impromptu speech
- Individual Region Competition March 21, to qualify for the state contest in June
- [Practices will be held Feb. 11, Feb. 16, Feb. 23, March 2, March 9, March 16 at the Extension office](#)

Sherrie Mann - Extension office:

- Chartered clubs: Requires at least 5 kids from at least 3 different families to be a chartered club. Please get registered in Zsuite ASAP. <https://4h.zsuite.org/>
- Test changes: The test will be administered online, with questions coming from the **entire** Rule Book, and Volume 1 (Juniors) and Volume 1 and 2 (Intermediates and Seniors).
- *See attached page for more testing information.
- Speed ribbon placing - Speed event placings and ribbons will be determined by how many exhibitors **attempted** the event. Those who disqualify or get no time will receive an orange ribbon and 1 point. Those who complete the event will be ranked 1st - 5th. Then the Danish system of thirds will be determined by those who attempted the event. (Example: If there are 6 exhibitors, and only 3 get a time for a completed pattern, 1st and 2nd place get a blue ribbon, and 3rd place receives a red ribbon. The 3 orange ribbons would take up the lowest ribbons in the Danish grid, but would only receive 1 point for the orange ribbon).
- Insurance Changes [Helmets are mandatory when on a horse. There is no accident coverage through 4-H.](#)
- Volunteer/business [Leaders need to take roll, keep track of who's at practice](#)

County Clinic: May 26, 2026, 4:30 pm Contoy Arena (bring horses)

- Most likely 4 rotating groups - Service project, Horsemanship, etc.
- Hand out Participant packets - numbers, pins, patterns, record book, etc.
- Dinner will be served

Rank Advancements:

- Rank advancements: Several leaders are qualified to sign off ranks. We had several youth pass off ranks last year, and we want to keep that good momentum going. The state has only had 4 people sign off all 5 ranks. 2 are from Sanpete County (Bailee Jaques and Crystal Holyoak). They each earned a buckle.

- Rank suggestions: You can be working on items in different ranks; you just have to have the lowest rank signed off within 3 years of when you start signing off. Sign things off as soon as you complete them to keep progressing. You can pass off one rank per year unless you are in the Senior Division.
- Submit a pattern for Showmanship or Horsemanship. Rank 5 Mastery & Education (I will accept in lower ranks as well). It can be made up, pulled from Pinterest, etc. Email to: holy_moly19@yahoo.com before April 30th.
- Submit a T-shirt or Hoodie design for this year. Email to: holy_moly19@yahoo.com before April 30th.
- Attend Horse Program Training Clinic March 26 - 28 in Spanish Fork
- Compete in the Region Horse Contest - March 21 in Delta

Novice Division: We have decided to keep Novice as an option to compete at the horse shows. The Novice class is available to anyone wanting to show in a walk or trot. No loping or cantering is allowed. This class is for inexperienced riders and/or horses. The Novice class is ineligible to participate in the State Horse Show. They will be given a show prize, a ribbon chart, and ribbons for every event completed, but will not be given placings or a total score. The Novice class is to improve riders' skills and gain confidence. If an exhibitor chooses to show in the Novice class, they will need to show in the Novice class every show that year. If an exhibitor shows in their age group and then decides to show in the Novice class, that is allowed. They will not be allowed to go back to their age group that year once they have shown in the Novice class.

In Hand Shows: We decided to discontinue hosting In Hand shows. There wasn't a lot of participation. Several from our county competed in both the In Hand and Two Handed competitions at the State Horse Show and did really well.

2026 Show prizes: Most show day and some year-end prizes have already been purchased. Would the youth like to continue to get a buckle for high point in each age group? Or prefer something else? [Stay with a buckle for 1st place](#)

Show day themes for decorating during speed events: Suggestions for this year? [Hawaiian, camo, superhero, zoo, 80's. Youth ambassadors will decide.](#)

VOTING:

Per Show Price: Stay at \$25? **Motion to Pass** :[Randee Jaques](#), [Second: Kurt Kelso](#). **Unanimous.**

New State Youth Representative: Remington Stallions **Motion to Pass** :[Chelsie Hansen](#), [Second: Bailee Jaques](#). **Unanimous.**

2026 Youth Ambassadors: **Motion to Pass** :[Randee Jaques](#), [Second: Teresa Horrocks](#). **Unanimous.**

Kenley Kelso, Crystal Holyoak, Kayla Holyoak, Kendra Holyoak, Ella Ayre, Remington Stallions, Payslee Horrocks, and Kira Carter

Ambassador clinic ideas: Leather cleaning, saddle fitting, Vet/First aid kits, dental care, massage, helmet fitting

Resources & Other Important dates:

Rule Book, Volume I & II Study Materials, Rank Advancements, Record Book, etc under "4-H Horse Projects":

<https://extension.usu.edu/sanpete/4h-resources>

Sign up for 4-H clubs, Clinic & Shows:

<https://4h.zsuite.org/>

2026 Horse 4-H State Show September 16-19 Bastian Center, South Jordan, UT (2025-2028). Includes: Working Ranch Horse, Working Equitation, English/Hunter show, In-Hand & Two Hand (anyone can compete). Individual Western (qualifying show - typically the top 3-5 in each age group in Sanpete County are invited to compete, depending on # of participants).

2026 Executive Officer Committee Contact Info. We are here to help. Please reach out.

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USU Ext: Roxie DeBiasi 435-283-3472 roxie.debiasi@usu.edu – help on signing up in 4-H/Zsutes

Any questions/suggestions or things we haven't covered?

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: [Randee Jaques](#), [Second: Kurt Kelso](#)

Remember, the 4-H motto is to “Make the Best Better.” Let’s try to remember to only compete with ourselves and try to improve a little each day.

“There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man.” Winston Churchill

4-H Western Horse Test Schedule And Rule Changes

Test Schedule

- The Western Horse Test will be administered **online**.
- Testing materials will be selected from the **entire** Rule Book, and Volume 1 (Juniors) and Volume 1 and 2 (Intermediates and Seniors).
- The test link will be emailed to youth **one week prior to the show (Tuesday)**.
- The test window will **close on Wednesday at 9:00 p.m.**
- Youth will receive an email on the **Monday before the show** that includes their **test score and a copy of their test**.
- Youth will have **until 10:00 p.m. on that Monday** to submit any test challenges by email to **Sherrie Mann (Sherrie.Mann@usu.edu)**.
- Youth will receive a response regarding their challenge on **the next day (Show day Tuesday)**.

Test Schedule for 1st Show June 30, 2026

- **Monday, June 22** - Sign up for the show closes in Zsuite
- **Tuesday, June 23** – Test link emailed to youth
- **Wednesday, June 24 (9:00 p.m.)** – Online test closes
- **Monday, June 29** – Youth receive test scores and a copy of their test
- **Monday, June 29 (10:00 p.m.)** – Deadline to submit test challenges by email
- **Tuesday, June 30 (Show day)** – Youth receive responses to any submitted challenges

Test Rules

- **Tie-breaker questions** will be automatically built into the test and used if the bonus questions don't break the tie. (For example, questions #5, #8 & #10 will be used to break any ties.)
- If a youth is **unable to complete the test during the scheduled test window**, they must submit a **written request** and receive **prior approval from the Executive Committee** to take the test at an alternate time.
- If a youth is required to **retake a test** due to a **duplicate or missing submission**, they must receive **permission from the Executive Committee**. The retake will be an **in-person, closed-book test** administered **one hour before check-in on the day of the horse show**. There will then be a 5-point penalty (ribbon drop) to the completed written test score.

Test Scoring

- The test will be scored using the **same method as the State Show**.
- **15** is divided by the **total number of test questions** to determine the **point value per question**.
- The number of **correct answers** will be multiplied by the **point value per question** to determine the youth’s test score.
- Each age division will receive **additional placing points for 1st through 5th place**, which will be added to the youth’s **overall show total**.

Ribbons

- Ribbons may be displayed on the youth charts **for visual recognition only; no ribbon points are awarded**.
- Ribbon colors correspond to the following score ranges:
 - **White Ribbon:** 0–5 points
 - **Red Ribbon:** 6–10 points
 - **Blue Ribbon:** 11–15 points
- It is possible for **all youth within an age division** to earn a **Blue Ribbon**.