OBJECTIVES
1. Encourage youth to teach others and provide information while demonstrating correct use of visuals on a horse related topic.
2. Give youth confidence in their ability to present information in a logical and concise manner.
3. Increase the level of horse knowledge and expertise.
4. Improve a youth’s study skills, and ability to use correct English, and speaking skills.

IOWA CONTEST RULES
1. All Equine Extravaganza entries are to be made online by April 1, 11:59 PM.
2. Event will be held at the Equestrian Center of Ellsworth Community College, Iowa Falls on Saturday.
3. There is an individual and a team contest. A team consists of two (2) members.
4. There will be four separate demonstration divisions: Junior Individual, Junior Teams, Senior Individual and Senior Teams. Junior members may not have reached their 14th birthday as of January 1st of the current year. All senior members must have reached their 14th birthday as of January 1st of the current year. Age divisions for this contest are based on the national rules and not by grade.
5. For 4-H teams only: Counties may, with prior approval, (before March 1) combine 4-H members to form teams. This option is designed to allow additional 4-H members to participate, not to form and “all-star” team. This would be used in case a county may have two 4-H’ers who are interested, and have recruited two other interested 4-H’ers from an adjoining county. Team members may be combined from non-adjointing counties on a case by case basis with prior approval (before March 1) of State 4-H Staff and Equine Specialist.
6. In hardship cases, juniors may be part of the senior team, but seniors may not participate on junior teams. Juniors can serve only as a team member, not as an alternate, and only one junior allowed on a senior team. Junior members cannot participate on both the junior and senior teams in the same event in the same year. Teams utilizing juniors cannot advance to the national events.
7. The demonstration/illustrated talk must be 5-7 minutes for juniors and 9-12 minutes for seniors. Team demonstrations must be 10-15 minutes in length. It is recommended that both team members speaking time be nearly equal.
8. Only the judge(s) may ask questions of the participants, including references, immediately following the demonstration. Question time will not be counted as part of the allotted time. The subject must pertain to the horse industry. Demonstrations not appropriately related to the horse industry can be disqualified at the discretion of the judge(s).
9. Presentations may be either of demonstration or illustrated talk format. No live animals may be used.
10. Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judge(s).
11. A public address system will not be used during the contest.
12. Creative audio visual aids may be used, but the contestant must be involved in making or designing them. If contestants require an LCD, they must provide their own.
13. Contestant order will be determined by random drawing.
14. For educational purposes the management may videotape all demonstrations with individual or team consent.

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15. Ties will be broken first by the judge’s accumulated delivery score, second by the judge's accumulated organization score, and third on the judge’s accumulated content and accuracy score.

NATIONAL 4-H DIVISION RULES – NATIONAL WESTERN, DENVER, COLORADO
1. These apply to horse judging, hippology, quiz bowl, public speaking, individual and team demonstration.
2. All contestants must be members of 4-H in the state they are representing during the year in which the National 4-H competitive event is held.
3. Contestants must be at least 14 years of age and not reached his or her 19th birthday as of January 1st of the year in which they qualified for the National 4-H competitive event is held.
4. Contestants (including team alternatives) may participate in only on contest per year at the Classic. After competing in this contest, they are ineligible to compete in the same specific contest again. Previous representatives may not compete in the same contest area, but may compete in another contest area.
5. Contestants must not have participated in any post-secondary (university, college, junior college, or technical school) competitive demonstration contest.
6. Contestants may participate in only one (1) contest a year at national contests. After competing in this contest they are ineligible to compete in the same specific contest again.
7. Contestants must not have competed in the team demonstration contest in the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, nor the Western National 4-H Horse Classic in Denver.

AWARDS
Awards will be presented to top five individuals and top ten teams overall. The grand champions in the senior 4-H division will have the option of participating at the national contest. Limited funding from the Iowa 4-H Horse Endowment Foundation may be provided.

ENTRY INFORMATION

1. Online entry DEADLINE is April 1, 11:59 PM.
2. Entries must be made online. Access the online registration at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/equineextravaganza
3. An entry fee of $8 per entry is required. See the online entry process for payment options.
4. All payments or cancellations MUST be received by April 10.