

# 2017 Karnes 4-H Invitational Hippology Contest General Rules

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**Goal:** To encourage youth to expand their understanding, knowledge and participation in equine science, without requiring horse ownership.

## **Team and Contestant Eligibility:**

1. The contest is an invitational contest open to any eligible 4-H member in grades 3 through 12.
2. Contest will be divided into Junior (grades 3-5), Intermediate (grades 6-8) and Senior (grades 9-12) as of September 1, 2016.
3. Teams will consist of 3 or 4 members. All scores will be counted for 3 member teams. The lowest score will be dropped for 4 member team total scores, but will be counted for individual awards. The team category will be determined by the grade of the oldest member—Junior and Intermediate entrants may enter as part of a team in an older category, but **MUST** then also participate as an Individual in that same category.
4. Contestants should bring #2 pencils and a clipboard. Answer sheets will be provided.

## **Contest Classes:**

1. Judging—2 Halter Classes—Slide Show classes will be used, with profile, front and rear views. No live horses will be judged at this competition.
2. Slide Show —PowerPoint slides with multiple choice questions identifying breeds, colors, markings, tack, events, etc.
3. Written Exam—Multiple Choice questions on horse knowledge.
4. Station ID—Tables or stations containing horse-related items and topics, with matching or multiple choice questions. Contestants will not be allowed to handle the individual items on display. May include, but not be limited to, the following topics:
  - a. Tack, bits, bridles, horse shoes, saddles, etc.
  - b. Tools and equipment
  - c. Grains and forages

- d. External and internal parasites
- e. Blemishes and unsoundnesses
- f. Body systems and general anatomy

5. Team problem—Scores will not be included in the scores for individual awards. All age divisions will have the option of competing, with age appropriate problems presented for each age group. All team scores will include a score for team problem, or a zero score for that portion if teams opt not to do the team problem.

Each team in each age group will be presented with a problem to be addressed by the entire team. All teams will be given time to prepare an oral presentation, and each member of the team should participate. Questions may be asked at the end of the presentation. The presentations should last from 1 to 5 minutes and will be presented privately, in front of a judge or judges. Teams from each age category will all address the same problem. Problems will address basic horse knowledge and will be designed to be age appropriate as to degree of difficulty.

Note: This area of competition is intended to improve communication skills, while encouraging entrants to think on their feet and apply their background horse knowledge—it should be approached as fun, not terrifying!

### **Awards:**

Trophies will be awarded to the top 5 individuals in each age division and ribbons to placings 6 through 10.

The top 3 teams in each age division will also receive awards.

Note: Since the Karnes 4-H Senior members will be helping to run the contest, they will not participate and will not be eligible for any awards. Karnes 4-H Juniors or Intermediates who choose to participate will ONLY be eligible for separate county awards, so that they will not have an unfair advantage in the competition.

### **References:**

The references listed in the Texas 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Supplement are the same ones used for this competition, and may be found at: <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/14/2012/04/equine-youth-horse-quiz-bowl1.pdf>

## **2017 Karnes 4-H Invitational Hippology Contest Entry Form**

**\*\*Entries must be postmarked by February 14, 2017\*\***

*Note: Late entries may be accepted—contact Patsy Bolf:  
pfbolfdvm@yahoo.com or (830) 391-2423- call or text (no voice  
messaging) to make arrangements.*

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ / Jr. \_\_\_\_ Int. \_\_\_\_ Sr. \_\_\_\_

Contestants: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contestants: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Individuals: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost per contestant: \$15

\*\*Please use a separate entry form for each age division.\*\*

Total Amount Due for all forms submitted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: *Karnes 4-H Horse SPIN Club***

**Mail to:**

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471 County Road 198  
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Signature of CEA or Club Leader: \_\_\_\_\_