

# Province-wide Horse Enthusiasts Attend 4-H Horse Classic

With over 50 members from 16 Alberta 4-H light horse clubs plus over 30 volunteer leaders on hand, the 2010 Provincial 4-H Horse Classic was a resounding success. Many new faces and clubs were evident at this year's event held July 28 - 30 at Olds College. In its 16<sup>th</sup> year, the 4-H Horse Classic program attracted members from throughout the province.

"The way this program is run, it encourages participants to use their knowledge and experience as much as possible. We are able to have three industry/project clinics during the program because of generous support of our sponsors and volunteers. The programming at Horse Classic actively develops 4-H members' skills by testing horse knowledge and working on team and individual activities," says Janet Kerr, coordinator of the Horse Classic program and an Alberta 4-H Regional Specialist for East and West Central.

Some contests are designed for individuals and others for teams. Everyone who registered for the event was automatically entered in the hippology contest, which tested members' equine knowledge through four phases - quizzes, judging, identification stations, and team problem.

New this year was challenge marketing where members had the opportunity to test their marketing skills by preparing materials in advance to pitch their product to the judging panel. The winner of this competition was Amanda Hughes of Calmar Heart of the Country. The top four members—based on individual hippology points—qualified for the Denver Western 4-H Horse Classic Award Trip, January, 2010. Amanda Hughes from Calmar Heart of the Country, Lindsey Salomons, Hannah Jensen and Lauren Crick all from the Blindman 4-H Lighthorse Club are this year's trip recipients. Mykayla Sorenson and Stephanie Kinee will act as alternates.

For a full listing of Horse Classic 2010 results, please visit the Alberta 4-H website's "News/ Events" section.

Presenting Partner for Horse Classic is Penn West Energy, Partner Supporters are ATB Financial, Gas Alberta Inc., Government of Alberta, Growing Forward and Lammles Western Wear and Tack. Partner Host is Olds College.



Horse Classic 1: Denver Western 4-H Horse Classic trip winners (from left) Lindsey Salomons, Hannah Jensen, Amanda Hughes, Lauren Crick, Stephanie Kinee (alternate), Mykayla Sorenson (alternate).



Photo Prov. – Horse Classic 2: 4-H members get set for the horse bowl contest.





**Photo Prov. – Horse Classic 3:** Members had to work together and use their creative skills at Horse Classic 2010.



**Photo Prov. – Horse Classic 4:** Horse project members got the chance to show off their presentation skills during the Marketing competition.