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7 Statewide 4-H Equine Science Webinar Series

Over these 6 weeks the State 4-H Horse Work Team will be offering a variety of free online webinars for those involved in 4-H Horse related projects (Horse, Miniature Horse, Horseless Horse and any other county specific projects that involve horses) to help supplement the 4-H member's educational experience. These are available to members, parents, or volunteers! These will be held every Wednesday night from April 24- May 29th **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**. Start times are listed below and may vary week to week. The sessions can be accessed via the following zoom link <https://zoom.us/j/91555937566> (with the exception of the program on May 15th for those showing miniature horses has its own unique link see program description below for link).

We hope you can join us for these educational programs and will enjoy these opportunities!

April 24th at 6:00 p.m.: Basic Equine Reproduction

Scott Stinnett, Golden Plains Area Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development / Livestock

Join us for a webinar tailored for 4-H youth, parents and project leaders interested in learning about equine reproduction. This webinar will provide an overview of the basic concepts and processes involved in horse breeding, catering to beginners and enthusiasts alike. Essential topics will be covered including Anatomy and Physiology, Reproductive Behavior, Breeding Management, Pregnancy and Foaling, Breeding Ethics and Responsibilities,

Whether you're a curious beginner or a seasoned horse enthusiast, this webinar will equip you with valuable knowledge and insights into the world of equine reproduction. Don't miss this opportunity to expand your understanding and appreciation of these magnificent animals!

(2 sessions back-to-back on May 1st (attend one or the other or both!))

May 1st at 6:30 p.m.: Basics of Feeding Horses: Equine Nutrition

Devan Catalano, CSU Assistant Professor of Equine Science and Equine Extension Specialist

In this presentation, Devan will delve into the fundamental aspects of feeding horses, helping those new to the horse project (both members and volunteers) as well as those with some time in the saddle who just want to learn more about this subject. She will be emphasizing the role nutrition plays in your horse's health and performance, review the digestive tract, break down the basic components of a horse's diet (forages, concentrates, and supplements), and help you understand the unique dietary requirements of horses at various life stages and activity levels

while provide practical insights into balancing the diet to meet individual needs. Attendees will gain valuable knowledge about feeding management practices, including portion control, feeding frequency, and strategies to prevent common nutritional issues. By the end you will have a basis to evaluate your feeding program and make decisions going forward.

May 1st at 7:40 p.m.: The Biggest Mistakes Exhibitors Make

Jonathan Vrabec, CSU Extension Interim State 4-H Horse Specialist & Horse Show Judge

In this session Jonathan will discuss the common pitfalls horse show exhibitors often encounter and provide practical strategies to overcome them. Emphasizing the importance of fostering a positive mindset, we explore techniques to cultivate resilience and maintain a constructive outlook throughout the competition. By the conclusion of this program, participants will have gained invaluable insights and actionable strategies to navigate the challenges of horse show exhibitions with confidence, positivity, and a renewed sense of purpose while taking away some basic principles that will last a lifetime.

May 8th at 6:30 p.m.: Equine Tack, Gear, & Equipment

Rebecca Sheriff, Extension County Specialist, 4-H Youth Development, Chaffee and Lake Counties

New to horses? Just getting set up with your horse at your own facility? This webinar will go over tips & tricks for tack, gear, & equipment that will help you be successful in your horsemanship journey. We will discuss bit choices, saddle fit, equine management gear, & more.

May 15th at 6:00 p.m.: Miniature Horse Program Class Overview and State Fair Prep

Special Zoom link for this session only: <https://zoom.us/j/3960598521?omn=95980210908>

Emily Green 4-H Youth Development Animal Science County Specialist- El Paso County

This session will be for those showing miniature horses that are interested in understanding the classes offered at State Fair so come learn the ins and outs for State Fair if you plan to show miniature horses!

May 22nd At 6:30 p.m. Horse Safety 101

Mercedes Glenn, 4-H Youth Development Extension Specialist Animal & Equine Sciences, Douglas County

We will discuss arena etiquette, tail ribbons, trailer safety and biosecurity from the Colorado 4-H Horse Safety 101 Curriculum during this session. This session is extremely important as you focus on your show season.

May 29th at 6:30 p.m.: 3 Pillars of Equine Health

Rebecca Sheriff, Extension County Specialist, 4-H Youth Development, Chaffee and Lake Counties

Maintaining healthy horses is key to enjoying them. A healthy horse is sounder, more energetic, more willing in training/lessons, and performs better. The three pillars to equine health (diet, movement, and social life) are what the other elements of good horsemanship are built on (hoof care, behavior management, quality tack & equipment, etc.) This webinar will discuss the key elements of each pillar, discussing topics such as selecting quality forage, supplementing a diet correctly, designing spaces for horses to have healthy social interactions with other equine, incorporating more movement into a horse's daily life, etc.

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