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STATE 4-H CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW SET FOR AUGUST 26-28

4-H horse club members from throughout the state will be participating in the New Jersey State 4-H Championship Horse Show, August 26-28 at the Horse Park of New Jersey in Allentown. Over 200 4-H members from throughout New Jersey with 245 horse and rider combinations will gather to compete in the English, Western, Dressage, Driving, Very Small Equine, Challenged Rider and Game Divisions.

The State 4-H Championship Horse Show is an annual three-day event that offers 4-H'ers an opportunity to compete at an advanced level and meet other 4-H horse project members from around the state of New Jersey. "The competing 4-H'ers are the best of the best from each county; they have earned the right to participate through county-level qualifying shows." says Carol Ward, State 4-H Horse Program liaison and Rutgers Cooperative Extension agent for Somerset County.

To compete in the state horse show, 4-H members must qualify with their horse by riding in a series of qualifying shows on the county level. The top two scoring riders in each class are then eligible to take part in the state event.

The State 4-H Championship Horse Show is sponsored in part by the New Jersey Equine Advisory Board as well as by businesses and individuals from throughout the state.

The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers, New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station - Cooperative Extension. 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13(one year out of high school), on an age-appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, marital status, domestic partnership status, military service, veteran status and any other category protected by law.

For more information about the New Jersey 4-H Program visit the website at: <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/>.

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