

2024

State 4-H Horse Communication Contest Digital Photography General Information and Rules

The 4-H Horse Communication Photography contest will consist of **digital photos submitted electronically**. This will allow for easier submission, and more opportunities to display photos at various events throughout the year.

All photos should focus on one of the following categories:

Horses in action – example: A horse rounding a barrel or jumping a fence.

Horses in a natural state - example: A horse grazing in a pasture.

Human/Horse Bond – example: A child smiling while petting a pony.

Entry Deadline: Entries must be received by *January 22* in order to be considered. All entries must be electronically submitted to horsephoto@okstate.edu

Eligibility:

- Contest is open to all enrolled 4-H members in grades 3-12 as of January 5, 2024.
- Contestants must be enrolled in 4-H for 30 days prior to the contest
- Entry must have been completed **after February 1, 2023** and by the submission deadline.
- Animals must not be harmed and any handling should be conducted in a way that promotes sound husbandry practices and positive relationships between handler/horse.

Oklahoma State University Extension reserves the right to determine the eligibility of any work, reject any submission, and make executive decisions on individual situations not foreseen by these guidelines.

Awards: The Danish Award System (Blue, Red or White) will be used. Scoring will be based on a combination of both content and photography skills with emphasis on content. A Champion will be selected in each age division. All images will be displayed at the State 4-H Horse Communication Contest held in Stillwater, OK on February 3. Contestants do not need to be present at the communication contest to participate. All photographs may be displayed at the discretion of the committee.

Guidelines: These exhibits consist of photos taken by the individual exhibitors. A photo can be entered only one year. **No more than 5 photography entries per participant.** Individuals may enter **only one exhibit per class** in their age group.

- Juniors : 7th grade and under.
- Seniors: 8th grade and over.
- All grades within each unit are before September 1 of the current calendar year.

What to Send:

1. Completed and signed release form.
2. Completed entry form.
3. Photographs clearly labeled with last name and class entered.

Horse Digital Photography Exhibits Class Numbers and Description

Entry Deadline: All entries must be received by *January 22, 2024*

Email photos, release form, entry form and photo to: horsephoto@okstate.edu include "Photo Contest" in the subject line.

All photographs will be judged on both content and photography design and quality, with emphasis on content.

Digital Photos Original: Adjustments to original digital photos are limited to color and contrast adjustments, cropping, gray scaling, exposure adjustments, and red eye reduction.

Juniors: Grades 3-7

Class 1. Action: One (1) action photo demonstrating the horse in motion. This can be people and horses, or horses alone.

Class 2. Human/Horse bond: One (1) photo showing some type of interaction between horses and humans which demonstrates the social bond or special relationship humans hold with horses

Class 3. Horses in Natural State: One (1) photo showing horse (or horses) in a natural setting as in grazing in pasture, drinking from pond, etc. (Horses cannot be handled for this picture)

Seniors: Grades 8-12

Class 4. Action: One (1) action photo demonstrating the horse in motion. This can be people and horses, or horses alone.

Class 5. Human/Horse bond: One (1) photo showing some type of interaction between horses and humans which demonstrates the social bond or special relationship humans hold with horses

Class 6. Horses in Natural State: One (1) photo showing horse (or horses) in a natural setting as in grazing in pasture, drinking from pond, etc. (Horses cannot be handled for this picture)

Digital Photos Enhanced: Digitally altered photograph/photographic illustration taken with a digital camera by the exhibitor. Alterations are beyond common photography techniques of red eye removal, cropping, etc. Exhibit includes **the original photograph**, labeled "original photo", **and the digitally altered image**, labeled "photographic illustration". All visual elements should be the work of the photographer. No clip art or borrowed images from websites, magazines etc. Include a written explanation of the alterations with your submission.

Juniors: Grades 3-7

Class 7. Action: One (1) action photo demonstrating the horse in motion. This can be people and horses, or horses alone.

Class 8. Human/Horse bond: One (1) photo showing some type of interaction between horses and humans which demonstrates the social bond or special relationship humans hold with horses

Class 9. Horses in Natural State: One (1) photo showing horse (or horses) in a natural setting as in grazing in pasture, drinking from pond, etc. (Horses cannot be handled for this picture)

Seniors: Grades 8-12

Class 10. Action: One (1) action photo demonstrating the horse in motion. This can be people and horses, or horses alone.

Class 11. Human/Horse bond: One (1) photo showing some type of interaction between horses and humans which demonstrates the social bond or special relationship humans hold with horses.

Class 12. Horses in Natural State: One (1) photo showing horse (or horses) in a natural setting as in grazing in pasture, drinking from pond, etc. (Horses cannot be handled for this picture).

Oklahoma State 4-H Horse Communication Contest Photography Entry Form

Required INFORMATION (One entry form per contestant, please)

Contestants can submit up to **5** entries, with only **one** entry per class. When saving your photo files, please identify them by your *last name and class number*.

Email address for correspondence

Identify a shipping address for awards if not attending the Communication Contest

Street address

City, State and zip

Class #

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Email entries and forms to horsephoto@okstate.edu

Oklahoma State 4-H Horse Communication Contest Photography Consent and Release Form

I do hereby consent and agree that the Oklahoma State University Extension and any of its affiliated groups and their staff have the right to use the photograph that I am voluntarily providing. I understand that the photograph may be used in extension or 4-H Youth Development educational or promotional materials. I further consent that my name and identity may be revealed therein or by descriptive text or commentary.

I do hereby release to the Oklahoma State University Extension and its staff all rights to exhibit this work publicly or privately, including posting it on an extension web site. I waive any rights, claims or interests I may have to control the use of my identity in association to the photograph, and agree that any uses described herein may be made without compensation or additional consideration of me.

I represent that I have read and understand the foregoing statement and am competent to execute this agreement.

Photographer's INFORMATION (Please Print or TYPE)

NAME

Grade AS OF JAN 1, 2024

COUNTY

CLUB

E-MAIL

HOME PHONE

MOBILE PHONE

Signature

Date