

9/8/09

Horse advisory meeting

Facilitator- Kathy Russell

1) Nutcracker and other fundraisers for the National teams need alot of help!!

Please contact Candi if you can help at any event.

2) General Fair Debrief

a) We need more volunteers and more training for them

b) We need to have a meeting for all the volunteers for each day after the usual morning meeting, before the classes start.

All volunteers must attend. 4-H members can help with re-set and running errands only.

c) A sign-up sheet for volunteering should go out sooner, maybe at fair registration?

d) 3 volunteers minimum for timed events to make the events go faster. The late night for barrels for the Juniors will not happen again.

e) We need to break up the Ranch Horse Trail scribe & gate time shifts. Suggested that we break up ALL shifts to 2 hours. The time limits

might encourage more people to help. We need parents to volunteer, not just

leaders. Suggested that clubs require the parents to help at fair. We also need

help from ALL clubs. It seems that the same volunteers help out every year.

3) Idea Fair- we need more clubs to teach some classes. Would like to see more

hands on type classes.

4) Equine Series- We need more education for our members and parents on the basics of horses and the 4-H program. Topics will include how to teach kids

to practice with their horse, safety, Showmanship standards, ect. The series will

run October to March. Please encourage families to attend. It was suggested

that a class on the responsibility of the parents to select a SAFE horse for their

child for the 4-H program be held. It was also suggested that a class on how to read

patterns and understand the terminology also be held.

5) Clinics- many are all ready scheduled. Please encourage all members to attend.

6) Horse bowl-Get members studying, lot's of fun, another great way to help

educate!!

7) PNW Judges Training- here in Redmond, excellent opportunity to get info on

all events and changes to the contest guide.

8) Other- Sagebrush arena set-up for English Eq will not happen again. It was hard for the kids to perform their patterns. Too many horses cantering side by side.

Can Trail be in a different location or time? It needs to be in a covered and enclosed area. It will be addressed at fair.

Does Candi receive and go over our notes from these meetings? Yes! It was suggested that the horse leaders meet with Candi at a separate time so that she can be present during the entire meeting.

Tahnee Hayden would like to see the Showmanship state standard revised. Only 3 intermediates received a blue in that class this year at horse fair. She would like to see a red placing in Showmanship and a blue in another qualifying class be acceptable to go to State. She was advised to write a letter to the 4-H Horse program council requesting a revision.

Next Horse Fair - July 22-25, 2010- Dressage will start @ 1pm on Thursday. Everyone can haul in the afternoon(a specific time will be given) on Wednesday .