Horse Show Details
Go ahead, read it! Probably answers a lot of your questions!

Accommodations
The Hilton Garden Inn, Tampa East/Brandon, will be the official headquarters of the State 4-H Horse Show. This hotel is off MLK Blvd. near the junction of I-75 and SR 574. Contact information, rates, and cut-off dates are on the accommodations page. If you would rather stay elsewhere, there are several other motels in the vicinity of the Florida State Fairgrounds.

Awards Program
The Awards Program will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 15th, at the State Fairgrounds in the Horse Show Complex Pavilion. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the presentation of awards and fellowship of other 4-H'ers, parents, and agents from all over the state. All division, breed, and overall awards will be announced and presented at this time. Registration packets for Regionals will also be given after qualifiers are announced. This program will just be an awards ceremony. The music and refreshments will be part of Thursday’s celebration.

Awards Offered
We have some excellent awards for the winners, including a scholarship for the top 4-H Horseman of the Year. High point awards will be presented for each major division (Hunter, Western, Speed Events, Ranch, and Saddle Seat/Gaited), as well as overall, and to high point counties. Other awards include:

**Gloria Watt Emerald Award** will be given to the county (Large and Small) that best conveys a theme through decorations using the following criteria: creative/original interpretation of theme (25%); innovative use of decorations (25%); neatness/attractiveness (25%); and marketing/promoting 4-H (25%). **There is no universal theme so use your imagination!** Judging for this award will take place any time after noon Thursday until Friday, 4pm. The award will be presented at Saturday evening’s Awards Program.

County delegations are responsible for disassembling and disposing of decorations at the end of the show and leaving the barn areas in original condition. Please do not use liquid nails or anything else that leaves behind a permanent mark or residue on the facilities. **The Fairgrounds will charge $100 per stall damaged by liquid nails or similar products.** There is a board along the top of the front side of the stalls that can be used to hang/secure decorations without harming the concrete.

**Golden Shovel Award** will be presented to the county (Large & Small) that has the neatest and cleanest stall area. Random inspections will be made each day by a committee that will select the winning county. The stall areas will be judged 60% on cleanliness and 40% on neatness. Tack stalls will be included in this competition.

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Florida Bred Horse Awards will be presented to the high point Florida bred horse in each of the five divisions, courtesy of the Florida Department of Agriculture. It is important that you indicate if your horse is Florida bred on your entry. You must have verification that your horse was either born or bred in Florida available for leader and agent. No additions will be made after the entry deadline.

Breed Association Awards - You must include a copy of your horse’s AQHA, APHA, or PtHA registration papers with your entry form to be eligible for these awards. No changes or additions will be made after the entry deadline.

- High Point Quarter Horse Award will go to the exhibitor earning the most points on a registered Quarter Horse, courtesy of the Florida Quarter Horse Youth Association.

- High Point Paint/Pinto Horse Awards will go to exhibitors earning the most points on a registered Paint or Pinto Horse, courtesy of the Florida Paint Horse Club and Florida Pinto Horse Association.

- High Point Appaloosa Awards will go exhibitors earning the most points on a registered Appaloosa, courtesy of the Doug Schembri Memorial Horse Show group and B and B Horizontal Of Manatee, Inc.

- Palomino Exhibitor Recognition will not be an award at the program, but the Florida Palomino Exhibitor's Association has a promotional item for every Palomino exhibitor. Horses just need to be Palomino colored and do not need to be registered in any breed. Stop by the show office at any time during the show to pick it up your item.

Versatility Award will be given to the individual who receives the most points competing AND placing in at least three of the five show divisions (Hunter, Western, Speed Events, Ranch, and Saddle/Gaited).

- Horseman of the Year Award – Any 4-H’ers interested in the Horseman of the Year Scholarship Award who have not yet applied should see their county 4-H coordinator. The application deadline is June 1st (to the State 4-H Headquarters). Finalists will be interviewed on Wednesday, July 12, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn. Requirements and procedures for applying for the scholarship may be found in the Florida 4-H Scholarship Summary. Information on applying for scholarships can be found online at: http://florida4h.org/youth_/awards-and-recognition/portfolio/.

Dallas C. Osborne Horsemanship Scholarship - Area B 4-H’ers are eligible for this award with similar criteria to the Horseman of the Year Scholarship. The application deadline is also June 1st and finalists will be interviewed on Wednesday, July 12, in Tampa after the Horseman of the Year interviews.

Bit Checks
Exhibitors in every division may be subject to random bit checks at any time during the show, whether ready to compete or only schooling. Bits of Timed Event exhibitors only will be checked in the picnic area in front of the show office on Thursday, July 13th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you are not arriving until Friday morning, bits can also be checked at the picnic area by the show office on Friday, July 14th, from 12:00 noon to 12:30 p.m. All participants in the speed events must have their bits checked for compliance with 4-H State Horse Show Rules before competing.

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Campers
A limited number of camp spaces are available. Fee for use of camp facilities is $37 per night for a 30-amp campsite, or $47 per night for a 50-amp campsite (prices subject to change). Contact the Florida State Fair Authority at 813-627-4360 for reservations. You should make camping arrangements and payments directly with the Fairgrounds and not through the 4-H office. The Fair requires payment (cash or credit, no checks) for the entire stay at the time of arrival. No camping will be allowed in or around the barn or trailer parking area. View the camping procedures and download a reservation form on the Fairground’s website, http://www.floridastatefair.com/p/facilityrental/266.

Class calls
If you miss your gate call, you will be disqualified from that class. You will not be allowed to work out of order or in a different heat except in the case of conflicting classes. Permission for any order-of-go or heat changes can only be made by Dr. TenBroeck. All participants are given Order of Go booklets at check-in; the same Orders of Go showing any recent scratches are posted at the gates of the arenas; and everyone has schedules listing start times and locations. Classes with individual working orders tend to run more quickly than many people think. Just because you are well down a working order, do not assume that you have plenty of time to wait at the barn.

Due to unforeseeable problems with any mechanical device, the PA system and paddock calls over the system must be considered a courtesy. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be sure that his/her horse is at the gate at the prescribed time. While every effort will be made to maintain a working PA system to carry calls, no protest will be upheld nor will any action be changed on the basis of a PA malfunction alone.

Class Changes
No class changes will be allowed. The only exceptions are if your horse does not meet height requirements or an error is made by the State office. Therefore, when filling out your entry form, be extremely careful that you enter the proper classes. Check to make sure that you entered the correct class for your age and/or your horse’s age, and that you entered in the intended division.

**Coggins check – new procedure for ‘17**
Copies of your horse’s negative Coggins should have been turned in with your Area show registration. Those Coggins tests were forwarded to the State and will be at check-in with the Ag Inspectors. If your Coggins expires between the Area and State shows, you should send a current copy in with your State entry paperwork. You should always travel with an extra copy of your Coggins test whether you have turned one in or not. And as always, your horse’s name on the Coggins should match his/her show name.

Dogs
Dogs must be on leash. Loose dogs will be removed from the grounds by the Hillsborough County Animal Control Center. No dogs are permitted in the pavilion, indoor arena building, make up areas, or along the outside of the show rings in use.

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Dressage
The Dressage classes will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 12th. **Riding times will be assigned.** All riders will be assigned a time to ride and that schedule will be included in the Order of Go booklet given at check-in. Ride time will also be posted online by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the show. For the Training Level classes, both Jr/Int and Sr riders may be scheduled together. Every effort will be made to schedule entrants from the most distant counties later in the order. Depending on entry numbers, there might be a need to have two Dressage judges. If that is the case, both Training Level classes will begin at 10am in locations TBA. That decision will be announced and shared well before ride-times are available. **Dressage results will be announced and awards presented before the first Hunter class Thursday morning.** Tests may be picked up from the show office any time after results are generated.

Helmets
In order to participate at the State 4-H Horse Show, helmets MUST meet the proper requirements as stated in the Florida 4-H Horse Show Official Rules - Revised 2017. **All riders are required to wear an SEI or SEI/ASTM approved equestrian helmet (with chin harness).** It is up to the exhibitor and his/her responsible adults to ensure that helmets are in compliance, fitted properly and in good condition.

Horse Health/Care/Supplies
There will be a veterinarian and farrier on the grounds during most of the horse show. The feed store on the grounds is open Tuesday from 7 am-7 pm, and 7 am-5 pm on show days for bedding, hay, etc.

Lunging
Lunging horses in close quarters with many riders schooling their horses can be dangerous to all involved. Suggested areas acceptable for lunging include the open area in front of barns B and C, and the warm-up area behind (north side of) the east show ring. Areas not suitable for lunging are warm up areas near a competition arena, competition arenas when they are open for schooling with other riders present, and other congested areas. If you are lunging in an area that is inappropriate or causing an unsafe situation, a show official may ask you to move elsewhere.

Opening Ceremony
There will be a Thursday social for all State Horse Show entrants from 5:30-7:00 pm in the pavilion & covered arena. A Parade of Counties will commence at 6:30 pm, followed by an Opening Ceremony. So get together with your fellow county participants and have fun representing your county as a group. The social will also include some interactive activities and light refreshments. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the introduction and fellowship of other 4-H’ers, parents and agents from all over the state. An adult representative should plan on staying with each group of 4-H’ers until the end of the social.

Participation Form
All participants must have this form (or equivalent Health form from 4HOnline) to ensure proper medical treatment and discipline. They should have been turned in at your area show. (The forms will be forwarded to the state office by area coordinators.) Youth not traveling with their parents are encouraged to bring another copy of the Participation/Health form with them for use during the trip.

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Patterns
Orders of work, heats, patterns, etc. will be posted at least an hour before the applicable class outside of the scheduled arena. Exhibitors will also be provided with one pattern booklet in the registration packet. It is the responsibility of each contestant to maintain possession of this booklet, or ascertain this information from what is posted.

Pony Measurement
Ponies in classes 1, 6, 30, 35, and 42 will be measured in front of the tower. Times during which ponies may be measured are:

- Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday from 7:15 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.
- Friday from 7:15 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.

Ponies that are not measured during these times will not be allowed in their classes.

Regionals
The Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships will be held in Perry, GA on August 2-6. The 60 highest point earning seniors and intermediates who competed as seniors will be eligible to attend the regional horse show and will be announced at the Awards Program. All regional entry forms need to be completed and fees paid before the end of the sign-up period on Saturday evening. Each person who qualifies and plans to attend Regionals, including alternates, must be represented or must have already left form/payment at the Show Office before departing Fairgrounds. You may fill out a Regional form at any time throughout the show and leave it at the Show Office to ensure the 4Her’s spot at Regionals in the event of qualification after Saturday’s announcement. The State’s entry deadline for Regionals is immediately after our show. So be sure you are able to go if you sign up because we will submit the entries by the Monday following our Saturday sign-up. Please show consideration to your fellow exhibitors and sign up for Regionals only if you plan to participate. If your plans change for any reason, please contact us immediately so an alternate can go in your place.

**Note that Regionals is a direct conflict with State 4-H University. You can cancel your 4-H University registration and get a 90% refund before June 30. However, the State 4-H Headquarters will allow same gender substitutions for Regionals Qualifiers until July 19 (4pm). Please note that youth who qualify for Regionals are the only ones being granted this extended substitution deadline. Youth who qualified for Regionals will still need to commit to registering for Regionals by the Saturday awards program after the show. So, before it gets to that ‘last minute’ point, everyone who has already signed up for 4-H University should think about what they might want to do should they qualify for Regionals.
**Schooling over Fences, and Hunter Over Fences class order – new for ‘17**

If you have entered an over fences class (classes 42-46), you are eligible for one, and possibly two, schooling trip(s). A $10 fee will be charged for each warm-up trip.

For reference, this is the order of the Schooling and Hunter Over Fences classes:

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**Schooling warm-up Trip A, 2’3” -OR- 2’6”**

44. Jr. Equitation Over Fences
45a. Sr. Equitation Over Fences, small/med ponies
42. Pony Working Hunter, 14.2 hands & under
45b. Sr. Equitation Over Fences, large ponies

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**Schooling warm-up Trip B, 3’**

45c. Sr. Equitation Over Fences, horses
43. Working Hunter, over 14.2 hands, no ponies
46. Handy Hunter

A note on class #45, Sr. Equitation Over Fences: First thing you’ve probably noticed is that class 45 appears as A, B, and C sections. It is still one class, but it will be judged with an “Open Card.” That is, the judge will use the same card for all three sections, and will not place the class until it is complete at the end of the third section. So if/when you enter Sr. Equitation Over Fences, just choose class 45 and you will be automatically sorted into the appropriate section based on your horse's height.

Which Schooling Trip to choose?

- **Schooling warm-up Trip A is intended** for entries in classes 44, 45A, 42, 45B, and 46 (ponies) – choice of 2’3” or 2’6”
- **Schooling warm-up Trip B is intended** for entries in class 45C, 43 & 46 – all 3’
- **However, riders may choose whichever trip they prefer, but may only choose one.**
- **Exception!** Junior entrants riding horses (over 14.2 hands) are the only ones who may ride both in both Schooling Trips. This lets them warm up at 2’3” for their Equitation ride and then at 3’ for their Working Hunter and/or Handy Hunter ride(s).

If you would like to sign up for your eligible schooling trip(s), you must indicate so on the online entry form and pay the $10 entry fee for each trip. On that online form, the option to enter a schooling trip will appear based on your horse height and classes entered. Those who choose Trip A will also be given a choice of 2’3” or 2’6”. If you pay for schooling and are not in one of classes 42-46, a schooling trip will not be granted and no refund will be given. No post entries will be accepted.

Schooling trips will be one at a time over a set course with an order of go like any other over fences class. Thursday morning before the first fences class, the 2’6” rides of Trip A will begin at 7:00 a.m., followed immediately by the 2’3” rides. The 3’ schooling Trip B rides will be between the Large Pony and Horse sections of Sr. Equitation O/F. Youth must wear boots, show number, and safety helmet for the schooling trip. No trainers will be allowed be in the ring, and after 3 refusals the rider will be excused.

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Scored Classes
For all classes with a finals pattern (usually Western & Hunter Showmanship, Western Horsemanship, and Hunt Seat Equitation), scores for each rider will be shown after competition of the preliminary pattern. This will help give entrants an idea if they need to be ready to come back for a finals pattern. Scores for finals patterns will not be shown after each ride.

Judges’ score cards for Western Trail, Ranch Trail, Reigning, and Western Riding will not be made available during the show. These cards will be posted online during the week after the show.

Security
State Fairgrounds security patrols the entire property 24 hours a day. However, keep in mind that it is a large facility near a casino and to keep your valuables secure. Please post your stall card indicating your name and where you can be reached in case the security guard needs to contact you regarding your horse.

Stalls
Horse stalls are mandatory and there are an adequate number of stalls available at the fairgrounds. No vehicles are allowed to remain on the Horse Show Grounds beyond the unloading time limit of 1½ hours. Stall fees are $60 for use 2:00pm Tuesday through noon Sunday and you will be assigned a stall. Please do not use stalls other than the one assigned to you. Tack stalls may be requested and will cost $60. Depending on actual number of entries, it may be necessary to limit tack stalls per county. Please try to average about three competitors per tack stall. Stalls will not be bedded, but bedding will be available at the feed store on the show grounds (Tuesday 7 am-7 pm, 7 am-5 pm on show days). You may want to bring a fan for your horse.

Transportation within Showgrounds
- No bicycles, carts, skateboards, etc., are allowed in the indoor arena building.
- Operators of motorized vehicles (mopeds, golf carts, ATV’s, etc.) must have a valid driver’s license.
- Vehicles must park in designated parking areas only. Otherwise, they will be in tow-away zones

Western Trail
The Western Trail classes will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12th. An order of go will be assigned. The riding order will also be posted online by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the show. Every effort will be made to schedule entrants from the most distant counties later in order. Western Trail results will be announced and awards presented before the first Western class Thursday morning.