



State 4-H Horse Program Announces 2011 State Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Communications Contests Champions

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The 2011 Tennessee State 4-H Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Communications Contests were held February 18-19 at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville. This is the 18th year for the event, which has grown annually since its inception. The Communications Contests (Public Speaking, Individual Presentation, and Team Presentation) allow Senior (9th-12th grade) 4-H members to demonstrate their equine knowledge and skills while also developing public speaking skills. The Horse Bowl contest challenges youth to learn scientific information about horse nutrition, reproduction, genetics, behavior, health, and management. The Hippology contest allows 4-H youth to demonstrate skills they have learned in equine science, horse judging, and identification of horse related tack and equipment.

The top three teams from each division of each regional competition, held earlier in the year, were eligible to compete in the State Championships in Horse Bowl and Hippology. The 1st and 2nd place finishers in all Senior level events will be eligible to represent Tennessee at the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships in Tunica, MS later this year. First place Senior level winners will also be eligible to compete at the Eastern National 4-H Roundup in Louisville, KY in November.

The Senior Division of the Horse Bowl competition was won by the Sumner County A team. Team members were Wesley McGowan, Onnolee Steva, Jordyn Winters, and Savannah York. Reserve Champion went to Dylan Hill, Maddy McDevitt, Megan Rogers, and Delaney Rostad of the Blount County A team. The Williamson County A team, consisting of Olivia Cesnik, Amida Hamedi, Kathryn Tyminski, and Savannah Yonge, finished in third place. Fourth place went to the Harde-
man County team, consisting of Rose Black, Amber Trainum, Ashley Trianum, and Elizabeth Vincent.



The Junior High Division Champion Horse Bowl team was Sumner County A with team members Chloe Anderson, Haley Brazel, Stephen McNeil, and Cailyn Simonis. The Reserve Champion Junior High Division Horse Bowl team was Blount County A. The Sumner County B team finished in third place, and the Giles County team finished fourth. The Junior Division Champion Horse Bowl team was the Sumner County A team, consisting of Kassidy Beasley, Kendell Goodrum, Amber Thornton, and Megan Thornton. The Reserve Champion Junior Division Horse Bowl team was the Sumner County B team. Third place went to Williamson County B, and Williamson County A finished in fourth place.

In the Hippology contest, the Champion Senior Division team came from Cheatham County, with team members Kerra Kilgore, Kiana Kimsey, Malena Landon, and Kelsey Pennick. Reserve Champion went to the Blount County A team. Team members were Britney Fields, Jessica Moore, and Sarah Steeley. The Blount County B team, consisting of Dylan Hill, Maddy McDevitt, Megan Rogers, and Delaney Rostad, placed third. Fourth place went to the team from Knox County, with team members Catherine Albert, Sophie Antol, Moriah Brothers, and Victoria Albert. The Champion Senior individual was Malena Landon of Cheatham County. Delaney Rostad of Blount County was the Reserve Champion Senior individual.

The Champion Junior High Division team in the Hippology contest was the Blount County A team, consisting of Haley Best, Catherine Crabtree, Aidan Galloway, and Lily Turaski. The Reserve Champion Junior High Hippology team was the Sumner County team. Third place went to Williamson County, and the Cocke County team finished fourth. The Champion Junior High individual was Samantha Steger of Putnam County. Reserve Champion Junior High individual went to Lily Turaski of Blount County. The Champion Junior Division Hippology team was the Williamson County team, with team members Brooke Cardoff, Amy Chandler, Cey Johnson, and Christian Wiser. The Reserve Champion Junior Hippology team was the Sumner County A team. Sumner County B finished third, and fourth place went to Henry County. The Champion Junior individual was Delaney Simonis of Sumner County. The Reserve Champion Junior individual was Amy Chandler of Williamson County.



In the Public Speaking competition, Kerra Kilgore of Cheatham County was named Champion. Reserve Champion in Public Speaking went to Olivia Cesnik of Williamson County. Autumn Douthat of Sullivan County was the Individual Presentation Champion. Reserve Champion in Individual Presentation went to Bethany Jones of Crockett County. The Team Presentation Champion went to the team of Catherine Albert and Moriah Brothers of Knox County. Reserve Champion went to Anna Ingleburger and Kaitlyn Payne of Franklin County.

This event would not be possible without the support of the many Extension Agents, volunteer leaders, and parents from throughout the state who coach 4-H members and assist with running both Regional and State level contests. Thank you to everyone who made this year's event possible, and congratulations to all of our winners!