What is Horse Extravaganza?
Horse Extravaganza is a knowledge-based regional capstone event that provides an opportunity for youth enrolled in horse projects to demonstrate their knowledge of equine related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. This year, Horse Extravaganza will take place on March 7th at Mid-Lakes High School, Phelps, NY.

There are two elements to this contest: Horse Bowl & Hippology.

HORSE BOWL:
Horse Bowl is set up in a quiz bowl style with 2 teams of 4-6 players competing directly against each other to answer questions related to horse science and industry. Youth participants will answer questions using a handheld buzzer.

HIPPOLOGY:
In contrast, in the Hippology portion of the event, teams of 3-4 youth will travel between hands-on stations that offer opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge in a wide range of horse topics such as: Anatomy and Confirmation, tack, feeds, breeds, colors, etc. In addition, there is a written test and a horse judging portion.

Who can participate in Horse Extravaganza?
There are three divisions in each element of Horse Extravaganza based on age and experience.

Novice- 1st year participants who have not yet reached their 14th birthday prior to Jan 1st of the current 4-H year. Youth 10 yrs and under may participate in the novice division for up 2 years.

Junior- Youth ages 9-13 as of January 1st of the current year. Top scoring individuals at the regional contest will be selected to participate in the state competition held at Cornell University.

Senior- youth ages 14-18 as of January 1st of the current year. Top scoring individuals at the regional contest will be selected to participate in the state competition held at Cornell University. Top scoring individuals at the state event will be selected to travel to Kentucky to participate in the National Horse Round-up.

What is involved to participate?
Members:
Members are encouraged to study on their own and to attend organized practices. Official reference books and a wealth of other resources are available to be signed out through the CCE office. In addition, questions used in previous competitions are available.

All youth interested in participating in the regional competition are encouraged to attend the kick-off meeting and required to attend the Horse Extravaganza Team Organizational Event. It will be to the advantage of the youth individuals and their teams to be well prepared for the competition. The more you know, the more fun you will have.
Leaders:
Encourage their members to participate and hold organized practices that can be held at club meetings, the CCE building or other venues such as outings to local feed or tack shops, etc. Communicate with other leaders or volunteers to include other clubs in your activities. Leaders should also consider coaching a team at the regional competition.

Parents:
Encourage your children to participate and help them study. For example, you can read them questions or discuss topics learned at club events. Parents should also consider coaching a team at the regional competition.

Coaches:
A coach acts as a spokesperson for the team, and accompanies the team to competition rooms. A Horse Bowl coach keeps score, decides on substitutions of players and is allowed to request a verification of a question or an answer to a question.

**All participants (youth and adults) are expected to display good sportsmanship and provide a good role model for others.

Horse Extravaganza Kick-Off Event
Everyone (youth, parents, leaders, volunteers) is encouraged to attend this kick-off event on December ________. This will be an opportunity to explain the program further and answer any questions you may have. Guest speaker Hillary Clark-Kulis, an accomplished 4-H alumna who has attended and placed in both Horse bowl and Hippology competitions at the National Horse Round-up in Kentucky, will be present to discuss her experience and offer insight and encouragement.

Horse Extravaganza Team Organizational Event
Everyone (youth, parents, leaders, volunteers) is required to attend this Team Organizational event held on February ________. This will be set-up as a mock competition that will serve to familiarize participants with procedures, offer an opportunity for practice and serve as a qualifying event to determine teams for the regional event. Cayuga County 4-H has polo t-shirts which will be assigned to all youth and coaches for use at the regional event.