

NEWS RELEASE

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California Places 1st at National 4-H Horse Classic in Denver!

Nearly 1000 people attended Western National Roundup, January 7-10, 2010. Six hundred youth competed in fifteen national contests. Thirty states along with Alberta, Canada were represented this year in Denver, CO at the Renaissance Denver Hotel. The Conference, in its 90th year, is held annually in early January, coinciding with the start of the National Western Stock Show.

Local 4-H horse project members between the ages of 14 and 19 qualified for the conference by winning at the California State 4-H Horse Classic – Educational Contests held last March. The California delegation competed in hippology, team & individual demonstrations, public speaking, horse bowl, and horse judging. As a state team, California placed 1st overall of over twenty states competing in the horse educational contests.

The Horse Bowl team placed third overall high point team! Members were Zach Provchy of Fresno County and Rebecca Riley, Jordan Riley, and Rebecca Tierce, all of Riverside County. Zach placed 2nd Overall and Rebecca Tierce was 9th Overall. It was a very exciting competition! Riverside County 4-H Leader Lynn Warren served as the team's coach.

California delegates were National Winners in the Team and Individual Demonstration contests. Alyssa Perez and Shayla Duncan of Orange County and Christine Allen of San Luis Obispo County each were all awarded \$500 scholarships. Kaitlen Lawton, Kings County, placed second in the public speaking contest. Tisa Aley of Orange County was the coach with LaDawna Lawton, Kings County, assisting.

The horse judging team placed 10th overall. Team members were Vanessa LeMasters and Elise Hewitt of Riverside County, Lorine Allen of San Luis Obispo County and Christine Dingle of San Diego County. Debbie Allen from San Luis Obispo County served as their coach. The team also placed 6th in the Halter judging and 9th place for oral reasons.

The Hippology team of Deanna Lestina and Carlisle Tiss, both of Riverside County, Allison Cuellar of San Joaquin County and Amanda Ames of San Diego County and coach Jeannine Lestina of Riverside County They placed 5th overall including a 2nd in team stations and a 7th in examination phrase. Deanna was the 2nd place overall Hippology National Winner. She also placed 7th in Hippology exam, 3rd in stations, and 8th in judging.

Congratulations to all!



California State 4-H Delegation to the 2010 National 4-H Horse Classic, Denver, Colorado