Horse is an exciting 4-H project area because you can participate whether you own a horse or not! Discover all the aspects about raising and riding horses.

- Appreciate riding as recreation
- Learn horsemanship skills and understand breeding, training, and raising of horses as a business
- Acquire skills in horse management by owning and being responsible for an animal.
- Acquire safety skills to prevent injury to persons and animals

**WHAT’S IT ALL ABOUT**

**THE BIG PICTURE**

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### EXHIBIT IDEAS
- Horse coloring/marketing patterns
- Horse body parts
- Safety around horses
- Horse health chart
- History of horses
- Horse body language
- Parts-of-a-horse matching game
- Horse breed comparison chart
- Horse-stable designs
- Knots used with horses
- Tagging a horse
- How to groom a horse

### PASS IT ON

#### Communication
- Present about parts of a horse
- Send a letter to the editor describing your opinion regarding ethical horse situations
- Present a riding safety session at your county 4-H horse workouts prior to county fair

#### Citizenship
- Assist with the 4-H horse show at the county fair
- Participate in the local saddle club charitable benefit
- Ask friends to always wear a helmet when riding a horse

#### Leadership
- Lead a trail ride for your fellow 4-H horse project members
- Organize a tack swap for 4-H members

### HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED
- Contact your local University of Wyoming (UWYO) Extension Office for local horse clubs, workshops, activities and events. Attend a horse project meeting.
- Contact local 4-H clubs and inquire about incorporating horse into their club activities.

### HOW TO GO FURTHER
- Participate in local, regional, state and national contests. Find out more here: [http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/projects/photography/index.html](http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/projects/photography/index.html)
- Participate in a horse riding camp. Wyoming4h.org
- Visit a local tack shop or horse supply store
- Create a collection of horse showmanship and horsemanship patterns
- Check out horse events on television to learn about different types of horse shows and events
- Research horse related careers
- Is it getting close to fair time? Consider taking an exhibit, a piece of your project to the fair for judging and to show off what you have learned throughout the year. It might get selected to go to the Wyoming State Fair!


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