



## 2009 Participation Awards

### Goal

Recognize youth for their involvement in club activities, contributing to the betterment of the club for all, and for furthering their development in the Horse & Pony Project

### Requirements

All items must be submitted before August 15<sup>th</sup> or other date as announced in newsletter/meetings. Information submitted late will not count.

You must attend a "significant portion" of the meetings/workshops to get credit. You cannot come, sign in and leave. If observed by adult leadership of the club (leaders or committee), it will be noted on sign in sheet and the youth member will not get credit awarded. Please remember the goal of the year end participation awards is to recognize PARTICIPATION, not signing in. Let' stay true to the goal.

### \*\*New for 2009\*\*

To engage youth and families more in the club, eligibility for year end awards will require the contribution of five (5) hours of "sweat equity" per youth.

- Can be worked by the youth member, a family member or other person
- Can be accomplished at a variety of events: open shows, Area VI show, lock-ins, geranium pick ups, camps, county fair, etc.
- Designed to assist in the operation of the event – serve the common good
- Must sign in and out when working. If person working is not the youth member, must be sure to tell the event organizer who you are working for – tell who gets the credit.
- There is potential for awards to youth members for working – family/others do not count on the youth award portion, but does satisfy the requirement
- People who sign up for a volunteer opportunity in advance will be given priority to work that job/slot over other unscheduled volunteers
- Hours will be tracked so that all get a chance to contribute. If someone's requirement is satisfied, someone looking to satisfy the requirement will get preference. The goal is to get everyone involved – not have any one person "do it all."

This is for eligibility for year end awards only. **THIS DOES NOT AFFECT COMPLETION OF THE 4-H PROJECT, ELIGIBILITY FOR EXHIBITING AT THE COUNTY FAIR OR PARTICIPATION IN ANY 4-H HORSE & PONY ACTIVITY.**

Be sure your name is on all paperwork turned in. Check the Points Postings **OFTEN** and be sure you are getting the credit.

## Points Available

<p>Meetings Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul</p>	<p>7 + 1 bonus perfect attendance (perfect = Feb thru July)</p>
<p>Showing (2 ea) May, Jun, July</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>County Fair (Sr West, Sr Eng/Vers, Jr West, Jr Eng/Vers, Stall Decorating)</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>Challenge Plus</p>	<p>5 + 3 bonus for quality</p>
<p>Early Bird (Horse Enroll &amp; Dues by end of April mtg)</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>Workshops</p>	<p>3 max will count</p>
<p>Geraniums (1 per 15 sold)</p>	<p>10 max + bonus for top 3 sellers</p>
<p>Sponsor (1 per \$25)</p>	<p>10 max + bonus for top 3</p>
<p>Non-Bridle Bunch shows (Mar through Aug) Showing, watching w/ paragraph submitted. Includes Area VI, State Fair, open, other 4H club and breed shows</p>	<p>5 max</p>
<p>Other Bridle Bunch activities (as announced) (examples: 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> year orientation, lock-ins, camps, field trips, work days, active in Judging Team, trying out for Color Guard, member of Leadership Team, active in Hippology, Hoosier Horse Fair, turning in White Achievement Card before end of County Fair) Open arenas will not count</p>	<p>1 each</p>
<p>Completion of other 4-H projects (Based on White Card submitted to Bridle Bunch Leader or co-leaders and showing completed project book at the same time)</p>	<p>1 per project (5 max)</p>

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### Award levels

40 points and up	Top Honor
30-39 points	High Honor
22-29 points	Honor
15-22 points	Merit

Award levels may be adjusted downward based on Horse & Pony Committee. Regardless, the points needed for a certain level will be fairly applied to all. Points for award level may only be adjusted downward and not made tougher. Youth compete for their desired level – not against each other. A plaque will be given to the overall high point junior and senior.