

4-H Skillathon Aug. 17 At Ag Progress

ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.) — Ag Progress Days is also the site of the 4-H Equine Skillathon, here Aug. 17.

All 2000 Pennsylvania 4-H horse club members are invited to compete.

Components of the skillathon are:

- Division 1, horseless, new for 2000. Included are identification stations, a written test, and the contestant must judge one conformation halter class.

- Division 2, with horse. This includes identification stations, a written test, and a showmanship contest.

For the identification stations, subjects may include topics from project books. The written test includes general knowledge of horses, horse-riding ability, and related topics. In the showmanship contest, participants will show their 4-H project horses and be judged according to the

current state 4-H horse show rulebook.

For judging, contestants will rank a class of four horses according to ideal conformation standards for the class.

There are three age categories for each division (4-H age as of Jan. 1, 2000): 8-11 years old, 12-14 years old, and 15-18 years old.

Contestants must be enrolled in a Pennsylvania 4-H horse or

horseless project. Participants must use their current 4-H project horses if competing in the with-horse division. Horses must have verification of current negative EIA status (within one year) and rabies vaccination for 2000. These must be presented at registration.

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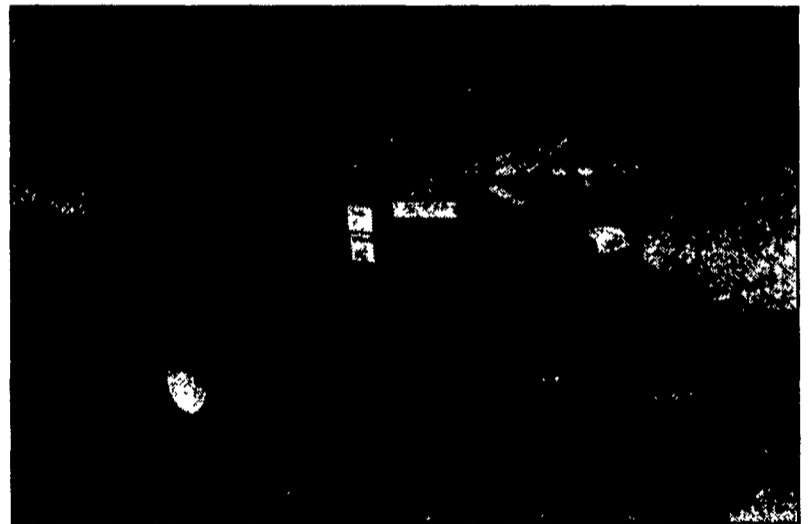
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