

Regional Horse Judging Competition

The Marion County 4-H Horse Judging Teams competed at the Regional Horse Judging competition on March 18 in Murfreesboro, TN. This was the first contest for all students except one returning member. The teams judged seven classes of horses including performance and halter classes.



Natalie Beecken, a fourth grader at SPES won 3rd place in performance judging! The junior judging team consisted of Natalie Beecken, Savannah Curtis and McKinley Layne. They placed 9th overall in the contest as a team. The junior high team included Maddie Ashburn, Amber Whited and Tanner Colvin. Junior high is the toughest division to compete in and this team ended up 13th overall.

Horse judging is one of the most educational and popular activities of the 4-H Horse Project. The horse judging team teaches students to evaluate horse conformation and performance. Horse judging helps youth gain critical life skills like making decisions based on facts and observations, competing with a sportsmanlike attitude, developing communication skills and improving self-confidence.

If you are interested in joining the 4-H Horse Project or Horse Judging Team contact Dannie Bradford at 942-2656 or elowrey@utk.edu.