



Citrus County Extension

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Dear 2024 Drill Team applicants and parents/guardians,

The 2024 Citrus County 4-H Drill Team will consist of 4-H members in good standing that have good attitudes and prior horse knowledge. The team members represent 4-H at the Citrus Stampede Rodeo. This event is the annual fundraiser for the county 4-H program.

Applicants must have completed a 4-H Demonstration/Illustrated Talk/Public Speaking at 4-H County Events (or make-up day); and turned in a completed 4-H Project Report/Record book. The Rodeo is scheduled for November 22nd and 23rd this year. Additionally, Drill Team members participate in 4-H Public Relations events, including, parades and events to raise money for equipment and clothing needed for the rodeo performance.

Safety of the riders and their horses is the first priority. You are expected to be able to control your animal at a walk, trot, canter and halt as well as move in a straight line and perform turns. You should know your proper leads, keep a good seat and have your equipment fitted and adjusted properly. The 4-H Drill Team leaders may limit the size of the team for safety.

A copy of your horse's negative Coggins is required to be turned in with your application to the 4-H Office by July 19, 2024, at 5 p.m.

The 4-H Drill team is a performance group, not a 4-H riding club. You must know how to ride properly before becoming a member of the team. You will be learning performance skills, not riding skills.

There will be a mandatory meeting to discuss practice dates and times, go over rules, etc. You will receive a phone call with the time and date of this meeting.

Thank you,

Cindy Connolly

Cindy Connolly
4-H Drill Team Leader

**Citrus County 4-H Drill Team 2024
Member Application
Rodeo Dates November 22 & 23, 2024**

Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Date of Birth _____ Age (as of 9/1/24): _____

4-H Club Name: _____

Riding Experience: _____

Primary Horse**: _____ Secondary Horse**: _____

**See Rule #4

Do you have reliable transportation for you and your horse? _____

Date of Last Negative Coggins: _____

Do you own or have access to a 4-H Jacket: Yes: _____ No: _____

Title of 2024 County Events topic? _____

What is the name of the 2023/2024 Record Book that you completed?

All riders will attend each practice as scheduled. They are all mandatory. If you cannot attend a practice, you must call the drill team coach to inform them.

This project requires great commitment on both the rider and their parents.

I have read and agree to all of the Drill Team Rules and will attend all scheduled practices.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Leader's Signature _____ Date _____

Please attach a copy of your Current Negative Coggins with this application. Without the Coggins attached and your Club Leader's signature your application is incomplete.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2024, at 5 p.m. - IN THE 4-H OFFICE.



Citrus County 4-H Drill Team 2024 General Rules

1. All members must be current Citrus County 4-H members in good standing. To apply for the 2024 Drill Team you must have participated in 2024 County Events and turned in a 4-H Project Report/Record Book for the 2023/2024 year.
2. A current negative Coggins must be submitted and remain on file for each horse that is being used for practices and/or riding during the two-day rodeo. It is the responsibility of the member and parent(s) to provide an updated Coggins, as needed. Ensuring the health and safety of all animals is a priority.
3. All members will complete a Drill Team application, a liability form, a participation form and submit all to the 4-H Office no later than July 19, 2024, at 5 p.m.
4. In the event the primary horse is unable to participate at the Rodeo performances November 22nd and/or 23rd, then the secondary horse may be substituted if the following apply:
 - a. A negative current Coggins for the secondary horse is provided.
 - b. The secondary horse has participated in at least **1** Drill Team practice.
5. Bring any items that your horse may need to practice. These items should include: hay bag, water bucket, and similar.
6. To ensure fairness and keep the team moving in a positive direction a formal penalty “Strike” system will be in place. A “Strike” will be issued to a rider when a rider or their parent/responsible adult breaks any of the Citrus County 4-H Drill Team 2024 General Rules
 - 1st Strike = a warning
 - 2nd Strike = rider is on probation
 - 3rd Strike = rider will be released from the Drill Team.
7. The 4-H Drill Team serves as representatives of the 4-H program. All members are required to fully participate in all Drill Team events which include the Citrus Stampede Rodeo, parades and other public relations events. At the Rodeo, team members are required to remain in the designated drill team area. Members are expected to participate in all Rodeo responsibilities; the performance drill, carrying sponsor flags, represent 4-H on horseback in the arena at intermission – mingling with the crowd and Grand Entry.

8. Only 2024 Drill Team Members will be allowed to carry flags, in the arena during the rodeo. The exception will be employees of Five Star Rodeo and adults, as determined by the Drill Team Leader.
9. Members must maintain a good attitude and work cooperatively with the Drill Team leaders and their team mates, at all times. Each member comes to the team with individual talents and skills. Our goal is to build our team together.
10. Each rider must have a parent or an assigned “responsible adult” attending the entire length of each practice.
11. Do not bring dogs or other pets to practice.
12. Guests and spectators are strongly discouraged from attending drill practices and events. This is a time for working on the drill, not for socializing.
13. Member dress code: jeans, boots, T-shirt or other 4-H appropriate top (NO spaghetti straps). Riders are required to wear a black SEI or SEI/ASTM approved safety equestrian helmet, with fastened chin harness, at all times, while mounted.
14. Rodeo Dress Code:
 - (A) DARK BLUE JEANS (WITHOUT TEARS OR HOLES)
 - (B) WESTERN SHIRT PROVIDED TO TEAM MEMBERS
 - (C) WESTERN BOOTS
 - (D) 4-H JACKET – ZIPPED UP (MAY BE USED)
 - (E) RIDING HELMET (BLACK PREFERRED)
15. Tack should be in good condition, fitting both the horse and rider. Horses should also be of an appropriate size matching that of their rider.

Rodeo required tack:

 - (A) WESTERN SADDLE, HEADSTALL & BREAST COLLAR – LEATHER
 - (B) SADDLE PAD (matching covers to be provided)
 - (C) SPLINT BOOTS
 - (D) BRIDLE PATH TRIMMED OR NEATLY GROOMED
 - (E) FLAG HOLDER
16. Members will attend each mandatory practice as scheduled. If you cannot attend a practice, you must call the drill team leader:
 - Rider must be appropriately dressed, with horse tacked and ready to go, 15 minutes before the scheduled start of practice.
 - Arriving late to practice will be counted as a tardy. Two tardies equal one Strike. Anything more than 30 minutes late will be counted as an absence. Any absence equals one strike.
 - You will be required to sign in at each practice. You will be required to stay after practice for a short team meeting.

17. A mandatory skills evaluation will determine the member's skill level and ability, and the horse's ability. The member must be able to control their animal at a walk, trot, canter and halt as well as move in a straight line and perform turns. The member should know proper leads, keep a good seat and have equipment adjusted properly. The size of the team may be limited for safety.
18. There will be at least two Rodeo dress rehearsals in the weeks prior to the Rodeo (dates to be announced). Members and their horses are expected to be dressed and tacked using Rodeo Dress code and Rodeo required tack.
19. For safety, each member must maintain control of their animal. Any horse or rider deemed unsafe will be excused from the team.
20. All horses must be in good health and condition. Any horse may be inspected by a licensed veterinarian (no charge to the participant). The objective of 4-H is to educate and promote quality animal husbandry; horses with a score of less than 4 based on the Henneke scale (<http://bit.ly/4HHorse>) will be excused.

This project requires **great commitment** on both the **4-H member and their parents/guardians**. I have read and understand the above rules for participation on the 2024 Citrus County 4-H Drill Team and I ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS AGREEMENT.

4-H Member
Signature _____ Date _____

Parent
Signature _____ Date _____

Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

WHEREAS, the UNDERSIGNED acknowledges the inherent risks involved in riding and working around horses, which risks include bodily injury from using, riding or being in close proximity to horses, as well as other risks of harm inherent in the grounds, design and layout of ranch, farm and stabling facilities and the use, operation and presence thereon of machinery and equipment and other potentially dangerous instrumentalities. IN CONSIDERATION, therefore, for the privilege of, riding a horse or pony on premises owned and operated by the **Citrus County Fair Association, Inc.** and/or its, or at any and all locations owned by the undersigned or by any third parties, and for the privilege of access on or about property owned and/or operated by **the Citrus County Fair Association, Inc.** I do hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify **the Citrus County Fair Association, Inc.**, its owners, agents, employees, members and participants, and further release them from any liability or responsibility for accident, damage, injury, or illness to the undersigned (or the minor child of the undersigned, if signed on behalf of a child) or any horse owned by the Undersigned or to any family member or spectator accompanying the Undersigned on the premises of **the Citrus County Fair Association, Inc.**

Date: _____

(Signature)

(Print Name)

IF SIGNING FOR MINOR

(Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian)

(Print name of child)

WARNING

Under Florida law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for any injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

EQUINE ACTIVITY SPONSOR RELEASE

Phone # _____

Know all men by these presents, that _____ (hereinafter referred to as "Participant"), who resides at,

_____ desires to engage in and hereby does engage **DRILL TEAM PRACTICE** at **RENAB RANCH AND LILLIAN L. BANER** located at 5338 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, FL 34461.

For and in consideration of the above activities, services, and entry fees paid, receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, participant hereby does and forever and finally release, remise, acquit satisfy and forever discharge the Equine Activity Sponsor or and from all manner of action and actions, cause and causes of action, suit debts dues, sums of money, bonds, billings, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, damages, variances, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, in law or in equity, which may arise or might in the future arise or herein after may arise for or against the Equine Activity Sponsor for the activities as stated above.

This document is meant to be a full and complete release from any and all liability that may arise from participation in the above described equine activity. This release is given freely and voluntarily by Participant and is meant to remain in existence throughout the duration of the equine activity.

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Beginning: _____

Participant: _____
(Signature)

Participant: _____
(Print Name)

Legal guardian: _____
(If participant is a minor child)

Acceptance of Equine Activity Sponsor: _____

In Case of Emergency Number: _____