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4-H Regional Horse Judging Clinic at Stone Wall Farms

JEFFERSONVILLE, NY— Judging programs are an instrumental part of the educational process of youth involved in the horse industry. In the competitive judging environment, major emphasis is placed on learning to evaluate horses. However, successful judging programs place equal importance on students learning to organize and defend their reasons of placing the class.

A Regional 4-H Horse Judging Clinic, free to 4-H members and open to the public, will be offered on Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. Cornell Cooperative Extension's Hudson Valley Regional 4-H Horse Program offers this clinic at Stone Wall Farms on 136 Callicoon Center Road in Jeffersonville, NY.

Kelsey Keathly, 4-H alumni and experienced equine competitor, will give youth a clear goal by identifying the ideal animal or performance. Participants can make comparisons emphasizing the positive attributes of the individual horse as compared with the idea.

Kelsey Keathly is a 4-H alumni who was the 2011 Champion at the 4-H Eastern National Horse Judging Contest in Louisville, Kentucky, three-time Reserve Champion in Horse Communications, and a Cazenovia College graduate in equine business management. Keathly is actively showing and brings a wealth of information to our region.

This Regional 4-H Horse Judging Clinic is free to 4-H members and \$10 per non-member. Any youth ages 5-18 can apply to enroll in 4-H all year long.

Registration is required in advance by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or visiting www.sullivancece.org. In the event of special needs, the public should contact the CCESC office.

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