**What sources of information/training do you currently use to develop new skills in the 4-H Horse Project? Please check all that apply.**

| **Question** | **Count** | **Percent** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Friends and/or Family | 19 | 86.4 |
| 4-H Project Leader or Member | 15 | 68.2 |
| 4-H Horse Association | 12 | 54.5 |
| Clinics outside 4-H | 11 | 50 |
| Trainer | 10 | 45.5 |
| On line resources | 8 | 36.4 |
| Club horse project activities | 6 | 27.3 |
| Other | 0 | 0 |

**What is your greatest accomplishment in the 4-H Horse Project?**

Improvement

horse camp learning how to take care of horses learning horse parts

Going to Nationals? Watching the girls grow in their knowledge to compete nationally at AQHC in Ohio.

Horse Camp

Knowing what I have placed at the fair.

When I was in 4H I enjoyed the horse association and all the horse members, no one cared what we worn or if we had money or if our horses were top dollar, we all had fun and loved helping each other. our horses we worked with by us as members and very few had trainers. My greatest accomplishment was knowing I trained and worked my horses daily to earn what I did at the fair!

Knowing what I have placed at fair.

Making new friends, participating at fair.

I got my horse minie to walk through water.

Grand Champion Speed.

Being recognized as the most improved.

Being able to be successful and being able to grow with my horses.

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Riding my horse for fun and for the 4h show. I can ride all three gates and in English and Western.

Trying and being successful in ridng, speaking, and woodworking.

Horse Camp, learning how to take care of horses, learning horse body parts..

**What do you hope to learn and do in the 4-H Horse Project this coming year?**

How to become a better western pleasure.

As of right now I plan to have my sister or trainer help me out with my riding skills because most events with horses is cancelled or they do not have well educated instructors to help you out correctly.

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If I do the horse project this year I hope to learn more about working with younger horses.

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We will not be joining this year.

Share my knowledge of horses with others.

Continue to be successful.

I hope to teach other members in our 4-H group the same love and values I had growing up in 4-H with my best friend being my horse.

For me and my horse to learn lead changes smoothly. Become a better rider. Learn four specific things I should work on to become a better rider.

Attend horse camp, open riding, and clinics to gain confidence and skill.

Facilitate learning in HQ Bowl or anywhere needed. Participate in Horse Camp.

I would like to improve in controlling and communicating with my horse while riding.

I would like each of my members to improve their riding skills.

I hope to teach other members in our 4-H group the same love and values I had growing up in 4H with my best friend being my horse!

Learn to ride better and participate in horse camp.

If I do the horse project this year, I hope to learn more about working with younger horses.

learn to ride better participate in fair horse camp

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**How have your personally grown by being involved in the 4-H Horse Project? Please check all that apply.**

| **Question** | **Count** | **Percent** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Increased knowledge about horses | 18 | 90 |
| More confident | 14 | 70 |
| Communicate better with others | 13 | 65 |
| Improved my riding skills and ability | 13 | 65 |
| Better able to solve problems | 12 | 60 |
| Can make better decisions | 8 | 40 |
| Other | 2 | 10 |

**How involved have you been in the 4-H Horse Association this past year (October 2014 to September 2015)?**

|  | **Count** | **Percent** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Am a member and attended 6 or more meetings | 14 | 64 |
| Am a member and attended less than 6 meetings | 7 | 32 |
| Not a member | 1 | 4 |

.**Why did you only participate in a few meetings of the 4-H Horse Association? Please check all that apply.**

| **Question** | **Count** | **Percent** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Other | 3 | 75 |
| Chose to be involved in other horse related opportunities (e.g. private lessons) | 2 | 50 |
| Personality conflicts | 2 | 50 |
| Not able to afford to cost of attending meetings, events, clinics, etc. | 2 | 50 |
| Meetings were boring | 2 | 50 |
| Other commitments | 1 | 25 |
| Lost interest in 4-H horse project | 1 | 25 |
| Did not feel welcome | 1 | 25 |
| Did not feel appreciated | 1 | 25 |
| Lack of transportation | 1 | 25 |

**What activities of the 4-H Horse Association did you participate in this past year? Please check all that apply.**

| **Question** | **Count** | **Percent** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Horse Bowl, Speaking and Demo, Educational Activities | 13 | 62 |
| Open Riding | 10 | 48 |
| Horse Barn Improvements | 11 | 52 |
| Horse Camp | 11 | 52 |
| Parades | 3 | 14 |
| Other | 6 | 29 |

**What benefits have you received from being a part of the 4-H Horse Association? Please check all that apply.**

| **Question** | **Count** | **Percent** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Met other 4-H members who like horses | 17 | 89.5 |
| Served in a leadership role | 5 | 26 |
| Developed new skills in riding and caring for horses | 11 | 58 |
| Developed more knowledge about horses | 14 | 74 |
| Other | 3 | 16 |

**Why did you chose not to join the 4-H Horse Association this past year? Please check all that apply.**

| **Question** | **Count** | **Percent** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Not interested in what the horse association offers | 4 | 50 |
| Other commitments when meetings and events are held | 2 | 25 |
| Used other sources to learn more about the project | 3 | 37.5 |
| Reputation of the 4-H Horse Association | 2 | 25 |
| Past involvement did not meet needs or expectations | 6 | 75 |
| Other | 10 | 125 |

**If you were to join a county wide group based on the 4-H Horse Project, what are three words or phrases you would use to describe the group you would like to be a part of?**

Helpful to kids to learn to ride.

helpful, friendly, accepting.

Fun, Friendly, Educational

Fun, educational supportive.

Fair Informational Friendliness

Fun Educational Active

Fun, Help me learn to ride better, help me learn.

Friendly, caring and knowledgeable.

Flexible Friendly Educational supportive

Friendly, Caring and knowledgeable

Fun, friendly, educational.

Friendly, helpful, positive.

funny, not cranky, helpful about horses.

Organized, friendly and helpful.

Fun educational supportive

Fun, Educational, active.

Fun Friendly Educational

Friendly, fun, helpful

Fun, educational,

Fair, informational, friendly.

Organized, Friendly, Helpful for me to learn.

**If you were to continue to belong or join a county wide horse group, what qualities and characteristics would you look for in mentors? Please indicate who you would like to see as mentors.**

someone with a horse background, someone who puts feelings of everyone first before caring about other things. Someone who will make it fun yet educational.

someone with a horse back ground, someone who puts feelings of everyone first before caring about other things, someone who will make it fun yet educational

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more helpful.

Friendly, Care about me, Help me learn to ride better, Nancy Kopach, Marcia Riendeau, Jessica Nyhuis, Debbie Haag, Mitch and Kathy Attoe.

I would look for them treating people fairly and not being selfish. I would also look for people who would be informational and trying to help other people.

Willing to help me learn.

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Fun Willing to help Active in the group, not just sign up to be a mentor and then be silent

Friendly, Helpful, knowledgeable, able to contribute time, anyone willing to help us learn about horses.

Helpful, Fun, meets kids where they are at. Non-judgmental of other's circumstances.

helpful, positive and knowledge.

We need mentors that have knowledge of horses and there care. We need people that are patient and done judge other kids based on their riding skills or type of horse they have.

Knowledge, Friendly, able to provide time to the group.

Flexible Knowledgeable Organized

Helpful, fun and friendly. We feel none of the mentors right now have the member's best interest at heart. It appears to be all one-sided.. Either you do "this" or you don't fit in or are treated as an outcast.

Friendly helpful knowledgeable able to contribute time. Anyone willing to help us learn about horses

helpful, non-judgmental.

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**If you were to join a county wide horse project group, how often would you be interested in meeting? Clinics and other activities, such as open riding would be in addition to this.**

|  | **Number** | **Percent** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Monthly | 5 | 23 |
| Every other month | 16 | 73 |
| Other | 1 | 4.5 |

.**If you were to continue to be involved in or join a county wide 4-H Horse Project Group, what would you be willing to contribute? Please check all that apply**

| **Question** | **Count** | **Percent** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Participate in work days at the fairgrounds | 17 | 77 |
| Participate in fund raisers or donate a given sum to  support educational activities | 14 | 64 |
| Be involved in community service projects and  community events (e.g. parades) | 12 | 54 |
| Serve as an officer or a mentor | 11 | 50 |
| Help organize educational programs | 10 | 45.5 |
| Help organize programs such as a farrier, dental program,  veterinarian programs that would benefit all  members of the county wide 4-H project group | 9 | 41 |
| Other | 0 | 0 |

**Please indicate who completed this form.**

|  | **Number** | **Percent** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Member | 9 | 41 |
| Leader/Adult | 8 | 36 |
| Family | 5 | 23 |

**Would you be interested in sharing more information about your involvement in the 4-H Horse Association and Horse Project? If so, please enter your name and phone number or email address in the box below.**

From when we started three years ago until now it has changed a lot. It isn't about the kids anymore, too many parents trying to direct the way things are done and if not all agree, it's nothing but a mess. Too many unnecessary rules at fair yet not enough safety requirements. Kids should be required to participate in a certain number of events every year. Too many times, other riders are put at risk due to unsafe riding and handling. And a parent/family should be allowed to help without being told they can't, especially when it comes to safety. It is supposed to be a family environment and it appears more and more families are being pushed away or turned off by the people running it. We can get more out of outside clinics, trainers, etc.