

## 2011 Western National 4-H Roundup Results

The Western National 4-H Roundup ([www.westernnational4hroundup.org](http://www.westernnational4hroundup.org)) provided 4-H'ers with opportunities to meet fellow 4-H'ers from across the United States, participate in educational and social workshops, continue with the development of their leadership and citizenship skills, and share personal experiences with others attending the competitions. While attending this competition, Mississippi 4-H'ers experienced and fostered a greater personal growth and learned about career ideas in the fields of business, agriculture, science, industry, education and the arts.

Mississippi 4-H'ers and their 4-H Youth Agents traveled to Denver on a Mississippi State University bus. While in Denver, the 4-H'ers and those attending the trip had opportunities to take several tours provided by the Western National 4-H Roundup and experience what Denver has to offer.

In addition to making new friends and continuing the development of their life-skills, 4-H'ers competed in a variety of national contests, including:

- Horse Bowl Contest
- Horse Individual Demonstrations Contest
- Horse Team Demonstrations Contest
- Horse Hippology Contest
- Horse Judging Contest
- Horse Public Speaking Contest
- Public Speaking Contest
- Livestock Judging Contest
- Meats Judging Contest
- Consumer Decision Contest

There were several highlights of the trip that made it a memorable experience. One highlight was the banquet, when all of the states were introduced and each state's flag was brought into the room by a 4-H'er. State photos were taken and a motivational speaker provided encouragement to those in attendance.

Of course, the numerous awards breakfasts are when the results of the contests were revealed and prizes were given to the winners. We had numerous 4-H'ers that represented Mississippi proudly and had great success. Here is a summary of how our 4-H'ers fared at the 2011 Western National 4-H Roundup.

- Horse Public Speaking – 5<sup>th</sup> Place
  - Joanna King, Hinds County
- Horse Demonstration (Individual) – 6<sup>th</sup> Place
  - Alison Guider, Hinds County
- Horse Demonstration (Team) – 5<sup>th</sup> Place
  - Audrey Cunningham and Hannah Collins, Pontotoc County
- Horse Bowl – 7<sup>th</sup> Place Team
  - Team Members: Cameron Smith, Rebecca Byrne, Tori Sowell and Holley Harris, Tate County
- Hippology – 9<sup>th</sup> Place Team
  - Team Members: John Luke Thompson, Maggie Thompson, Abby Thompson and Anna Thompson (Oktibbeha County)
    - John Luke Thompson: 2<sup>nd</sup> High Individual Judging Phase
    - Maggie Thompson: 5<sup>th</sup> High Individual Judging Phase
    - Abby Thompson: 9<sup>th</sup> High Individual Judging Phase
  - Team Awards
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team Judging Phase
    - 8<sup>th</sup> Place Team Problem
- Horse Judging – 8<sup>th</sup> Place Team
  - Team Members: Lexie Sholar, Carly Odom, Rebecca Ferguson and Sonya Conerly (Forrest County)
  - Team Awards
    - 6<sup>th</sup> Place High Horse Judging Performance
- High State Overall Award – Horse Classic: Mississippi placed 4<sup>th</sup>
  - The High State Overall Award is given to the state with the highest overall score based on placings. The teams are awarded points for first through fifth team placings in Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Horse Team Demonstrations and Hippology, as well as individual placings for Horse Public Speaking and Horse Individual Demonstrations.
- Meats Judging Team – 10<sup>th</sup> Place
  - Team Members: Devin DiGuillio, Brianna Upton and Mallory Holder (Jasper County)
    - Devin DiGuillio: 9<sup>th</sup> Place Meats Judging Total Placings

- Consumer Decision Making – 9<sup>th</sup> Place Team
  - Team Members: Benjamin Bishop, Rachel Miller, Meredith Jordan and Jessica Keyes (Jasper County)
  
- Livestock Judging Team - Honorable Mention
  - Team Members: Hannah Smith, Lea Ann Herrington, Emily Gully and Savannah Doolittle (Jasper County)