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Cooperative Extension
4-H Youth Development Programs

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Dear School System Administrator,

Some of your students may ask your permission to attend the 2006 State 4-H Horse Expo scheduled for September 14, 15, 16 & 17, 2006. To clarify any misunderstanding as to the purpose of this event, we would like to give you some pertinent facts. With this additional information, we hope you will be better able to evaluate these upcoming requests.

To gain eligibility to this event, the student must currently be enrolled in the county 4-H Horse and Pony Project. Each participant must have met their individual county requirements to exhibit at a county fair and have earned a blue ribbon for their performance at that fair. This Expo represents the best 4-H individuals and horses from the State of Wisconsin.

We also strive to make this event a continuing learning experience. It is similar to a band festival or sports exhibition in that these individuals rise early and work late each day to give their best at all times. In addition, many also participate in the Horse Bowl, Demonstration, Poster, Judging, Speaking, Clothes Horse, Woodworking, Photography, Drawing and Painting, Model Horse and Hippology activities.

We hope you will agree that it is an activity with credibility and one to which you can lend your support and cooperation. With your cooperation and support, we can allow these select youth to conclude their year of hard work and dedication to their horse and project at the 4-H Horse Expo.

Cordially,

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