The 2016 Tennessee State 4-H Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Communications Contests were held February 26 and 27 at Brehm Animal Science Building on the campus of the University of Tennessee. The 2016 contest marked the 23rd year for the event, in which 170 Tennessee 4-H youth participated.

The Communications Contests (Public Speaking, Individual Presentation, and Team Presentation) allows senior (9th-12th grade) 4-H members to demonstrate their equine knowledge while also developing public speaking skills. The Hippology contest allows 4-H youth to demonstrate skills they have learned in equine science, horse judging, and identification of horse related tack and equipment. The Horse Bowl contest challenges youth to learn scientific information about horse nutrition, reproduction, genetics, behavior, health, and management.

The top four teams from each division of each regional competition, held earlier in the year, were eligible to compete in the State Championships in Horse Bowl and Hippology. The 1st and 2nd placing finishers in all senior level events will be eligible to represent Tennessee at the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships in Perry, Ga. July 26-31, 2016. First place senior level winners will also be eligible to compete at the Eastern National 4-H Roundup in Louisville, Ky. in November.
Contest Results

Public Speaking
1 - Jenna Deloizer, Blount County
2 - Caroline Bailey, Coffee County
3 - Emily Ison, Henderson County
4 - Hannah Midkiff, Williamson County
5 - Grace Looney, Tipton County
6 - Brooke Carnduff, Williamson County

Individual Presentation
1 - Carrie Ross, Tipton County
2 - Zach McCarver, Madison County

Team Presentation
1 - Larrya Stegall and Kimberly Snyder, Henderson County
2 - Sarah Myers and Katelyn Wilson, Crockett County

Hippology Junior Teams - 12 total teams competing
1 - Jefferson County: Elizabeth Miller, Dakota Peters, Maggie Davis, Rosey Brand
2 - Lawrence County: Sierra Brus, Kadin Inman, Charlotte, Kendel Gray
3 - Gibson County: LeeAnn Fincher, Abigail Swims, Ella Piercey, Jessi Fincher

Hippology Junior Individuals - 43 individuals competing
1 - Lily Dupuis, Bradley County
2 - Dakota Peters, Jefferson County
3 - Meghan Allison, Blount County
4 - Alice Beattie, Williamson County
5 - Zoe Wittenberg, Sumner County
6 - Rylie Milsaps, Bradley County
7 - Elizabeth Spaller, Blount County
8 - Elizabeth Miller, Jefferson County
9 - LeeAnn Fincher, Gibson County
10 - Sierra Brus, Lawrence County

Hippology Junior High Teams - 12 total teams competing
1 - Williamson County: Sierra Rigsby, Macie Reagan, Abby Brady, Shelby Mryncza
2 - Blount County: Allison Morehouse, Emma Lakatosh, Mary Piller
3 - Blount County: Riley Summerall, Kyrie Garland, Eden Carnes, Haley Barlow

Hippology Junior High Individuals - 45 individuals competing
1 - Sierra Rigsby, Williamson County
2 - Sarah Harper, Loudon County
3 - Allison Morehouse, Blount County
4 - Caylee Baggett, Jefferson County
5 - Macie Reagan, Williamson County
6 - Riley Summerall, Blount County
7 - Shelby Mryncza, Williamson County
8 - Mary Piller, Blount County
9 - Josie McGrew, Robertson County
10 - Emma Lakatosh, Blount County

Hippology Senior Teams - 12 Teams
1 - Williamson County: Amy Chandler, Crooke Carnduff, Cey Johnson, Hallie McKinnie
2 - Rutherford County: Charity Chandler, Anna Moore, Cara Moore, Rebecca Grace Stone
3 - Williamson County: Hannah Gordon, Ashley Haylett, Mary Claire Crabtree, Hannah Midkiff

Hippology Senior Individuals - 45 individuals competing
1 - Emma Graf, Jefferson County, winner of the Steve McNeil Achievement Award
2 - Rebecca Grace Stone, Rutherford County
3 - Cey Johnson, Williamson County
4 - Ashley Haylett, Williamson County
5 - Brooke Carnduff, Williamson County
6 - Rachel Ottinger, Blount County
7 - Charity Chandler, Rutherford County
8 - JoBeth Scarlett, Jefferson County
9 - Madeline Parr, Blount County
10 - Hallie McKinnie, Williamson County

Junior Horse Bowl - 12 teams competing
1 - Blount County: Julia Smith, Stephen Labout, Madielynn Mikesell, Elizabeth Spaller
2 - Sumner County: Zoe Wittenberg, Shelby Barnham, Ella Graves
3 - Williamson County: Katelyn Brady, Alice Beattie, Bailey Reagan

Junior High Horse Bowl - 12 teams competing
1 - Williamson County: Sierra Rigsby, Macie Reagan, Abby Brady, Shelby Mryncza
2 - Blount County: Allison Morehouse, Emma Lakatosh, Mary Piller
3 - Gibson County: Grace Weiss, Jadyn Hayes, Rosa Dorab, Riley Leach

Senior Horse Bowl - 9 teams competing
1 - Crockett County: Hannah Smith, Katelyn Wilson, Regan Bain, Sarah Myers
2 - Blount County: Rachel Ottinger, Siena Spanyer, Madeline Parr
3 - Cocke County: Amelia Hurst, Sarah Hopkins, Sydni Hopkins, Megan Cheney

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