

VA 4-H HORSE PROGRAM



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Plan Your Summer With Us!

Seniors: **sign up NOW** at your Ext. office for [4-H State Congress](#), June 19-22. Workshops include equine topics! **Ride with us** on the [Mary Cole 50 Mile Horsemaster Trail Ride June 25-29](#), only 5 spots left! Southern Regionals [deadline](#) is **April 21**. Check your [qualifying requirements](#) for the State Shows and meet all your deadlines!

EquiSmartz News

Congratulations to the top two winning teams in Horse Bowl, Hippology and Communications and the top eight in Horse Judging selected to represent Southern Regionals in Perry, GA this August! See pictures posted on our [Facebook!](#) Thank you to all who contributed to the raffle basket, helping to make this the first year we have been able to cover our costs! **New Rules voted by the Equine Advisory Council for 2018:**

- 1) New senior references for Horse Bowl and Hippology are [Horse Smarts](#) published by AYHC replacing the AYHC Leader's Manual, [available now at a discounted rate](#) for a short period (\$104 plus shipping) and [Horse Science](#) by Parker (not yet released), replacing [The Horse](#) by Evans.
- 2) New State Hippology teams: the 1st place County team and the next top 4 individuals will formulate the two state teams with the top placing team at Southern Regionals moving on to Eastern National.
- 3) Youth will not be allowed to dual enter as FFA and 4-H in Horse Judging.

ALUMNI: RAISE YOUR HAND!

Help VA win up to \$20K! Click to claim your state! Are you a #4HGrown Alum? Raise your hand to pay it forward!



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JUST AROUND THE CORNER..

Enter your [May 1 Horse Declarations now](#), plan your [Qualifying Show or Clinic date](#), gather [Horse Show Hero](#) sponsors and collect [Silent auction items](#) for the 4-H Championship show!

Horse Show Hero!

FREE! Who doesn't love FREE stuff? Our Horse Show Hero program allows ANYONE to get a FREE entry into the 2017 State 4-H Horse Show! If you are able to fundraise \$300 for the Virginia 4-H Horse Program you will receive a FREE entry into the show! And with the addition of allowing our Seniors to bring two horses they will also have the opportunity to receive TWO FREE entries by fundraising \$500 for the Program! Gifts over \$25 are tax deductible and the youth that raises the most money will get FREE tickets to the Washington International Horse Show and one free night at a hotel! [Start planning now with this!](#)

Ambassador News

Do you want to meet new friends across the state and make an impact on the equine industry? If you have a passion to lead and teach others about the 4-H Horse Program, sharing how 4-H has enriched your life, this is the platform and opportunity to make a difference! Twelve candidates, ages 14-19*, will be selected through an application process, interviewed and announced at the State Show. Ambassadors will gain leadership and speaking skills, make connections across the state, and learn about the equine industry's impact on agriculture. [Applications due July 31, 2017.](#) *[Read more details here.](#)

State Show Rule & Schedule Changes

There are **many new changes** to the upcoming 2017 State Show this year so please read details!

- 1) Juniors, age 9+ are allowed to show
- 2) Seniors are allowed to bring two horses
- 3) Gymkhana will include a new arena format
- 4) Schedule changes: Western Classics Moved to Sun., Trail Prelims will be on Thur. - Finals on Sat., Gymkhana is Friday PM and Saturday AM, Ambassador selection announced Sat.

Qualifying Shows

- April 22 - Southwest District
- April 22 - Central District
- April 29 - Southeast District
- April 30 - Southeast District
- May 1 - Declarations Due!
- May 6 - Northern District
- May 6 - Central District
- May 20 - Central District
- May 20 - Southeast District
- May 21 - Southeast District
- May 21 - Northern District
- June 2 - Southeast District
- June 4 - Northern District
- June 10 - Southwest District
- June 17 - Central District
- June 24 - Northern District

Qualifying Clinics

- April 22 - Central District
- May 6 - Central District
- June 10 - Northern District

Horsemanship Skills

- April 22 in Kents Store
- April 29 in Clearbrook
- April 30 in Beaverdam
- May 6 in Williamsburg
- June 3 in Lexington
- June 6 in Farmville
- June 23, 24 in Front Royal
- July 8 in Bedford



Be sure to sign up on the [4-H State Horse](#)



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