

# SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA 4-H OPEN YOUTH HORSE SHOW



OFFICIAL SW DISTRICT 4-H QUALIFYING SHOW

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Gates Open 9:30 am Show starts at 10:00 am

Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center

Abingdon, Virginia



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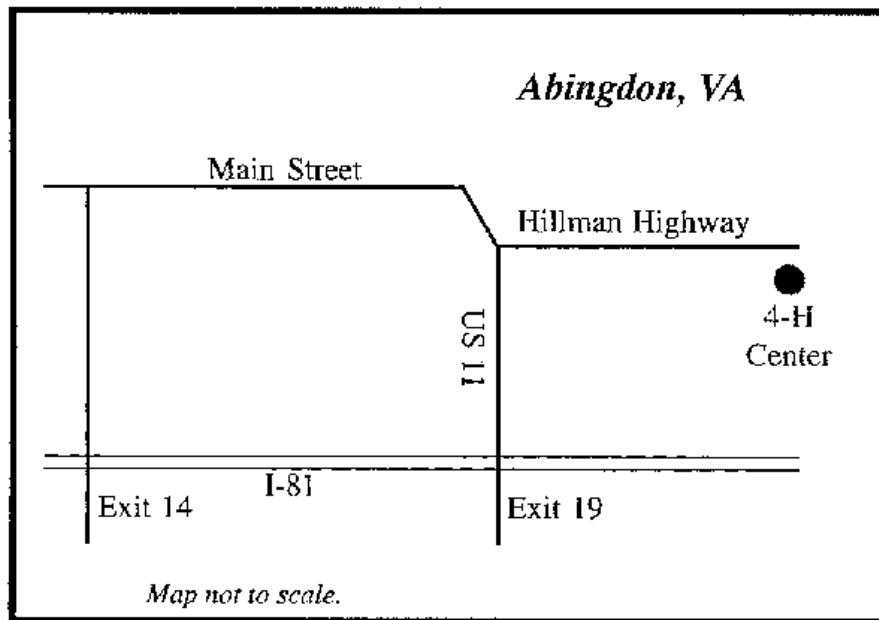
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**SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA 4-H  
EDUCATION CENTER, INC.  
25236 HILLMAN HIGHWAY;  
ABINGDON, VA 24210  
TELEPHONE: 276-676-6180**



If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact the Show Manager, Crystal Peek, 276-676-6309, during the business hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. to discuss accommodations at least five days prior to the event.

VCE COVID GUIDELINES WILL BE FOLLOWED

<https://ext.vt.edu/covid-19updates.html>

**REQUIRED - ALL MUST RSVP by Thurs., May 20, TO ATTEND**

USE THIS LINK TO RSVP OR CALL CRYSTAL PEEK AT 276-676-6309 between 9am - 5pm.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSca1OBRn8Q5DOKOhV6D8UuBuwg8TexzGulUsTOo84vmOWofTg/viewform>

**Southwest District 4-H Qualifying Show**  
**Saturday, May 22, 2021**  
**Southwest District 4-H Center**  
**25236 Hillman Highway Abingdon, Virginia**  
**All Classes are \$6, Stalls are \$5**  
**Skills testing available in the afternoon**

**Showmanship Classes Begin**  
**at 10 am**

1. English Open Showmanship Jr.
2. English Open Showmanship Sr.
3. Western Open Showmanship Jr.
4. Western Open Showmanship Sr.
5. Mini & Small Pony Showmanship

**Equitation Classes (Not to start before**  
**11am)**

6. English Eq. W/T Jr.
7. English Eq. W/T Sr.
8. English Eq. W/T/C Jr.
9. English Eq. W/T/C Sr.
10. Western Eq. W/J Jr.
11. Western Eq. W/J Sr.
12. Western Eq. W/J/L Jr.
13. Western Eq. W/J/L Sr.
14. Walking Horse Eq. Jr. and Sr.  
(English or Western)
15. Racking & Ambling Eq. Jr. and Sr.  
(English or Western)

**Over Fences 10-15 minute break to set**  
**up jumps**

16. Crossrails (18")
17. Low Hunter (2' – 2'3")
18. Int. Hunter Jr. and Sr. (2'6")
19. Miniature Hunter

**15 minute break to tear down jumps**  
20. Drill Team Exhibition

**Riding Classes (not to start before 12:00pm)**

21. Mini obstacle/trail
22. Trail Pattern Class (Western)
23. Trail Pattern Class (English)
24. Gaited Pleasure Jr./Sr.
25. Ambling Pleasure Jr. and Sr.
26. Racking Pleasure Jr. and Sr.
27. Walking Horse & Pony Pleasure
28. Hunter Pleasure Jr./Sr. W/T
29. Hunter Pleasure Jr. W/T/C
30. Hunter Pleasure Sr. W/T/C
31. Western Pleasure Jr./Sr. W/J
32. Western Pleasure Jr. W/J/L
33. Western Pleasure Sr. W/J/L
34. Open English GAYP
35. Open Western GAYP
36. Mini & Pony Driving Jr. and Sr.
37. Open Pacing English/Western (slow  
walk, slow pace, fast pace)
38. Trail Racking (trail walk/trail  
rack, English/Western combined)
39. Working Western (see pattern)

**Gymkhana Classes:**

40. Barrel Racing Jr.
41. Barrel Racing Sr.
42. Pole Bending Jr.
43. Pole Bending Sr.
44. Stakes Race Jr.
45. Stakes Race Sr.
46. Keyhole Race Jr.
47. Keyhole Race Sr.

**Entry fee day of show:**

\$6 per class

\$6 per rider in drill team

**Stall Fee:** \$5 per stall

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. AGE REQUIREMENTS: **YOUTH ONLY** / All exhibitors must be ages 9-18.
  - a) Junior exhibitors must be at least 9 years of age (or turn 9) and must not have reached his/her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday during this 4-H year - October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021.
  - b) Senior exhibitors are those who turn 14 years of age or older between October 1, 2020 and September 30 of 2021. Senior eligibility terminates on December 31 of the year the member has his/her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.
2. Entries: \$6.00 per class
3. No refunds will be made on scratches.
4. Awards will consist of: ribbons 1-5 to each class winner.
5. Participants in w/t classes cannot show in w/t/c classes.
6. **No Admission Fee.** The public is invited to attend.
7. [VCE Covid Guidelines will be followed.](#)
8. No Stallions.
9. Negative Coggins Test **required** (within one year for Virginia horses; within six months for all out-of-state horses).
10. No alcohol allowed on the grounds.
11. **Show Committee reserves the right to vary classes and overall management.**
12. The management reserves the right to remove anyone who exhibits unsafe behavior.
13. Sportsmanship and good conduct are required.
14. Horses that are known to kick should be marked by tying a red ribbon in the tail. No points will be deducted.
15. Exhibitors **do not** have to be enrolled in 4-H.
16. Exhibitors may be responsible for proof of age and the eligibility of their animal.
17. Exhibitors should provide for their own accident and health insurance.
18. Effective January 1, 2000, **protective headgear is required** for youth of 4-H age and younger in all mounted equine activities sponsored by Cooperative Extension. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) certified protective headgear for equestrian activities is preferred (including secured harness). It is highly recommended that adults participating in VCE sponsored equine activities wear protective headgear.

Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. Policy for the Qualifying Show **requires** all riders to wear protective headgear passing or surpassing current ASTM-SEI (American Society for Testing and Materials) standards with harness secured while riding anywhere on the competition grounds. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian of the rider, to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, is properly fitted, and in good condition. Neither the Show Staff nor volunteers are responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance. **Headgear designed for other uses such as motorcycle, bicycle, skating, etc. is not acceptable.**

18. Disabled riders may be required to have at least one attendant. Due to the fact that levels of disability vary greatly, final decision on types of assistance (leaders & side walkers) needed by a disabled rider will be made by the Show Committee, judges, and parent/guardian of the rider. **Ultimate responsibility for the safety of all riders is assumed by the parent or guardian.**

19. Judge's decision is final.
20. Appropriate tack and attire is recommended. English or Western tack and attire may be used in Walking, Racking, and Country Pleasure classes. Boots are required.
21. Safety precautions must be observed.
22. Youth must be supervised by an adult. The show staff is not responsible for chaperoning.
23. Ponies are 14.2 hands and under.
24. Exhibitors are expected to comply with current humane and drug regulations.
25. The show staff, committees, and facility staff are not responsible for injury or loss to anyone involved or attending.
26. Stalls are available on a first come/first served basis. Exhibitors are encouraged to stable all horses and ponies. Stall fees of \$5.00 to be paid at show secretary booth.
27. The Show is not responsible for lodging and meals.
28. Do not tie horses to trees, shrubs, rings or fences.
29. The show reserves the right to refuse, decline and/or return entry or to ask any person(s) to leave the grounds.
30. **NO PETS ARE ALLOWED, even if left in a vehicle! DO NOT BRING THEM!**
31. Four-H members planning to attend the State 4-H Horse Show can have their horses measured on the day of the show. This show will serve to qualify Southwest District 4-H members for the State 4-H Horse Show. 4-H members desiring to qualify at a show outside normal district boundaries must notify that show management at least 30 days prior to the show.
32. Due to the 4-H Center grounds being used by different groups for various disciplines and events, the ring is a grass surface. Participants must start and stop all Gymkhana classes inside the ring. You may wish to modify your performance based on these facts.
33. All 'BEGINNER CLASSES' in this show refer to the ability and experience of the rider not the horses level of training or experience. Beginner Riders cannot show in any other classes and cannot cross enter into another discipline's beginner classes.
34. No bareback riding. No double-riding.
35. All participants must have a current Health History form submitted to show management and wear their show number at all times while on grounds.
36. All Participants must sign VT equine waiver upon arrival. Extension agents may validate signed equine waivers online.
37. Youth participants not currently enrolled in 4-H must submit a 4-H Code of Conduct form upon check-in.
38. Youth participants not currently enrolled in 4-H must turn in a signed *Open 4-H Horse Show or Clinic For Youth Participant(s) Not Currently Enrolled* form upon check-in.

***SOUTHWEST DISTRICT ALL YOUTH 4-H HORSE SHOW***

**ENTRY FORM**

***All entry fees are \$6.00/ class Drill team is \$6.00 per rider***

Name of Exhibitor \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Member \_\_\_\_\_ Non 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ Qualifying for State 4-H Show? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date of Exhibitor \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age on Show Date\* \_\_\_\_\_

Youth must be at least 9 during this 4-H year (Oct1-Sept 30) to be eligible to show in all classes. Senior eligibility terminates on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year the member has his/her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Chaperone Present for Show \_\_\_\_\_

Coggins # and Date \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY #	CLASS #	NAME OF HORSE/PONY	NAME OF RIDER

**The exhibitor and his representatives hereby agree to abide by all rules and decisions of the show. Exhibitor and parent/guardian hereby attest that they have read the rules for this event and that this entry meets all regulations. This entry form must be accompanied by a signed release, waiver, and indemnification form.**

Signature of Exhibitor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **Drill Team Freestyle State Show Qualifier Rules**

Teams of riders will execute a creative presentation utilizing drill maneuvers. There will not be a required number or type of elements for this drill. However teams are encouraged to utilize a variety of drill maneuvers which display different degrees of difficulty. The drill will be executed at a trot/jog/pleasure gait only. Teams will be judged on creativity, costumes, execution of drill and audience appeal. Teams must consist of at least 6 members and no more than 16.

### **Drill Team Requirements:**

1. Size of team: Minimum of 6, maximum of 16.
2. Time: Minimum of 5 minutes and a maximum of 7 minutes.
3. Music: Music of choice. Must be 4-H age appropriate, Teams must provide music ready to play on their own device to be held next to the mic.
4. Maneuvers: Emphasis on safety and appropriate to ability of drill riders and horses.
5. Two top team in the SW District will be selected to move on to the State Show.
6. Teams and fees must be submitted with State Show entries on July 12, 2021
7. All rider/horse combinations **must be entered in this State Show** in order to participate in the Drill Team Showcase Event even if this is the only class in which they ride and pay the individual state entry fee. They will also be assigned a stall at the State Show.
8. Score card is attached. Judges decision is final.

### **RESOURCE FOR TEAMS:**

101 Drill Team Exercises for Horse and Rider, by Debbie Sam, Storey Publishing

## DRILL TEAM JUDGING SCORE CARD

### CREATIVITY AND APPEARANCE:

Tack and Attire 15 points  
Costumes safe and matched to drill theme

Appearance of Horses 15 points  
Clean and well groomed, properly fitted tack

Music 10 points  
Appropriate to audience, properly cadenced

### TECHNICAL:

Suitability 10 points  
Riders ability matched to horse

Spacing 20 points  
Correct spacing maintained between horses in a column, between pairs in a column, etc. throughout drill

Maneuvers 20 points  
How well maneuvers were executed and were suited to riders abilities

Overall Impression 10 points  
Music matched maneuvers, overall entertainment value

### Penalties:

Broken Equipment or uniforms (-5 points)

Fall of horse and/or rider (-20 points)

Over or under allotted time (-20 points)

Use of crop (-20 points)

TOTAL SCORE





UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

## VIRGINIA 4-H STANDARDIZED CODE OF CONDUCT FOR 4-H PROGRAMS/EVENTS

### Purpose

The purpose of the 4-H program is the positive development of youth. We believe in creating a safe learning environment that encourages the four-fold development of a young person (i.e., Head, Heart, Hands, and Health). We expect all persons involved in 4-H (youth members, parents, teen/adult volunteers) to practice behaviors that foster the total development of youth. Each 4-H member and associated individuals participating in 4-H activities must accept the responsibility of creating a positive image that reflects 4-H ideals. Furthermore, the Virginia 4-H program recognizes that "CHARACTER COUNTS!" All 4-H participants are representatives of the program and should always strive to uphold the following standards: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. In seeking uniformity in the conduct expected at 4-H programs/events, the following code of conduct has been developed to provide a clear understanding of expectations. Participants and parents/guardians must sign this form in order to participate.

### Code of Conduct

1. For the safety and wellness of all participants, a completed and signed 4-H Health History Report Form is required for participation in 4-H events. In addition, medications and medication forms (for all participants under 18 years old) must be turned in at the registration table upon arrival at the 4-H event (or according to another system outlined in the registration/orientation information).
2. Participants should attend and be actively involved in all scheduled activities as part of this 4-H program/event (unless under the supervision of a medical staff person.) Curfew is to be followed as specified in the schedule for overnight events. Failure to be in assigned locations may lead to dismissal from the 4-H event. Some areas are off-limits to participants (ex: swimming pool; bodies of water such as lakes and rivers; challenge course, etc.) unless under appropriate instructor supervision.
3. Visitors to a 4-H program/event must check-in with the Extension Agent, Program Director, or other adult in charge of the 4-H program/event upon arrival.
4. Participants should remain at a 4-H program/event until the program/event is scheduled to end. Participants may not leave a 4-H program/event without prior permission from Extension Agent, Program Director, or other adult in charge of the 4-H program/event. Participants may only be picked up from a 4-H program/event by the person designated on the 4-H Health History Report Form. Identification may be requested at the time of pick-up.
5. Participants are expected to follow the directions of 4-H volunteers and paid staff. All 4-H'ers are under the supervision of the Extension Agent, Program Director, or other adult 4-H leader responsible for the 4-H program/event.
6. Participants should respect the property of others and be responsible for themselves. Deliberate destruction or removal of facilities or equipment is not permitted. Financial responsibility for any damages caused by deliberate destruction will be assumed by the participant and/or parents/guardians. The same applies to the property and personal items of other participants.
7. Participants should treat all others and themselves with respect. Aggressive, abusive, vulgar, or violent language and behavior towards others (ex: fighting, threats, insults, cursing, discrimination, etc.) are not permitted.
8. Participants should respect the privacy of others. Girls are not permitted in boys' lodging rooms nor are boys permitted in girls' lodging rooms.
9. Participants are expected to dress appropriately based upon the guidelines established by the person in charge of the 4-H program/event.
10. Possession, distribution, or use of fireworks, weapons, knives, or other items that can be used as a weapon are not permitted at 4-H programs/events, except under adult supervision in scheduled instructional activities (ex: shooting education class supervised by a certified instructor, etc.).

11. Possession, distribution, or use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, tobacco products, and unauthorized prescription drugs are not allowed at any 4-H sponsored program/event and must be reported to law enforcement. The Virginia 4-H program reserves the right to conduct a search of a participant's outer clothing, luggage, personal belongings, lodging rooms, and furniture being used by a participant(s) if there is "reasonable suspicion" that the participant has drugs, alcohol, or weapons.
12. Animals and pets are not allowed at 4-H programs/events unless needed to accommodate a disability or as part of an organized program, or through specific authorization from Extension Agent, Program Director, or other adult in charge of the 4-H program/event. Animals that are used as part of a 4-H program/event should always be provided with proper care.
13. Electronic and mechanical devices (ex: cellular phones, pagers, walkie-talkies, video games, radios, CD players, TV's, laptop computers, etc.) are not allowed at 4-H programs/events unless they are needed as part of an organized 4-H program/event, or with authorization from the Extension Agent, Program Director, or other adult in charge of the 4-H program/event. Without authorization, these items will be confiscated and returned to the participant (or the participants' parents/guardians) at the end of the program/event.

### **Consequences**

Unacceptable behavior during a 4-H program/event (as defined within this **Virginia 4-H Standardized Code of Conduct** or through a review process by 4-H staff/volunteer) will result in consequences to the participant. Consequences may include:

1. early release from this 4-H program/event without refund,
2. restitution or repayment of damages,
3. denial of future participation in the 4-H program/event at the local, district, state and national levels for one or more years (as determined by the unit staff in charge of, or responsible for, the 4-H program/event),
4. forfeiture of financial support for a 4-H program/event
5. removal from 4-H offices held (if applicable), and
6. releasing the youth to the appropriate law enforcement agency and/or the proper authorities.

NOTE: Any conduct not specifically covered by this **Virginia 4-H Standardized Code of Conduct**, but deemed inappropriate by those responsible for the 4-H program/event will be viewed as a violation and appropriate action will be taken. If an infraction occurs, the person in charge of the 4-H program/event will provide appropriate communication to parents/guardians.

### **Signature(s)** (Both signatures are required for participants under 18 years old.)

*I have read and understand the above "Code of Conduct" and will abide by the expectations described in the Code-of-Conduct. I understand that if I act inappropriately I will have to accept responsibility for my actions that may result in the consequences listed above.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Participant Printed Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Participant Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

*I have discussed and reviewed this "Code of Conduct" with my child. I understand that failure to abide by this 'Code of Conduct' may result in the consequences listed above which includes no refund. In the event that this code is violated, I agree to come to the 4-H program/event to pick up my child at the request of the adult in charge of the 4-H program/event. I further understand that I refuse to pick up my child, am unavailable, or fail to make timely arrangements to retrieve my child, 4-H program/ event staff may contact law enforcement or social services to provide necessary protection for a child in need of services. I acknowledge responsibility for all fees/charges that may result from said services.*

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*Parent/Guardian's Printed Name (for participant under 18 years old)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent/Guardian's Signature (for participant under 18 years old)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*



**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please provide detailed health information for determining appropriate supervision, support, and accommodations for the 4-H activity or event listed. **A parent or guardian must sign.** If the participant is a person with a disability and desires any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact your local Extension office during business hours at least 7 days prior to the event to discuss accommodations. **PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION.** (NOTE: Both sides of this form must be completed.)

Name of 4-H event in which you wish to participate: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of event: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

## PARTICIPANT IDENTIFICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender identified with: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First (Underline name by which you like to be called) Middle

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_ Participant cell phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Home email: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity (choose one): Hispanic/Latino ☐ Not Hispanic/Latino ☐

Race (choose all that apply): American Indian/Alaskan Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black/African American ☐  
 Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander ☐ White ☐

## PARENT / GUARDIAN IDENTIFICATION (Place a check beside who to reach in the event of an emergency.)

☐ First parent/guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_ First parent/guardian email: \_\_\_\_\_

First parent/guardian phone daytime: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Second parent/guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_ Second parent/guardian email: \_\_\_\_\_

Second parent/guardian phone daytime: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Who has primary custody of the participant? \_\_\_\_\_

Address, if different than child: \_\_\_\_\_

## PHYSICIAN / INSURANCE INFORMATION

Family physician name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Dentist/orthodontist name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you carry family medical / hospital insurance?: Yes ☐ No ☐

(Check ☒ one)

Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (Parts 1 and 2 should be completed)

1. Where can you be reached in the event of an emergency?

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

2. If you **Cannot** be reached, who should be notified?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

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## 4-H PARTICIPANT MEDIA RELEASE

The Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University/College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) periodically uses electronic and traditional media (e.g., photographs, video, audio footage, testimonials) for publicity and educational purposes. By my signature on this form, I acknowledge receipt of this document and give permission to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and its designee to use such reproductions for educational and publicity purposes in perpetuity without further consideration from me.

I understand that I will need to notify Virginia Tech/College of Agriculture and Life Sciences if any changes to my situation occur that will impact this media release permission.

☐ Yes ☐ No

**PARTICIPANT HEALTH AND MEDICAL HISTORY**  
(Questions 1-5 must be completed.)

**1. SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS**

*INSTRUCTIONS: The purpose of this section is to communicate special dietary needs, food allergies, etc. for any child, teen, or adult who will be attending a 4-H event.*

In the space below, please list all **food allergies and/or other dietary restrictions** for the person listed above and any necessary precautions that should be taken:

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**2.** Has the participant ever experienced (or had special needs in) any of the following?  
[Check (✓) all that apply]

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma           | <input type="checkbox"/> Bleeding disorders   | <input type="checkbox"/> Attention disorders (ADHD) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eating disorders | <input type="checkbox"/> Seizures/Convulsions | <input type="checkbox"/> Wears contacts             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes         | <input type="checkbox"/> Bed Wetting          | <input type="checkbox"/> Behavior                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fainting spells  | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-food allergies   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____               |

*Please describe any condition or need that you checked:*

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**3.** Is the participant experiencing any current health problems, under medical care, receiving mental or behavioral services, or currently taking medication?

☐ YES ☐ NO If YES, *please explain:* \_\_\_\_\_

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**4.** Has the participant undergone surgery, or experienced any injury, illness, allergy, or change in health status any time during the last year? Is there any reason that participation in a program or activity should be restricted?

☐ YES ☐ NO If YES, *please explain:* \_\_\_\_\_

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**5.** What else should we know about your child?

4-H programs include very rewarding, but sometimes challenging situations. Please inform us of any concerns that may arise related to your child's physical, mental, emotional, and/or social health in order that we may better provide appropriate supervision and support.

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**APPROVAL / EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION**

(Please read parts 1 and 2. If the participant is under 18, parents/guardians must sign in the space provided. If you are over the age of 18, please sign for yourself. If you cannot sign this due to religious reasons, you must contact your Extension office to obtain a legal waiver that must be signed. **If this section is not signed, participation in the 4-H event/activity will not be allowed.** You must contact your Extension office if there is a change in health status after submitting this form.

- I give my permission for the participant named on this form to attend the designated 4-H program. He / She has permission to participate in all activities which may include swimming and other water sports under the supervision of lifeguard(s) and to take part in other scheduled activities such as firearm safety, horsemanship, archery, low ropes, physical activity/exercise and related activities under the supervision of instructors; subject to limitations noted herein.
- I hereby give permission to the medical staff person selected by the event/activity director to order X-rays, routine tests and treatment for my child (or for myself if I am a participant over 18 years old) as medically necessary. I also give permission for the participant to receive over-the-counter medication as needed under the guidance of the medical staff person. I understand that all attempts will be made to notify parents/guardians of any serious injury or illness to their child. If I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the medical staff person to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection and/or anesthesia and/or surgery for me/ or the participant named on this form. This form may be photocopied for use outside of the event/activity location.

ADULT PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNED: X \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent / Legal Guardian or participant over 18 years old)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*I understand and agree to abide with any restrictions placed on my activities according to this form.*

YOUTH PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNED: X \_\_\_\_\_  
(Participant under 18 years old)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMMUNIZATION HISTORY (This must be completed)**

Are your child's immunizations up to date? ☐ YES ☐ NO Date of most recent tetanus shot: (month/year) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**RELEASE AUTHORIZATION**

I give permission to the following individual(s) to pick up my child at the conclusion of this 4-H event:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Sign below at time of pick up** (Receiving person must be pre-listed above):

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Equine Release, Waiver, and Indemnification Statement**

The undersigned participant, and his or her parent or legal guardian if the participant is under the age of 18 years, does/do hereby execute this release, waiver, and indemnification for himself or herself/themselves and his or her/their heirs, successors, representatives, and assigns and, thereby, agree(s) and represents as follows:

To release Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and the Commonwealth of Virginia, its members, employees, agents, representatives, subsidiary corporations, and those governmental agencies and other organizations affiliated with this activity from any and all liability, loss, damage, costs, claims, and/or causes of action, including but not limited to all bodily injuries and property damage arising out of participation in the activity, it being specifically understood that said activity includes the handling of equine by the undersigned participant. The undersigned person(s) further agree(s) to indemnify Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and the Commonwealth of Virginia, its employees, members, agents, representatives, and those governmental agencies and other organizations affiliated with this project, and hold them harmless for any liability, loss, damage, costs, claims, judgments, or settlement which may be brought or entered against them as a result of the undersigned person's participation in said activity, unless the damage or loss is caused by the grossly negligent acts of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, its employees, members, agents, or representatives.

If involved in equine activities pursuant to Section 3.2-6202 of the Code of Virginia the undersigned(s) execute(s) this waiver of the undersigned(s) rights to sue and agree(s) to assume all risks resulting from the "intrinsic dangers of equine activities". "Intrinsic dangers of equine activities" is defined as those dangers or conditions that are an integral part of equine activities, including (i) the propensity of equines to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them; (ii) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; (iii) certain hazards such as surface and sub-surface conditions; (iv) collisions with other animals or objects; and (v) the potential of a participant acting in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the equine or not acting within the participant's ability.

This waiver shall remain valid unless expressly revoked by the participant or Parent or guardian of a minor. The revocation shall be in writing which shall be delivered to the provider and shall become effective thirty (30) days after delivery to the provider.

In the case of school-, college-, and university-sponsored classes and programs, waivers executed by a participant or parent or guardian of a participant shall apply to all equine activities in which the participant is involved in the next succeeding twelve (12) month period unless earlier expressly revoked in writing. The revocation shall become effective thirty (30) days after it is delivered to the provider.

The undersigned(s) agrees to maintain all medical and health insurance needed to cover all risks of any kind in any place in livestock, equine, and/or other activities.

I, the undersigned participant, will wear and use, in accordance with established Virginia Cooperative Extension policy and procedure, all safety equipment and to ensure equipment is in good condition at all times. The undersigned person(s) further agree(s) to indemnify the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and the Commonwealth of Virginia, its employees, members, agents, representatives, and those governmental agencies and other organizations affiliated with this project, and hold them harmless for any liability, loss, damage, cost, claim judgment, or settlement which may be brought or entered against them as a result of the undersigned persons participation in said activity, unless the damage or loss is caused by the grossly negligent acts of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, its employees, members, agents, or representatives.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed Name of Participant*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed Name of Parent or Guardian*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Participant*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Parent or Guardian if participant is under age 18 yrs*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**Personal Statement for Adult Non-Helmet Use**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that Virginia Tech and the Commonwealth of Virginia highly recommended for safety reasons that I wear an ASTM certified riding helmet while engaged in equine activities. I have freely chosen not to wear this recommended safety equipment, to include an ASTM certified riding helmet, while I am engaged in equine activities and elect to accept full responsibility for any injuries that might arise as a result of failure to use or wear recommended safety equipment.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Open 4-H Horse Show or Clinic

## For Youth Participant(s) Not Currently Enrolled in 4-H

### Acknowledgement of Risk and Safety Skills - VA 4-H Policies and Procedures

I, \_\_\_\_\_, and my child(ren):

\_\_\_\_\_

choose to participate in this 4-H open horse show described below. I fully understand and acknowledge that there are inherent risks and dangers in the participation of activities of any equine activity. I also understand and acknowledge that participation in these activities and the use of any equipment related to such activities may result in injury, illness, death and/or damage to personal property. I understand that the activities themselves, other participants, accidents, forces of nature or other factors may cause these risks and dangers and I, on my own behalf, hereby accept and assume these risks and dangers. Myself, my child(ren), and extended family members are covered under our own health insurance policy. I understand that this 4-H open show does not provide health insurance coverage.

NAME OF 4-H SHOW \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF SHOW \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

As the PARENT/GUARDIAN of the youth participant and as a participant, I

- ☐ understand and have discussed with my child(ren) the need to behave in a safe manner with their equine at this event
- ☐ attest to my child(ren) and my and their adequate and safe skills and ability to control the equine during the event, in the schooling ring, and in the classes
- ☐ will ensure that t my child(ren) and I wear(s) appropriate clothing, headgear (ASTM/SEI certified helmet), and footwear during horse activities
- ☐ attest that my child(ren) meet the minimum age requirement (age 9). Riders may be age 5-8 with adult in full care, custody, and control of animal at all times (such as a lead-line class).
- ☐ attest that I and my child(ren) are able to participate in any strenuous physical activity associated with this event

The following forms have been completed and submitted for the participant(s) listed above:

- ☐ [4-H Code of Conduct](#) ☐ [Health History](#) ☐ [VT Equine Waiver](#)

We agree to abide by VA 4-H rules, as well as rules for this event, and understand the risks involved. I understand that show management has the right to dismiss attendance of any participant that they deem necessary at any given time.

Parent/Guardian Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ We would like to learn more about the 4-H program. Please contact me with more information.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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