

## Virginia 4-H – A Winning Tradition at Eastern Nationals!!

Members of the Virginia 4-H State teams competed this past weekend, November 4-6, at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, Kentucky in the areas of Hippology, Horse Judging and Team Demonstrations. They all came away as winners!

Virginia Hippology team members were Holly Bleck, Hannah Lawson, Tara O'Donnell and Raty Syka of Albemarle County. They finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the Team Problem phase and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Horse Judging phase and were just 4 points away from 10<sup>th</sup> place Overall out of 21 teams competing. The Hippology team was coached by Bertha Durbin.

In the category of Team Demonstration, twin sisters, Julie and Andy Carrington came away with 4<sup>th</sup> place giving their demonstration on "Clicker Training of Horses". The Carrington's were coached and traveled with their parents – Anne-Carter and Cabel Carrington.

The Virginia State 4-H Horse Judging team members Marilea Showalter, Caitlin Flathers, Danielle Minnick and Maggie Gregg took high honors with Marilea Showalter winning the contest as 1<sup>st</sup> place individual in Performance division, Oral Reasons and High Individual Overall. Maggie Gregg was 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Performance and 5<sup>th</sup> high individual Overall. Caitlin Flathers placed 8<sup>th</sup> in Oral Reasons. As a team they finished 4<sup>th</sup> in Halter, 1<sup>st</sup> in Performance, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Oral Reasons and 2<sup>nd</sup> place team Overall. The judging team was coached by Yvonne Miller and Celeste Crisman.

We applaud each 4-Her for their hard work and dedication to the program.