



2023 EQUISMARTZ

March 31 – April 2, Lexington, VA

Virginia 4-H Horse State Educational Competition Weekend



HORSE BOWL – HIPPOLOGY – HORSE JUDGING – COMMUNICATIONS

Please see [rules posted](#) on the 4-H Horse Program website for each specific contest. This competition is for Junior and Senior Contestants. Hippology and Horse Judging is for 4-H and FFA. Horse Bowl and Communications is for 4-H only. Entry deadline is March 20, 2023. **Entries for 4-H. Entries for FFA.**



FRIDAY, MARCH 31

- 4-H & FFA Hippology – **Rockbridge County High School, Lexington, VA**
The 4-H horse judging phase of Hippology is Saturday. FFA horse judging phase is Friday, 4pm.
 - 3:45 PM – FFA Registration. Begin horse judging phase in auditorium at 4pm.
 - 4:00 PM – 4-H Registration. Juniors go to **cafeteria**. Seniors wait in **commons area**.
 - 4:30 PM – Contest begins for all (Exam, Slides, Stations, Team Problems) **cafeteria & classrooms**
 - Awards for 4-H – Saturday following the Horse Judging contest, VHC, East Arena
 - Awards for FFA – Friday PM following the conclusion of Hippology - cafeteria

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

- 4-H & FFA Horse Judging – **East Arena, Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA** (indoor arena)
All Contestants - bring clipboards, #2 pencils, dress appropriately for the weather.
 - 8:00 AM – Registration
 - 8:45 AM – Contest begins
 - 9:00 AM - Hippology Contestant Registration for those not doing full Horse Judging contest
 - 12:00 PM – Contestant lunch for those giving reasons
 - 1:30 PM – Reasons begin
 - ~4:00 PM – Officials given from Horse Judging Classes
 - ~4:30 PM – Awards for 4-H Hippology and Horse Judging

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

- 4-H Horse Bowl – **Rockbridge County High School, Lexington, VA**
5 Jr. and 5 Sr. teams allowed per District, determined by your District Horse Council.
 - 9:15 AM – Registration begins and holding area for Juniors and Seniors – **cafeteria**
 - 10:00 AM – Contest begins - **Classrooms** open to one coach per team due to space constraints
 - 1:30 PM (tentatively) – Junior and Senior Final Round – open for all to watch – **cafeteria**
 - Awards following – **cafeteria or auditorium**
- 4-H Communications Contests – **Rockbridge County High School, Lexington, VA**
Individual and Team Presentations, Public Speaking.
 - 12:00 noon - check-in (scheduled times pre-announced)
 - 1:00PM - CONTEST BEGINS
 - 4:30PM CONTEST ENDS
 - Awards to follow



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