



Virginia 4-H Hokie Horse Camp

July 6-10, 2019



VIRGINIA TECH

BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA

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GENERAL INFORMATION AND RULES

Please read this information thoroughly before applying for the Virginia 4-H Hokie Horse Camp

Purpose – To provide the 4-H Horse Project member an opportunity to learn new and better techniques of horsemanship and to enjoy the fellowship of other 4-Hers and volunteers from different areas of the state. The camp is designed to increase the horse knowledge, horsemanship skills and showing techniques of the advanced rider as well as to introduce beginner riders to the basics of horsemanship. This camp will also serve as a qualifying clinic and horsemanship skills testing for those youth attending the 2019 Virginia State 4-H Horse Show.

Dates – Saturday, July 6 through Wednesday, July 10

Location Alphin Stuart Livestock Arena, Blacksburg - Horse Stabling; Riding/horsemanship activities
Virginia Tech On-Campus Housing - 4-Her overnight accommodations; recreation

Cost – Total camp fee is \$625. Camp fees include all meals (including dinner on Saturday night through lunch on Wednesday), lodging, one stall for horse or pony, recreation, riding instruction and classroom instruction. A \$325 deposit is due with application no later than **April 10, 2019**. Make checks payable to VTF- 4-H Horse. The balance of \$300 is due (in cash, cashier's check or money order) upon arrival at camp on July 6, 2019. **The deposit fee is non-refundable, no matter the circumstance.**

Camper Eligibility – Open to 4-Hers, between the ages of 14 to 18 (as of 9/30/19), who are actively enrolled in the Virginia 4-H Horse Project. Active enrollment is based upon the discretion of the 4-H Leader and Extension Agent. First priority will be given to Virginia 4-H members. Camp is limited to **16 participants**. If the camp does not initially fill up, the camp will be opened up to Virginia residents who are not 4-H members for an additional \$100 fee. If the camp does not fill by June 1, 2019, it will open up to out of state participants for the additional \$100 fee. **Participants must bring their own mount.**

Registration – Campers must submit completed application, health history report and **\$325 deposit** to Leona Ransdell, 4-H Horse Program Associate at 388 Litton Reaves, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061 no later than **April 10, 2019**. Camper Code of Conduct, Equine Waiver, Camper Medication Form, Equine Coggins and Equine Health Record are due with the remaining cost (\$300) at arrival of camp on **July 6, 2019**.

Health Requirement – A 4-H Health History Report is included in the packet. It is very important for youth and parents to alert the camp staff in regard to any physical limitations or allergic reactions a youth may have to specific medicine(s), insect stings, food, diabetes, etc. Any special conditions/limitations should be given in writing to the camp director. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated and is designed to keep your youth safe.

Horse – Each youth must bring their own mount and submit the required health records/forms for his/her horse or pony. Horse/pony must have a current negative Coggins test (within 12 months – drawn since July 10, 2018) and bring it to camp for camp record keeping. Youth are encouraged to provide minor horse first-aid supplies. **Horses and ponies must be sound and in good physical condition.** Horses exhibiting unsoundness or behavioral problems will be sent home (at check in time or later in the week).

Although shoes are not required, it is recommended that horses be shod at least on their front feet. **If not shod, hooves should be properly trimmed.** A farrier and veterinarian will be available for **emergency** situations at the owner's expense. Every effort will be made to contact the parent/guardian should the animal require medical attention. Each youth will be responsible for all care of his/her mount. This includes, but is not limited to, feeding, watering, grooming, cooling out and removing manure and urine from the stall in a regular and timely fashion. All participants will be required to strip their stalls at the end of camp.

Insurance – Horse equipment and horses are not insured by the Virginia 4-H Horse Program, Virginia Tech or Virginia Cooperative Extension. Any loss or damage to equipment or injury to horse or rider is at the owner's risk and expense. All campers should have primary insurance for illness and accidents.

Arrival Procedures – Campers will be accepted at camp between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm on Saturday, July 6, 2019. **It will not be possible for the staff to check campers in before 10:00 am.** Upon arrival, horses will be checked for soundness. Unsound horses deemed unsafe to their riders and unruly horses will not be allowed to remain at camp.

When you arrive at camp, go to the arena office and check in with the Horsemanship Camp Office. **Present a negative Coggins test, an equine health record indicating required vaccinations (Rabies, EEE/WEE, Tetanus, West Nile and Flu/Rhino are all required for horses attending camp. Strangles is not a required vaccine, but highly recommended) and their administered date, camper medication form, equine waiver and code of conduct and the remaining balance of \$300 in cash, cashier's check or money order.** No horse may be unloaded until all paperwork has been checked. **No parents may leave until horses have been checked for soundness and all medical forms are on file with camp staff. There will be no exception for not having all the proper paperwork on the camper and their horse. Any camper or horse that does not have all the proper paperwork will be sent home with no refund.** Trailers may be unhooked and left in the trailer parking area. It is requested that all unloading be done as efficiently as possible to help relieve congestion in the barn area.

Youths may store their equipment, grain and hay in their trailer or in their assigned tack stall. All bedding will be provided. Tack stalls will be shared by four people so please pack accordingly. Any extra supplies may be stored in trailers that are parked at the facility.

Departure Procedures – Parents are requested to arrive for pick-up of youth and horses on Wednesday, July 10 at 10:00 am to watch the final riding sessions and horsemanship skills testing. Packing of tack and supplies may begin after these sessions. A special recognition, fun camp awards and lunch will be provided at 1:00 pm. **No youth will be allowed to leave until their stable area passes inspection.** 4-Hers will not be released prior to 2:00 pm.

Activities – the horsemanship activities may include the following hands-on demonstrations and clinics:

Equine Opportunities	Reproduction	Equipment Care
Stable Management	Show Ring Preparation	Safety
Dressage/Western Dressage	Public Speaking	Parasite Control
General Handling	Training Techniques	Restraining Methods
Showmanship	Veterinary Care	First Aid
Grooming	Judging	Nutrition

Recreation – evening recreational options may include:

Movie Night Ag Olympics Trivia Games Swimming

Behavior Policy – Safety will be emphasized at all times. Campers are required to read and sign the Code of Conduct. To insure a safe atmosphere, campers must strictly adhere to camp personnel and their policies. Failure to adhere to these rules will result in the camper being sent home at the parent's expense.

The following misconduct WILL result in a camper being sent home:

Deliberate cruelty to animals	Disrespectful or dangerous behavior toward other campers
Deliberate destruction of facilities or equipment	Unacceptable or dangerous conduct
Possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco or illegal drugs	Possession or use of fireworks
Blatant discourtesy to camp personnel	Use of inappropriate language
Disregard of camp personnel requests to obey rules and regulations	

Clean Up Duties – Clean up duties each day only take a few minutes, but they can be fun when everyone works together as a team. It is important from the standpoint of health and enjoyment that the stable area and dorm rooms be kept as clean and sanitary as possible. Each camper will keep themselves, their room and other camp facilities, and their horse's stall and stable areas clean at all times.

The Following Items are not allowed at camp:

Tobacco	Illegal drugs
Alcohol	Knives, guns, or other weapons
TV's and/or electronic games	Fireworks

Family/Guest Visitation- No parent, guardian, family member or guest should visit the campers during camp unless pre- approved by the camp director. We understand that this may be difficult, but for the camper to truly get the camp experience parents and/or family members will not be allowed to visit during camp. Please be sure all the supplies that the camper needs during camp are delivered and stored before you leave on July 7. We ask that you do not bring supplies during the week. If you are concerned about you child or just want to check in with camp staff, please feel free to call Leona Ransdell at 803-944-7003.

Virginia 4-H Hokie Horse Camp Camp Policy on Headgear Safety Equipment-The Virginia 4-H Horse Program (4-H Program) requires that all riders wear protective headgear that meets or surpasses current applicable ASTM/SEI (American Society for Testing and Materials/Safety Equipment Institute) standards while **riding** during all camp activities. The headgear must be properly fitted, properly worn on the top of the head, and worn with the strap or harness securely fastened. The term "riding" as used in this policy refers to the mounting, riding or driving of a horse or pony at 4-H Horse Camp. The term "rider" refers to a person engaged in riding. It is the responsibility of the rider, and the parent or guardian of the rider, to confirm that the headgear worn by the rider complies with the safety standards set forth above; is properly fitted and fastened; and is in sufficiently good condition that it would protect the rider in the event of an accident.

The 4-H Program and the instructors, extension personnel and volunteers associated with the 4-H Hokie Horse Camp are not responsible for providing headgear and are not responsible for checking headgear worn by riders in order to comply with this rule.

Any rider found to be riding in violation of this helmet policy by 4-H Horse Program employees or volunteers will be immediately prohibited from further riding, and shall be removed from camp.

The 4-H Horse Program makes no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, concerning the headgear worn by any rider during the 4-H Hokie Horse Camp. In particular, the 4-H Program makes no representation or warranty concerning the safety performance of any headgear worn by any rider. The 4-H Program cautions riders and their parents and legal guardians that death or serious injury may occur despite wearing safety headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk. No headgear can protect against all possible injuries.

CAMPER PACKING LIST

Personal Items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Soap | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Repellent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo/Conditioner | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Toiletries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comb/Brush/Hair ties | <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing (as designated below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen | |

Riding & Stable Area Apparel – Show clothes will not be required, but all campers will be expected to ride in neat, workmanlike riding apparel such as jeans, jodhpurs, breeches, chaps, etc. Overly worn clothing with holes is not appropriate attire. Shorts, wide leg pants, halter tops, strappy tank tops and other unsuitable clothes will NOT be acceptable. Tank tops should have a minimum of a 1” strap. Campers wearing revealing clothing will be asked to change. All riding is to be done in suitable leather boots or sturdy shoes that have a heel and a smooth sole. Hard soled leather shoes or boots will be required in the stable area and while riding at all times. Loafers, tennis shoes, slip on duck boots, etc. will not be acceptable.

General Apparel – Shorts, jeans, t-shirts, polos, blouses, tennis shoes, etc. are acceptable away from the barn area. Revealing clothes are STILL NOT ACCEPTABLE even during recreational activities at the dormitories.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pajamas | <input type="checkbox"/> Hat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Light Jacket/Sweatshirt | <input type="checkbox"/> Shower Shoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ample Underclothes | <input type="checkbox"/> Ample Socks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swim Suits/Clothes | <input type="checkbox"/> Clothes for free time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rain gear | <input type="checkbox"/> Belt |

Miscellaneous Supplies

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dirty clothes bag | <input type="checkbox"/> Money for extra supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Towels | <input type="checkbox"/> Small snacks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watch | <input type="checkbox"/> Beach towel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed linens/sleeping bag | |

Please do not bring expensive jewelry, cameras, radios, coolers, or excessive amounts of money to camp

HORSE/PONY PACKING LIST

Please make sure that all equipment is in good condition and properly fits horse and rider. Clearly mark all items with owner's name. **Do not forget a negative Coggins!**

Grooming Aids

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rubber Curry Comb | <input type="checkbox"/> Fly Spray/Wipes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stiff Bristle Brush | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweat Scraper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soft Bristle Brush | <input type="checkbox"/> Towels/Clean Rags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mane Comb | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponges |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hoof Pick | |

Tack

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Saddle | <input type="checkbox"/> Lead Rope(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridle | <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 Girths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Halter | <input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 Saddle Pads |

Equipment and Feed (R – indicates REQUIRED item; Buckets should be type intended for use with horses and are NOT to be shared).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 five gallon water buckets – R | <input type="checkbox"/> Feed scoop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 feed bucket or feed pan – R | <input type="checkbox"/> Grain (10 feedings) -R |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Double ended snaps, rope/chain,
or bucket straps – R | <input type="checkbox"/> Hay – R |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manure fork- R | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrolytes/salt block |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Hay bag |

Do not begin a new feeding program right before camp. For your horse's sake, have him on a regular feeding program at least two weeks prior to camp. If your horse is unaccustomed to living in a stall, you should begin acclimating him/her to a stall at least two weeks prior to camp.

Bring enough hay and grain for 5 days (Saturday pm through Wednesday am – twice daily feeding – 10 feedings minimum). Due to the hot weather typical for July, it is very important for the horse to eat hay and drink lots of water in order to maintain gut motility. Extra hay may be stored in one's horse trailer if desired. It is also recommended that you bring electrolytes/salt block for your horse to encourage hydration. You should acclimate your horse to consuming electrolytes PRIOR to camp. Often, the introduction of electrolytes can make your horse go off feed, so prepare the horse for consumption in advance.

Stable Management Guidelines – The safety and health of the 4-Her and his/her horse will be emphasized. Morning barn inspections are for the purpose of determining whether or not the horse has been properly fed and watered, the stall cleaned, tack serviceably cleaned for the day's activities, and the general area neat and safe. Afternoon barn inspections are conducted to make sure that horses have been properly cooled out, groomed, watered, and left in a clean stall and that the general area is neat and safe.

Evening barn checks are conducted to make certain that all horses have water, doors are properly closed, halters and leads visibly available for emergencies and that there are no indications of colic, etc. following the day's activities.

Generally, the following rules will be observed:

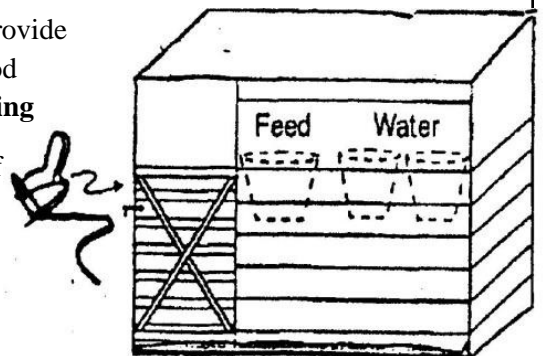
- Stalls should be clean and well bedded. Doors must be closed and properly latched.
- Horses must be cooled and brushed out before being left in their stalls.
- Tack should be safe, clean and in good condition.
- Water and grain boxes/buckets should be placed in the front of the stall and for safety reasons, not on the ground.
- Hay nets (open string type) are not allowed, but canvas or nylon closed-type hay bags may be used if hung safely. Hay may be fed on the ground.
- Salt should be kept available for horses at all times since they lose electrolytes during sweating.
- Stall fronts and aisles must be kept free of obstacles. Tack area should be neat with equipment and tools arranged safely.
- Each horse must have a halter and lead line hanging on the stall front at all times.
- 4-Hers must be properly attired at all times when in the barn area and around the horses (long pants and leather, hard soled shoes. Tennis shoes and duck boots are not acceptable).
- Each youth will be held responsible for the care and feeding of his/her horse while attending camp.
- All horses must have a prior history of being tied!

Save time and trouble, set your stall up correctly when you move in! Below is a diagram of the suggested stall set up.

Buckets- two water buckets ensure that the horse has plenty of water at all times. Place in the front corner of the stall. Feed buckets should be placed by the door to avoid fighting. Buckets can be hung by chain, snaps or bucket straps.

Bedding- stalls should have adequate bedding to absorb wetness and provide cushion. Frequent stall picking keeps bedding cleaner for a longer period of time. **Bedding will be provided. Please do not bring outside bedding**

Halter and lead rope- should be hung on outside of the door in case of emergency



TIPS FOR 4-H HORSEMANSHIP CAMP

- If your horse is not ridden regularly, begin a gradual exercise program to condition your mount at least a month prior to camp. If you ride occasionally, begin with riding 30 minutes per day, 4 times per week. Gradually add time until you are riding your horse one hour per day 3-4 times a week. Remember, this is your best friend. Don't ask him to do something he may not be prepared for!
- Make arrangements for a knowledgeable farrier to evaluate and either trim or shoe your horse at least one week prior to camp. We suggest having horses/ponies shod on front feet unless they are accustomed to rocks and hard footing. A lame horse will not be very useful at camp.
- Plan to have deworming and vaccinations done several weeks prior to camp. The better health your horse is in, the better he will be able to withstand the heat and stress of the week's activities.
- If your horse does not stay in a stall regularly, acclimate him to a stall gradually by putting him in a stall a few hours at a time and feeding him in the stall until he is comfortable staying in overnight.
- Do NOT make sudden feed changes! If your horse has not been receiving grain or hay daily, you can stress him and his digestive system and cause severe colic by suddenly putting him into an unfamiliar stall and giving him grains when he has been out on pasture with minimal stress.
- If your horse kicks at other horses, bring a red ribbon and tie it in his tail. Please make your instructor aware of any problem you may be having with your horse. Never crowd other horses. Leave enough room between your horse, yourself and others so that no one will be harmed if a horse kicks out.
- Check all tack for fit, wear and tear. String girths, leather cinch straps, cheek pieces, chin straps, and reins tend to wear quickly. Make sure all of your equipment is in good working order. When in doubt replace it with good adjustable equipment.
- Have your horse's Coggins and health record available at check in.
- Wear hard soled leather shoes at check in. Tennis shoes are not allowed in the stable area at any time.
- Lastly, come with an open mind. No one knows everything! Not everyone does things the same way. What is important is the result which may be achieved through a variety of methods. A good horseman is a person who is receptive to what others are doing and is able to learn from other people's successes or failures.

If you have any questions/concerns please call or email Leona Ransdell at 540-231-6345 or leonar@vt.edu

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Saturday July 6

10:00am – 12:00pm- Check In (Alphin Stuart Livestock Arena, 500 Plantation Rd. Blacksburg, Va) -

Upon Arrival: Turn in camp balance of \$300 and all required forms, settle horse into stall.

1:30 pm Orientation for Campers and Parents

3:00 pm Riding Evaluations

Parents dismissed after evaluations

5:00 pm Finish settling into stall, cleaning tack, grooming horse, Q&A

5:30 pm Feed and water horses, clean stalls – Barn Inspection

6:00 pm Depart for Dorms - Upon Arrival: Receive room assignments, place your luggage in rooms, and receive instructions from Group Leader(s), wash up for dinner

Dinner and evening activities

10:30 pm Lights Out

Sunday, July 7 through Tuesday July 9

7:00 am Breakfast

7:45 am Meet at vans for departure to arena

8:00 am Feed horses, clean and refill water buckets, clean stalls and stable area

8:30 am Overview of Daily Activities

9:00 am Riding Lessons/Practical Instruction

12:00 pm Lunch at the Arena

1:00 pm Educational Activities

4:00pm Riding Lessons/Practical Instruction

7:00 pm Clean stall and stable area, clean and refill water buckets, feed horses

7:45 pm Depart for Dinner/Dinner at Arena

8:30 pm Evening Activities – Recreation

10:30 pm Lights Out!

Wednesday, July 10

7:00 am Breakfast

7:45 am Load vans with luggage; Departure for Arena

8:00 am Feed horses, clean and refill water buckets, clean stalls and stable area

8:30 am Camper Meeting; Start packing

10:00 am Final Riding Session and Horsemanship Skills Testing (Parents invited to attend)

1:00 pm Lunch at the Arena – special recognitions

2:00 pm Barn Inspection – Campers dismissed (No camper will be dismissed until their stable area has passed inspection)

VIRGINIA 4-H HOKIE HORSE CAMP APPLICATION

Applications are due to be postmarked by **April 10, 2019** along with a \$325 non-refundable deposit. Make check payable to **VTF- 4H Horse** and return to: Leona Ransdell, 4-H Horse Program Associate, 388 Litton Reaves, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061. **The balance of \$300 Cash, cashier's check or money order will be due upon arrival at camp July 6, 2019.**

Name _____

DOB: _____ Age as of 9/30/19: _____ 4-H County _____

Address _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Male _____ Female _____ **T-Shirt Size:** S M L XL

Parent Name: _____ Phone _____

Contact Email: _____

Do you have any food allergies or dietary restrictions/preferences?

Horse Name: _____ Age: _____ Breed _____

Please select the one riding group below. Large groups will be divided further at camp. **If the group does not have enough participants, it will not be offered. Riders will have the option to switch if a group does not fill or the rider may receive a refund (which will be the only case in which a refund is offered)**

- ☐ Western
- ☐ Hunt Seat

Please check the highest fence height you currently jump or select under saddle if you do not jump

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Under Saddle | <input type="checkbox"/> 2'6" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> X- Rails | <input type="checkbox"/> 3' |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2' | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speed Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Riding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dressage | <input type="checkbox"/> Ranch Horse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saddle seat (trotting or non-trotting) | |

I approve of my child participating in 4-H Horse Camp. I understand that my child has agreed to abide by the rules of camp and if a problem arises, I will make arrangements for him/her and his/her horse to be picked up upon reasonable time following notification. I agree that I will pay for any damages caused by my child to the arena, dorms or other damages caused by my child at camp. Riders will be released by 2:00 pm Wednesday, July 10, 2019. By also signing this, I certify that my child is a bona fide 4-H member in good standing.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date