SCHEDULE

Oct. 20, 2018
>   8:15 - 8:45 a.m. - Registration – Durbin Arena
>   8:45 - 9:00 a.m. - Orientation to contest
>   9:00 - 12 noon - Judging 4-5 halter classes, 4-5 performance classes
>   12:15 – 1:00 p.m. – Lunch at reasons location for ALL contestants
>   1:00 - 3:30 p.m. - Reasons - Seniors, 2 sets, Juniors, 1 set
>   3:30 – 4:00 p.m. - Review of classes, Awards

ELIGIBILITY:
>   This contest is open to all 4-H members. There will be two divisions: Juniors (those age 13 and under on Jan. 1, 2019, will give one set of Reasons) and Seniors, (age 14 or older on Jan. 1, 2019 but who have not achieved their 19th birthday by January 1st of current year, to give two sets of Reasons). Contestants may participate as a team (3 or 4 persons) or as individuals.

COSTS:
>   Cost for both Jr. and Sr. Teams is $40 (covers cost of 4 lunches). Cost for individuals is $10

ENTRY DEADLINE: <u>TUESDAY, OCT. 9, 2018</u>. No phone entries will be accepted.

RULES:
>   1.   Eligibility - There will be two divisions for this contest. Junior Division (one set of Reasons), Senior Division (two sets of Reasons).
>   2. Teams consist of 3 or 4 contestants. In computing the team score, only the three highest scores will be used. The scores of the individual with the lowest overall score on all 4 member teams will be dropped from the team score in all categories. However scores of all team members will be considered for individual awards.
>   3. While the contest is in progress, there will be no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else, except as directed by contest officials. Failure to abide by this regulation may result in disqualification of the contestant.
>   4. Classes - eight to ten classes will be judged. Each class will have four horses. The showmen in each class will wear an appropriate number for identification purposes. Halter or conformation classes may be taken from (but are not limited to) the following: *Quarter Horses, Thoroughbreds, Morgans, Arabians, Hunters, Stock horses, Sport Horses, Pony Hunters, Connemaras*, *Walking Horses, Draft Horses*. All in hand horses will be judged as sound. Performance classes may include (but are not limited to) the following: *Hunters under saddle, English Pleasure, Western Pleasure, Hunter Hack, Hunter Pleasure, Hunt Seat Equitation, Ambling Pleasure, Pleasure Driving*. The contest committee will attempt to select only horses that are serviceably sound. At the beginning of each class if the official judges determine that a horse is not sound, that horse will be identified to the contestants and should be placed at the bottom of the class. All tack and attire shall be considered legal.
>   5. Oral Reasons - Contestants in the Senior Division shall be required to give oral reasons on two classes. Juniors will give one set of reasons, class to be announced. The

contestants shall be notified at the time of placing whether or not reasons will be required on the class then being judged. Reasons shall be given orally before the judge(s) and for this purpose a private area will be provided. Two minutes will be permitted for oral reasons on each class. Contestants will not be permitted the use of notes while giving oral reasons.

     5. Contestants must provide their own pencils and note pads. Contestants will not be allowed to take any written materials, handbooks, etc. into the judging arena or use any aids other than notes they themselves took during the actual classes while preparing their oral reasons.

     6. Time - Contestants will be allowed 15 minutes to place all non-reasons classes. Those classes in which oral reasons are to be given will be judged in a period of 17 minutes.

     7. Card Placing - Each contestant will be given a packet of cards before the contest begins. The contestant will hand to his/her group leader one of the cards (two for reason classes) bearing his/her placing as soon as time is called for each class.

     8. Scores - Points will be based on the contestant's degree of agreement with the placing given by the official judges (Hormel computing system will be used). A perfect placing score on a class receives 50 points. Oral reasons are scored on a 50 point basis also.

     8. *Individual Awards:* Top 10 ribbons will be given to the Junior and Senior individuals accumulating the highest point totals for: Halter Classes (excluding reason scores), Performance Classes (excluding reason scores), Reasons (except Juniors – see 11), and Overall.

     9. *Team Awards:* The scores of the three individuals on each team with the highest overall scores will be used in determining Overall Team Award. The score of the individual with the lowest total of all 4 member teams will be dropped from each category, to determine individual and team awards for the separate categories. Each member of the top six teams, Junior and Senior, with highest Halter totals, Performance totals, Reasons totals, and Overall totals will receive ribbons.

     10. Ties: Ties will be broken in Halter or Performance or Reason categories on the Overall score (both for individual and team ties).   Overall individual and team score ties will be broken on Reasons total for Seniors, Halter total for Juniors.

     11. *Junior Reasons:* ALL Juniors will be asked to give one set of reasons. This is designed to be an educational experience for them. The reasons taker will give them immediate feedback and all Juniors will be awarded a Danish ribbon for their efforts. Their scores will not be counted toward their individual or team overall scores.

DIRECTIONS TO DURBIN FARM:

From Charlottesville – Take Barracks Rd. past Foxfield Race Course to Hunt Country Deli on the right. Turn right on Rt. 601, Free Union Rd. Continue to Free Union then turn right on Buck Mountain Rd. Go about 1 ½ miles and turn left on Catterton Rd. Farm is about one mile on left.

For more information, call Bertha Durbin at (434) 973-8755 or e-mail, berthadurbin@earthlink.net

NORTHERN DISTRICT 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST
OCT. 20, 2018
ENTRY DEADLINE – OCT. 9, 2018

Please use a separate entry form for each team.

Team type: (Circle one)   Junior: ($40 per team, $10 for each individual)
                                              Senior: ($40 per team, $10 for each individual)

County _____

Coach's Name _____   **Please indicate if any of**
                                                                                your contestants have any
Address   _____   **special dietary needs.**
                                                                                Vegetarian lunches will be
e-mail: _____   **provided upon request.**

Team Members:

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Make checks payable to: Northern District 4-H Horse Council
Send entries to: Bertha Durbin, 4522 Catterton Rd., Free Union, VA   22940

Entries must be submitted by Oct. 9, 2018
No entry by phone.

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I hereby affirm that my team shall participate in the Northern District 4-H Horse Judging Contest at the Durbin Farm. In consideration of said participation I (we) do hereby for myself and for my team release any claims for damages I (we) may have against Spring Breeze Farm, Virginia Tech and the Northern District Horse Council, its officers, members and employees for any claims and all injuries offered by me or my team or associates.

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(Coach's Signature)

If you can help with this contest (group leaders, tabulations, reason room monitors, etc.), please sign below.

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