

Registration Form

Southwest Horse Ambassador Benefit

Hippology Contest

November 23, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Southwest VA Higher Education Center
One Partnership Cir, Abingdon, VA 24210

Please Print with Complete, Correct Spelling

Name of Unit (County or FFA Chapter) _____

Coaches Name _____

Coaches Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Junior Teams & Individuals

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| 1. _____ | 1. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 4. _____ |

Jr. Novice Teams & Individuals

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| 1. _____ | 1. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 4. _____ |

Individuals: 1. _____ 2. _____

Total Number of Junior Participants _____

Senior Teams & Individuals

5. _____	1. _____
6. _____	2. _____
7. _____	3. _____
8. _____	4. _____

Senior Novice Teams & Individuals

5. _____	1. _____
6. _____	2. _____
7. _____	3. _____
8. _____	4. _____

Individuals: 1. _____ 2. _____

Total Number of Senior Participants _____

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Total Number of Jr. & Sr. Participants _____ X \$10.00 = _____ (if postmarked by 11/1/19)

Total Number of Jr. & Sr. Participants _____ X \$15.00 = _____ (if postmarked after 11/1/19)

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Make Checks payable to **Treasurer of VA Tech**

Mail to:

Cindy Stanley

P. O. Box 1503

Clintwood, VA 24228

Entry Questions may be referred to Mattie Ruth Stanley 276-870-3609

All proceeds to benefit the Southwest Horse Ambassadors' Program

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Objective: The primary objective of the Hippology contest is to provide, in a friendly but competitive setting, an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H or FFA to demonstrate the breadth of their knowledge and understanding of equine science and management, and in particular, the practical application of this knowledge and skill. It is hoped that this contest will generate new friendships and be a rewarding experience for the contestants.

Guidelines and Essentials

Registration must be postmarked by November 15, 2019 and accompanied by a registration fee of \$10.00 per contestant.

Entries postmarked after November 15, 2019 are considered Late Entries and should include a \$15.00 registration fee/contestant.

Any team changes must be made by November 20, 2019 to contest Manager via email mruthstanley@gmail.com

Teams consist of three or four members. In teams in which there are four members, all will compete but the member receiving the lowest overall score will be automatically declared the alternate. The scores of the alternate will not be included in any of the team totals, but will be eligible for individual awards. Teams consisting of three members will have no alternate and all members' scores will count in determining team awards.

Combining individuals to form cross-club teams is allowed, but must be included in registration or arranged with contest managers no later than November 20, 2019.

Junior Division and contestants participating as individuals only will not compete
Eligibility rules respective to the youth program are enforced:

FFA – Senior Teams – members must be in 9th , 10th ,11th ,or 12th grade at the time of the contest.

Junior Teams – members must be in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade at the time of the contest.

4-H Senior Teams – members must turn 14 years of age before January 1, 2019 and not have had their 19th birthday before December 31, 2018.

Junior Teams – members will not have had their 14th birthday before January 1, 2019

General Information

Contest Registration – 9:00 a.m. Contest 10:00 a.m. Contest will be held at Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center – One Partnership Circle, Abingdon, VA 24210

Contest Manager:

Mattie Ruth Stanley 276-870-3609

The Contest

- A. Examination Phase – This phase of the contest will include a written exam 50 questions (separate for Junior and Senior)
- B. Slide Phase – This phase of the contest will include powerpoint slides consisting of multiple choice questions identifying or using pictures. 50 questions (separate for Junior and Senior)
- C. Station Phase – This phase will consist of a series of stations or tables where at each, all contestants will respond to the requirements of the station. 50 questions (separate for Junior and Senior)
- D. Examples of stations which may be used include:
 - a. Identification of
 - 1. Various types of saddles (actual or pictured) and parts of saddles
 - 2. Tack, bits, bridles, horse shoes and parts of shoes
 - 3. Tools and Equipment, and assembly of specific parts of various pieces of equipment
 - 4. Grains and forages used in equine rations including various forms and methods of preparation
 - 5. Internal and external parasites based on actual samples, pictures, life cycle charts and/or damage caused

- 6. Blemishes and unsoundness
- 7. Ages of equines based on teeth
- b. Use of pulse rate, respiration rate, temperature, dehydration, anemia, etc. to assess horse health
- c. Measurements such as, but not limited to, wither height, shoe size, girth, collar size, gullet width, seat length of saddle, etc. may be required.
- E. Judging – Contestants will be required to place one or two conformation classes.
- F. Team Problems – All teams will be presented with the same problems. Each team will have equal time to discuss among themselves the problem, immediately after which they will have to present an oral solution or series of suggested procedures relative to the problem. Each member of each team is encouraged to contribute to the oral presentation. Evaluation will be based on the understanding of the problem, and completeness of the logic used in making the oral response. The official may ask questions of any or all the team members to clarify the presentation. **Juniors will not participate in team problem.**
 - a. Examples of possible team problems might include:
 - i. Balancing a horse's ration
 - ii. Farm management recommendation for specific, (ie, breeding, training, boarding, nursery, lay-up) horse operations.
 - iii. Considerations for the establishment of a new horse facility (stable to be used for a specific purpose)
 - iv. Recommendations for selecting, locating and purchasing horses for specific uses.
 - v. Behavior problems-causes, management of and corrections
 - vi. Training and conditioning programs: equipment, schedules, methods, nutrition, problem avoidance
 - vii. Breeding and or leasing contracts – specific clauses for insurance, liability, payments, care termination, transport, etc.
 - viii. Teaching lessons in horse management (specific subject to be announced) to a group of 9 – 11 year old beginner 4-H'ers; where, how long, how much information, hands-on experiences, reinforcement, testing evaluation.

- ix. Explanation of use or assembly of specific equipment will be considered
 - x. Demonstrate skill or ability to use specific equipment
 - b. Team problem scores will not be included in determining the rank of individuals in the contest but will be added to the team scores of the other three phases to determine overall Sr. 4-H/FFA Team Standing.
- G. **Awards** – Junior and Senior Divisions
 - a. Individual awards are given within 4-H and FFA Junior and Senior divisions, respectively. Three award categories for the top 10 individuals will include: (1) examination & slide phase scores combined; (2) stations & judging scores will be combined; and (3) overall total score.
 - b. Team awards are given within 4-H and FFA Junior and Senior divisions, respectively. The top five senior teams will be recognized for scores in (1) examination and slide phase scores combined; (2) stations and judging scores combined; (3) team problem and (4) overall total score. Junior teams will be recognized in a similar manner with the exception of no team problem category.
- H. **Tie Breaking** – All ties overall, individual and team, will be broken using the following sequence:
 - 1. Examination scores
 - 2. Station scores
 - 3. Judging scores

Ties within any phase are to be broken using the overall score first then the same sequence as above. If further tie breaking is needed, the scores at each station, in order may be used.

CONTEST RESOURCES: Refer to the current EquiSmartz Hippology Rules

<https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/horse/events/equismartz.html>



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