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TO: Extension Agents with 4-H Horse Responsibilities
FROM: Leona Ransdell 4-H Horse Program Associate
RE: 2016 Southern Regional Horse Championships

SPECIAL NOTICE

The 2016 Southern Regional Horse Championships is scheduled for July 27- July 31 in Perry, GA.

Further scheduling and information will be posted on the 4-H Horse website as it becomes available:
http://www.4-h.ext.vt.edu/programs/anscience/horse/index.html

The application procedure for 4-Hers who want to show at the 2016 Southern Regionals will be very similar to last year. Highlights of the procedure are shown below.

Please note critical information:
1) Agents must make this information available to all horse projects leaders, clubs, club members, and lone members.
2) Applications are to be postmarked by April 8, 2016.
3) All applications must be approved by an Extension Agent.
4) There is a $40.00 per horse application fee.

***Please note: Submission of an application and fee does not guarantee acceptance to participate at Southern Regionals as Virginia is only allowed 60 horse/rider combinations.

Please distribute this information freely and widely. Your assistance is most appreciated.
POLICY FOR SELECTION OF ENTRIES FOR SOUTHERN REGIONAL 4-H HORSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Perry, GA
July 27-July 31 2016

ELIGIBILITY
Virginia members who participate in the 2016 Southern Regional Championship must be currently enrolled in 4-H in Virginia and not have had their 19th birthday prior to January 1, 2016.

4-H HORSE CONTESTS
Virginia can enter two judging teams, two horse bowl teams, two hippology teams, two public speakers, two team demonstrations and two individual presentations. Horse Judging: State 4-H Horse Judging Team will represent VA. For horse bowl, hippology, public speaking, team and individual demonstrations, members will qualify through participation in state contest (EquiSmartz), held in the spring.

4-H MEMBERS SHOWING HORSES
Virginia is allowed to enter 60 horses or ponies. Members qualify by having previously participated in the State 4-H Horse Show. Each may enter one animal only and eligibility is the joint responsibility of the State horse specialist, exhibitor, leader and finally the respective extension agent. Horse entries must obtain and comply with any health requirements for the particular host state (individual responsibility).

Please note for all participants:
Everyone goes at their own expense and must be supervised by parent and/or local leader and must make their own arrangements for travel, lodging, etc.

The 2016 SR Rule Book with official entry forms will not be made available to the extension horse specialist, prior to June of 2016.

For 2016 Southern Regionals, the applications postmarked by April 8 deadline will be ranked based on the 4-Hers performance results at the 2015 State 4-H Horse Show. The top 60 ranking applicants will be accepted for Southern Regional Show competition. The remaining applicants will go on a wait list for cancellations. Remember – the pre-application and deposit does not guarantee acceptance to show at Southern Regionals in Perry, GA. Acceptance is based on ranking from State Show.

- Pre-Applications will be accepted through April 8, 2016.
- All applications must be approved by an Extension Agent.
All applications must include the required $40.00 fee. This fee will be refunded to those applicants not accepted for Southern Regional. However, once an accepted applicant has confirmed their participation at Southern Regionals, the $40.00 fee is not refundable except for duly documented hardship prior to the final entry to SR (none thereafter – do not ask after June 30th). The deposit will be applied toward the final entry fee. Any applications declined will have the deposit refunded.

SELECTION OF ENTRIES
The horse and rider qualified at the 2015 State 4-H Horse Show.

Order of Selection will be:
1. Division Champions
2. Class Champions
3. Class Winners
4. Reserves
5. Seconds
6. Thirds
7. Fourths
8. Fifths
9. Sixths
10. Sevenths
11. Eighths
12. Ninths
13. Tenths
14. After top ten, entry is open on first come first serve basis and based on postmark of pre-entry if the 60 slots have not been filled.

**Where placing is considered, 4-Hers are also ranked by class size.

SUBSTITUTION for the horse ridden in the State 4-H Horse Show may be done by exhibiting the substituted horse in a 2016 District Qualifying Show or clinic. Therefore, members show at the 2016 Southern Regional Championship with a horse they exhibited at the 2015 State 4-H Horse Show or a horse they exhibited at a 2016 District Qualifying Show or clinic. No other substitutions will be allowed.