

# VA 4-H HORSE PROGRAM - Southeast District

May  
2020



## Show Changes

Due to Covid-19, many changes are being made to the 2020 show season.

Southern Regionals, educational contests and horse show, is CANCELLED

The Virginia 4-H State Horse and Pony Championships is POSTPONED to October 22-25, 2020.

Declarations (online and paper) DUE JUNE 1st

Additional info. can be found in your email.

## Ambassador Spotlight - Elyssa

Elyssa Parker is vice president of the Silver Stirrups 4-H Club in Hanover County. During quarantine she is keeping up with schoolwork, riding her pony when she can, and trying to stay healthy. She is looking forward to the state show and getting to see her 4-H family again.

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## Ambassador Spotlight- Stephanie

Stephanie is a member of the Virginia Beach Wave Riders 4-H Club. Stephanie says she's been keeping busy with her schoolwork. She's also enjoying all the extra time she gets to spend with her horse. She spends lots of time grooming, riding, and working towards her goal of competing in hunter over fences at the state show!

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## SE District Youth Council

Horse Ambassadors Elyssa Parker, Megan Gaines, and Stephanie DiGioia have been working hard to create a space where the youth have a voice!

In an effort to help improve communications between Region 1 and 2 of our district, ambassadors have made it their goal to create the SE District Youth Horse Council. Members will help come up with new ideas to improve the district and take the lead on planning educational contests.

**Becoming a member:** We ask that each club appoint ONE member to represent them at meetings. Up to 2 additional members may attend, but the one appointed member will be the representative who casts the vote on the club's behalf. **LEADERS, please email the name of your appointed member, as well as their email, to one of the ambassadors. Emails are under each ambassador's spotlight.** The first meeting will be held via Zoom on May 18 at 7:00 pm. Sign up here to receive a Zoom link : <https://cutt.ly/SECouncilsignup>

Questions? Email Krista at [kgustaf@vt.edu](mailto:kgustaf@vt.edu)

## COVID-19

If you know a youth who has been affected by Covid-19, you can nominate them to have their State Show Entry Fee covered. The link can be found in your email.

## Ambassador Spotlight - Megan

Megan is president of her 4-H club, Classic Equestrians, in Chesterfield County. She is a second year ambassador and also serves on the VA 4-H Cabinet. She has recently been selected as a 4-H All Star and is a camp counselor. She mainly competes in hunter pleasure with her OTTB, Hope. She will be attending JMU in the fall to study exercise science. She's very grateful to have grown up with horses and 4-H. She can't wait to be a volunteer and give back to the program! Email: [megangaines106@gmail.com](mailto:megangaines106@gmail.com)



## Calendar of Events

- May 18- First Southeast District 4-H Youth Council Meeting
- May 20-21- Communications Contest
- June 1- Online AND Paper Declarations Due
- Sep. 14- Qualifying Deadline for the State Show



Martina Essert won the VA 4-H Youth in Action Healthy Living Pillar Award this year!



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