

## 2019-2020 4-H Horse Program Ambassador Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Activity / Notes	Attire	Cost
Sept. 25	Ambassador Term Begins				
Oct. 6-12	National 4-H Week	Social media and locally	Promote horse program – use social media and tell your 4-H story use photo frame provided		
Oct. 2	Required Kick-off Ambassador Meeting	Zoom Web	Link to be sent prior to meeting. Meeting is 6:30-8:30pm. Set date for T-shirt design deadline		
Oct. 4-6	State Fair 4-H Horse Show & VCE Exhibit	Doswell, VA	Friday Hippology contest 10-1?, Sat: Ranch Show, Sun: Drill Team Sign up on Facebook group for ONE FULL DAY or TWO half days. Positions: potentially assist at Hippology contest, assist judges, show sec, announcing, gates, ribbons, 4-H horse program tent, and work possible VCE exhibit). Inquire with your County Extension agent to request funding from the Tractor Supply funds or possible scholarships available at the County level from the Extension Leadership Council, etc. <a href="#">LOG YOUR ACTIVITY AND HOURS</a>	Informal attire	Cost: minimal, \$50 or less.
Oct. 7	T-shirt design upload and attire order	Google Drive Spreadsheet order	Payment due at Symposium. Inquire with your Extension agent for possible scholarships available at the County level, TSC funds, or Extension Leadership Council, etc. Tshirts covered by VHIB Grant funding		Cost: \$40 – jacket, \$25 – for oxford, \$24 – polo
Oct. 25-27, 2019	4-H Symposium – Ambassador Training Held in conjunction with 4-H Symposium and VAA4-HVL Fall Conference	Richmond, VA	See page 3 of requirements. The Ambassador program covers program expenses <i>above</i> the \$125 per participant. Teen training, guest speaker and team work activities. Inquire with your County Extension agent to request funding from the Tractor Supply funds or possible scholarships available at the County level from the Extension Leadership Council, etc. <a href="#">LOG YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY AND HOURS</a>	Per Agenda	Cost: \$125 per participant covers lodging and food
Oct. 30	Personal Goal Statement Due	Online	<a href="#">Online here</a>		
Oct. – Dec.	Intro to EquiSmartz	One per District	Teach Hippology, Horse Bowl, or Horse Judging to beginners <a href="#">LOG YOUR ACTIVITY AND HOURS</a>	Informal attire	Cost: travel
October	All Star Apps due!!	With your Ext. agent	We would like to see all of our Ambassadors applying for All Stars!! <b>CHECK WITH YOUR EXT. AGENT FOR DUE DATE!!</b>		
Nov. 16	SE Dist Intro to Equismartz	Williamsburg	Teach Hippology, Horse Bowl, or Horse Judging to beginners	Informal attire	Cost: travel
Nov. 23	SW District Hippology Contest	Southwest VA Higher Education Center, Abingdon VA	Hippology Contest – contest contact: Mattie Ruth Stanley	Informal attire	Cost: travel
Dec. 14	SE District Hippology Challenge	Williamsburg	Help Janine Wilson and Krista Gustafson with setup and contest	Informal attire	Cost: travel
Dec. 20	Deadline for VA Youth in Action award	Online			

Jan. 4	SW District Intro to EquiSmartz	Wythe County Community College, Wytheville, VA	Teach Hippology, Horse Bowl, or Horse Judging to beginners <a href="#">LOG YOUR ACTIVITY AND HOURS</a>	Informal attire	Cost: travel
Jan. 8	Required Ambassador Zoom Web mtg	Zoom Web	Link to be sent prior to meeting, 6:30-8:30pm		
Jan. 9	Agribusiness Banquet	Old Dominion Building, Richmond Raceway Complex, 600 E. Laburnum Ave., Richmond	5:30pm <i>Per invitation. WE CAN HAVE TWO HORSE AMBASSADORS REPRESENT</i> the VA 4-H Horse Program at a special dinner banquet for agricultural businesses and organization  <b>APPLY ONLINE HERE</b> – <a href="#">google drive</a> - events/agribusiness folder <a href="#">LOG YOUR ACTIVITY AND HOURS</a>	Formal attire	Cost: travel Hotel: inquire for those over 3 hour drive away
Jan. 11	Northern District Intro to EquiSmartz	Fishersville, VA (Augusta County)	Teach Hippology, Horse Bowl, or Horse Judging to beginners <a href="#">LOG YOUR ACTIVITY AND HOURS</a>	Informal attire	Cost: travel
Jan. 18	Horse Program End of Year Banquet	Blacksburg, VA	Assist with support, setup, and present awards. <a href="#">LOG YOUR ACTIVITY AND HOURS</a>	Formal attire	Cost: banquet cost, travel, and room
Jan. 28 & 29	ND Hipp and HJ contest	Herndon, VA	Help Michelle Dionne and Hannah McDonald with contest details – let Kimberly Buonomo know if you are able to help	Informal attire	Cost: travel
Feb. 1	Central District Intro to EquiSmartz	Fishersville, VA (Augusta County)	Teach Hippology, Horse Bowl, or Horse Judging to beginners <a href="#">LOG YOUR ACTIVITY AND HOURS</a>	Informal attire	Cost: travel
Feb. 4	4-H Day at the State Capitol (note inclement weather date of Feb. 11)	Richmond, VA	Tentative: 9am arrival, Meet legislators in AM, Group photo 11am, special group tour PM, depart 3pm. Lunch covered by Ambassador program, possible lodging coverage for those coming several hours away. <a href="#">LOG YOUR ACTIVITY AND HOURS</a>	Formal attire	Cost: travel Hotel: inquire for those over 3 hour drive away
Feb. 5	Evening with 4-H	Richmond, VA	Special awards banquet to honor youth in action awards for VA		
Feb. 13	Youth Equine Appreciation Day <a href="#">APPLY ONLINE HERE</a>	Richmond, VA	One Ambassador is selected to represent the 4-H Horse program. Apply to be selected. Meet and greet legislators and talk to them about the Virginia Equine Industry. Event sponsored by the VHC. Lunch covered by Ambassador program, possible lodging for those coming several hours away <a href="#">LOG YOUR ACTIVITY AND HOURS</a>	Formal attire	Cost: travel. Coverage Hotel: inquire
January - April	District Contests		Volunteer to be room chair or Emcee at Awards for your District Contests (all counties convene for presentations, share the fun, and other contests, used to qualify for 4-H Congress) <a href="#">LOG YOUR ACTIVITY AND HOURS</a>	Informal attire	Cost: travel
March 21-22	EquiSmartz	Lexington, VA	Positions (sign up on FB): speak at annual VHC meeting, assist in VT Knowledge Center and EquiSmartz roles (awards, group leaders, announcing, etc). Hospitality (food) available for Ambassadors on day of volunteering. One night lodging covered if helping for 2 full days. <a href="#">LOG YOUR ACTIVITY AND HOURS</a>	Informal attire	Cost: travel and meals. Hotel: inquire
March 25	National 4-H Legacy Awards	Washington, D.C. The Ritz-Carlton, 1150 22nd Street,	TENTATIVE – <b>WE HAVE TO BE INVITED.</b> Activity: mentor with professionals as bloggers, photographers, and social media representatives. Meet and greet celebrities and Award winners. Arrive	Formal attire	Cost: travel Hotel: inquire

		N.W., Washington, DC 20037	approx. 3pm, ends approx. 10pm. Dinner, parking and lodging coverage for those coming several hours away. Event is 6-9:30pm <a href="#">LOG YOUR ACTIVITY AND HOURS</a>		
April 25-26	SW Ambassadors – VA Association of Adult 4-H Volunteer Leaders Spring Conference	Abingdon, VA	Assist with horse program at Leaders’ Symposium – inquire with Mattie Ruth Stanley	Informal attire	Cost: travel and meal
April 25-26	ND Ambassadors - International Cavalry Championship	NOVA 4-H Center, Front Royal	<b>Fundraiser for Northern District Ambassadors?</b> LETS TALK ABOUT THIS ND AMBASSADORS!! parking attendants – collect donations per carload – ask your parents, siblings, and friends to join you to help raise money for the Wyoming trip. Do you want to be a food vendor too? Inquire with Sandy and Kimberly	Informal attire	Cost: travel and meal
May 3	EquiSmartz Communication Contest	VHF, Doswell, VA	All day 9-5 event. Will need some assistance with ½ day room chairing and check-in. You can also come and compete! <a href="#">LOG YOUR ACTIVITY AND HOURS</a>	Informal attire	Cost: travel
May 6	Goal Check-in and thank you letters	Online	Provide a 1 page report and photos to your Advisor by this date or sooner <a href="#">LOG YOUR ACTIVITY AND HOURS</a>		
May 30	Legislative Trail Ride hosted by the VHC  RSVP SANDY BY EMAIL	Stratford Hall	Lunch provided at noon. <b>Ambassadors work at Craft Table from 1-4pm approximately on a Saturday.</b> Usually hosted at an historic location where a small trail ride can be offered to legislators and their families. Ambassadors help at craft table and talk to legislator families and enjoy conversations. This is NOT a trail ride for us. It is a fun relaxing weekend for Legislators and their families, which includes the opportunity for them to go on trail ride. <a href="#">LOG YOUR ACTIVITY AND HOURS</a>	Informal attire	Cost: travel
Spring through early July	Help at your District Show / Clinic	Your District, VA	Announcing, ribbons, gate, scribing, assisting show secretary, cleanup, setup, meet and greet. <a href="#">LOG YOUR ACTIVITY AND HOURS</a>  <b>SEE DATES ON 4-H HORSE PROGRAM PDF CALENDAR</b> AS IT IS UPDATED W/ DATES BEGINNING MID JANUARY	Informal attire	Cost: travel and meals
June 22-25	4-H Congress	Blacksburg, VA	Help Sandy and/or Leona teach equine classes to those attending 4-H Congress. . Inquire with your County Extension agent to request funding from the Tractor Supply funds or possible scholarships available at the County level from the Extension Leadership Council, etc. <a href="#">LOG YOUR ACTIVITY AND HOURS</a>	Informal attire	Cost: 4-H Congress enrollment, meals, travel
July 11-13 <i>Tentatively</i>	DC Field Trip (Sat PM – Monday afternoon)  RSVP by Mar. 1	Front Royal, VA and Washington, D.C.	2 day tour - scheduled during the week as legislator’s offices are only open during the week. Special tour of Washington D.C. Capitol, Legislators, special agriculture offices, special guest speakers in the Agriculture. Wear appropriate walking shoes. Overnight will be at NOVA 4-H Center Sunday night with a leadership training on Sunday. The leadership program will begin at 9am, so some may want to come in on	Formal attire in DC, modified.	Cost: travel, minimal cost on lodging and meals  we will use any funding that we

			Sat night for lodging. Parents may stay over at their cost and tour the area for the weekend. Ambassadors will travel to DC Monday morning and tentatively meet up with rides in Gainesville, VA late afternoon. <a href="#">LOG YOUR ACTIVITY AND HOURS</a>	Casual attire at 4-H Center	have to cover expenses.
July 29 - August 2	Southern Regionals	Perry, GA	Work with Sandy and Leona before or after your contest obligations. Ambassador not competing may have the option to stay extra days to volunteer. Days are long so expect to work 12-14 hour days volunteering but it is a LOT of fun and you get to meet a LOT of people. <a href="#">LOG YOUR ACTIVITY AND HOURS</a>	Informal attire	Cost: inquire
September 10-13, 2020	State 4-H Championship Horse Show	Lexington, VA	PR with VIP Guests, TV Coverage, Social Media posts, head up a community service campaign, Cloverbud Camp, educational contest support, assisting judges, announcing etc. <a href="#">LOG YOUR ACTIVITY AND HOURS</a>	Informal attire	Cost: travel, lodging, meals on your own
Before Sept. 25	Write Thank You's		Write thank you's to sponsors and volunteers of this Ambassador program, the State Show, EquiSmartz, and others that made an impact on your term and for the 4-H horse program. Text photo copies of your thank you letters to Sandy and then mail to respective address. <a href="#">LOG YOUR ACTIVITY AND HOURS</a>		Postage and Stationary

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