

VA 4-H HORSE PROGRAM

Jan 2016



Riding into 2016!



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Update from Blacksburg: In light of my unsuccessful retirement last December, I wanted to let you all know that as of January 10th, I will be going part-time and will mostly be keeping office hours Monday through Wednesday and will be providing oversight and supportive help to Sandy Arnold in Middleburg and Leona Ransdell in Blacksburg. I will continue to work

the State Show, EquiSmartz and Southern Regionals in more of a support role. The exciting part is that you are all in great hands with Sandy and Leona. Sandy (horse4h@vt.edu) will lead EquiSmartz, Horse Bowl and Hippology State Teams, Curriculum, Southern Regionals and Eastern National Roundup contests, and our website while Leona (leonar@vt.edu) will provide leadership to the State Show, State Fair Show, Southern Regionals Show, Horsemanship Skills, and Horse Judging. Be on the lookout for even more new 4-H Horse programs and opportunities! 2016 promises to be another great year! ~ Celeste

AND NOW FOR SOME FUN!

Misty wants to know: "Why is it difficult to steal a horse?!"



Because they have foreLOCKS!

Now here's a hippology question:

What's another name for Equine Infectious Anemia?*

Be sure to sign up on the [4-H State Horse Listserve](#)

LEADER TIPS

Here are a few tips, suggestions & reminders!

- 1) **EquiSmartz™** entry forms will be coming out at the end of January. It is time to start forming your junior and senior teams now! [Make your hotel reservations now](#) and here is the [tentative April 1-3, 2016 schedule](#).
- 2) Did you know the State office has horse [video lending library](#)? This is a great time to stay warm indoors and watch some horse judging videos in preparation for the upcoming contests! [Request form here](#).
- 3) B&B is offering some fantastic horse judging training materials for everyone to use! [Go to this google site for the documents](#). Make plans to come to their [Hippology and Horse Judging Contest](#), Feb. 12-13, 2016!

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

- A hands-on lesson taught at the MARE Center by Carrie Swanson on deworming protocols will be **Jan. 23** for interested youth. Lunch is provided. This is an all day event from 9am to 3pm and is limited to 20 students. [More information](#)
- Apply for a summer internship at the VT MARE Center (due on Feb. 5th). Internships are a great opportunity to develop life skills and skills critical to a career in the equine industry. This internship is appropriate for **juniors or seniors in college**. Project areas include equine nutrition and health, pasture management, conservation and land stewardship, equine reproduction, and **youth development (4-H)**. [More information](#).

SAVE THE DATE!

- Jan. 9 - [Gloucester Co. Hippology Contest](#)
- Jan. 23 - [SE District Horse Bowl Contest, New Kent](#)
- Jan. 30 - [City of Chesapeake Hippology Contest](#)
- Feb. 6 - [4-H Breyer Horse Show & Hippology Contest, Warsaw](#)
- Feb. 12-13 - [Block and Bridle Hippology and Horse Judging Contest, Blacksburg](#)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to all of our 2015 Eastern National 4-H Roundup competitors! Kaitlyn Barber, represented our State in Public Speaking, placing 9th overall. The Hippology team won 5th Team Overall, represented by Anna Henderson-Cox, Rachel Buehren, Lacie Dunson and Emily Johnston. Emily also won several individual overall awards – 2nd place in the Horse Judging, 7th in stations, and 8th overall individual. The team also won 1st in horse judging, 6th in stations, 8th in written test, and 9th in team problem. Libby Arnold represented the State 4-H Horse Judging program as an individual winning 5th overall individually plus other indiv. awards. The Horse Bowl team members, Newlin Humphrey, Chelsea Bickley, Savannah Stillwell, Abbey Strickland and Mariah Casaday rocked a great contest competing through several rounds but did not place. Mattie Stanley gave a fantastic presentation on "The Lucky Eleven" in the Individual Presentations Contest. [FULL REPORT](#)



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* Swamp Fever