

VA 4-H HORSE PROGRAM



It's Show Season!

With show season in full swing, those riding are sure to be planning their calendars to qualify for State at a District Qualifying Show or Clinic. Be sure to save a date for a Horsemanship Skills Test too if you have not

already been to the state Show with your horse. See the [Rulebook](#) for a Senior Exemption if you are riding a new horse at the State Show. Entries for the State Show are due to the State 4-H Horse Program office postmarked by July 13th which means you will need to meet with your Extension agent well before then to review your entry, rules and get signatures. See the attached two pages of our current calendar **updated weekly**.

Congratulations to Southern Regional Qualifiers!

We had a wonderful turnout of competitors at EquiSmartz earlier this month, which was held at the Virginia Horse Festival in Doswell, VA, April 1-3. We would like to thank our approximately 60 volunteers who helped to run this very successful contest. If you are thinking about competing next year at EquiSmartz, be looking for an announcement coming soon regarding an **Intro to EquiSmartz** workshop to be held at the [MARE Center](#) in Middleburg.

We are proud to announce the top two teams from EquiSmartz who will be representing us at Southern Regionals at the end of July this year: **Hippology** (1st) Albemarle Co. members Taryn Cowles, Caitlyn Russ, Emma Hartman, Katie Define and (2nd) is Frederick Co. members Camryn Madagan, Alina Hackney, Brenna Hathaway, Maddie Pierce. **Horse Bowl:** (1st) Camryn Madagan, Alina Hackney, Brenna Hathaway, Maddie Pierce, and Charlotte Manvell, from Orange Co. and (2nd) Taryn Cowles, Joy McGill, Caitlyn Russ, Lizzie Weschler, and Sarah Moran (all Albemarle Co. members). **Communications Contests:** Individual Presentations - (1st) Adela Novak (Caroline Co.) and (2nd) Charlotte Manvell. Team Presentations - (1st) Gloucester Co. team Caroline Perkins & Emily Johnston and (2nd) Prince William Co. Jess Longhi & Libby Arnold. Public Speaking - (1st) Abbey Rinker (Shenandoah Co.) and (2nd) Katie Define. **The State 4-H Horse Judging Team will be announced soon!** All results are [posted here](#).

FUNDRAISING

- Host a fun show, horse show or tack sale.
- Tractor Supply - Clover Campaign is coming to an end (4/24) but many stores will still let you do a bake sale any time and promote your 4-H club.
- Offer to do a Farm Clean up Day (trail maintenance, fence cleanup and mending, powerwashing, tack cleaning, etc!)

DEADLINES!

HORSE PROJECT DECLARATIONS ARE DUE MAY 1 in order to qualify for the State Show! Paper copies are due to your Extension agent and online registration is required as well. Five horses may be submitted.

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

HORSE SHOW HERO

Now through July 13th is the time to be seeking Horse Show Hero donations. Competitors can enter the State Show at no cost if they are able to collect \$300 in sponsorships!

If you need some talking points, email [Leona](#) for more info.

[HORSE SHOW HERO FORMS](#)

Qualifying Shows & Clinics: see attached 2 pg. calendar

MARY COLE 50 MILE HORSEMASTER TRAIL RIDE!!

Applications are still being accepted for this very special event. 4-Hers who love to trail ride and have a suitable horse should consider this a fantastic opportunity. You won't be disappointed and most certainly will have a LOT of fun and lifetime memories! You do not have to complete the Horsemaster Curriculum to be eligible. Although this is a 50 mile cumulative trail ride, it is spread over three days of riding and is not as demanding as past rides. [Questions and more info - click here!](#)

Thank you leaders and parent volunteers for making this world a better place for our kids to enjoy with horses!



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[See Also the VA State 4-H Horse Program Google Calendar](#)

click on dates in Google calendar to see more details for documents (entry forms, flyers, etc.)

2016 Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
May 1	4-H Horse Declaration Forms Due	Online	Leona Ransdell leonar@vt.edu
May 7	Central District 4-H Qualifying & Open Horse Show	Rocky Oak Farm Powhatan, VA	Davina Lancaster (804) 598-1372 ropemoos@yahoo.com
May 7	SEDR1 4-H Horsemanship Skills Test	Pony Pines Farm Assawoman, VA	Lynn Matthews 757-824-5212
May 14	Central District Riding Star 4-H Qualifying and Open Show	Farmville, VA	Cathy Duker 434-392-4599
May 14	SEDR1 4-H Qualifying Horse Show	Pony Pines Farm Assawoman, VA	Lynn Matthews 757-824-5212
May 14	Northern District 4-H Skills Testing	Virginia Horse Center, Lexington	Linda Swenson 540-464-3303
May 14	Northern District 4-H Open Qualifying Horse Show	Frederick County Fairgrounds	Rose McDonald 540-877-4937 horsemomrose@yahoo.com
May 15	Northern District 4-H Hear the Beat Open Qualifying Horse Show	Virginia Horse Center, Lexington	Linda Swenson 540-464-3303
May 15	SEDR2 4-H Dressage Qualifying Show & Skills Testing	Beaverdam, VA	Lynn Whiteside-Jones lynnj67@vt.edu
May 21-22	SEDR2 4-H Qualifying Horse Show	Dorey Park, Henrico, VA	Sandra Dowdy pinkydbr@comcast.net
May 21	Northern District 4-H Skills Testing	Loudoun Co.	Jackie McClinitic Brio16@aol.com
May 21	Northern District 4-H Open Qualifying Horse Show	Warrenton Show Grounds, Warrenton	Kim Able kimberly.kovacs-abel@dss.virginia.gov
May 22	Central District GLC Horse Haven Farm Horsemanship Skills	Prince Edward Co., VA	Cathy Duker 434-390-3097 cancunresorts@hotmail.com
May 29	SEDR2 4-H Horsemanship Skills Testing	Mascot, VA	Beth Jones horseyobsession@hotmail.com
June 4	Northern District 4-H Horsemanship Skills Testing	King George, VA	Wilma Ward 540-840-3938 thewardsfarm@wildblue.net
June 4	SEDR1 4-H Qualifying Horse Show	Airfield 4-H Center, Wakefield, VA	Brooke Lampert McCall Seabreezeponies@yahoo.com
June 18	Central District 4-H Qualifying Show	Buckingham, VA	(434) 983-8181 peggi@ourpaintedhorse.com
June 18	Northern District 4-H Horsemanship Skills Testing	Fluvanna, VA	Erin Mitchell Carver 434-882-4635
June 18	Southwest 4-H District Qualifying Open Horse Show	Southwest VA 4-H Educational Center Abingdon, Virginia	Cornelia Estep cestep@vt.edu

June 18	Sprouse's Corner Ranch Qualifying Show	Buckingham, VA	LaRue Dowd 434-983-8181 laruelanes@yahoo.com
June 19 -23	Mary Cole 50 Mile 4-H Horsemaster Trail Ride	Location TBD	Celeste Crisman ccrisman@vt.edu
June 25	Northern District 4-H Qualifying Horse Show	NoVa 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, VA	Jackie McClintic 540-338-9631 Brio16@aol.com
June 25	Northern District 4-H Qualifying Ranch Horse Clinic	Reva, VA	Carrie McFarland 540-229-0076 carriemcfar@gmail.com
June 27 - 30	VA State 4-H Congress	VT Campus, Blacksburg, VA	Melissa Breen msbreen@vt.edu
July 3	Northern District 4-H Horsemanship Skills Testing	Warren County Fairgrounds	Debbi Garrett at 540.422.1625 or weldingfiles28@msn.com
July 13	State Championship 4-H Horse and Pony Show Entries due	Postmarked to Blacksburg, VA	Leona Ransdell leonar@vt.edu
July 27 – 31	Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships	Perry, GA	Leona Ransdell leonar@vt.edu
August 6	Fairfax Co. Fair 4-H Horse Show	Herndon, VA	Karen Ampeh kampeh@pfscm.org
August 7-11	4-H Horse Camp @ Northern VA 4-H Educational Center	Front Royal, VA	Cindy Puryear pcindy07@exchange.vt.edu
August 7-11	Airfield 4-H Horse Camp	Airfield 4-H Center, Wakefield, VA	Brooke Lampert McCall Seabreezeponies@yahoo.com
September 15-18	VA State 4-H Championship Horse & Pony Show	Lexington, VA	Leona Ransdell leonar@vt.edu
October 1-2	VA State Fair 4-H Horse Show: Ranch Riding, Drill Team, Fun Show	Doswell, VA	Leona Ransdell leonar@vt.edu
November 4-6	Eastern National Roundup	Louisville, KY	Sandy Arnold horse4h@vt.edu