

VA 4-H HORSE PROGRAM



Southern Regionals Around the Corner!

The [Southern Regional entry information](#) has been emailed out on our listserv. The deadline for your [entry](#) and payment is July 1 postmarked. You may cross enter divisions but we ask that you not enter a division that you and your horse are not experienced in. If you did not apply to go yet, but would like to go, we still have roughly 10 entry spots still available. Consider purchasing stall mats as horses will be on concrete floors for stabling. A new rule has been adopted that all horses must not be less than a 4 on the [Body Condition Score](#) scale. We are excited to have two teams representing our state for each of the educational contests! Contact [Leona Ransdell](#) for more info.

STATE SHOW RULEBOOK

We have updated the [State Show Rulebook!](#) Please review it carefully and note all the changes. Most importantly, the Showmanship class format has been changed regarding how final competitors are selected. Please also note that the fee for **this year's show has been raised to \$150.** And for a little fun, there is also a puzzle for you to solve in this rulebook. The **first 20 people to do this will receive an awesome prize!**

1. Find the words to unscramble a sentence.
2. Find what the sentence is asking.
3. Email [Leona](#) when you figure out the sentence and what it asks you to find!

Pork Chop has a question for you...



I will be going to the State Show this year for the first time but my rider Susie has been twice on Bug and never took skills testing because she was grandfathered in. Do I have to go with Susie to skills testing this year?

HORSEMANSHIP SKILLS

A REVIEW OF STATE SHOW REQUIREMENTS.

You must complete skills testing 1 and 2 if...

- A. You are new to the horse program and are a 1st year attendee to the State Show.
- B. You were grandfathered in with a previous horse and are taking a new horse this year (no matter your age or number of years attending).
- C. You are taking a new horse & you are Junior age level.

You do not have to complete skills testing if....

- A. You have passed levels 1 and 2 in the past on the same horse that you are taking this year.
- B. You were grandfathered in and are taking the same horse as always.
- C. You are a Senior aged 4-Her, have taken and have passed levels 1 and 2 in the past (as a Junior or Senior) and are attending the State Show for the 3rd or more time! (as a Junior or Senior) (must meet all other requirements for this!)

INTRO TO EQUISMARTZ

Join us for a unique Saturday workshop in Middleburg from 10am-3pm on **July 16th** for those interested in seeing what the state knowledge contest is all about. There will also be a leader session as well. See flyer attached for more information! Lunch included! There is a minimal \$5 fee. [RSVP Hallie Broman](#) by 7/9.

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



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](#)

STATE SHOW SILENT AUCTION

Once again its time to plan for the Silent Auction at the STATE HORSE SHOW. [Here is the letter and donor form.](#) We ask that leaders, coaches, members, parents and Agents reach out to friends, family and businesses for donations. This is a primary fundraiser for the State 4-H Horse Show. Please use the [donor form](#) for each item and email to Rose McDonald as soon as you have secured the donations. This truly helps us keep records and acknowledge credit. This is a large undertaking and the more info and the sooner I get it the better. Monetary donations are also accepted, made payable to VTF 4-H Horse and mailed to: **Rose McDonald**
1085 Collinsville Road
Cross Junction, VA 22625
Questions?

Contact [Rose McDonald](#)

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



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Answer: Yes!! Pork Chop and Susie must pass Horsemanship Skills 1 & 2 for State Show Eligibility because she never took or passed it with her former horse Bug!

Saturday
July 16!!



INTRO TO



OPEN TO 4-H AND INTERESTED YOUTH

An introductory program for 4-H horse club members and all youth interested in competing at the state educational contest known as EquiSmartz. Program includes stations of Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Horse Judging, aimed at showing youth the format of competition as well as the types of questions presented in each contest. Club leaders and volunteers will receive instruction on how to start and coach a team for the EquiSmartz competition held annually in the spring in Doswell. Lunch included. Questions? Call 540-687-3521 ext.24

RSVP TO: HALLIE17@VT.EDU by JULY 9th

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PRACTICE
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EXPERIENCE
HORSE BOWL

LEADER
ORIENTATION

PLAN FOR 2017!

Virginia Tech
M.A.R.E. Center
5527 Sullivan's Mill Road
Middleburg, Virginia 20117

10 AM - 3:30 PM

JULY 16th

\$5/person @ door



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