

VA 4-H HORSE PROGRAM



State Show Request:

With approximately 115 volunteers, Extension agents, staff and judges scheduled to run the state show next week we are reaching out to ask for your wonderful hospitality donations! Please email [Bebe Fulton](#) at your earliest convenience to let her know what you or your club will be able to donate.

MANY OPPORTUNITIES AT THE STATE SHOW

- **Have you read the rulebook?** There is a **game** in that book with prizes! [Check it out!](#)
- **Seniors** be sure to send in your bio to participate in the Senior Stampede Friday night! Email your name, club name, county, years in 4-H, horse name and your favorite state show memory to [Eleszabeth McNeel](#) or bring to the show office at check-in. Your family won't want to miss this fun event and finale for you!
- **District Challenge** - Calling all riders and non-riders! Come participate in Horse Bowl (Thurs 7pm), Hippology (anytime 10am - 1pm) and Horse Judging (anytime 10 - 12:30pm). Of the four districts, the one with the highest scoring players takes home the perpetual trophy to their District office! This and individual awards will be presented at the ice cream social, Sat., 3pm.
- **Art & Photography** - You still have time to plan for these contests! Bring your art and photography to the state show office by 6pm on Thursday. Entry info for [Art](#) and for [Photography](#).
- **Ice Cream Social** - 3pm Saturday - **FREE** ice cream for all! Awards are announced here for Horse Show Hero, artwork, photography, stall decorations, project book awards, trail awards, Leg Up Award, and the District Challenge Award.
- **Cloverbud Camp** - We are still accepting registrations for this awesome kid camp for ages 5-8 (Fri. and Sat.) - it's all about horses here at the state show!

SOUTHERN REGIONALS: A HUGE VA SUCCESS!

If you follow our [FACEBOOK](#), you will have noticed all of the congratulatory news of our riders and educational contestants many wins from this past July's regional show in Perry, GA. Congratulations to our top riders, Morgan Strickler, riding a 3 year old to the **Western High Point Overall** and Taryn McFarland winning **Ranch Horse High Point Overall!** We had 15 riders in the top ten placings in the riding divisions and 39 top ten placings for our educational contestants competing all six contests!



DEADLINES!

- Sept. 15 - State show horse substitution requests - no later than 10am with a \$50 cash fee.
- Sept. 16 - 5pm - Stall Decoration judging sign up outside show office
- Sept. 16 - VA [State Fair 4-H & FFA Hay Bale Decoration entry due](#)
- [Agri Science Poster for VA State Fair](#) due on Sept. 16th - prize \$\$
- Sept. 17 - [State Show Leg Up Award Nomination](#) due in show office, 9am
- [All Star Applicants](#) - Ask your Ext. agent for your unit's deadline date!
- **Save the Date!** EquiSmartz March 24 -26, 2017. [See more calendar dates!](#)

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



SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction is our primary fundraiser for the State 4-H Horse Show. We are still accepting items! Bring your auction items to the show on Thursday! They can be in the form of services or products, horse and non-horse related! Please use the [donor form](#) for each item & email to [Rose McDonald](#).

Stable Management

Judging at State

Individual stall judging will take place on Friday and Saturday. The focus will be on organization of the stall front area, cleanliness of the stall and most importantly, safety. Keep a few things in mind:

- leave an explanation note for the judge if, for example, buckets must be hung lower or a stable management practice is different than our guidelines.
- horses must have at least one quarter bucket of water available at all times.
- a horse with no water will be disqualified from the stable management judging.

Although this is like a year end exam, it is also a learning opportunity. The stable judges are always ready to answer questions and offer constructive criticism when politely approached by exhibitors only. Please see the [stable management section of the rule book](#) for more information.



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



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