

VA 4-H HORSE PROGRAM

Nov. 2015



The Beauty of 4-H



A wide variety of horse activities!

November 14 & 15th - the makeup date for the State Fair Horse Show (Doswell, VA). Even if you're not pre-entered to ride, **come, watch and learn** about a very fast growing equestrian sport - Ranch Riding! Leaders, this is a great place to bring your aspiring cowboys and cowgirls! We encourage you to come

and learn how to rope a steer head too in our newly added **FREE clinic** - anyone on foot can enter!! Following Ranch Riding will be an exciting costume class for horse and rider and then a small fun show. Sunday, 4-H Drill Teams from across the state will showcase their talents in an exciting variety of classes. This is something you don't want to miss! Come support our riders, and experience why we are so unique with such a wide variety of opportunities! And we welcome volunteering too if you have time! [Read more here!](#)



Tri-State Horse Leaders' Conference

North Carolina, South Carolina & Virginia
January 16-17, 2016 • Greensboro, NC

**[SIGN UP ONLINE TODAY](#) and
[BOOK YOUR HOTEL NOW!](#)**

Tentative Break Out Session Topics

- 4-H Meeting Topics
- Introduction to Educational Contests
- Horse Knowledge Modules
- 4-H Leadership Opportunities
- Horseless Activities
- Preparing Horse Judging Teams & Oral Reasons
- Preparing teams for Horse Bowl & Hippology
- Recruiting new and retaining members
- Digital Resources
- Strategies for working with Cloverbuds
- Preparing Youth for Communication Contests

Tentative General Session Topics

- Panel Discussions with Horse Show Judges
- 4-H Curriculum: What's New? What's In? What's Out?
- Individual State Program Updates
- Life After 4-H: Staying Involved in the Horse Industry

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

LEADER TIPS

1) Help your 4-Hers assemble their project books, set goals and decide on a focus for your students. [Junior](#) and [Senior](#) Horse Records have a place in the front of the documents for this goal setting information. If your 4-Hers are horseless then they can use a standard [project record form](#) or create their own. Some county offices have their own generic project record form that may be useful.

2) What contests will your 4-Hers attend? Plan lessons according to their personal goals. Call on your local professionals or 4-H horse project alumni to teach an occasional lesson! They love to help!

3) And become familiar with the content of the [Survival Guide for 4-H Horse Leaders](#).

FIELD TRIP IDEAS

- Visit a barn with a variety of horses and learn breed characteristics, age horses by their teeth, or walk the fields and identify plants.
- Go to a local horse show to practice judging.
- Visit a tack store and become familiar with tack you don't normally use.
- Volunteer for a day at an equine rescue facility and learn about basic & restorative horse care.

SAVE THE DATE!

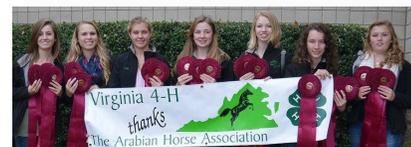
- Nov. 6-8 - Eastern National Roundup in Louisville, KY
- Nov. 14-15 - Make-up date for [State Fair Ranch Riding and Drill Team Shows](#), Doswell, VA
- Jan. 16-17 - [Tri-State Horse Leaders' Conference](#)
- Feb. 12-13 - B&B Contests, Blacksburg, VA
- March 12, 2016 - Northern District 4-H Horse Contests
- April 1-3 - [EquiSmartz™](#)
- May 1 - Declarations due
- June 19-23, 2016 - Mary Cole Horsemaster 50 Mile Trail Ride, Location TBD
- July 26-30, 2016 - Southern Regionals Horse Show, Perry GA
- Sept. 15-18, 2016 - State Horse Show, Lexington, VA

Your 4-H District Horse Council websites & info:

- [Northern District](#)
- [Central District](#)
- [Southeast District](#)
- [Map of Counties within the Districts](#)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Way to go girls! Our VA Horse Judging Teams won 2nd and 3rd place overall at Arabian Nationals! Read more about the results on [Facebook!](#)



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