‘Tis the Contest Season

Horse Judging, Hippology & Horse Bowl Fans:

Many dates have been added to the 4-H Horse Program calendar. A few of the most immediate upcoming ones are on the sidebar to the right, however be sure to look at the rest of the contest dates and plug in! We have a Google Calendar, a PDF calendar and a running list on our website. Lots of contests dates are popping up all throughout the state. If you plan to host a contest please know that we will publish it for you on our 4-H website and email list. FFA is welcome to attend some of these events so please contact the organizer. See archived newsletters.

Volunteers like you turn each day into a gift! Thank you for your time!!

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 Listserv

Leader Tips
Here are a few tips, suggestions & reminders!
1) We encourage horse projects to look into the 4-H established insurance program at a rate of $2 per horse project member. Go to AmericanIncomeLife.com

2) Engage your teens in leadership by setting them up to teach Cloverbuds simple horse project lessons. This is a great life skill and will also prepare them for the hippology and horse bowl season. Use our Cloverbud curriculum for ideas! (11/10/11 documents)

3) Sign now on their junior and senior horse record book goals, page 5. The intention is that goals are set early so 4-Hers have something to evaluate at the end of the year and include in their stories.

4) Establish leader goals based on your club member’s goals. Encourage 4-Hers to plan toward future All-Star goals by using a guideline of activities such as your County Outstanding Member Application.

Special Opportunities
- A hands-on lesson taught at the MARE Center by Carrie Swanson on deworming protocols will be Jan. 23 for interested youth. This event is limited to 20 students. More information
- Seniors in high school and college students home for the break have an opportunity to volunteer with a research study at the VT MARE Center in Middleburg for the week of Jan. 11 Please inquire for more info.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Virginia Cooperative Extension
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We hope you all have a super Holiday Season, a very Merry Christmas and a fantastically successful New Year! ~ Celeste, Leona and Sandy