

VA 4-H HORSE PROGRAM

Dec. 2015



'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 Listserve](#)*

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.](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

- Dec. 19 - Northern District 4-H [Horse Judging Contest](#) - register by Friday, Dec. 12th.
- **JAN. 1 - DEADLINE FOR YOUTH TO BE REGISTERED AS 4-H MEMBER TO SHOW AT 2016 State Show or State Fair**
- Jan. 2 - Triple Crown Equine 4-H [Hippology Contest](#), Milford
- Jan. 9 - [Gloucester Co. Hippology Contest](#), Gloucester

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the Lucky Bits & Spurs Drill Team from Fauquier County winning the 2015 State Fair Drill Team Championship, earning the perpetual trophy and a \$2,000 State Fair Scholarship! And Congratulations to the Reserve Championship Team, Hoofbeats by the Beach with a very close score and excellent riding by many young riders! Well done everyone!! Congratulations to the Junior Ranch Riding Champion, Trae Kohn from Prince William County and Senior Ranch Riding Champion, Taryn McFarland from Culpeper County! Both won a \$500 State Fair Scholarship and a Montana Silversmith belt buckle. State Fair results can be found [here](#) and pictures on [Facebook](#).



We hope you all have a super Holiday Season, a very Merry

Christmas and a fantastically successful New Year! ~ Celeste, Leona and Sandy



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