

VA 4-H HORSE PROGRAM



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Southern Regionals

We are excited to send off 51 Delegates and the VA volunteer crew to represent Virginia 4-H down in Perry, GA, Aug. 2-6 for [Southern Regionals](#). We have 4-Hers representing almost every discipline and contest held at this show. The educational teams have been working hard, studying and traveling this summer in preparation. The Horse Bowl and Hippology teams recently experienced an educational team tour weekend up in Northern VA visiting breeding facilities, vet centers, and learning from special guest speakers on various equine topics. Communication teens have been reviewing and polishing up their talks. The Horse Judging team has been practicing across states and will be headed to Oklahoma on the very day they conclude judging at Southern Regionals to compete in the next contest at AQHA Youth World. And of course all of our riders have been showing at the District Qualifying Horse Shows, Clinics and other shows, ready to take on Regionals! We wish everyone the best of luck and safe travels! Follow our [Facebook](#) posts to see pictures and hear the news. We will be sure to share results in our next newsletter and online!



HALL OF FAME

Nominations are being accepted now for volunteers who have contributed twenty or more years to the VA State 4-H Horse & Pony Championship Show. This show could not exist without the dedication of its unpaid volunteers who return year after year to give their time and energy to ensure that our youth continue to have this paramount educational experience. These individuals will be recognized at the State Show and added to our perpetual Hall of Fame board display in Doswell, VA. [Anyone can nominate a volunteer!](#)

State Show Deadlines

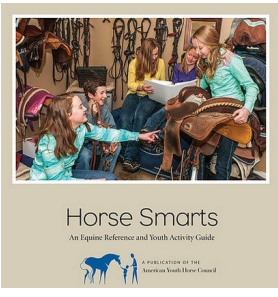
- It's not too late to continue raising money for the [Horse Show Hero Program!!](#)
- The **NEW** [Teen Ambassador application](#) is due by **July 31**, and interviews will be held on Thursday, September 14, at the State Show.
- [Record Books and Portfolios](#) have an entry deadline of **Aug. 22** with special rules.
- [Art and Photo](#) entries due by 6pm, Sept. 14
- [Horse Substitutions](#) no later than Sept. 14, 10am with agent support and a \$50.00 fee
- You don't have to have a horse to participate at the State Show! We have contests in [Hippology, Horse Judging and Horse Bowl!](#) Sign up on the day of the contests!

Silent Auction News:

[Silent Auction donations](#) are still needed! This is our largest fundraiser and a key component to ensure continuation of the show! Please contact me as soon as you know about an item. If I have items early it really helps with the last minute donation rush at state, although I will always accept donations at the show. We are hoping everyone can make at least one contribution. By getting [donor forms](#) early my staff can organize properly and be ready to arrive at state in good order! Items don't have to be horse-related and gift certificates are also welcome! We really appreciate your continued support of the State Horse Show Silent Auction and the 4-H Horse Program. **Questions?** Email [Rose McDonald](#).

EquiSmartz News:

The 2018 date has been set for March 23-25, being held again in conjunction with the Virginia Horse Festival. Please make note that the **only** reference change for this coming year's contest will be the [AYHC Horse Smarts manual](#), available now for [purchase](#) and also may be [borrowed](#) in your District.



Calendar of Events

- July 31 - [Horse Teen Ambassador Application](#)
- August 2-6 - [Southern Regionals](#), Perry, GA
- August 3 - [Connie Collier Scholarship](#) deadline
- August 6 - [Horsemanship Skills testing](#) for 2018
- August 11-12 - [Botetourt Co. Fair 4-H Youth Horse Show](#)
- Aug. 13 - [Montgomery Co. Open 4-H Horse Show](#)
- August 13-19 - [SE District Airfield 4-H Horse Camp](#)
- **August 15 - [State Fair 4-H Horse Show entry deadline](#)**
- August 22 - deadline for [State Fair 4-H AgriPoster Contest](#)

Record Keeping

Plan ahead now while you have the summer. All Star Applications come due at the start of the 4-H year. Horse Records are due at the end of the 4-H year. Check with your 4-H Extension agent on your County's deadlines.

- [All-Star Information](#)
- [Junior Horse Record](#)
- [Senior Horse Record](#)



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