

VA 4-H HORSE PROGRAM

May / June



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Silent Auction in Full Swing

Hello from the SILENT AUCTION STAFF! Happy Spring everyone! Here at the farm we are Silent Auction crazy. Myself and my staff are in a frenzy working on getting donations, keeping track of those coming in and answering your emails and [Facebook posts](#). Last year "together" we did a phenomenal job with the Silent Auction. We are hoping to match, no really we want to beat last year! Each year that the bar has been raised we are like 'there is no way to do more.' But because of wonderful hard working supporters like you, WE DO! This year one item we will be featuring for raffle is a beautiful quilt made and donated by Lisa Arbogast. Ticket are on sale now. Please contact me for tickets! **"When do you want our auction donations?" NOW... THE SOONER THE BETTER!** **"Are monetary donations welcome?" YES OF COURSE!** **How can you help us???** We are looking for a "Yeti Cooler" to raffle off at the state show. If you have a contact please let us know! Better yet, if you can get it donated let us know! Good bye for now but please keep getting those donations! Remember all proceeds go to support our youth at the State Show!

Happy Trails,
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Give Trail a Try!

This year we challenge riders unfamiliar with trail to give it a try and train their mount for something fun and rewarding at the State 4-H Horse Show! Trail class is a series of obstacles performed with precision. You receive positive points for the maneuvers that are completed as effortlessly as possible. Some obstacles that you will see: **1)** A rope gate: approach the gate, open, walk through, and close without dropping the rope. **2)** Walk over bridge: have your horse acknowledge the bridge and walk over it with confidence. **3)** Back through poles: align your horse in the center of the poles, usually set 28" apart, and back straight through the poles. We will post demo videos of these obstacles on our [Facebook](#) and **we also challenge you to post and share your practice videos.** We wish you the best of success in your progress and preparation for the State Show!

Scholarships!

We often are asked about scholarship opportunities for our 4-Hers. As high achieving active youth, 4-Hers are often prime candidates for scholarships, as they have honed many leadership skills as camp counselors, junior project leaders, and club officers. Life skills applied in 4-H projects challenge them in competitive contests, often leading to great individual successes, developing self-confidence and character. Public speaking at outreach events, contests, and in promoting 4-H, sets 4-Hers up with an impressive resume. **Keeping 4-H record books** and calendars, although possibly the most arduous task in comparison to all the fun that 4-H has to offer, may be the **one very important key element** to a financial assistance award. A scholarship may be just the boost youth need to seek a career path that follows the desires of their heart, which can lead them into an independent and secure adulthood. [We now have compiled a list of scholarships that will help youth start the journey.](#) Each scholarship has its own set of criteria so we recommend planning ahead, and become familiar with what is required. This is only a starter list as opportunities are endless. In the meantime, applying to become a member of pinnacle programs such as [4-H State Cabinet](#), [4-H Horse Teen Ambassador](#) and [4-H All Stars](#) will help launch youth toward scholarship achievements. And don't forget about the Record Book and Portfolio competition at the State Show which offers prize money!

Qualifying Shows

- June 2 - Southeast District
- June 4 - Northern District
- June 10 - Southwest District
- June 17 - Central District
- June 24 - Northern District

Qualifying Clinics

Horsemanship Skills

- June 10 - Northern District
- June 3 - in Chesapeake
- June 3 - in Lexington
- June 6 - in Farmville
- June 10 - in King George Co.
- June 23-24 - in Front Royal
- July 8 - in Bedford

State & Regional Shows

- August 2-6 - Southern Regionals, Perry, GA
- September 14-17 - State 4-H Championship Horse and Pony Show
- October 7-8 - Virginia 4-H State Fair Horse Show

Art & Photo Contest

You don't have to own a horse to take a great photo or be an artist! **PLAN NOW to enter the Art and Photo contest at the State Show!**



1st place art by junior 4-Her,
 Laineey Butler, Hoof N Woof



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