Volunteer today!

Talk to anyone who has been to the State Show and they'll tell you that it can't be missed! There really is something for everyone! Starting with Cloverbud Camp on Friday and Saturday for ages 5-8, kids enjoy crafts, activities and walking ‘field trips’ around the grounds! Creative 4-Hers may want to submit their best art or photos in contests! Winning pieces earn fantastic prizes and then are displayed at the MARE Center. After all your hard work with your record books and portfolios this year, why not submit them for a chance to win a cash gift card! Preparing for college? $1K is awarded to two outstanding applicants for the Connie Collier scholarship! Try your hand in Hippology, Horse Judging and Horse Bowl! and help your District win a HUGE perpetual trophy! Plus come get your picture on the green screen with Spirit - a special Dreamworks/4-H partnership booth! ICE CREAM Saturday!

State Fair Horse Show Entries Due August 15th!

Even if your club hasn’t begun practicing for drill team, its not too late! A minimum of 6 practices is recommended! Consider making the first meeting on foot to drive interest, learn the drill patterns, and make time for planning costumes! Drill team champs win a $2K shared scholarship! Top Jr. and Sr. Ranch riders each win a $500 scholarship! The fun show on Saturday night is a real crowd pleaser but also so much fun for our 4-Hers! Lots of laughs are to be had! See the showbill and rules here.

Southern Regionals!!

We are excited to send off 57 Delegates and the VA volunteer crew to represent Virginia 4-H down in Perry, GA, Aug. 1-5 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. 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!

Ambassador News

* The Ambassadors invite you to join them in a service project at the State Show in September! Let’s surprise Horse Helping Heroes Project with your club’s charity, the heart of 4-H! Please bring an item to support this cause! More info soon!
* Ambassador applications for the new year are due July 31, 2018. Application and info here.

State Show Silent Auction

Got Stuff? Your items are a treasure find for someone! This is the show’s largest fundraiser thanks to our great 4-H family of donors. If you have items for the Silent Auction please fill out this form and submit it to Rose McDonald. This year for the raffle we will be featuring two YETI coolers, corn hole boards and $500 worth of feed from Southern states! How else can you help us??
Solicit businesses, other organizations, friends, and family for auction donation items and/or monetary donations. All proceeds go to support our youth at the State Show! Thank you!!

Calendar of Events

- July 31 - Deadline: Ambassador Application
- August 1-5 — Southern Regionals - wish everyone the best and safe travels!
- August 3 - Deadline: Connie Collier Scholarship
- August 15 - Deadline: Ranch Show and Drill Team entries due
- August 25 - Deadline: State Show Hall of Fame Nomination
- August 18 - Washington Co. 4-H Saddle Club Open Horse Show, Abingdon, VA
- September 13-16 - State Championship Horse & Pony Show, Lexington, VA
- September 21-23 - SW 4-H Horse Camp, Abingdon, VA
- Oct. 6-7 - State Fair 4–H Ranch Show, Fun Show & Drill Team, Doswell, VA

HALL OF FAME

Nominations are being accepted now for volunteers who have contributed 20 or more years to the State 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 the perpetual Hall of Fame board display in Doswell, VA. Nominate a volunteer today!

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