EquiSmartz News

EquiSmartz is Saturday and Sunday, March 23-24. Entries for Hippology, Horse Bowl, and Horse Judging are due March 5. Hippology spans two days as usual, both Saturday and Sunday. Make your hotel reservations now as the block of rooms will be released March 5. The National contest has decided to hold on adding the resource, Equine Science by Parker (5th edition), until further review, so we are waiting on that determination for next year. New updates are available for AYHC’s Horse Smarts on the Resource Updates tab.

The Communications Contest is May 5, so there is a little more time to prepare your talks and presentations this year, with entries due April 24. See the scoresheets and qualifying information here. Senior winners move on to Southern Regionals and Eastern Nationals! Rules for all contests are posted on the EquiSmartz page.

Horse Ambassadors

The Ambassadors have already experienced much this year with leadership trainings and outreach! To date, they have participated in the State Show, State Fair, Symposium (leadership training), State Capitol Day, Youth Equine Legislative Day, three Intro to EquiSmartz, the Agribusiness Banquet, and coming up, representing at EquiSmartz, the Legacy Awards, another Legislative event, and a visit to DC. Read more about this outstanding program here. Applications for the next year are due July 31 with interview dates scheduled on Zoom!

Mary Cole 4-H Horsemaster 50 Mile Ride

Those interested in riding in the Mary Cole 4-H Horsemaster 50 Mile Ride, mark you calendar for June 16-20 and send in your pre-application today (deadline April 5)! The ride will be held at Fort Valley Stables, Fort Valley, VA. A limited number of youth will bring their own horse and ride for a total of 50 miles over three days, chaperoned and led by Celeste Crisman and additional, super fun outriders! Riders must prepare their horses for this rigorous ride by following a required conditioning plan. For more information see Mary Cole 50-Mile link.