

VA 4-H HORSE PROGRAM



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State Show Changes

Rulebook and Schedule

will be released soon - [see website!](#)

- Western Dressage and Jumpers will be added for the 2019 State Show!
- Trail and Jumper class exhibitors must pre-qualify for the State Show by submitting the pre-Qualifying form by August 15. Forms will be in the rulebook.
- Working Western class rules have changed. Please read them carefully. The pattern will now change from year to year.
- Gymkhana exhibitors will now be disqualified if they take an excess amount of time (more than 3 minutes) to enter the arena.
- The Freestyle Drill Team Showcase will not be offered this year at the State Show.
- Walk/Trot classes will still be offered at the 2019 Show.
- [Read about the updates](#) to Horsemanship Skills for Levels 1 and 2.



Instagram

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 your 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](#).



Calendar of Events

- Mar. 2 - Northern District Horse Bowl Qualifier
- Mar. 9 - Central District Horse Bowl Qualifier
- Mar. 9 - SE District Communications Qualifier
- Mar. 23-24 - EquiSmartz
- Mar. 30-31 - Horsemanship Skills Evaluator Training
- Mar. 30 - Virginia Horse Council Mtg & Seminar
- Mar. 30 - N District Communications Qualifier
- Apr. 5 - Pre-App deadline for Mary Cole Horsemaster
- Apr. 12-13 - SW District Camp, Skills, Model Show
- Apr. 24 - EquiSmartz Communications deadline
- Apr. 27 - Northern Dist. Horsemanship Skills
- Apr. 27 - Barrel & Trail Clinic plus Skills Testing
- May 1 - Declarations due
- May 1 - Begin Fundraising Campaign for Ed Contests
- May 4-ND Skills Testing
- May 5 - EquiSmartz Communication Contests

[SEE CALENDAR FOR MORE SHOWS, CLINICS, SKILLS!!](#)



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