

# VA 4-H HORSE PROGRAM



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## Jan. 1 Deadline

January 1st is the absolute deadline for those that want to show at the [State Fair 4-H Horse Show](#) or the [State Championship 4-H Show](#). Those turning age 9 as of Sept. 30, 2020 are eligible to show. Other show requirements are:

- Declare equine animal project by May 1, 2020
- Qualify at a 2020 4-H Qualifying Show or Clinic
- Pass Horsemanship Skills ([read FAQs](#))
- Submit an up to date 4-H Horse Record Book
- Participate in one County, area, or State 4-H event other than the Qualifying Show or Clinic
- Adhere to other County and/or District level requirements (contact your Extension agent)

## Major WINS at Eastern Nationals!

**Congratulations to our Virginia Delegation for representing so well at Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, KY, Nov. 9th, 2019!** Katie Define won the Public Speaking Championship. Cora Hoemann won 3rd in Individual Presentation. The Hippology Team of Sarah Foster, Hannah Beaver, Lainey Butler, Rachel Buchanan won the Team Reserve Championship, 2nd Team Written, 2nd Team Stations, and 3rd Team Problem; Sarah won 2nd overall individual, 3rd Individual Stations, and 1st Individual Written; Hannah won 4th Individual Overall, 2nd Individual Stations, and 3rd Individual Written. Sam Levine competed as an individual in the Horse Judging contest and the Horse Bowl Team members were Kayla Dixon, Carolyn Hicks, Libby Pumphrey, and Samantha Whysong.



## Calendar of Events

- **Dec. 14** - SEDR2 Hippology Stations Challenge, Williamsburg
- **Dec. 28** - Caroline Co. 4-H Hippology Contest, Ruther Glen
- **Jan. 1** - Deadline to enroll as 4-Her for State Show eligibility
- **Jan. 11** - Northern District Intro to EquiSmartz, Fishersville
- **Jan. 18** - 4-H Horse Program End of Year Banquet, Blacksburg
- **Jan. 25/26** - N. Dist. 4-H Hippology & Horse Judging Contest, Herndon
- **Feb. 1** - Central District Intro to EquiSmartz, Lynchburg
- **Feb. 14/15** - B&B Horse Judging and Hippology Contest, Blacksburg
- **Feb. 29** - Northern District Horse Bowl Qualifying Contest, Charlottesville

## Year End Awards

Join us for the Virginia 4-H Horse Program End of the Year Banquet Jan. 18! Celebrate accomplishments of horse project members in the Horse Program from the past year and get ready for 2020! In addition to recognizing members, we will also be giving out **3 new awards** - 4-H Member of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and Club of the Year. **Applications are due Dec. 2nd.** Winners are chosen by a selection committee. See the website, and click on the [End of Year Awards Banquet tab](#) for reservations, awards applications, and info.

## EquiSmartz News

The 2020 date is March 21-22, 2020 for Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Horse Judging and May 3 for the Communications contests. Qualifiers for the **Communications and Horse Bowl contestants** - contact your District Horse Council about qualifying requirements and dates. Each District may send 6 contestants per Communication Contest per junior and senior age group. The top 5 Horse Bowl teams per District qualify to compete at Equismartz. Horse Bowl and Hippology now include the AYHC [Horse Smarts](#) resource for Juniors, which is available for purchase online or call to [borrow in your District](#).



## Ambassadors at Work!



## Hokie Horse Camp

Looking for a great Christmas gift? The 2020 VA 4-H Hokie Horse Camp is July 11-16, 2020! [See the packet and schedule here](#). Spots will be filled on a first come first serve basis with a completed application and paid deposit. We are so excited about another great camp! Contact [Leona Ransdell](#) for more info.



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