

VA 4-H HORSE PROGRAM



State Show Reminders

- [Read and review the Rulebook.](#)
- [Silent Auction \(see attached\) - Contact Rose!!](#)
- New Classes: Western Dressage and Jumpers, plus Walk/Trot classes continue.
- [Trail](#) and [Jumper](#) class exhibitors must send in the pre-qualifying form by Aug. 15
- [Connie Collier scholarship apps](#) due Aug 2
- Enter your [Art](#) and [Photography](#) at the state show Thursday, 6pm
- [Record Books and Portfolios](#) pay prize money! Postmark entry forms by Aug. 22
- [Sign your Cloverbud up by September 1](#) for fun activities and crafts! For ages 5-8
- [A NEW Opening Ceremony is Thursday](#) night. Bring your Club Spirit for prizes!!
- [Horsemanship Skills Level 3 and 4](#) application sign up information TBA soon!

Ambassador Apps Due July 31!

[Ambassador Application deadline is July 31st.](#) Interviews are conducted online. The induction ceremony will be Thursday at the State Show! A tentative calendar of events has been appended to the application, including a possible trip to Wyoming!

Save the Date: NEW End of Year Banquet

Save the Date for Saturday, January 18th, for an all **NEW** Annual End of Year Banquet to be held in Blacksburg, VA. Equine Advisory Council members felt it was time to bring more attention to the successes of our youth, leaders, and clubs, and celebrate their accomplishments with an End of Year Banquet. A committee has been working hard on plans and hope you will plan to come! The evening will tentatively begin at 5pm with a reception, then dinner, followed by awards. More information and list of awards will be forthcoming.



State Fair Competitions

August 30 is the deadline to sign up for the State Fair 4-H Ranch and Drill Team show, October 5th and 6th respectively. The [rulebook is posted online](#) and the [music is downloadable on Google Drive](#). It's not too late to pull a team together and start practicing! Contact Leona for info - leonar@vt.edu.

The annual State Fair 4-H and FFA Agri-Science Poster Contest will be held October 4. Pre-registration is required. Information can be found here. <https://www.vaffa.org/state-fair>. In addition, a **NEW** 4-H and FFA Hippology Contest will also be held on Friday, October 4th with pre-registration required, due by Sept. 21. More information to be posted on the [State Fair website](#).

Scholarships are available for winners of the Ranch Show, Drill Team, and Agri-Science Poster Contest! See the Ranch & Drill Team [rulebook](#), the Agri-Science Poster Contest rules, and the State Fair website for more information. www.statefairva.org

Congratulations Leona!

Congratulations to Leona Ransdell on her promotion to Youth Extension Horse Specialist for the Virginia 4-H Horse Program! We are happy that the Virginia Tech APSC Department recognized the need to fill this position following Celeste Crisman's retirement. She will do a great job in this new role and promises that the horse program will continue with success and progress for youth, with her leadership!



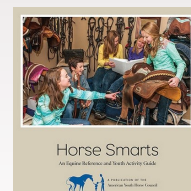
Calendar of Events

- July 27 - [Frederick Co. Fair Open 4-H Horse Show](#), Winchester, VA
- July 31 - August 4 [Southern Regionals 4-H Horse Championship](#), Perry, GA
- July 31 - [Ambassador Apps](#) due postmarked
- August 2 - [Connie Collier Scholarship](#) app due
- August 17 - [Washington Co. 4-H Saddle Club Horse Show](#), Abingdon, VA
- September 12-15 [VA State 4-H Championship Horse and Pony Show](#)
- October 5 & 6 - [VA State Fair 4-H Ranch and Drill Team Horse Show](#), Doswell, VA

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LEADER'S NOTE:

Horse Smarts is a new, added reference for Juniors for both Hippology and Horse Bowl.



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Dear Owner/Manager:

I am writing with hopes that you will be able to make a donation to help us fund the efforts of the Silent Auction as the primary fundraiser for the 2019 Virginia State 4-H Horse and Pony Championship Show.

The 4-H championship show is run 99% by volunteers and is 100% self-funded through entry fees, sponsors and through efforts such as our Silent Auction.

Our volunteers perform all duties associated with the running of the show, a few of which include judging, jump crew, ring maintenance, educational contest, silent auction, awards, gate keepers, announcers, hospitality, scribes and EMT's on duty to take care of any emergency.

This State Horse Show is the highlight event for more than 600 4-H members from the entire Commonwealth of Virginia. This event would not be possible without the assistance of so many generous businesses and individuals. The Show is held at the Lexington Horse Center in mid-September each year. This year the dates are September 12 – 15, 2019.

If you would like to contribute an item(s) to the auction, such as tack, horse equipment, jewelry, crafts, services, gift certificates, or other items, contact Rose McDonald at 540-877-4935 or horsemomrose@yahoo.com to schedule a pick up. Items do not have to be horse related!

Monetary donations can be made payable to VTF 4-H Horse Show and mailed to Rose McDonald, 1085 Collinsville Road, Cross Junction, VA 22625. Please enclose a business card to assist us in posting your business on the list of donors in the show program. All donations greater than \$25.00 will receive a letter acknowledging the gift-in-kind from the 4-H Horse program after the show.

We value your support at any level. The 4-H members of the Commonwealth greatly appreciate your help. We welcome you to come to the show at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, VA, September 12 - 15 to witness what your donations make possible. If you have any questions or need to reach me for any reason, please feel free to contact me at your convenience at the phone number listed above.

Sincerely,



Rose Baker McDonald
4-H State Show Silent Auction Chair
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**Virginia 4-H State Championship Horse
and Pony Show Silent Auction
September 12 - 15, 2019
Virginia Horse Center, Lexington
Item Donation Form**

This form must accompany the donated item!

Business or Individual's Name: _____

Contact Person if Business: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Item: _____

Detailed description of item: _____

Fair market value: \$ _____ (Fair market value must be assigned by the donor)

If this is a gift certificate, is it included with this form? yes no

Minimum bid required? yes no If yes, amount: \$ _____

Auction item delivery or pick up? We would like all items by Wednesday, Sept 11 (earlier if possible).

I will deliver the item to the State 4-H Horse Show (All items must be clean before donating)

I need the item to be picked up at my business

(Call Rose at 540-877-4935 or e-mail horsemomrose@yahoo.com to arrange for delivery, pick-up, and/or storage)

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM FOR EACH ITEM DONATED! WE APPRECIATE IT!

Thank you so much for your support of the Virginia State 4-H Horse Program!!



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