

# VA 4-H HORSE PROGRAM



Virginia 4-H Horse Program

## 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, 2018 are eligible to show. Other show requirements are:

- Declare equine animal project by May 1, 2018
- Qualify at a 2018 4-H Qualifying Show or Clinic
- Pass Horsemanship Skills Level 1 & 2
- 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

## VA / NC Horse Leaders' Conference

The VA and NC 4-H Horse Programs are cooperating to provide leader training sessions at the biennial [Horse Leaders' Conference, Jan. 19-21, 2018](#). Adult and teen leaders, 4-H Extension agents, FFA instructors and leaders from other youth equine associations are invited to attend. Learn techniques to train youth on horse related events and activities. Topics include Fund Raising Risk Management, Team Preparations, Show Management, Horse Weight Assessment, Club Structure, and a fun Make-and-Take session. [Register Today!](#) **Deadline to register is Dec. 29.**

## Hokie Horse Camp

Looking for a great Christmas gift? We have a few spots open at the 2018 VA 4-H Hokie Horse Camp! [See the packet and schedule here](#). Spots will be filled on a first come first serve basis with a completed application and paid deposit. A wait list will be ranked in order of receipt by EMAIL

ONLY. We are so excited about another great camp! Contact [Leona Ransdell](#) for more info.



## Major WINS at Eastern Nationals!

*The Horse Judging Team, coached by Leona Ransdell, WON 1st PLACE OVERALL at Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, KY on Nov. 5th, 2017!* The team of Charlotte Manvell, Ruth Martin, Sarah Seay and Caitlyn Russ also won 1st in Halter, 1st in Performance and 3rd in Reasons. Individually, Charlotte placed 4th in Halter, Caitlyn and Ruth placed 5th and 7th respectively in Performance. Charlotte and Caitlyn placed 5th and 6th respectively in Reasons. Individually Caitlyn placed 6th, Charlotte placed 7th and Ruth placed 9th Overall. *The Hippology team of Nikki Novak, Adela Novak, Peyton Freeman and Claire Edwards placed 10th overall, coached by Lisa Beckwith!* The team also placed 10th in the Written phase and 7th in Judging. Individually, Nikki and Peyton placed 5th and 7th respectively in the Judging phase. Nikki placed 8th Individually Overall. *The VA Communications teams place 9th Overall.* Caroline Perkins placed 9th in Public Speaking and Kate Hudson placed 10th in Individual Presentations, coached by Lisa Beckwith. Brenna Hathaway and Camryn Madagan placed 5th in Team Presentation, coached by Melissa Madagan. *The Horse Bowl team placed 10th Overall with Taryn Cowles, Emma Hartman, Katie Define and Hannah Beaver, coached by Bertha Durbin!* Taryn placed 10th Individually.

## EquiSmartz News:

The 2018 date is [March 23-25](#) with the [tentative schedule](#) posted. **Juniors** and **Seniors**, start planning now for presentations. Check with your District Horse Council about qualifying requirements as spots for 6 are allowed to compete per District in each communication contest. [Horse Bowl](#) and [Hippology](#) have a **NEW** resource, the AYHC [Horse Smarts](#), available for purchase or to [borrow in your District](#). *The Horse*, by Evans is being **discontinued** and will not be used for questions at EquiSmartz. The Horse Judging contest fee is now \$15 per contestant and raffle gift baskets will return for 2018! This year's themes for the raffle baskets will be **Horse Movie/Game Night, Equine Care, Equine Arts & Crafts** and one for a **Future Vet**.



## Calendar of Events

- Dec. 16 - [SEDR2 Hippology Challenge](#)
- Dec. 29 - [Horse Leaders' Conference registration deadline](#)
- Dec. 30 - [Caroline Co. Hippology Contest](#)
- Jan. 1 - member deadline
- Jan. 19-21 - [VA / NC Horse Leaders' Conference](#)
- Feb. 3 - [Northern District 4-H Hippology Contest](#)
- Feb. 9 & 10 - [B&B Horse Judging & Hippology](#)
- March 3 - No. Dist. Horse Bowl & Communications
- March 7- registration deadline for EquiSmartz
- March 23-25 - [EquiSmartz](#)

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