



State Educational Teams Introductory Parent's Meeting

Hunter Liles

Extension Youth Animal Science Associate



**Welcome and
Congratulations on Earning a
Spot on a Virginia 4-H
Educational Team**

Introductions



Katherine Carter

Extension Youth Animal Science Specialist



Hunter Liles

Extension Youth Animal Science Associate

Hippology Volunteers



Lisa Powers



Reanna Willey

Logistics and Guidelines

Deposit

Mail to:

- **Hunter Liles**
175 West Campus Drive
388 Litton Reaves Hall
Blacksburg, VA 24061
- **\$200.00 deposit required for all team members**

Help to cover costs associated with travel, lodging, and entry fees

Volunteers

- **4H Online Enrollment**
 - In order to travel with the team, serve as a chaperone, etc. you must be an enrolled level 2 volunteer
 - Reach out to your Unit VCE Agent to get this process started

Youth Expectations

Attire

- **Awards Breakfasts (Congress, ENRU)**
 - **Sunday Best**
 - **Slacks and blouse, skirt or dress are all acceptable. Jeans are not acceptable.**
- **Contests**
 - Port Authority Women's Silk Touch Performance Polo in Maroon
 - <https://tinyurl.com/MaroonPolo>
 - [Port Authority Women's Regular Embroidered Silk Touch Performance Polo Shirt | Lands' End Business Uniforms \(landsend.com\)](https://landsend.com)
- **Practices**
 - **Dress professionally and appropriately**
 - **Comfortable Shoes should be worn**
 - **Farm visits and horse show visits will require closed toed shoes**



Communication

- **Being a state team member is an opportunity for youth to experience growth and maturity, 4-Hers are expected to communicate with parents and coaches on their own accord.**
- **Email is primary means of communication**
- **Cell phones are encouraged for photos/videos/easy access to communication, but must be put away during practices and contests.**

Personal Hygiene

- **Conscientious and Considerate**
 - **Use caution with heavily scented perfumes**
- **Shower/Bathe regularly**
 - **Swimming does not count as a bath**



Interpersonal Relationships

- We are all here because we love horses and learning about them
- You are here as a team. There is no place for relationships beyond that while traveling with your teammates.



Valuables

- **Youth are responsible for any items/valuables they bring with them to a practice or contest**
- **Coaches will assist on the day of competitions**
- **Youth must carry a purse or wallet to store money in**

Conduct

- **Code of Conduct**
 - **Each member must turn in a signed code of conduct**
 - **If a member is in breach of the code of conduct, they WILL be sent home at the parent's expense**
- **Hotel**
 - **Guilty by Association – If you see something, say something**
 - **TV – If you aren't allowed to watch it at home, don't watch it on a trip**
 - **Go every in groups of two or more**
 - **DO NOT LEAVE the hotel without a coach**

Health Forms

- **Collect Health forms of all members**
- **Coaches will travel with these forms in the event of an emergency**

Fundraising

- **Costs for teams to travel is upwards of \$20,000 dollars per year. In order for the Horse Program to provide funding for the teams, we must raise funds.**
- **Fundraising will be lead and guided by team coaches. This is an expectation of all coaches and team members.**
- **Each team is expected to raise \$1000, teams are encouraged to work together on fundraising projects, ideas, etc.**
 - **Letter writing campaigns, business donations, raffles, online auctions, etc.**
 - **Intro to Equismartz/ BNB Contests possible fundraising/donations**

Hippology Team

2024 State Hippology Team

Emma Willey

Michelle Bates

Bridgette Thomson

Rebecca Hoemann

Cecelia Tinkham

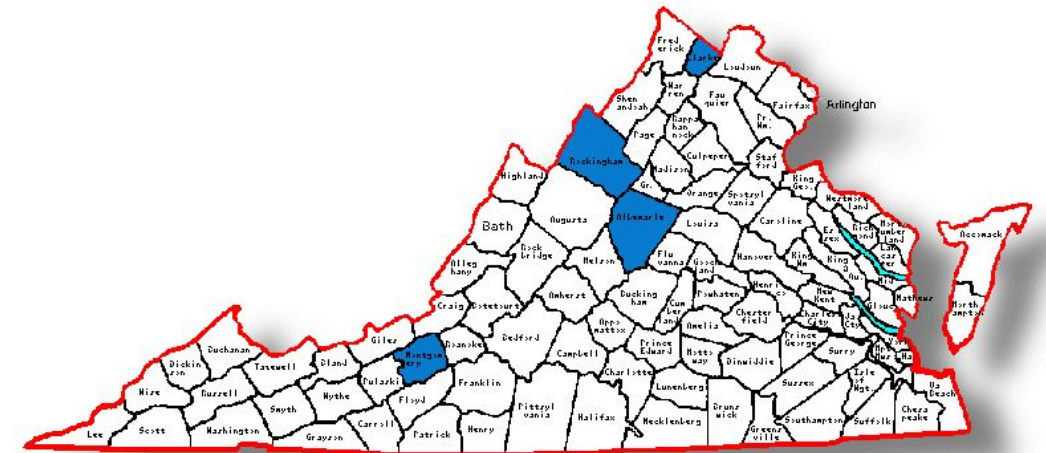
Montgomery

Clarke

Albemarle

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Rockingham



General Program Plan 2024-2025

Objective: Develop the future of the Va Hippology Program for all enrolled 4-h Members

Team Objective: Create a competitive, confident team for 2024 competition, develop Mentoring opportunities to grow VCE 4-H Hippology

- Weekly Study/Assignments/Speakers (May - Aug)
 - Study Assignments 2x month to submit
 - Guest Speakers 2x month listen/absorb no HW
- Monthly DIY Activities
 - Optional but cool life experiences that will help broaden your kids learning, many are geography contingent
- In Person Activity Options
 - State Team Retreat Weekend
 - In Person Study Sessions in SW and Charlottesville
- Field Teaching/I2E
 - Facilitating Intro to Equismartz 1 - 2 x per year as able
- Southern Regional Contest

Program Plan

- Goals:
 - Attend all or as many as possible of the 2x monthly guest speakers
 - Attendance will be recorded
 - Complete study assignments
 - Maintain Study Schedule up to Southern Regionals Contests
 - If your county team is still practicing, please feel free to attend those practices as well. Learn as much as possible :)

- Monthly DIYS : Optional/On your own activities that may broaden horizons

- Following SR, goals change to optional opportunities and fundraising
 - To limit individual fundraising, plan to assist with group fundraising opportunities
 - Optional Opportunities to learn
 - Online Practicums
 - Optional Contests

Schedule - Regionals Prep

May

Week 1 Assignment - Get to Know You

Week 2 Guest Speaker - Hannah McDonald - Crash Course Horse Judging

Week 3 Assignment - Prefix, Suffix, Directional Terms

Week 4 Guest Speaker - Katie Saucier- Basic Nutrition

Monthly DIY: Shenandoah Downs Harness Racing (Saturday May 11 • Sunday May 12 at 1:05 PM; Saturday May 18 at 2:05 PM • Sunday May 19 at 1:05 PM)

June

Week 1 Assignment

Week 2 Guest Speaker - Elise Umstead - Farrier

Week 3 Assignment (Lisa @ Weeklong Horse Show)

Week 4 Guest Speaker - John Sletten - Forages

Monthly DIY: East Coast Aggie Clinic

July

Week 1 Assignment

Week 2 Guest Speaker (Possibly Retreat?)

Week 3 Assignment (Potential Shadow Judging Lisa 21st)

Week 4 Guest Speaker (Lisa Vacation) - Katie Saucier - Color Genetics

In Person Practice (Optional):

Monthly DIY: Attend a Live TB Race - Colonial Downs Every Thurs-Sat July 11-Sept. Charlestown Every Thurs-Sat Year Round

State Study Retreat

Objective: Host a weekend of learning, team bonding and experiences to prepare the state team for Southern Regionals

Date: Potential for July 13th weekend?

Location: 4-H Centers Opportunity (Wakefield, Appomattox, Skelton)

Cost:

Activities:

Schedule - Mentoring and Competition Season

August

Week 1 Southern Regionals

Week 2 (Potential Shadow Judging Lisa 11th)

Week 3 -5 Virtual Unit

Virtual Unit:

Monthly DIY:

September

Week 1 - 4-H State Show Educational Contest

Week 2-4 - Complete Virtual Unit

Week 4 - State Fair Hippology Contest

Virtual Unit:

Monthly DIY:

Schedule: Mentoring and Fundraising

October

Week 1-2: Complete Virtual Unit

Week 3 AQHA Congress (Hippology Not Competing Officially)

Week 3-4 - I2E Planning Session

Virtual Unit:

Monthly DIY: Foxfield Races Oct 6th

November

Week 1-2 - I2E Planning Session

Week 3-4 - I2E Location?

Virtual Unit:

Monthly DIY: Montpelier Hunt Race Nov 2

December

Week 1 - I2E Planning Session

Week 2 - I2E Location?

Week 3 - 4 - All the Holidays!

Virtual Unit:

Monthly DIY:

Schedule: Mentoring and Fundraising

January

Week 1-3 - Help B&B Planning?

January 25 - Block and Bridle Clinic

Virtual Unit:

Monthly DIY:

February

Feb 10-11 Block and Bridle Contest

**Feb 17 - Extension Horses National Hippology
Academy \$60**

Virtual Unit:

Monthly DIY:

March/April - Equismartz

Resources

Senior Reference Material

- 1) ILLUSTRATED DICTIONARY OF EQUINE TERMS, by New Horizons Education Center, Inc. Dogwise Publishing (www.dogwise.com) 403 S Mission St, Wenatchee, WA 98801, 800-776-2665
- 2) HORSE ANATOMY: A Coloring Atlas, by Robert A. Kainer & Thomas O. McCracken Dogwise Publishing (www.dogwise.com) 403 S Mission St, Wenatchee, WA 98801, 800-776-2665
- 3) FEEDING AND CARE OF THE HORSE (2nd edition), by Lon D. Lewis Wiley (www.wiley.com), 9200 Keystone Crossing, Ste 800, Indianapolis, IN 46240, 877-762-2974
- 4) HORSE INDUSTRY HANDBOOK (9th edition), by the American Youth Horse Council AYHC (www.ayhc.com), 1 Gainer Rd, McDonald, NM 88262, phone: 817-320-2005 *Visit website for continued updates
- 5) THE HORSE by J. Warrant Evans, et al., 3rd edition. Waveland Press, Inc., 4180 IL Route 83, Suite 101, Long Grove, Illinois 6004. (www.waveland.com) (847) 634-0081
- 6) HORSE SMARTS: AN EQUINE REFERENCE & YOUTH ACTIVITY GUIDE, by AYHC AYHC (www.ayhc.com), 1 Gainer Rd, McDonald, NM 88262, phone: 817-320-2005 *Visit website for continued updates
- 7) DOVER SADDLERY - Apparel, tack and horse care items, for the English rider. Request catalog or visit www.DoverSaddlery.com or call 888-234-6942
- 8) SCHNEIDER SADDLERY – Apparel, tack and horse care items for the Western and the English rider. Request catalog or visit www.sstack.com or call 800-365-1311 9)

Other: Grains, forages, and feed preparations used in this contest will be representatives of feeds utilized in horse rations.

<https://www.youtube.com/eXHorses>

<https://horses.extension.org/horses-learning-lessons/>

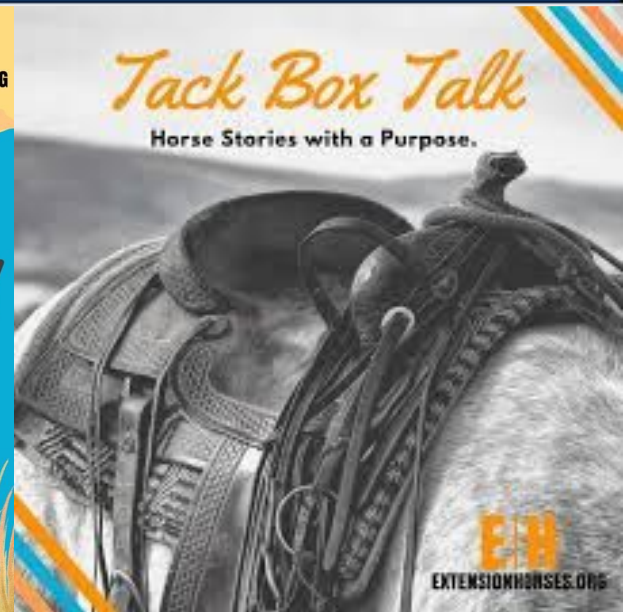
<https://www.myhorseuniversity.com/labor-force>

<https://www.myhorseuniversity.com/free-courses>

<https://www.myhorseuniversity.com/webinar-categories>



Horse Judging Basics





Guest Speakers

Katie Saucier- Equine Nutritionist

Emily Langer - Driving

Elise Umstead - Farrier

Dr Stacey Gravelle

Sam Kambeck - Body Work

Dr Angela Stanaway

Meredith Barlow EqDt

Hannah McDonald - Judge

John Sletten - Hayland Farms



Four Seasons Equine Veterinary Service
 Owner / Veterinarian
 Stacy Gravelle BVSc, CVA
 16545 Cox Mill Rd
 Orange, VA 22960
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 drstacy@4seasonsequine.com
 4seasonsequine.com



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Hay & Straw
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 804-380-8341

Week 1 Homework (can be done on your phone or computer)

[Parents Survey](#)

[State Team Survey](#)

Please complete by 5/12