

VARINA RISING STARS 4-H NEWSFLASH – October 11, 2011

VRS Horse Show – October 15 (3rd Saturday), 10:00 a.m. The horse shows are our fund raisers, please show up to help. We need help at concession, gates, ribbons, ring crew. The rest of our shows will be the second Saturday of each month except September.

Members need turn in project books. Each member needs to turn in at least one project book. Members who went to district and/or state need horse management. This can be downloaded. If you need it, I will email it to you. Project books & achievement sheets are due by October meeting. New 4-H year starts October 1.

We need new enrollment forms for members & volunteers. If you could bring these back by the October meeting, it sure would help me. New members who just filled them out, do not need to do them again. We have been told this will be the last year for written enrollment. After this year, we will be able to go on line, check our info and approve it. Then, Extension Office will approve it.

Congratulations to the Mini Drill Team. You looked great!! Thanks for all the hard work. Thanks to team captains, Wendy, Georgia & Jen.

Comments/Suggestions about State Horse Show needed. Please turn into me & I will take to Horse Council Meeting.

Opportunities & Events:

Collecting yarn for Christmas stockings, please bring to me. Collecting school supplies, small toys, toiletry items, small items of clothing, i.e. hats, gloves, scarves. Bring to October, November, December meetings.

Forest poster contest – due by October 18th – Theme Forests for People – More Than you can Imagine”. See flyer \$ prizes

October 22 – Need adults & members to work a fundraiser & 4-H booth at Southern States from 11:00 – 2:00. We will sell hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, chips and if we want to have a bake sale. Need to know a.s.a.p.

October 22 – Pony Rides at Hardy Central Church from 10:00 2:00. Need members to help with this. I will be there. Hardy Central will have a bunster stew for sale (\$7.00 qt). Yard Sale (if you have items you want to donate, you can drop them by church on the 20th).

2012 4-H Bee Essay Contest- Due by February 3. Can be emailed this year. Length – 450-1000 words, title – “The Results of Honey Bee Pollination in my Community.” Would you like to take a field trip to visit bee farm?

USERL Trail Ride, Sunday, October 16th, Millstone Farm, Quinton. Gates open at 9:00 a.m. Rider w/lunch \$35; 4-Her \$30. We are needed to serve lunch. Let me know if you can help or plan on riding.

October 29 & 30 – Dog Training Camp – Northern Va. 4-H Center, free. Call Kendra – 5015160

November 6-7 – Teen Weekend (14-18) Airfield, look on line if interested.

Hippology Testing Software: Test on disc to practice with. VRS will purchase one and lend it out for short times for members to study and take tests if you wish. If you would like to purchase your own, it is \$25.00.

New year starts October 1. Will have new schedule of events shortly. Be aware that Achievement night will have Arts & Crafts Expo, you can enter your arts & crafts in 5 areas (painting & drawing; fiber art; paper art, wooden craft, miscellaneous), need to be turned in to Extension Office by 11/22 which is Leader’s Meeting night and workshop night. There will be a photo contest again this year, so start taking pictures. There are 5 categories.

Achievement Night – December 2, 6:30 p.m., Maude Trevett Elementary. VRS in charge of clean. Bring food for light refreshment. All Stars Forms due December 1 – Kiersten, Lorri, Beth are eligible.

Decide on VRS jackets: Earn by hours, need new shirts, what color, hoodies?

State Horse Show 2012 is September 13-16. Same weekend at VMI event. Rooms will be hard to get.

Public Speaking Contest: November 18 (members need to do Public Speaking or Presentation, both would be better). Register by Nov. 11th. Sign up sheets are here tonight. It will be held at Deep Run Recreation Center (9910 Ridgefield Pkwy) on Friday, November 18th. The contest will begin promptly at 6:30pm. If for some reason a 4-H member is not able to attend the competition, they can give their speech on the make-up date (November 22nd at the next leaders meeting) but you need to register by due time. Remember in the Public Speaking Contest there are no props and the speech does not have to be memorized (however we don’t want to just see the top of your head..ie. we don’t want you to read us the speech). **Speeches Time Requirement** Cloverbuds - under 6 minutes; Junior & Intermediate - 3 to 6 minutes ; Seniors - 5 to 7 minute. This contest is sponsored by the Henrico 4-H All Stars and many of the top three prizes in each

age group are Savings Bonds (\$100 for Senior, \$75 for Intermediate, and \$50 for Juniors, with additional Savings Bonds and prizes for second and third places).

Rabies Clinic Shots - \$7.00 October 29, 1-4 p.m., 28218 King William Road, West Point, Triple D Tack Shop

10th Annual Tent Sale, Oct. 14-17, Champion Saddlery, 913 Grove Road, Midlothian

Equine Extravaganza, Nov. 4-6, Meadow Park, \$15.00 – Do you want to make this a club trip? Club will pay \$10 for members, drivers will be free with 2 or more members. Cost is \$15 for over 11; 5-11 is \$5.00; under 5 – free.

Apple, Peanut, Honey Sale: County fundraiser: due by Oct 21. Pick up Nov. 8 & 9. Need help sorting Nov. 7, distributing Nov. 8 & 9. Earn scholar dollars.

4-H Teen Club/Training: 3rd Tuesday in month from 6:30-8:30. Call Kendra for info 5015160.

Shooting Sports:

Members interested in getting into this project area, need to do so now or by open house on November 6th at Open House for Shooting Sports at American Legion Building on Recreation Road, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. The next joining session may be in March. Members need to also realize that even in the shooting area, VRS meetings are a requirement to be a member of VRS. Practice will start on Monday at American Legion on Recreation Road. If you have any question or need directions, please call Bob or Lyn Wilson at 804-795-1101 or email eeshooters@aol.com. They can use adults to be certified for shooting education.

Remember active VRS members are eligible for a \$50 scholarship for camps, congress, etc. for 2011 year. Top 4 – VRS members from last year are eligible for \$50 each (Autum, Jeannie, Kiersten, Cameron). If you have not filled in forms by now, please do so immediately. Scholarships do not carry over from year to year.

USERL (**Rescue Horse**) Opportunities: Contact Anne Guard 795-5798. They can use all the volunteer help you can offer in many areas, adult & member. This could be a good opportunity to get horse friendly & earn Community Hours.

Next VRS meeting –Next meeting – November 8th, 7:00 p.m. at Dorey Park.

Pinky 7951424 pinkydbr@comcast.net Please email me if you are not getting my emails so I can make sure you are on the email list.

Henrico County Facebook page name is Henrico Fourh, Group name is The Official Henrico 4-H. Jamie & Kiersten – Send in club pictures, please. Why not join in and write your comments: Share articles & photos. You can also get forms and information on Henrico County website. Kendra & Reggie's number 501-5160.

Community Service Contest for Henrico: need to be in by October 28th. Winning club wins pizza party or ice cream social. I have been asked to have a fun/learning day at DBR for the CHAT group for intercity youth. Most of these kids do not ever leave town. We would do hands on with horses, games (i.e. apple bobbing, stick horse races, etc.). Will need help and will let you know when.

Any other ideas?

Spring for National Youth Service Day – April – what to do? suggestion – see if we can help clean up stream or other water ways.

Achievement Activities 2011-12:

Officers:

President: Kiersten	Recreation: Cameron
Vice President: Taylor	Reporter: Autum
Secretary: Sara	Historian: Ella
Treasurer: Jamis	Song Leader: Elizabeth

October:

4: Wired for Science Workshop: County#5: Autum, Kiersten, Ella, Cameron, Alex, Kelli, Taylor, Jacob, Stephanie, Jennifer

6: State Fair Mini Show: VRS#3 : Taylor VRS #4: Worked: Taylor

7: State Fair Mini Show: VRS#3: Ella, Autum, Cameron, Alex, Kiersten, Taylor. VRS#4 Worked: Stephanie, Jennifer, Blake, Londyn.

Worked getting ready for show: VRS#4: Ella, Alec, Autum, Cameron

8: State Fair Drill Team Opening Ceremony: VRS#13, 11, 10 & County #7: Alex, Taylor, Autum, Cameron, Ella, Kelli.

Pledges: VRS#8 & County #7 Brittaney & Londyn Support Group, VRS#8: Londyn, Blake, Jennifer, Stephanie