

WHAT CAN 4-H DO FOR YOU!

Provide you the opportunity to:

Learn the safe handling and use of firearms and archery tackle under the competent leadership of specially trained adult volunteers.

Increase your knowledge

Learn new skills

Belong to a club

Be a club officer

Make new friends

Gain leadership skills

Learn to work together

Take 4-H projects related to Shooting Education and other topics

Practice and improve your skills

Participate in local, district, state and national competition matches

Participate in 4-H Shooting Education camps and special programs

Build self-confidence and a positive attitude

Learn to set realistic goals and strive to achieve them

Become more responsible

Improve public speaking and communication skills

Learn to manage time and other resources

Receive awards for your effort

Have FUN!

Virginia Cooperative Extension Botetourt County



For Boys and Girls ages 9 – 18 as of
September 30 of the current year

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BOTETOURT COUNTY 4-H HORSE & PONY CLUB



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BOTETOURT COUNTY 4-H HORSE AND PONY CLUB INFORMATION

WHO ARE WE?

The Botetourt County 4-H Horse and Pony Club members are a diverse group – boys and girls, different backgrounds, various ages, and horse owners as well as non-owners with one great common interest - - - **a love of horses and a desire to know more about them.** The club was organized in 1986 for this reason, to provide the youth of Botetourt County with the opportunities to learn about and have fun with horses.

WHO CAN JOIN?

The Club is open to any young person between the ages of 9 and 18 as of September 30th of the current year. Any young person with an interest in horses, who wants to learn more and be with others with similar interests may join. Not all club members are experienced riders; many do not own their horses.



HOW TO JOIN?

Come to the club's monthly meeting. Call the Virginia Cooperative Extension - Botetourt Office at 540/473-8260 for club meeting dates and more information.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Monthly 4-H Club meetings

- Elect officers
- Conduct club business
- Educational programs and speakers
- Plan activities, field trips, clinics, etc.

Horse related field trips and clinics offer basic information and "hands on" training.

All members enroll in at least one 4-H project book and are encouraged to complete it as a way to learn more about horses, as well as a means of recording 4-H activities for the year.

Members are encouraged to participate in 4-H activities such as the Horseless Horse Show, 4-H Presentation Contest, Horse Shows, Team competitions, 4-H Camp and other 4-H activities. The biggest club activity of the year is the club horse show. All members, whether they own a horse or not, have the chance to be in this show in which families get together for a picnic lunch and lots of fun.

Members participate in community service projects. Recent projects have included benefiting cancer research through the Relay for Life, raising money for both the Vinton Equine Rescue Center and the League for Animal Protection, and helping at the Roanoke Valley Horse Show.



ANYTHING ELSE?

Competition teams for Horse Judging and Hippology also comes from the ranks of the club.

4-H Horse Judging teaches youth to:

- Evaluate horses on the basis of conformation and performance
- Understand the basic relationship between a horse's body structure and its performance
- Make consistent, logical decisions
- Orally defend their placing of the class by presenting oral reasons to a judge
- Work together as a team



4-H Hippology teaches youth to:

- Learn horse science – everything about the horse from nutrition to anatomy and physiology to proper barn construction
- Learn to identify different feeds, tack and horse breeds and about the horse industry
- Work together as a team

District, Regional, State and National competitions are available for both Horse Judging and Hippology. Both Horse Judging and Hippology Teams work hard and face stiff competition but they enjoy the travel and the comradeship gained by working together.