

VARINA RISING STARS 4-H NEWSFLASH – November 8, 2011

VRS Horse Show – November 12 – our fun show, 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.

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.

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

Thanks to everyone's help for the Southern States concession & Hardy Central pony rides. You did great.

Opportunities & Events:

Collecting school supplies, small toys, toiletry items, small items of clothing, i.e. hats, gloves, scarves. Bring to Dec. meeting.

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.”

National Academy of Engineering's EngineerGirl! website's 12th annual Essay Contest. Students are asked to write about the role of engineering in providing safe and nutritious food. Details and rules can be found on the EngineerGirl! website: <http://www.engineergirl.org/CMS/Contest/food2012.aspx>. Participation is open to both girls and boys in grades 3-12 and submissions must be entered by 6:00 pm (EST) on March 1, 2012. All winning entries will be published on the EngineerGirl! website and winners will receive cash prizes: first place winners \$500, second place winners \$250, third place winners \$100. The 2012 EngineerGirl! Essay Contest was made possible by the generous support of Lockheed Martin Corporation.

Nov. 22 – Money Matters/LifeSmarts Workshop, East End Government Center, 6:30 -8:00 during leaders meeting. You can sign up tonight or call Kendra 5015160 or email office. Sign up by Nov. 15.

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.

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.

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. i.e. 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).

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. 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.

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.

November 16: Pack Christmas shoeboxes for 3rd world country's children. 6:30 p.m. Hardy Central Baptist Church. Go to back door or call and I will meet you at door. 3896683 - Pinky

Next VRS meeting –Next meeting – December 13, 7:00 p.m. at Dorey Park. This will be our Christmas party & packing stockings for St. Joseph's Villa. Bring items for stockings & something for party.

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:

Spring for National Youth Service Day – April – We will clean creek on Gay Avenue, tentatively set.

Achievement Activities 2011-12: Look over the following to make sure I have your name down where you belong.

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

15: VRS Horse Show; worked or showed, VRS

22: Southern States Concession: VRS#13; County#7: Sara, Cameron, Londyn, Jamie, Kelli

Hardy Central Pony Rides & Yard Sale: VRS#13, County#7: Cameron, Ella, Alec, Autum, Taylor, Brittaney, Christine, Ashley, Marcus