



## Visit the Facility for Our Inaugural Event

### Youth Equestrian Festival Shows

Mid Atlantic Pony Club Regional Invitational  
SWVHJA Hunter Jumper  
USEA Eventing  
Youth Equestrian Festival Open Show  
USEA Dressage  
Non-Recognized Dressage Event (Thu & Sun)

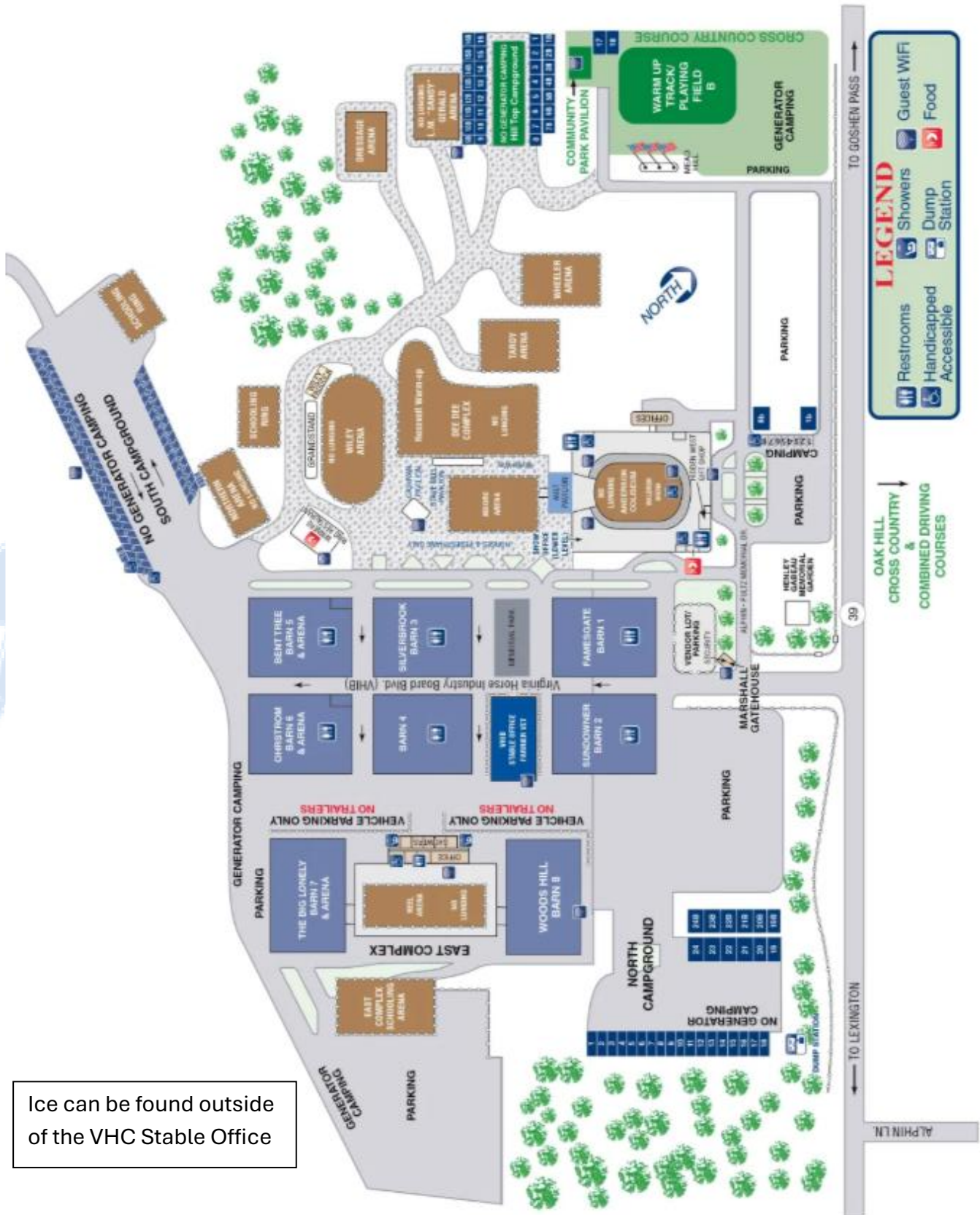
### Youth Activities

Thursday Opening  
Ceremony with Team Parade  
Friday Youth Prom  
Saturday Movie Night

### Plus So Much More

Clinics  
Demonstrations  
Vendors  
Safety Symposium  
Scenic Views and Facility

## Map of Virginia Horse Center



# Youth Equestrian Festival Guidebook

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# Event Officials and Organizers

## Youth Equestrian Festival Organizing Committee

Steve Shank, Chairman

Jill Dawson, Open Show

Carrie Camp, Co-Chairman

Chris Donovan, Show Jumping

Cinda Ayers

Lilly Ervin

Molly Bull, Eventing

Amanda Loreti, 4-H Liaison

Gammon Castellvi, Volunteer Coordinator

Tamala Nichols, Dressage

Cheryl Clark, Mega Rally Activities

Rebecca Walton

Mimi Combs, Clinics

## Youth Equestrian Festival Secretaries and Registration Links

### Show Secretaries:

**Clinics** – Mimi Combs Coliseum show office

**Dressage** - Bettina Longaker (540) 222-5850 Coliseum show office

**Eventing** - Rick Dunkerton [evententriesoffice@gmail.com](mailto:evententriesoffice@gmail.com) Coliseum show office

**Open Show** - Diane Hinch Open Show – East Complex Office (540) 488-0019

### Registration links:

**Clinics** – <https://evententries.com> (Youth Equestrian Festival Clinic)

**Dressage** - <https://www.horseshowoffice.com/hso/enter2.asp?ShowID=84&cid=5>

**Eventing** - <https://evententries.com/#ShowMjYyNA==>

**Open Show** - <https://horseshowsonline.com/OnlineEntry.aspx>

### Opening & Closing Dates

Opens June 3, 2025 and when entries fill we will establish a waitlist. See specific disciplines for closing dates.

# Tentative Festival Schedule

## Tuesday, July 15

10:00 am – move in begins

## Wednesday, July 16

8:00 am – move in continues throughout the day

12 noon – Show Jumping Warm-up Classes

12 noon- Fix-A-Test Clinic

4:00 pm – Mega Rally Competitor Packet Pickup  
(from 4:00 to 6:00 pm) at the show office

## Thursday, July 17

7:00 am – Mega Rally Competitor Packet Pickup  
(from 7:00 to 9:00 am) at the show office

8:00 am – USEA Eventing Competition Day 1

8:00 am – Schooling Dressage Competition Day  
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8:00 am – Jumper Competition Day 1

8:00 am – Quiz Competition Day 1

6:30pm – Opening Ceremonies

## Friday, July 18

8:00 am – USEA Eventing Competition Day 2

8:00 am – USEF Lincensed Dressage  
Competition Day 1

8:00 am – Jumper Competition Day 2

8:00 am – Quiz Competition Day 2

9:00 am – Hunter Show Day 1

10:00 am – Dressage Musical Freestyle Clinic

6:30 pm – Youth Equestrian Festival Prom

## Saturday, July 19

8:00 am – USEF Licensed Dressage Competition  
Day 2

8:00 am – Jumper Competition Day 3

8:00 am – Quiz Competition Day 3

9:00 am – Hunter Show Day 2

10:00 am – XC Clinics

1:00 pm – Western Show

6:30 pm – Ice Cream Social and Movie Night

## Sunday, July 20

8:00 am – Non-sanctioned Dressage  
Competition Day 2

8:00 am –Jumpers Competition Day 4

9:00 am – Gymkhana

8:00 am – Quiz Competition Day 4

9:00 am – USPC Quiz vs. 4H Hippology Battle of  
the Brains

10:00 am – XC Clinics

## Monday, July 21

10:00 am – all competitors and mounts must  
have left the Virginia Horse Center

## Special Events

### Stall Decorating Contest

Judging will go on for the duration of the competition and be awarded at the completion of each competition day (there will be a winner each day). The award can only be won once per participant/team. Mega Rally participants will be judged on their team tack room stall fronts.

### Opening Ceremonies– Thursday, July 17, 2025 (6:30 to 8:30 PM)

Opening Ceremonies will be held in the Coliseum. All competitors are encouraged to walk in the ceremony and will be announced by Pony Club Regions or Clubs/Young Riders/4-H Clubs/IEA & IEL Teams/barns/individuals as applicable! Team Spirit dress Welcomed!

### Prom – Fairy Tail Trails - Friday, July 18, 2025 (6:30 to 9:00 PM)

The theme is Fairy Tail Trails! Please dress according to however the theme inspires you. There will be a DJ and dance facilitator to bring the party! EVERYONE is invited (this means competitors, parents, coaches, families)!

### Ice Cream Social and Movie Night – Saturday, July 19, 2025 (6:30 to 9:00 PM)

Please join us in the Coliseum to watch the movie with ice cream! Everyone is invited!

### Educational Clinics and Demonstrations

There will be numerous clinics and demonstrations offered throughout the week. Please check the website for all the details on the various learning opportunities.

# General Information

## VHC General Admission & Festival General Admission

Admission is FREE for all!

## VHC Rules and Regulations

No motorized vehicles on the XC course.

All personnel must follow appropriate rules when utilizing a golf cart, to include being licensed to operate a motorized vehicle while on grounds.

## Trade Fare

There will be a trade fare of local businesses in the coliseum.

## Parking

Parking is free!

Trailers must be parked in designated parking areas. NO trailer parking in any location designated with “No Trailer Parking” signage.

## Golf Carts

- All drivers must have a valid driver's license
- All drivers must follow posted signage
- Golf Carts are available for rent on-site from VHC (see VHC website, [VHC Golf Cart Rental Link](#))

## **USEF Motorized Vehicle Statement**

Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above-described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The parent(s), legal guardian(s), or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for penalties against those responsible for the child committing the offense. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

The unsafe use of personal electronic transport devices, as determined by the competition officials and management in their sole discretion, that do not require a driver's license to operate, including but not limited to segways, hover boards, and single wheeled scooters is prohibited on competition grounds. Operating such devices in areas where people gather may be deemed “unsafe use” if there is a risk of harm to others. If the operator of the device is a minor, the parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating the device in violation of this rule is accountable and may be subject to penalties. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.



## Bicycles

Attendees may ride bicycles on site. Bicycles must:

- Give way to horses
- Be parked at the end of barns for duration of festival

## Dogs and Pets

- Are not allowed in the barns or indoor venues
- Must be leashed at all times
- Must never be left unattended

## Ice

Bagged ice can be purchased on-site outside of the VHC Stabling Office (see VHC map at the beginning of the program for location)

## Hotels

Please see the Virginia Horse Center Website for the nearest offsite lodging options

- Link – [Local Accommodations](#)

## Camping

Please see the Virginia Horse Center Website for onsite camping options

- Link – [VHC Camping](#)

## Equine Travel & Accommodations

### Show Services – Veterinarian & Farrier Information

Veterinarian and Farrier are available on site between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm daily. An on-call veterinarian or farrier can be reached after hours if needed. A list of available veterinarians and farriers can be found posted at the stabling office.

### Equine Travel Requirements

All equines traveling onto the Virginia Horse Center must have a current, negative coggins. All equines that will be traveling across state lines must also have a Certificate of Veterinary Health (CVI) within 30 days. Coggins and CVI must be valid for the duration of the competition. All equines must have proof of vaccination per discipline requirements.

## Loading/Unloading

Participants must unload as quickly as possible in the barn areas. No vehicles are allowed in barns areas except for loading/unloading. All aisles and roadways around barns must be kept open pursuant to fire regulations.

### Commercially Shipped Horses

Must have authorized horse-knowledgeable representatives to meet the van on arrival and be able to care for horses until competitors are on the grounds. Plan enough individuals as appropriate for the number of mounts on the van and to be at the barns BEFORE the horses are scheduled to arrive.

## Bedding, Hay, and Feed

No bedding, hay, or feed is included with your entry fee. Bedding can be preordered from the VHC Stabling Office. There is no hay or feed sold onsite. There is a local Tractor Supply less than 2 miles from the Virginia Horse Center (800 North Lee Hwy, Lexington, VA 24450) [Tractor Supply Lexington VA](#).

## Early Arrival and Layover Stalls

Competitors and Equines may arrival as early as Tuesday, July 15 at 10:00 am. Competitors and Equines must leave grounds no later than 10:00 am on Monday, July 21. Mega-Rally fee includes 4 nights of stabling. Additional nights can be purchased at the Stabling Office \$35 per night.

## Stabling Information

**Stall Specification** - All stalls are 12' x 12' with rubber mats and full doors.

Fans may be used and must have 3 prongs. Please be sure to bring appropriate fan hanging equipment along with appropriate extension cords and material to secure fan cords up and away from horses in the stalls.

Smoking and Vaping are not permitted in or around the barn area.

No drilling or nailing into doors or walls permitted.

**Stall Assignments** - Stabling Office will have all Stall Assignments.

**Stall Stripping** - Stalls do not need to be stripped prior to departure (yay)!

## Waste Disposal

**Manure Disposal** – Manure and used shavings removed from stalls and trailers must be placed in the designated bins located on the ends of each barn. Empty shaving bags must be placed in trashcans and NOT in the manure pits.

**Medical Waste** – Medical waste, to include needles, syringes, and other medical supplies must be discarded in the appropriate sharps containers in each barn. Please do not discard of any medical waste in stalls, manure pits, or trashcans.

## Hacking and Longeing

Hacking and schooling of mounts must take place in the designated locations. Hacking locations and information will be posted daily by the respective Secretaries.



## Invitational Mega-Rally Entry Details

### Governing Rules

All mega rally disciplines will be governed under the United States Pony Club discipline rulebooks, Horse Management Handbook and annual newsletters.

### Mega Rally Entries

- Initial entry must be made through Mid-Atlantic Regions Google Form (insert link)
- Once you enter through the Google Form, your RS will be responsible for putting entries into teams. Mixed certifications and mixed levels within the same discipline may be on the same teams.
- **Mounted Mega-Rally Competitors - \$450**
  - o Includes 4 nights stabling
  - o Multiple day competition in your core discipline
  - o 3 tickets that entitle you to sign up for classes in the following – Show Jumping, Hunters, Cross Country Clinic, Dressage Musical Clinic, 4H Open Classes. Please see the Mega Rally Secretary to schedule use of your Tickets. Additional class entries can also be purchased from the discipline Secretaries.
- Eligible for ribboning within the Mega Rally delegation and in the overall YEF competitions as an individual competitor per specific discipline.
- **Quiz Mega-Rally Competitors - \$225**

### Mega Rally Details

#### Eligibility – Mega Rally Specific

- Age
  - o Minimum Age – you must have been born on or before 1/1/2015
  - o Maximum Age – you must have been born no earlier than 1/1/2000.
  - o NO AGE EXCEPTIONS
  - o Younger individuals may compete in disciplines/activities outside the Mega Rally.
- You must have completed a Pony Club rally within the last year, an overnight rally is strongly recommended but not required.
- Certification – must be a D2 Riding or higher

### Horse Management Expectations

All participants will follow the horse care practices outlined by

- The Standards of Proficiency at their certification level
- Current Horse Management Handbook and HM Newsletter
- Current USPC Manual of Horsemanship D and C Manuals
- Direction of any Mega-Rally Staff

## Chaperones and Coaches

**Chaperones** – In addition to the overall chaperone information stated previously in the guidebook, there will be a chaperone of a team member designated to be the point of contact for the team during the duration of the competition.

**Coaches** – are allowed in all mounted disciplines. They are encouraged for activities involving jumping. All coaches forms must be submitted upon arrival and can be found on the Championships Information page of the Pony Club website. Refer to appropriate coach forms and rulebooks for details about coaching responsibilities and expectations.

## Volunteers

All competitors are required to provide a volunteer during the entry process to assist with Mega Rally. We welcome any additional volunteers who may be willing to help and ask that they email Gammon Castellvi at [Gammonlee@gmail.com](mailto:Gammonlee@gmail.com).

## Arrival Email

An email detailing competition arrival procedures, stall assignments, and more time sensitive information will go out to the email submitted upon entry. This email will go out no later than the Monday, July 14, 2025.

## Arrival Dates

Horses may arrive as early as Tuesday, July 15 at 10:00 am. Wednesday, July 16 additionally allows for another day of arrivals prior to the start of competition.

## Attire

Appropriate to the discipline. People in the stables maybe casual with a focus on appropriateness.



## Disciplines Offered for Mega Rally Teams

In addition to entering the Mega Rally. Competitors may enter individually in other discipline classes of their choice.

**Team Configuration** – teams will be composed of 3-4 riders and a Stable Manager (non-riding). Please provide your team make-up at to the Mega Rally Office.

### Dressage

Mega Rally competitors may choose to do a 4 ride competition (no musicals) in the USEF licensed dressage show running Friday and Saturday OR do the schooling dressage show, also 4 rides, running on Thursday and Sunday. Classes will be offered from Training level thru Second Level USDF 2023 tests. Teams may be of mixed levels and ages. Here is a link to the PDF versions of the 2023 USDF Dressage Tests <https://www.usdf.org/downloads/forms/index.asp?TypePass=Tests>

### Eventing

This will be a USEA sanctioned horse trial, offering Starter through Training level divisions. This will run Thursday and Friday. ALL competitors, please ensure you choose the correct stabling option for the Mega Rally. Mega Rally teams may be scrambled across the levels and across ages. Riders may be on both a mega rally team and an Interscholastic eventing team as these competitions will be awarded separately.

### Quiz

Competition Format – To be announced.

#### Divisions Offered

- Junior D (ages 12-17)
- Senior D (ages 18+)
- Junior C and Up (ages 12-17)
- Senior C and Up (ages 18+)

#### Quiz Awards

1<sup>st</sup>-8th individuals in all divisions in addition to the following teams.

- Junior D (ages 12-17)
- Senior D (ages 18+)
- Junior C and Up (ages 12-17)
- Senior C and Up (ages 18+)

### Show Jumping

The mega rally will include entry into classes 201-205. Class 201-204 will be used for team scoring. Competitors may enter individually in other discipline classes of their choice. See Open Show prize list for class descriptions. Four Clear Rounds' Ribbons – clear round ribbons awarded to all riders who complete four clear rounds in mega-rally divisions

### Awards Ceremony

Team Overall and HM ribbons will be awarded at the Awards Ceremony. Discipline awards will be held at the end of each respective discipline. Please look for a specific time during competition.

Individual Ribbons will be awarded by the discipline.

