



2023 Vermont Horse Council (VHC)

“Be a Good Neighbor”

Poster Contest



Vermont Horse Council (VHC) is sponsoring a “Be a Good Neighbor” Poster Contest for 4-H members only, and is working in partnership with 4-H to provide youth with this opportunity.

The contest will follow 4-H requirements concerning size and presentation/evaluation rules; see https://www.uvm.edu/sites/default/files/4-H-and-Youth/stateday/Poster_Fillable_Final.pdf.

Blue, Red and White award certificates will be given to the top 3 Juniors (ages 8 to 13) and Seniors (ages 14 to 18) at the state level. Both Blue state winners will be awarded a specialized VHC Blue ribbon, and will have their posters copied and distributed on the VHC website and Facebook channel. Blue ribbon winners also have the option to have their poster distributed via local newspapers throughout the state and/or to their local school district by VHC.

The contest theme, “Be a Good Neighbor,” is about encounters between non-equine and equine individuals, and each poster must contain one safety rule from the following list:

- Maintain a safe distance and/or speed around horses (person and/or vehicle)
- Avoid loud noises (all types) around horses
- Avoid quick movements (all types) around horses
- Ride politely around others (mounted/non-mounted)

Submission Deadlines:

- Poster submission deadline is March 31, 2023 and all entries must be received before 6 p.m. on April 1.
- All posters will be judged by the VHC Board with winners notified via email by April 23.
- Recognition and ribbon presentations will be made at 4-H State Day on May 6, 2023.

Submission Requirements:

- Individual poster(s) must be photographed and emailed as an attachment to Lisa Lafont, VHC Safety Committee, at lisaohlafont297@gmail.com.
- Submissions MUST include the 4-H member’s name, age, and hometown to be considered.
- When sending an entry to Lisa, use “Subject: 4-H Poster.”