



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



November 9, 2022

Upcoming Events

- Nov 12** - Cloverbud Club
- Nov 14** - Officer Training & Teen Club
- Nov 17** - PW 4-H New Member Meeting
- Dec 1** - Embryology Registration Opens
- Dec 4** - PW 4-H Recognition Day
- Dec 7** - Portfolio Training
- Dec 10** - Clover(bud) Club
- Dec 13** - PW 4-H Teen Club & Homemade Holiday Gift Night
- Dec 17** - Wreaths Across America
- Jan 1** - Horse Enrollment Project Deadline
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- Jan 12** - PW 4-H Teen Club
- Jan 14** - Clover(bud) Club

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Congratulations to Prince William 4-H Young Entrepreneurs



The Prince William 4-H Young Entrepreneurs finished their 6 month project on Saturday. Led by 4-H Educator and alumni Ashley (Isaacson) Butler, the project guided youth through a series of workshops and market days to arm our young entrepreneurs with business skills to

SPARK their ideas and grow the next generation of business leaders.

A group of 13 Prince William 4-H'ers explored their talents, hobbies and interests to begin their business. They developed a business plan, financial plan, product, and marketing materials. They presented their business plans to the "board room." And they produced their products to sell at the Manassas Farmer's Market at up to 5 market days.

The project received tremendous support from market goers and 4-H'ers that came out to support their friends. Not only did our young entrepreneurs learn new skills and grow their businesses, but they gained new friends and an entire community of support!

A HUGE 4-H THANK YOU goes out to the Manassas Farmer's Market for donating the booth space, Ashley Isaacson for leading the initiative, and all of the parents, volunteers, and staff that truly made the Prince William 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Project possible.



Prince William 4-H Officer Training is **MONDAY!**

This important event is one not to miss! At 4-H, we learn by doing, and our Officer Training will keep you on your toes and get the creativity flowing through a series of exciting team games and activities.



ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

Date: November 14th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Location: McCoart Building, Woodbridge

Who Should Attend: All new 4-H Youth Club Officers, any 4-H'er interested in an officer position at the local, district or state level, and all PW 4-H Teens

[Click here to register.](#) (same registration as Teen Club Meeting)

Prince William 4-H Important Dates and Registration Links



PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H YOUTH NEEDED FOR VOICE OVER PROJECT

We received a couple volunteers for this project, but would like more participation to showcase our youth. Prince William 4-H is in need of 1-2 more enthusiastic youth members who would be interested in doing a voice over for our PowerPoint presentation about the 4-H program in Prince William County that will be presented to Dr. Michael Gutter, incoming Associate Dean and Director of Virginia Cooperative Extension. Please email MaryBeth Lerch for more information and to volunteer.



PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H CLOVER(BUD) CLUB - SATURDAY!

Date: November 12th, 10 am-12 pm

Location: 4-H Children's Barn, PWC Fairgrounds

Who Should Attend: All PWC youth ages 5-8 with an interest in 4-H

[Click here to register.](#)

Wear something PATRIOTIC! We'll be learning about citizenship with a fun, hands-on activity while discussing how we can be better citizens and be involved in positive changes in our community.



PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H TEEN CLUB - MONDAY!

Date: November 14th, held in conjunction with Officer Training

Time: 6:30 -8:30 pm

Location: McCoart Building

Who Should Attend: All PW 4-H'ers ages 14-19

[Click here to register.](#)



PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H YOUTH OFFICER TRAINING - MONDAY!

Date: November 14th

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Location: McCoart Building, Woodbridge

Who Should Attend: All new 4-H Youth Club Officers and all PW 4-H Teens

All ages welcome!

[Click here to register.](#) (same registration as Teen Club Meeting)

This interactive in-person meeting is for all Prince William 4-H'ers, especially all club officers, whether returning or newly elected and teens in the Teen Club. This meeting will be hands-on and engaging - **bring your creativity and be prepared to move!**

Youth will work together in teams to compete in a 4-H Skill-a-Thon, practice parliamentary procedure with Parli Pro Snack Mix, and creatively outline their roles, responsibilities, and importance of their contributions.



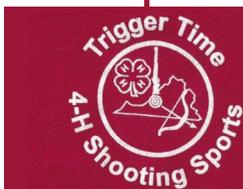
PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H NEW MEMBER MEETING - Please register!

Date: November 17th, 7:30 pm

Location: McCoy Conference Room (upstairs), Sudley North 4-H Office

Who Should Attend: Anyone who joined 4-H since 2020 and is interested in learning about opportunities beyond project work. The meeting is geared towards parents and leaders, but youth are welcome to attend. [Click here to register.](#)

TRIGGER TIME 4-H SHOOTING EDUCATION CLUB DEFEATS AMERICAN LEGION POST 290



November 1, 2022: Trigger Time 4-H Shooting Education Club defeated American Legion Post 290 1095.7 to 1061.2 last week in the National Air Rifle League. Trigger Time 4-H Shooting Education Club was led by Samantha Seagle who shot a 278.2, Samantha Erick who shot a 275.5, Lexi Strand who shot a 272.9, and Noble Richter who shot a 269.1. American Legion Post 290 was led by Marisa McDonough who shot a 278.7.

Press Releases Submitted by Trigger Time 4-H Shooting Education Club

[Click here for Trigger Time 4-H Shooting Education Club Team Page](#)

**Civic
Engagement**

STEM

**Healthy
Living**

Agriculture

Prince William 4-H Cloverbuds are youth ages 5 to 8 that are interested in learning more about 4-H.

Cloverbuds complete short-term, hands-on, adult-led, exploratory projects in subject areas such as civic engagement, STEM, healthy living and agriculture. All 4-H projects are research and education-based. We lay the foundation of knowledge to help develop our

future community leaders!

What is 4-H?
4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. Our goal is to help young people grow into capable, responsible, confident members of our community by providing information, opportunities, activities and events that are educational and fun! Through clubs throughout Prince William County, our youth conduct youth-led meetings to complete projects, community service projects, and participate in local and state government events.

Come Grow with Us!

Attend our next **Clover Club!** You can also learn more at www.pwcgov.org/4-H.

PWC 4-H
4HPWC@pwcgov.org
(703) 792-4536



**A 4-H Club for
Youth Ages 5-8**

(parent or guardian must be present)

FREE!

**4-H Children's Barn
PWC Fairgrounds**

10624 Dumfries Rd.
Manassas, VA 20112

**2 HOURS OF 4-H
FUN!**

Saturdays

10 am - 12 pm

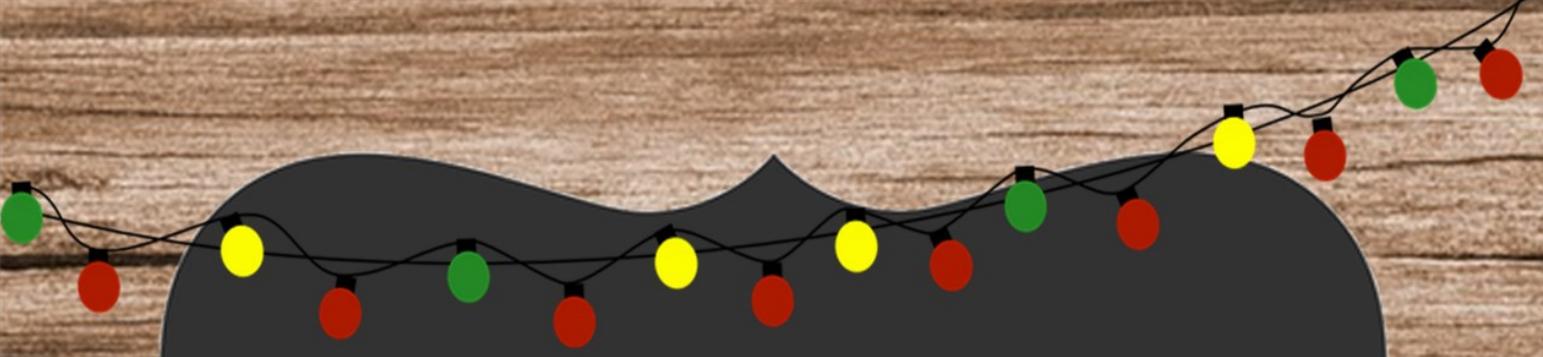
next meeting dates:

**November 12
December 10**

[Click here to register.](#)

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FLANNEL, FROST & 4-H

Prince William 4-H Recognition Day

Sunday, December 4th, 2-4 pm

Windy Knoll Farm, 11602 Kettle Run Rd., Nokesville, VA



All Prince William 4-H Members Are Invited!

Join us in celebrating the youth, volunteers, members and leaders that exemplified the 4-H motto during the 2021-2022 4-H Year! All members are welcome to participate in the festivities as we share *Our 4-H Story*.

Beverages will be provided. Please bring a treat to share.

Please RSVP by Monday, November 28th. [Click here to RSVP.](#)



Wreaths Across America Ceremonies: December 19th

[Please click here to find your Prince William 4-H Club's page and to sponsor a wreath.](#)

[Click here for a Veteran's Wreath coloring activity.](#)

[Click here to learn more about Wreaths Across America.](#)

Wreaths Across America is a Prince William 4-H community service initiative. Their mission is to **REMEMBER** our fallen US veterans, **HONOR** those who serve, and **TEACH** our children the value of freedom. We invite you to honor a veteran in your life by sharing their stories and your memories of them, sponsoring wreaths in their name at Quantico or Arlington Cemetery, and by encouraging others to do the same.



Key Dates for 4-H Youth Animal Sciences

VIRGINIA YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAMS

WINTER/SPRING CONTEST AND EVENT DATES

Take a minute to add these dates to your calendars!!



Saturday, December 3rd – YOUTH BEEF FIELD DAY offered by the VT Collegiate Cattlemen's Club at VA Tech – Event will run from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, at VA Tech, for youth ages 9 to 18. Watch for details and registration information.

Saturday, December 10th – NW District **INTRO TO EQUISMARTZ** (Berryville, VA)

Saturday, January 21st – SW District **INTRO TO EQUISMARTZ** (Wytheville, VA)

Friday, February 10th and Saturday, February 11th – **BLOCK AND BRIDLE HIPPOLOGY** (Friday) and **HORSE JUDGING** (Saturday) Contests at VA Tech – Rules, Contest Details and Entry Links Coming Soon!

Friday, February 24th and Saturday, February 25th – **BLOCK AND BRIDLE STOCKMAN'S** (Friday) and **LIVESTOCK JUDGING** (Saturday) Contests at VA Tech – Rules, Contest Details, and Entry Links Coming Soon!

Saturday, March 4th – **VIRGINIA 4-H/FFA STATE MEATS EVALUATION CONTEST** at VA Tech – Rules, Contest Details, and Entry Link Coming Soon!

Saturday, March 18th – **MC STOCKMAN'S CHALLENGE LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST** (Harrisonburg, VA) – Additional Information will be out in the coming weeks

Wednesday, March 29th – **STATE 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON** (Harrisonburg, VA) – Additional Information will be out in the coming weeks

We are finalizing dates for spring Dairy contests, as well as April activities and events, so watch for those announcements soon!

[Click here for a complete Youth Animal Science Calendar.](#)



SHOPPING EARLY FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Be sure to support the Prince William County 4-H Association while you shop an Amazon by selecting us as your charity with Amazon Smile. Amazon donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases - at no cost to you. See [Page 12](#) for details.

National 4-H

2022 HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

Spark some 4-H cheer this holiday season. From scarves to hoodies and other thoughtful gifts, this year's guide has everything you need to cross each person off your list. [Click here to spread the cheer!](#)





An introductory program, 4-H members and interested youth from the **Northwest 4-H District** and surrounding Counties are invited to come and experience components of the state educational contests collectively known as EquiSmartz. This clinic includes sessions in Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Horse Judging. Youth will learn the basic format of the contests and types of questions presented, plus participate in a mini-practice contest for each component (no awards). Club leaders, parents, and volunteers participate in a concurrent session for instruction on how to organize teams for EquiSmartz and to share ideas. *Youth must have a designated adult chaperone on site.*

More info about EquiSmartz <https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/horse.html>



NORTHWEST DISTRICT & SURROUNDING COUNTIES

REGISTER ONLINE → <https://bit.ly/NW-Intro>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Dec. 5, 2022

LEARN HORSE
JUDGING

PRACTICE
HIPPOLOGY

EXPERIENCE
HORSE BOWL

LEADER
ORIENTATION

PLAN FOR EQUISMARTZ!
(Mar. 31 – April 2, 2023)

Clarke County Ruritan
Fairgrounds
890 W Main St, Berryville, VA

9 AM - 4 PM

Dec. 10, 2022

\$10/person at door
(pizza lunch provided)

Proceeds benefit the VA 4-H Horse Program Ambassadors.
Questions? Email Sandy Arnold at horse4h@vt.edu



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VIRGINIA 4-H TEEN SUMMIT

Focused on Social Justice and Equity + Inclusion issues such as racial justice, LGBTQ+ rights, the environment, mental health, teen voice, and empowerment.

Who should attend?

Teens (14-18) interested in advocacy, social justice, leadership, or just making a difference in their communities.

When: December 9th-11th

Location: W.E. Skelton 4-H Center, Wirtz, VA

Cost: \$50

For Questions

- Dr. Erika Bonnett (ebonnett@vt.edu)
- Dr. Tonya Price (totaylor@vt.edu)

Reminders

- **November 7th:** Registration starts on 4-H Online
- **November 30th:** Registration ends
- Reach out to your 4-H Agent for help registering



Follow @va4hteensummit on Instagram!

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INTEREST WEBINAR: Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00 p.m. via zoom. All teens interested in attending can register here and will receive the link for the zoom: <https://forms.gle/ULSGLa5ijAfUn8u8A>



VA Association of Fairs Youth Leadership Contests

VAF YOUTH LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Application Deadline: December 2nd

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

The VAF Youth Leadership Contest recognizes superior leadership characteristics among junior members of the Association's member fairs and festivals and overall fair industry. This scholarship contest is for teens age 14-19 involved in a VAF-member fair or festival. Application, resume, letter of reference and essay are due prior to contest and then an in-person interview, prepared speech, PowerPoint presentation and extemporaneous speech occur on contest day during the VAF annual conference. The 2023 VAF Conference is January 12-15 at the Williamsburg Lodge. Participants can win a portion of over \$9,000 paid to 8 places for post-secondary education.

VAF AG IT UP YOUTH POSTER CONTEST

Contest Deadline: December 20th

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

VAF has a NEW poster contest for youth ages 9-13 called the AG IT UP Youth Poster Contest. Youth can submit a 3x4ft poster or tri board display exhibiting how agriculture is a part of their fair or festival for a chance at 1st, 2nd and 3rd cash prizes.

VCE Financial Education & Housing Counseling



Financial Empowerment Center
at Prince William County

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VCE's Financial Education and Housing Counseling offers free counseling services and classes to Prince William County residents. Services include:

- Creating Spending Plans
- Housing Counseling
- Improving Credit
- Financial Coaching
- Foreclosure Intervention Services
- Reverse Mortgages and more

[Click here for dates, times, descriptions and registrations for virtual courses](#) on topics including;

- Financial Empowerment Series
- Smart Money Management
- Be A Successful Renter
- Spending & Savings Plans
- Small Business 101 Workshop
- Understanding Credit Reports and Scores

For the Prince William County First-Time Homebuyers program, there are 3 educational parts to be completed. Each offers a certificate upon completion.

- Homeownership Seminar
- Smart Money Management
- Financial Assessment Counseling

Email smartmoney@pwcgov.org for information.

[Click here to sign up to receive their e-newsletter.](#)

[Click here to learn more about the VCE Financial Empowerment Center.](#)



YOUTH BEEF FIELD DAY

**DECEMBER 3RD, 2022
10 A.M – 4 P.M.
BLACKSBURG, VA**

***hosted by The Beef Leadership
Council at Virginia Tech***

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Nutrition
- Reproduction
- Herd Health
- Livestock Judging
- Showing/Fitting
- Meat Evaluation and Judging
- Industry
- YQCA Training

Ages 9-18 are welcomed!

Fee: \$15/person

***Groups of 10 or more will
receive a discounted rate of
\$12.50/person.***

***Lunch will be provided
to all participants!***

Please register by November
27th using this link:
<https://forms.gle/BouZvT1taoNHxaPGA>

Questions? Please email
Bailey Watson at
baileyreinwatson@vt.edu



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Season 2 *A Taste of Farming*

October 2022–March 2023

Are you aspiring to farm or just starting out with farming? If so, this “learn as you go” online series is for you! It is designed to help you get a taste of different farming practices and concepts so you can explore your interests, gain a basic understanding of different farming topics, avoid common pitfalls, and get to know the Extension professionals in Virginia here to assist you.

Season 2 runs from October 2022 to March 2023. Each month, we will release two new Taste of Farming videos for you to watch! A few weeks after a moderated Q & A session will be held with the presenters where you can hear more from them and have your questions answered. Our schedule is listed below and videos and registration links are available on our website:

vabeginningfarmer.alce.vt.edu/TasteofFarming.html

Please reach out to Sarah Sharpe at seweaver@vt.edu or Katie Trozzo ketrozzo@vt.edu if you have questions.

NOVEMBER Q& A SESSION: NOV 10 FROM 7-8PM ET

- Nicole Shuman, Goochland County VCE Ag Agent on "How to Interpret a Soils Test"
- Mike Parrish, Dinwiddie County VCE Ag Agent on "Information for New Pesticide Applicators"

DECEMBER Q& A SESSION: DEC 8 FROM 7-8PM ET

- Erin Small, Prince Edward VCE Ag Agent on "Floriculture"
- Beth Sastre, Loudoun VCE Ag Agent, on "Vineyard Establishment"

JANUARY Q& A SESSION: DATE TBD

- Kevin Spurlin, Grayson County VCE Ag Agent, and Ashley Edwards, Carroll County VCE Ag Agent on "Christmas Tree Farming"
- Speaker TBD on "Tree Fruit Production"

FEBRUARY Q& A SESSION: FEB 23 FROM 7-8PM ET

- Mandy Fletcher, VSU Small Farm Outreach Program Assistant SW VA Region on "Sheep and Goat Production"
- Sarah Sharpe, Greene VCE Ag Agent, on "Direct Marketing Meat"

MARCH Q& A SESSION: DATE TBD

- Tracy Porter, VSU Small Farm Outreach Program Assistant, Northern Neck, Middle Peninsula, Eastern Shore Region on "Poultry Production"
- Jeremy Daubert, Rockingham County VCE Ag Agent, and Cynthia Martel, Franklin County VCE Ag Agent on "Starting a Small Dairy (Cows and Goats)"

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Katie Trozzo at 540-231-4582 during business hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations at least 5 days prior to the event.

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Beginning Farmer & Rancher
COALITION PROGRAM

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THE ROANOKE FOODSHED NETWORK
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FARM TOUR AND FARMER SOCIAL

AT THORNFIELD FARM

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

3:00-6:00 PM

3092 BLUE RIDGE TURNPIKE
FINCASTLE, VA



Photos by Thornfield Farm

Join us for a farm tour, presentations, and networking at Thornfield Farm, a diversified farming operation with 3 acres of Certified Naturally Grown vegetables, multiple high tunnels, livestock, and flowers. Established in 2015, Thornfield Farm does not use synthetic pesticides or fertilizers, focusing on cover cropping and soil health to support their farm share program and markets. In addition to hearing from Thornfield Farm about their operation, this program will feature speakers sharing about different farming topics including Mike Heatwole from Water-Right presenting on how water quality affects soil pH and Seven Springs Farm Supply and Shawn Jadrnicek of Virginia Cooperative Extension sharing about fertility management in farming operations. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided. Be sure to wear footwear and clothing appropriate for a walking tour. Please email shawnj@vt.edu for more information.

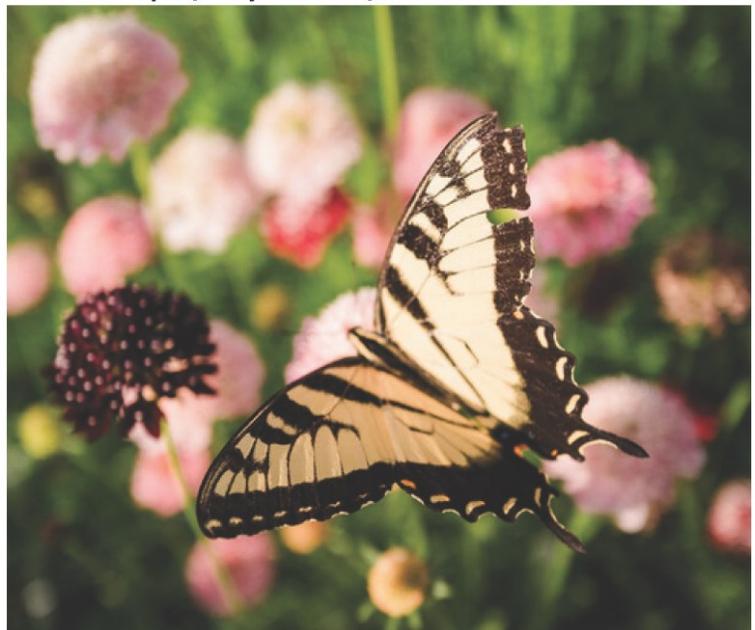
Please register to join:

<https://tinyurl.com/thornfieldfarmtour>

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Shawn Jadrnicek at 540-283-8190 during business hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations at least 5 days prior to the event.



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**2020-2021 PWC 4-H
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Association while You Shop!**

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "Prince William County 4-H Association" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app
5. Start shopping! A portion of select purchases will be donated to 4-H at no additional cost to you.



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