



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



May 24, 2023

Upcoming Events

- May 24 - Fundraising Committee Meeting
- May 25 - PW 4-H Teen Club
- Jun 10 - Market Day #1
- Jun 27-30 - Virginia 4-H State Congress
- Jul 15 - Market Day #2
- Jul 23-27 - Prince William/ Stafford 4-H Junior Camp
- Aug 5 - Market Day #3
- Aug 14-18 - Prince William 4-H Fair Camp
- Sep 2 - Market Day #4
- Oct 14 - Market Day #5
- Nov 24-28 - National 4-H Congress

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TONIGHT! Let's Put the FUN in FUNdraising!

Prince William 4-H Association Finance Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 24th, 6:30 pm

Location: McCoy Conference Room, Prince William 4-H Office

Who Should Attend: All 4-H youth and adult members interested in helping fundraise to support Prince William 4-H activities, camps, and scholarships. Each club should also send an adult and youth 4-H member to relay information back to their club.

Help Our Local Youth THRIVE with 4-H!

Help support our local youth with your creative ideas! Cost should not be a deterrent to participate in 4-H. Help make our programs, activities, and events affordable and accessible to all by creating and implementing simple and FUN fundraising events. Your Prince William 4-H Association Finance Committee has researched many ideas and needs your input to select and implement programs...each with a little extra FUN for all!



TOMORROW! Prince William 4-H Teen Club



PW4-H TEEN CLUB: FOCUSING ON THE 4-H PILLAR OF STEM

Date: Thursday, May 25th

Time: 7-8:30 pm

Location: McCoy Conference Room

*Registration is free but required for planning/supply purposes.

[Click here to register.](#)

Join us for an electrifying exploration of squishy circuits and more! The Prince William 4-H Teen Club will be focusing on the 4-H Pillar of STEM. All Prince William Junior 4-H'ers 12 and up are invited to attend this Teen Club Meeting and learn about this special interest club.

REGISTER FOR 4-H CAMPS BY JUNE 1ST!

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



TRACK 1
High Elements
Leadership Development



TRACK 2
Environmental Education
Swimming
Tie Dye



TRACK 3
Campfire Cooking
Field Sports
Canoeing



TRACK 4
Dance/Performing Arts
Photography
Arts and Crafts



TRACK 5
Air Rifle
Fishing
Outdoor Living Skills



TRACK 6
Archery
Low Ropes/Teambuilding
Newspaper



TRACK 7
Taste of Camp
Paper Mache
Yoga



ADVENTURE WITH 4-H

PRINCE WILLIAM - STAFFORD 4-H JUNIOR CAMP

Prince William-Stafford 4-H Junior Camp is our premier camp for youth in 4-H as well as youth interested in 4-H. Campers participate in morning classes, daily swim and recreation time, as well as evening programs and campfire. Youth select a program Track for morning activities when registering. Classes include archery, arts and crafts, canoeing, performing arts, photography, fishing, cooking, ropes course, and so much more.

NEW THIS YEAR is a Taste of Camp program for those who are first time campers. This track provides the opportunity to sample some of the most popular classes available, such as STEM, campfire cooking, low ropes, swim, and outdoor living skills.

Register today for your summer **ADVENTURE WITH 4-H!**



DATES: July 23rd - 27th

LOCATION: Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, VA

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Youth ages 9-14

CAMP FEE: \$360* and includes meals and lodging for five days and four nights, a camp t-shirt, and class supplies.

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.pwcva.gov/4-H>.

***Registration Fees increase by \$50 after June 1st. We cannot guarantee camp t-shirts after June 1st.**

ABOUT PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

Prince William 4-H is a community of young people across the greater Prince William area who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. Our goal is to help youth grow into capable, responsible, confident members of our community by providing information, opportunities, activities, and events that are educational and fun! In 4-H, we learn by doing! Our programs focus on the 4-H Pillars of Citizenship, STEM, Healthy Living, and Agriculture. In clubs throughout Prince William, our youth conduct youth-led meetings to complete projects, community service, and participate in local and state government events.

Begin your ADVENTURE WITH 4-H! Contact Prince William 4-H at 4HPWC@pwcva.gov for more information and to join a club.



Important Fair Help Needed

CLUB POSTERS NEEDED!

Our clubs are excited to create their own posters! We're excited to see your craftiness and to celebrate your club at the PWC Fair. Please submit your club poster to DeeAnn Strand at the 4-H office for display in the Prince William 4-H Children's Barn.

POSTERS NEED BY JULY 12TH.



Prince William 4-H Young Entrepreneurs



WORKSHOPS

McCoy Conference Room, 7987 Ashton Ave., Manassas
Final Workshop: May 30 6:30 - 8 pm

MARKET DAYS

Commuter Car Park, 9024 Prince William St., Manassas.
Market is open 8 am - 1 pm.
June 10, July 15, August 5, September 2, and October 14



Farmer's Market Field Trip



Business Planning Workshop






food challenge

Virginia Northeast District 4-H
2023



hosted by
US FOODS

A huge 4-H THANK YOU to US Foods in Manassas for providing their test kitchen space as the competition venue for our District Food Challenge. What a terrific opportunity for our young chefs to work in a real test kitchen!

Another huge 4-H THANK YOU to our fabulous, dedicated judges that provide invaluable feedback to help us continue to grow.

Next up...Virginia State 4-H Competition Day!

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH A FUN VIDEO!](#)





PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

At the PWC Fair, August 11-19, 2023



4-H CHILDREN'S BARN

Daily Activities, 2-8 pm

THRIVE WITH 4-H through a series of thought provoking activities focusing on STEM, Healthy Living, Ag, and Civic Engagement. Participate in daily special presentations from community partners. They're all free, hands-on and captivating!

4-H AGRICULTURE BARN

Daily Exhibits, 2-8 pm

Explore Prince William 4-H through fascinating exhibits, take part in a community service project to support our deployed military, pet chicks from our embryology project, and discover how you can **THRIVE WITH 4-H!**

4-H FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT THE SHOW BARN

Monday, August 14th, 5 pm

Join in the excitement of family-friendly games and activities hosted by Prince William 4-H.

PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H FAIR CAMP

August 14th-18th, 9 am-12:30 pm, \$50 fee includes activities, snacks, and a camp t-shirt. Prince William 4-H Fair Camp is a day camp for youth ages 5-12 held during the week of the annual PWC Fair at the PWC Fairgrounds. Youth learn and grow in a safe and exciting environment with activities, games, and art projects and more, in the 4-H Pillars of STEM, Healthy Living, Agriculture and Civic Engagement. Visit www.pwcva.gov/4-H for more information and registration links.

Discover a world of opportunities in Prince William and **THRIVE WITH 4-H!**



THRIVE WITH 4-H

Prince William 4-H Fair Camp

August 14-18, 2023 at the Prince William County Fairgrounds

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY



FRIDAY



Prince William 4-H Fair Camp is a day camp for youth ages 5-12 held during the week of the annual PWC Fair at the PWC Fairgrounds. Youth learn and grow in a safe and exciting environment with activities, games, and art projects and more, in the 4-H Pillars of STEM, Healthy Living, Agriculture and Civic Engagement.

Come to 4-H Camp and learn what it means to **THRIVE WITH 4-H!**

Register at www.pwcva.gov/4-H. Camp is Monday - Friday from 9 am - 12:30 pm. Registration fee is \$50 and includes activities, a healthy snack, and a camp t-shirt (if registered by June 1st).

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VOLUNTEER

and THRIVE
with 4-H!

Prince William 4-H at the County Fair

4-H YOUTH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Workday Wednesdays

Dates: Every Wednesday from June 21st - August 2nd

Time: 10 am - 2 pm; bring a bag lunch

Location: PWC 4-H Office

Who Should Volunteer: All middle school and high school 4-H'ers (bring a friend!)

[Click here to signup.](#)

Youth volunteers will be planning the activities, cutting, pasting, organizing, bagging, and more, for the enrichment activities at the 4-H Children's Barn at the PWC Fair and Prince William 4-H Fair Camp. Whether you're crafty, strong at lifting, good at organizing, innovative, or a worker bee, we need you to help us prepare!

PWC Fair 4-H Children's Barn & Ag Barn - Youth Volunteer

Dates: August 11th - 19th

Times: 2-5 pm or 5-8 pm shifts available

Location: PWC Fairgrounds

[Click here to signup.](#)

Youth volunteers are needed to assist youth and families with their activities as well as help direct the community service activities, assist with activities, share their 4-H stories and more.

ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

4-H Summer Fair Camp Chaperone

Dates: August 14th - 18th

Time: 8:30 am - 1 pm

Location: PWC Fairgrounds

Signup coming soon.

Camp Adult Volunteers are necessary to ensure our youth have a fun, safe camp experience. Adults are primarily chaperones, group facilitators, or help to distribute snacks. Any time that you can offer is welcome!

PWC Fair 4-H Children's Barn & Ag Barn - Adult Volunteer

Dates: August 11th - 19th

Times: 2-5 pm or 5-8 pm shifts

Location: PWC Fairgrounds

[Click here to signup.](#)

Visitors to the 4-H Children's Barn will be greeted by the Barn Manager and directed to activities. Adult volunteers will be on hand to answer any questions, assist with activities, and assist youth volunteers with community service and Ag Barn activities.



Thrive with 4-H

PRINCE WILLIAM

Postcard Station at the Prince William County Fair, August 11-19, 2023

4-H EMPOWERS KIDS WITH THE SKILLS TO LEAD FOR A LIFETIME

In 4-H, kids and teens explore their potential through fun, hands-on experiences in the pillar areas of science, health, agriculture and civic engagement - all with the support of caring adults and peers. As you navigate military life, 4-H also offers your family consistency, meaningful connections, and a sense of community.



**4-H
Military
Partnership**

RESILIENCE ★ CONFIDENCE ★ RESPONSIBILITY ★ FRIENDSHIP ★ COURAGE

Please write a message of support to our deployed military on the postcards provided. Here are some ideas of what you can say:

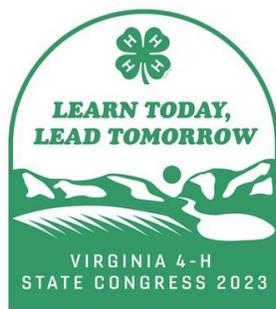
- ★ We appreciate your service on this day and every day.
- ★ Wishing you and all armed forces members a great day.
- ★ Your country thanks you today, and so do I.
- ★ Thank you for committing yourself to our country's safety.

Prince William 4-H provides kids with community, mentors, and learning opportunities to develop the skills they need to create positive change in their lives and communities. Our clubs participate in Wreaths Across America, Run for the Fallen, Honor Flights, service projects for Veterans Parades, postcards to deployed military, 4-H camp scholarships for military connected youth, and more. Visit www.4-hmilitarypartnership.org for even more opportunities through National 4-H to help your family stay connected.

THRIVE WITH 4-H AND SHOW SUPPORT FOR ALL BRANCHES OF OUR MILITARY!



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REGISTER BEFORE FRIDAY! Virginia 4-H State Congress

Dates: June 27th - 30th

Location: Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

Who Should Attend: All Prince William 4-H'ers ages 14-18

Registration Fee: \$270

[Click here to register through 4honline.](#) Registration closes May 26th.

REGISTER EARLY - workshop sessions fill quickly.

Virginia 4-H State Congress is the premier, statewide annual 4-H event for outstanding 4-H teens and adult volunteer leaders. Its mission is to provide competitive and non-competitive educational experiences to Virginia teens and the adults who work with them, helping them to develop life skills and leadership abilities to become contributing citizens in their communities.

[Click here for the full information packet.](#)

[Click here for more information and details on the Virginia 4-H Website.](#)

Judges Needed for 4-H State Competitions

Competition Date: Wednesday, June 28th

Time: The orientation meeting begins at 10:30 am; Competitions begin at 1:30 pm

Location: Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

[Click here to Signup.](#) **Please signup by June 2nd.**



The Virginia 4-H State Congress Competitions Committee needs volunteers for the Virginia 4-H state-level competitions. Volunteers are needed, to judge or serve as room chair for one of the competition areas being offered this year. As you know, Virginia 4-H offers youth the opportunity to compete in the areas of presentations, public speech, extemporaneous speech, food challenge, Fashion Revue, Share the Fun, and several other categories each year at Virginia 4-H State Congress.

Virginia All Stars Update

VIRGINIA 4-H STATE CONGRESS

During Virginia 4-H State Congress this year, Virginia 4-H All Stars will be tapping 86 youth and adult members who have completed many hours of service, education, and engagement in their 4-H career. The final step in their membership is participation in our tapping ceremony. This year's ceremony is taking place on the Virginia Tech campus at a location to be confirmed at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 29th during 4-H Congress at Virginia. All current All Stars are invited to come participate in the ceremony with us and welcome our new members.

4-H ALL STAR INTERSTATE CONFERENCE

"Exploring Virginia's Blue Ridge Foothills & Northern Piedmont Region"

Dates: August 3-6

Location: Culpeper, VA

See the Virginia 4-H All Star Newsletter for registration information.

Virginia 4-H is hosting the 4-H All Star Interstate Conference this year for Maryland, West Virginia, and Virginia All Stars! Tours include visiting the James Madison Museum, Montpelier, Cedar Springs Robotic Dairy Farm, and learning more about the Shenandoah National Park. Lodging will be at the Best Western Culpeper Inn with the business meeting occurring on Sunday morning.



Virginia 4-H Youth Animal Science Updates

VA 4-H PORK CHALLENGE

Date: Saturday, August 26th

Location: George Washington Carver Center, 9432 James Madison Highway, Rapidan, VA

Who Should Participate: All Prince William 4-H'ers, especially Food Challenge Teams

Registration Opens: July 6th

Registration Deadline: August 4th

[Click here for contest rules and website for registration.](#)

The Virginia 4-H Pork Challenge challenges youth to create a dish using only a predetermined set of ingredients. From these ingredients, youth must identify and prepare the dish, then make a presentation about it to the judges. This contest is being offered through grant funding received by the Virginia Pork Council. Similar to the 4-H Food Challenge and the Virginia 4-H Beef Challenge, this contest will allow participants to use their creativity to create a dish using pork as the main ingredient.

Please note that the rules were adapted from the other food challenge contest areas and thus, very similar in nature. This contest will be limited to 10 teams and when registration opens on July 6 it will be handled on a first-come, first-serve basis.




**VIRGINIA 4-H
PORK CHALLENGE**

**GEORGE WASHINGTON
CARVER CENTER
RAPIDAN, VA**

Saturday, August 26, 2023



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*Open to teams who registered by August 4, 2023

*For youth 9-18 years of age (as of 9/30/23)

*For more information contact:
Dr. Tonya Price
tonyaprice@vt.edu
540-232-6012
or
Mrs. Kelly Mallory
malloryk@vt.edu
540-948-6881

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact the State 4-H Office at 540-231-6372 during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. *TDD number is (800) 828-1120.

JUDGE LIKE A CHAMPION LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP

VIRGINIA YOUTH
LIVESTOCK PROGRAMS

Dates: June 4th -6th

Location: Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg VA

Who Should Attend: 4-H Youth ages 9-19 with all animal judging level experience

Registration fee must be received by June 1st.

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

Two days of Camp instruction (Sunday & Monday) followed by a Contest (Tuesday). The Camp registration fee is \$175/person. This includes dinner on Monday night and all meals through Lunch on Tuesday, and entry into the Tuesday contest. The registration fee does NOT include lodging. Attendance is limited to the first 75 youth to register.

2023 STATE 4-H AND DAY 2 STATE FFA LIVESTOCK EVALUATION CONTEST

VIRGINIA YOUTH
LIVESTOCK PROGRAMS

Contest Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Contest Location: Alphin-Stuart Arena on the campus of Virginia Tech

Entry Fee: \$15/contestant (this includes lunch for contestants)

Entry Deadline: Tuesday, June 13th at 5:00 pm

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

This event will serve as the Official State Contest for both 4-H and FFA youth contestants.

2023 VIRGINIA LAMB AND GOAT SYMPOSIUM - ENTRY SYSTEM OPEN - VSC SANCTIONED SHOW

Date: Saturday, June 17th

Location: New River Valley Fairgrounds, Dublin

Entry Fee: \$20/head by June 14th. Late entries are \$30/head June 15th – check-in on Saturday

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

This Comprehensive sheep/goat educational program includes a small ruminant focused Skillathon, Showmanship, as well as shows for Market Lambs, Commercial Ewes, Market Goats, and Commercial Does. The event is open to enrolled Virginia 4-H and FFA youth members between the ages of 9 years and 19 years (age determined as of September 30, 2023), and is a sanctioned Virginia Showmasters Circuit event. This VSC show is only open to Virginia youth and does NOT offer a Pee Wee Showmanship Division. Cash Premiums will be paid to the Grand and Reserve Champion Market and Commercial Female winners in both Sheep and Goats. Premiums and or awards will be provided to showmanship champions and those recognized in the Skillathon and Overall Shepherd events.





Virginia 4-H Horse Program Updates

IMPORTANT LINKS

- ➔ [Click here for the Virginia Youth Animal Sciences Calendar](#)
- ➔ [Click here for the Virginia Youth Animal Sciences Facebook Page](#)

VIRGINIA STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW

Date: September 7th - 10th

Location: Lexington, VA

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

[Click here for the Show website.](#)

This year's Declaration Process will be the same as last year and will be completed electronically via 4HOnline. That system should open on May 1st and will close on July 1st. Instructions and details will be sent out when the system opens. This fully electronic process does not require you to print paperwork for an Agent's signature, as the Agent in your Unit will "approve" those declarations within the system.

Declaration Portal Available in 4HOnline: OPEN

State Show Entry System will Open: June 1st

Declaration Deadline: July 1st

State Show Entry Deadline: July 17th

- [Click here for Qualifying Clinics](#)
- [Click here for Qualifying Shows](#)
- [Click here for Horsemanship Skills Opportunities](#)



2023 STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW SILENT AUCTION

Last year's silent auction brought in over \$13,000 for the Virginia 4-H Horse Program! If you are able to donate an item for the auction, raffle, or cash donation to offset costs, please contact Rose McDonald, 4-H State Horse Show Silent Auction Chair, 540-877-4935.



EAST COAST AGGIE HORSE JUDGING CLINIC

2022 Congress Champion Collegiate Team

LOCATION:
175 W. CAMPUS DRIVE, 380 LITTON REAVES HALL,
BLACKSBURG, VA 24061

\$250 PER PARTICIPANT
8:00 A.M. START DAILY - HOUSING NOT INCLUDED

JULY 8-9, 2023

- Up-to-date Industry Instruction
- Led by TAMU Coach Sarah Schobert, Assistant Coach Hannah McLochlin
- Individual Reasons Help and Small Group Activities
- Adult/Coaches, Beginner, Intermediate/Advanced Sections
- Lunch each day, T-Shirt, and Judging Manual provided
- Entries Due by June 6, 2023
- For Registration and more info visit URL Link <https://texas-am-horse-judging.ticketleap.com/texas-am-horse-judging-clinic-virginia/>



CONTACT INFO: SARAH SCHOBERT
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PHONE: (540) 597-2408



East Coast Aggie Horse Judging Clinic to be held on the Campus of VT

The Virginia Youth Animal Science Program is excited to partner with Texas A & M Horse Judging Coach, and Virginia 4-H Horse Program Alum, Sarah Schobert, to offer a two-day Horse Judging Clinic for youth and coaches.

You won't want to miss this incredible opportunity to learn from the coach and members of one of the most successful collegiate horse judging programs in the country. Sarah Schobert was a member of the Virginia 4-H State Horse Judging Team, attended Blackhawk Junior College and Oklahoma State University, serving as a successful member of the horse judging team at both institutions. She began her coaching career as a graduate student at OSU, and currently serves as the Horse Judging Team Coach and Equine Lecturer at Texas A & M University. We are excited to welcome Sarah and her team back to Virginia to share her talent and knowledge with our Virginia youth.

There will be sessions for both youth participants and coaches – everyone must register using the information below.

- Registration is required by June 6th. [Click here to register.](#)
- A room block at the Hilton Garden Inn has been reserved at the rate of \$129/night. This rate is available at the Hilton Garden Inn until June 8th. [Click here to rooms.](#)
- A special rate of \$139/night has been arranged at The Inn at Virginia Tech – this rate will be available until the rooms are gone, do not wait: East Coast Horse Judging Clinic

If you have questions directly related to the Camp or content, please contact Sarah at sarah.schobert@ag.tamu.edu.

Southeast District 4-H Shoot

Date: Saturday, June 24th

Location: Airfield 4-H Conference Center, 15189 Airfield Road, Wakefield, VA

Entry Fees: \$30 per shooter; \$35 if competing in shotgun

Registration Deadline: June 1st

[Click here for more information.](#)

**** Open to all VA 4-H Shooting Education Members**



Events: Air Pistol (Progressive Position & Silhouette), Air Rifle (3-Position & Silhouette), Archery (Compound, Traditional, Instinctive, and National), BB Gun (4-Position), Shotgun (Trap & Skeet), Smallbore Pistol Silhouette (only for senior 4-H members) and Smallbore Rifle (3-Position & Silhouette)

Competitors will only be allowed to register for four events, including two separate archery events.

Virginia 4-H: 2023 States' 4-H Exchange ISO ~~17~~⁴ Host Families

Please consider hosting a young Japanese delegate in your home this summer!

Virginia 4-H is looking for families to host 16 Japanese youth delegates during summer 2023 and 1 adult delegate. Host family applications are available now. Please consider this amazing opportunity to grow your cultural competencies!

[Summer Program FAQs](#)

[2023 Online Application Link](#)

[Click here for the Virginia 2023 States' 4-H](#)

[Exchange Facebook Page.](#)

- Program runs July 24 through August 19
- No previous 4-H experience is required
- Japanese delegates will be aged 12-18
- Youth have a range of English language abilities.
- Host family receives no stipend to host a delegate.
- To host a delegate, a family must have a child who is 9+ years old.
- Families will be matched with a delegate of the same gender who is within 3 years of the host youth's age.
- Families without youth can host adult chaperones.
- Delegates are here to experience every day American life. No special activities need to be planned.
- Host Families will receive support before, during & after the exchange
- Host families will be screened and interviews as part of our risk management protocol.



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Virginia 4-H: 2023 States' 4-H Exchange ISO ~~17~~⁴ Host Families

Programs

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Respectful!

We're so close to meeting our goal!

[Click here to see a special Facebook Post by Virginia 4-H.](#)





Host a Japanese Youth in Summer through States' 4-H International

Invite an international youth into your home for three and a half months and share an American experience. Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country too!



Open your home to an exchange student and open your lives to the world!




HOSTING PERIOD: 3 1/2 weeks from late July to mid August

- You can host a youth aged 12-18 or an adult chaperone
- Youth have a range of English language abilities, so host families should be prepared to communicate imaginatively

HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS

- You must have a child of the same gender who is within 3 years of the hosted youth (children aged 9+ are eligible to host)
- Families without children of the appropriate age may host an adult chaperone
- No special activities need to be planned since these youth want to experience American culture, make new friends, and improve their English by staying with your family
- **You don't need to be involved with 4-H to host**

For more information - Visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>
 Email: exchange@states4h.org Call: 1-800-407-3314

Virginia Contact: Wendy Herdman Email: wherdman@vt.edu Call: 1-804-493-8924



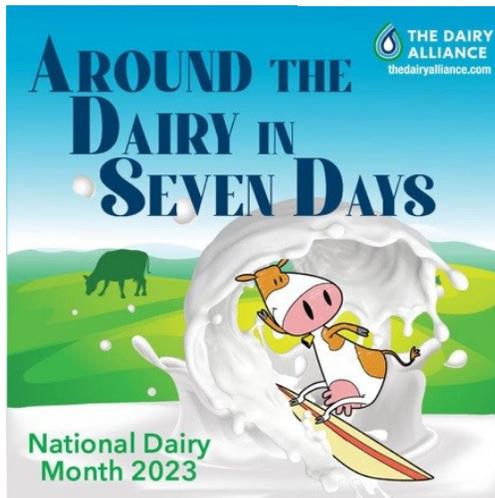
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/states4hexchange/>



Instagram: @states4hinternational

Please note: Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process as well as student availability and personality compatibility

2023 June Dairy Month 4-H Poster Contest

**Posters Due June 15th.**

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

June is Dairy Month! This year's theme is "Around the Dairy in Seven Days. The purpose of the contest is to learn more about milk and milk products and their importance to human health. All Virginia 4-H'ers are invited to participate. Awards are provided based on age group:

Junior: 9 to 11 years old (as of September 30, 2023)

Intermediate: 12 to 13 years old

Senior: 14 to 19 years old

Virginia State Prizes for each age group;

\$100 First Place

\$75 Second Place

\$50 Third Place

Military Connected Youth Scholarships Still Available!



Virginia 2023 Army 4-H Military Partnership Outreach & Support Project



4-H Event Scholarships for Youth Ages 5-18 of Army Military-Connected Families Living in Virginia

To be eligible for the 4-H Military Event scholarship, youth must have a parent/legal guardian currently serving in Active Duty Army, Army Reserve or Army National Guard

Scholarships are limited. First Come, First Served!

Scholarships to be awarded based on available funds or through June 9, 2023.

Use scholarships to assist with cost to participate in one of the following Virginia 4-H Events:

2023 State 4-H Congress
Jr 4-H Summer Camp or Other VA 4-H Center Camping Event

Join Us!

Fun Activities
Make New Friends
Develop Life Skills

For more information contact your County or City 4-H Program of Virginia Cooperative Extension. Visit: www.ext.vt.edu/offices

If you are a person with a disability and desire assistance or accommodations, please notify your local Virginia Cooperative Extension Office when you call during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. TDD number is (800) 828-1120

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The Virginia Army 4-H Military Partnership Event Scholarships are still available. Each scholarship recipient may use their scholarship to assist with cost to participate in one of the following:

- Junior 4-H Camp
- Other Virginia 4-H Center camping opportunities
- Virginia 4-H State Congress 2023

Who Can Apply?

Youth ages 5 to 18 of Army Military Connected families must live in Virginia. This eligible youth may live on or near an installation or live in communities across the state.

The military parent or legal guardian of youth must currently serve in one of the following:

- Army Active Duty
- Army Reserve
- Army National Guard

Deadline to Apply: Scholarships will be awarded based on available funds or through June 9, 2023. First Come, First-Serve!

For more information please contact Louetta Jones – 4-H Military Club Director, at lojones@vt.edu.

Thursday! What Backyard Chicken Owners Need to Know

Webinar Date: Thursday, May 25th

Time: 9 am

[Click here to join the webinar.](#)

Join by Phone: Dial 1 (929) 436-2866 and enter Meeting ID : 344 371 334 when prompted

The live webinar “Avian Influenza: What Backyard Chicken Owners Need to Know” will feature guests Dr. Mike Persia and Dr. Jim Parkurst.

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VSU Farmer Field Day: Getting Back to the Basics



Date: Wednesday, June 14

Time: 7:30 am - 2 pm

Location: VSU Randolph Farm, 4415 River Rd., Petersburg, VA

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