



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



July 26, 2023

Upcoming Events

- Jul 23-27 - Prince William/ Stafford 4-H Junior Camp
- Aug 5 - Market Day #3
- Aug 12 - 4-H Northern District Shoot
- Aug 14-18 - Prince William 4-H Fair Camp
- Sep 2 - Market Day #4
- Sep 8-10 - VA 4-H State Shoot
- Sep 22 - Oct 1 - 2023 State Fair of Virginia
- Sep 30 - PW 4-H Open House
- Oct 1 - Happy New 4-H Year!
- Oct 14 - Market Day #5
- Nov 24-28 - National 4-H Congress

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Please Commit to Volunteering!



It's getting real...and we're getting **EXCITED!**

Volunteers are starting to sign up for the 4-H activities at the Prince William County Fair from August 11th-19th. There's something for everyone! We need all 4-H youth and adult members to volunteer for a session - it's a family af**FAIR!**

WORKDAY WEDNESDAY

[Click here to signup.](#)

We had a group of enthusiastic youth that helped cut and sort items for Fair week. They enjoyed their time together talking about last fair camp and plans for this year. Thank you to the youth for taking time out of their summer vacation to help get things ready for another great week of Children's Barn fun and Fair Camp!



A HUGE 4-H THANK YOU to the youth volunteers that came out to the Children's Barn last Wednesday and helped get it ready for Fair week!

CHILDREN'S BARN VOLUNTEERS

[Click here to signup.](#)

We need A LOT of youth and adult volunteer support at the PWC Fair for our exhibits to be successful. The Fair is only weeks away...please signup so we can solidify our plans. See more information on [Page 4](#) as well as in the signup.



4-H FAMILY NIGHT AT THE FAIR

We need teen leadership to help plan and run 4-H Family Night at the Fair on August 14th from 5-8 PM. If you have a teen interested in volunteering, please contact DeeAnn Strand, dstrand@pwcgov.org or 703-792-4762

Volunteers receive free entry into the Prince William County Fair when volunteering.





FARMERS MARKET

SATURDAY

AUGUST 5TH, 8 AM - 1 PM

Come out and support our Prince William 4-H Young Entrepreneurs and see how much we've grown!

Manassas
Farmer's Market
9024 Prince William St.
Manassas, VA



Featuring:
Ayden & Lexi, Tonchi,
Koa, Xanthe, Aisling,
Amari, Zaynab,
Ruqayyah, Diallo, Lyra
& Cora, and Nisanur

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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 Airgrounds South Barn and grow in a safe and exciting environment with fun activities, games, and art projects and more, in the 4-H Pillars of STEM, Health Living, Agriculture and Civic Engagement. Visit www.pwc4h.org for more information and registration links.

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



CAMP IS FULL



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!

Join the fun!

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!

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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.



Fair Camp Counselor Two-Part Training Sessions

Prince William 4-H Fair Camp Counselors must attend a two-part training session for counselors to prepare for their leadership roles at camp. There are two dates for each part to choose from:

Part 1: Aug 1, 10-12pm - or - Aug 8, 5-7 pm

Part 2: Aug 3, 5-7pm - or - Aug 7, 10-12pm

Location: Jean McCoy Conference Room, 7987 Ashton Ave. Manassas, VA 20109

All camp counselors must attend a Part 1 and Part 2 session. Check your email for signup link.



Prince William County Fair Contests

Prince William County Fair

August 11 - 19

[Click here for the Prince William County Fair website.](#)



2023 HOME ARTS

Farm & Garden Produce, Flowers & Gardens, Food Preservation, Baked Goods, Handicrafts, Ceramics, Art, and Photography

No entry fees are charged. Each exhibitor may enter only one item per class. All exhibits must have been canned, baked, made, or grown by the exhibitor, except flower arrangements where some materials may be purchased. All entries must have been canned, baked, made or grown by the exhibitor since the end of 2021. **Junior Special Awards for 4-H and FFA youth.** [Click here for contest rules and entry forms.](#)



4-H PROJECT BOOKS

4-H youth may submit last year's or this year's (if complete) project book in the Youth Home Arts Educational category (see page 72 in the Fair Contest Catalog). [Click here for contest rules and entry forms.](#)



2023 FAIR PAGEANT

Miss and Mister competition categories from 1 month to 22 years. [Click here for more information and entry form.](#)

RULES AND ENTRY FORM COMING SOON FOR:

2023 Fair Mullet Contest and 2023 Power Wheels Derby



Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Sports Updates

2023 VIRGINIA 4-H STATE SHOOT

Date: September 8-10

Location: Holiday Lake 4-H Center

[Click here for more event information.](#)

[Click here for information on how to register.](#) **Registration due August 7th.**

Portfolio Certification Deadline: August 28th.

All attendees over the age of 4 must be registered: "Match Participants" (youth competitors) and "Non-Participants" (parents, coaches, siblings, etc.). There are numerous changes to the rules for 2023.





Virginia 4-H Youth Animal Science Updates

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.](#)

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

- * **July 31st** – Entry submission deadline using the [Fair Entry System](#)
- * **August 10th** – Deadline for Orientation Meetings and Payment Submission

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.



HORSE SHOW HEROES

The Horse Show Hero Program is an extremely important and beneficial sponsorship opportunity for our State 4-H Horse and Pony Show and allows families and participants to gather support and sponsorships from friends, family, and local businesses. These supporters are recognized in the Show Program as Horse Show Heroes and the funds are utilized to help provide prizes, awards, and cover the costs of operating the Show.

The Horse Show Hero sponsorships that each participant gathers are cumulative and allows exhibitors to earn scholarships towards their entry fees, special awards, and priority stalling for the Units (County/Independent City) or Clubs that gather the most sponsorship dollars, so this is a great opportunity for you to help the show, while also working towards some cool incentives for you and your fellow club members.

Please contact [MaryBeth Lerch](#) if you or your business is interested in sponsoring a 4-H rider.

VIRGINIA 4-H PORK CHALLENGE - NEED MORE TEAMS!

Date: Saturday, August 26th

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

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

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 RABBIT SHOW AND CLOVERBUD CLINIC

Date: September 16th

Location: at [Field Days of the Past](#) event in Amelia, VA

Registration Deadline: September 1st. [Click here to register.](#)

[Click here for the 4-H Study Guide.](#)

First Annual 4-H Rabbit Show and Showmanship Clinic will be held at the 2023 Field Days of the Past in Amelia County. All Virginia 4-H youth that might be interested in participating or attending to learn more about Rabbit Shows and Rabbit Showmanship are invited. There will be a Showmanship Clinic for Cloverbud youth (ages 5-8), so this is an excellent opportunity to get those "littles" involved at an early age and grow them into the program. If you have questions, please contact Mackenzie Gunn (mgunn@vt.edu) or Terry Abston (tabston@vt.edu).

https://myvt.com/4hrabbit', 'Use link above for entry form, payment information and 4-H Online Instructions.', 'For questions please contact Mackenzie Gunn at mgunn@vt.edu or (804) 561-2481.', 'Virginia Cooperative Extension Virginia Tech • Virginia State University'"/>

Virginia 4-H Youth Animal Science Updates *Continued*

2023 STATE FAIR OF VIRGINIA YOUTH LIVESTOCK (BEEF CATTLE, MEAT GOATS, SHEEP, SWINE)

Dates: September 22nd - October 1st

Location: The Meadow Event Park, Doswell, VA

Then State Fair Entry System is open and accepting entries.



Important dates:

- **July 31 - Nomination Portal closes at 5 PM** - Nomination forms and DNA samples must also be postmarked by this date
- August 1 - ALL Registered Breeding Animals, Registered Market Hogs and Registered Market Beef must be registered in the name of the exhibitor
- August 21 - Entry System closes at 5:00PM

NEW FOR 2023 – Supreme Overall Showman Competition!

[Click here for full details on the State Fair of Virginia Youth Livestock Show website.](#)

[Click here for the State of Virginia Youth Livestock website.](#)

IMPORTANT LINKS

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

4-H Teen Camp Counselors Needed for Camp S.M.I.L.E.

Dates: July 30th - August 3rd

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

Who Should Apply: Teens ages 18+ (18 by July 25, 2023) and consent to a background check

Stipend: Teens receive a \$100 stipend for the week and do not pay to attend

[Click here to apply.](#) [Click here to send to 2 references](#) (at least 1 Extension Agent Preferred).

Questions can be directed to: courtneyroseb@gmail.com or tatyana@vt.edu.

The Northern Virginia 4H Educational Center hosts Camp S.M.I.L.E in partnership with Fauquier County Public Schools. Senior teen counselors are needed.

Camp S.M.I.L.E is a great overnight camp for 80 rising 5th graders from Fauquier County Public Schools who will engage in academic enrichment activities to give them a jumpstart to their final year of elementary school while also engaging in camp classes and activities. This is a great way to gain experience if you plan to apply for Perm Staff next Summer or just love camp to gain experience.



Consumer Horticulture Specialist & Extension Master Gardener Program Director



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

Do you ever notice an emerging horticulture issue and think, “We need to educate the public about this!”? Do you care about the future of consumer horticulture and want to make a difference in Virginia and nationally? Do you love working with agents from across the commonwealth, industry groups, FFA, and even Extension Master Gardener volunteers? YOU could be the next Consumer Horticulture Specialist & Extension Master Gardener Program Director! This exciting opportunity has just been reposted--and now you don't even need to move to Blacksburg. That's right, this position is open to remote applicants! (Frequent travel to Blacksburg or other locations throughout the state will be required.) Help us build an amazing team at the Master Gardener State Office—a group which has been highly effective and great at getting things done. We can make your horticulture-education-for-the-public dreams come true!

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