



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



November 1, 2023

Upcoming Events

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- Nov 14 - PW 4-H Association Meeting
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Prince William 4-H Contest Training - **TONIGHT!**

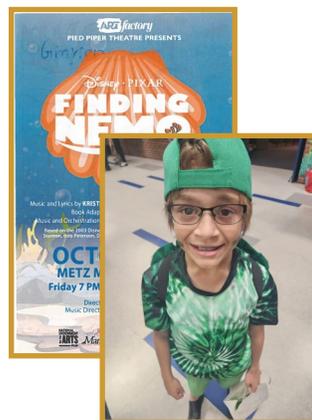
Time: 7 - 8:30 pm

Location: McCoy Conference Room, PW 4-H Office

Who Should Attend: All Prince William 4-Her's! **YOU!**

4-H Contests allow 4-H'ers to practice what they know and grow their talents. Prince William 4-H Contest Training is a fun, interactive workshop that inspires ideas for competitions as well as helps youth to begin preparing for their contest. Tonight's training will include:

- ★ Graduated 4-H'ers talking to youth about how 4-H Contests impacted many aspects of their personal and professional lives.
- ★ A napkin origami station to learn a table setting skill.
- ★ *Tailor Your Vibe* station for Fashion Review where 4-H'ers will trace themselves and begin planning.
- ★ Extemporaneous Speech station with funny topics pulled from a hat geared towards our more experienced speakers.
- ★ Guided Presentation & Public Speaking center to choose from 5 items and assistance in developing a 1-minute presentation.
- ★ Reading book passages with a random emotion to practice Dramatic Reading.
- ★ A curtain to help beginner speakers practice projecting their voices for a radio spot.



4-H'er Grayson uses his presentation skills to star in a local play!



4-H'er Sam created her dream Homecoming and Renaissance outfit with her 4-H knowledge. "I love presentation day. It's a great opportunity to see what all my friends are doing."

Prince William 4-H Contest Training is for **YOU!** All ages are welcome. Make new friends, grow your skills and become who you are destined to be! See the next two pages for more information on 4-H Contests.

We hope to see you TONIGHT!



NOVEMBER 1ST!

Make Your Dreams a Reality!

Prince William 4-H Contest Training



Be an Expert

Share what you know with confidence! Express your opinions and knowledge through Presentation, Extemporaneous Speech, Public Speech, and Dramatic Reading 4-H learning competitions.

These challenges are meant to keep you on your toes, focused, and engaged with your audience. Public speaking is a life skill that will help you with school presentations, serving in volunteer leadership positions, communicating with teammates (*and parents*), and so much more. Every Prince William 4-H'er should participate in this contest to become better citizens and engage with social change that only our youth know how to do!

All 4-H learning competitions are about making the best better...that's **YOU!**

Be an Influencer

Learning about textiles, fashion eras, cultures, and costumes offers opportunities to develop life skills, learn about career opportunities, and creatively impart your influence.

The Fashion Review Category is more than just styling! This category includes costume making - Halloween, Renaissance Fair, Civil War reenactments, Marvel cosplay, theater and movie costumes - as well as exploring materials, learning fabric construction techniques, understanding themes, and even thrifting. Sewing is not required to participate (*but we can teach you if you're interested*).

Get a head start on making your design for Share the Fun, next year's Halloween contest, an entry for the Prince William County Fair, or your school's play. *Your social media account will thank you!* Come to the training to learn how!

Be a Party Planner

Who doesn't like a fun, themed party? Think outside the box when you participate in the 4-H Table Setting Contest.

Rethink etiquette by exploring holidays, cultural meals, special occasions, serving equipment, menus and more! From farm-to-table dining in Virginia, to food styling and photography, lighting, Friendship, themed birthday parties, barbecues, picnics, quinceañeras...the table is always the centerpiece of excitement and essential for bringing family and friends together. Creativity and originality are welcomed!

Impress your family and friends, grow your event planning skills, enhance your cultural and culinary awareness, and discover a world of careers surrounding the social food industry. Come to the training to learn how to improve your party plan!

PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H CONTEST TRAINING



Attend Prince William 4-H Contest Training and learn the many opportunities that you can let your creativity flow!

DATE: Wednesday, November 1st

TIME: 7 - 8:30 PM

LOCATION: McCoy Conference Room, PW 4-H Office

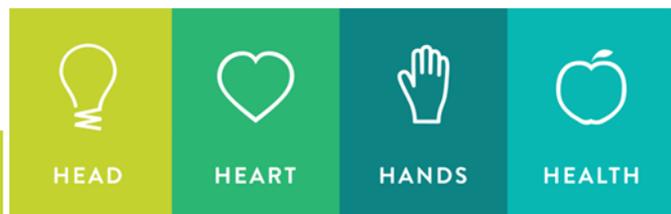
WHO SHOULD ATTEND: All Prince William 4-H'ers interested in perfecting their presenting skills and exploring their creativity. No past skills/experience necessary.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER. IT'S FREE!](#)



PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H COMPETITIONS

Through Prince William 4-H, youth are provided opportunities to develop their unique talents and capabilities. In 4-H, we "Learning by Doing." 4-H provides opportunities for both training (learning) and practice (doing). Through competitions, 4-H'ers develop life skills that are relevant now and in the future. Youth who develop life skills become self-directed, productive, contributing citizens.



A variety of 4-H competitions and events are available for youth to practice and perfect the life skills they learn through their projects.

LEARNING COMPETITIONS

4-H programming with youth is guided by an experiential learning process that includes goal setting, cognition, practice, and performance. The performance stage is when members demonstrate what they have learned through various 4-H activities and events, including competitions. Youth are scored against a published rubric. Competition experiences enhance positive youth development and prepare youth with positive competitive knowledge, skills, attitudes, and aspirations that can lead to success through life.

SHARE THE FUN & PRESENTATIONS

Share-the-Fun and Presentation Day are our most popular competitions and encourage 4-H'ers to display their talents in expressive arts and develop presentation skills and confidence performing in front of an audience. Judges evaluate 4-H performers based on talent, audience response, creativity, showmanship, and use of costumes/props. The goal is to help participants develop their talents in a creative and constructive manner, develop research and writing skills, learn computer skills, and improve communication skills. Competition categories include: presentations, extemporaneous speech, public speech, drama, dramatic reading, table setting, fashion review, science fair, radio and public address, and vocal-instrumental-combo performance.

PROJECT RECORDS & PORTFOLIOS

4-H Project Records form an excellent summary of a 4-H'ers career. Youth will use information in the 4-H records to complete 4-H resumé's, Virginia 4-H All Star forms and in making application for jobs, scholarships and honors. 4-H Portfolios combine all 4-H experiences over the lifetime of the member. Both Project Records and portfolios are submitted annually to Prince William 4-H for scoring. Special interest clubs, such as horse and shooting education, require project records and portfolios prior to competing.



DOING COMPETITIONS

Team competitions provide opportunities for youth to develop the interpersonal, leadership and cooperative skills necessary to be successful in our interdependent and global society. Teams and individuals may progress from local to district, state, and national competitions.

-  **4-H Food Challenge:** 4-H teams learn kitchen and cooking safety, how to prepare nutritious meals and snacks, and key concepts of healthy living. Learning experiences focus on nutrition, food purchasing, food preparation, food safety, and related careers.
-  **4-H Shooting Education & Sports:** This program uses shooting as a vehicle to teach youth life skills such as responsibility, self discipline, and teamwork. Firearm Safety and marksmanship are also taught using the disciplines of shotgun, skeet/trap, air pistol, air rifle, BB, small bore, muzzleloader, and archery.
-  **4-H Horse Competitions:** Virginia's 4-H horse program emphasizes project based learning about equine selection, nutrition, management, riding, recreation, fun, competition, horsemanship, and sportsmanship. Competitions focus on hippology and horsemanship.
-  **4-H Livestock Competitions:** This animal science project enables youth to develop their interests in beef cattle, sheep, meat goats and swine. 4-H'ers learn about selection, care and feeding of livestock, animal health, and the importance of good record keeping. Competitions are available in livestock judging and stockmen's contests, and livestock shows.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY FAIR

Share your 4-H experiences and growth with the county! The PWC Fair is held every August and youth have opportunities to submit their work and demonstrate their knowledge in everything 4-H! Most youth competitions are free to enter and are great portfolio building experiences.

STATE FAIR OF VIRGINIA

4-H'ers can share their knowledge and 4-H experiences at the state level, too!

4-H COMPETITION LEVELS

Prince William 4-H
Northeast District 4-H
Virginia 4-H
National 4-H

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www.pwcva.gov/4-H





Register for PW 4-H Cloverbud Club

Date: November 11th

Time: 10 am - noon

Location: 4-H Barn at the PWC Fairgrounds

Who Should Attend: Prince William youth ages 5-8 with an interest in 4-H

[Click here to register.](#) Registration is free, but required.

Learn about the 4-H Pillar of Citizenship from our very own military connected youth! This month's Cloverbud Club will feature special guests from Trigger Time 4-H Club who will lead us in hands-on crafts and activities about symbols that represent the USA and how/why to be a good citizen. 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.

Congrats to the New Trigger Time 4-H Club Officers!

Trigger Time 4-H Educational Club had their yearly officer election meeting on Monday. Elected officers for the 2023-2024 4-H year are:

President - Noah Richter (3rd year)

Vice President - Lexi Strand (2nd year)

Secretary - Nora Wallschlaeger (2nd year)

Treasurer - Ben Stewart

Association Liaison - Samantha Erick (2nd year)

Reporter - Julie Stogran

Head Safety Officers - Caleb Hoogasian and Julia Wallschlaeger

Safety Deputies - Samuel Nevarr, Ben Stewart, Micheal Deroche, Ayden Strand and Kira Lorentz

Equipment Officers - Ayden Strand, Kira Lorentz, Koa Mintz, Charley Murphy, Anakin Hernandez, Ben Stewart, Michael Deroche

Congratulations to all Prince William 4-H newly elected club officers! Be sure to attend the 4-H Officer & Leadership Training on November 27th!



Prince William 4-H Save the Dates! *Details Coming Next Week*

MONDAY, NOV 27TH: 4-H OFFICER & LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Location: McCoart Building, I County Complex Court (Prince William Parkway), Woodbridge

Who Should Attend: All Prince William 4-H club officers and any 4-H'er interested in a leadership position in 4-H!

THURSDAY, NOV 30TH: ENGAGE LOCALLY - [SEE PAGE 7!](#)

Time: 6-9 pm

Location: McCoy Conference Room, PW 4-H Office, Manassas

Who Should Attend: All Prince William 4-H'ers! 4-H youth 5-19 have an amazing opportunity to share their story and listen to the stories of the people who make an impact in Prince William - 65 local, state and federal civic leaders have been invited!

THURSDAY, DEC 7TH: HOLIDAY CRAFT NIGHT - [SEE PAGE 8!](#)

Time: 6-8 pm

Location: Hope Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 10391 Sudley Manor Dr., Manassas

Who Should Attend: All Prince William 4-H'ers! Enjoy hot cocoa and treats with holiday activities, homemade gift ideas, and fun with your 4-H community.



VCE/Prince William 4-H Sock Drive

You're invited to participate in a friendly, sole-warming competition to benefit Prince William VCE and our 4-H program! Prince William 4-H, as part of the Virginia Cooperative Extension, is collecting new socks for a Community Sock Drive. The drive runs from now until November 30th.

YOUR MISSION - COLLECT NEW SOCKS! Socks may be dropped off directly to Prince William 4-H, or during one of our events in November, including Cloverbud Club, the Prince William 4-H Association Meeting, Officer & Leadership Training, and Engage Locally.

As part of the Northeast District, our Unit has an opportunity to win \$250 in program supply funding!

All socks collected by our Unit will be donated to Streetlight Ministries as well as English Meadows (for any slip resistant socks received). This is a terrific opportunity to support new community organizations and form new relationships for community service projects.

Please contact [MaryBeth Lerch](#) with questions. Thank you for your support!



PW 4-H Teens - Apply for Virginia 4-H Youth in Action Awards

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#) **Applications due November 17th.**

The State 4-H Office is once again pleased to announce this exciting award opportunity for 4-H'ers across Virginia. To provide a similar system to the National 4-H Youth in Action Awards, and to encourage high quality applications for the national awards, the State 4-H Office established the Virginia 4-H Youth in Action Awards Program in 2019. The nomination process is now open for our Class of 2024 Youth in Action winners.

Youth may recommend themselves for consideration in one of the pillar areas of Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living, and STEM. One pillar winner will be chosen from each area, as well as an overall state winner from the four pillar winners. Any 4-H member in Virginia ages 15-18 is eligible to be nominated.

Each of the four winners will receive:

- A \$500 mini-grant to their Unit to develop a significant community project.
- Recognition at *An Evening with Virginia 4-H* in early 2024
- A full scholarship to attend Virginia 4-H State Congress in June 2024, in Blacksburg, VA.
- An opportunity to be featured as the Virginia 4-H Youth Spokesperson for their pillar area.
- An opportunity to represent Virginia 4-H at the national summit for their pillar area.
- Support and mentorship to apply for the 2025 National 4-H Youth in Action Awards.
- An official reference letter from the Virginia State 4-H Program Leader, Jeremy C. Johnson.



IMPORTANT! Please Enroll/Re-Enroll in 4-H Online TODAY!

Need help enrolling?

[Click here for 2023-24 4-H Online New Youth Enrollment Tip Sheet](#)

[Click here for 2023-24 4-H Online Youth Re-Enrollment Tip Sheet](#)

[Click here for 4-H Online.](#)





Prince William 4-H Scholarships - Due November 24th

Prince William 4-H has four scholarships available to members. All scholarship applications and nominations are due by **November 24th, 2023**. Scholarships will be presented at the Prince William 4-H Recognition Day in December.



2023 Joanne Guhl Scholarship

Joanne Guhl was a member of the Boots and Saddles 4-H Club who passed away in 1984. Her parents honor her memory by awarding a college scholarship to a PW 4-Her. Applicants must be enrolled in the Prince William 4-H program and must have been accepted at an institution of higher learning. Preference is given to 4-Hers pursuing a career in animal science.

[Please click here to apply for the 2023 Joanne Guhl Scholarship.](#)



2023 Bernard Malo Scholarship

Bernard Malo was a past leader of the Trigger Time 4-H Shooting Education Club. Bernie, a 4-H All Star, was active at the local, district, and state level and gave much to the youth of Virginia. His family, who are all 4-H'ers and friends, started a scholarship fund to honor his memory. Trigger Time 4-H Club members have continued to help this scholarship fund grow. This scholarship is for higher education for those entering as a freshman into any four-year college, community college or vocational school. Trigger Time member applicants are given first consideration. The amount of scholarship may vary from year to year.

[Please click here to apply for the 2023 Bernard Malo Scholarship.](#)



2023 Outstanding 4-H Member Award (Youth)

The Outstanding 4-H Member Award was created to recognize individuals who demonstrate exemplary service to Prince William 4-H through participation in program planning, development, and implementation at the club level and beyond. This yearly award will be given to individuals who strengthen local 4-H clubs and county 4-H by encouraging and promoting youth members and volunteers, helping to recruit new members and leaders, and through leadership responsibility while promoting service through volunteerism.

[Click here to apply for the 2023 Outstanding 4-H Member Award.](#)



2023 Outstanding 4-H Volunteer Award (Adult)

The All Around 4-H Volunteer Award was created to recognize individuals who demonstrate exemplary service to Prince William 4-H through participation in program planning, development, and implementation at the club level and beyond. This yearly award will be given to individuals who strengthen local 4-H clubs and county 4-H by encouraging and promoting youth members and volunteers, helping to recruit new members and leaders, and through leadership responsibility while promoting service through volunteerism.

Contact [MaryBeth Lerch](#) to nominate an adult volunteer for the 2023 Outstanding 4-H Volunteer Award.

Celebrating YOU!



ENGAGE LOCALLY

BY PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

DATE

Thursday,
November 30

TIME

6-9 PM

LOCATION

McCoy
Conference Room
Prince William 4-H
8033 Ashton Ave.,
#105
Manassas

[CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER](#)

Please register by
November 20th.
Early registration will
help us plan the event
program tables.



ALL 4-H members are invited to attend this fantastic opportunity to plug in locally with our legislators, county and city government, and school officials. Help us promote **YOU!**

OUR YOUTH HAVE POWERFUL VOICES!

Get plugged into the world of civic engagement by contributing to this important event! All Prince William 4-H'ers are encouraged to participate and share their experiences - including Cloverbuds! The list of VIP RSVP's is growing because they WANT to hear YOU.

WHY ATTEND?

- ★ Engage with local government officials, build your citizenship skills, and increase your understanding of roles and responsibilities in the government
- ★ Make connections to promote your projects and ideas and **SPARK** new project ideas through conversations
 - ★ Network for future internship and job opportunities
- ★ Encourage continued support of Prince William 4-H by sharing your 4-H Story
- ★ Grow your 4-H Story by participating in civic engagement activities including Engage Locally and 4-H State Capitol Day

ENGAGE LOCALLY WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS!

Over 65 local, state, and federal civic leaders from the greater Prince William area have been invited! Tell your 4-H Story, share your experiences and engage with more local movers and shakers (*many confirmed to date!*):

- Local Virginia Senators and Greater Prince William Area Virginia Delegates
- Prince William County Supervisors
- Commonwealth Attorney
- City of Manassas and Manassas Park Government Leaders
- Prince William, Manassas and Manassas Park School Board Officials
- Virginia Cooperative Extension Representatives



JOIN US FOR PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H'S

HOMEMADE HOLIDAY

Craft Night



ENJOY A FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENING MAKING HOLIDAY CRAFTS WHILE SNACKING ON PIZZA, POPCORN, AND SIPPING HOT CHOCOLATE WITH YOUR 4-H FRIENDS!

ALL PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H'ERS ARE INVITED!

Location:

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL
10391 SUDLEY MANOR DR.
MANASSAS

TUESDAY

DECEMBER 7th

Time:

6-8 PM

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
OR SCAN THE QR CODE.

PLEASE REGISTER BY DECEMBER 1ST.
REGISTRATION IS FREE, BUT REQUIRED. ALL
CRAFT SUPPLIES AND SNACKS PROVIDED
BY PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H.



Winter Cloverbuds Camp 2023

Dates: December 8th-10th

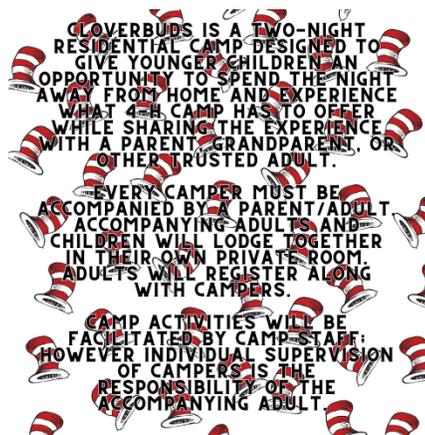
Location: Northern Virginia 4-H Center, Front Royal, Virginia

Who Should Attend: Youth ages 5-8 with an adult chaperone

Cost: \$160

[Click here to register.](#) **Register by Nov. 22nd.**

Registration is now open! Campers and parents will participate in classic camp classes and activities with Dr. Seuss inspired fun! Spots are limited - register early.



Virginia 4-H Horse Program *Save the Dates*

Welcome to the New 4-H Year! Be sure to re-enroll early in 4-H Online to avoid complications later. Here are a few important dates:

- **Block and Bridle Horse Judging Clinic** – Saturday, January 20th at Alphin-Stuart Arena on the campus of Virginia Tech
- **Block and Bridle Horse Weekend** – Friday, February 9th and Saturday, February 10th at Alphin-Stuart Arena on the campus of Virginia Tech (Hippology on Friday, Judging and ALL Awards on Saturday)
- **Equismartz State Educational Contests Weekend** – Friday, April 5th – Sunday, April 7th at the Virginia Horse Center and Rockbridge County High School – Schedule will be similar to last year (Hippology on Friday afternoon/evening; Horse Judging and judging portion of 4-H Hippology on Saturday; Communications and Horse Bowl on Sunday).



AG IT UP Youth Poster Contest

Who Should Participate: Youth age 9-13 as of January 1st

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

Poster registration is due December 20th.

Youth can submit a standard size poster or tri board displaying how agriculture is a part of their fair or festival. Three prizes ranging from \$20 - \$50 will be presented.

2024 VAF Youth Leadership Scholarship Contest

Who Should Participate: Youth ages 14-19 as of January 1, 2024 who are active participants in a VAF-member fair or festival.

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

Applications are due December 1st.

It's that time of year to encourage teens who have devoted time and skills to their local fairs and festivals to participate in the 2024 Virginia Association of Fairs (VAF) Youth Leadership Scholarship Contest. Eight scholarships ranging from \$250 - \$2,500 will be awarded.





4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE CAREER NIGHT

Free Event

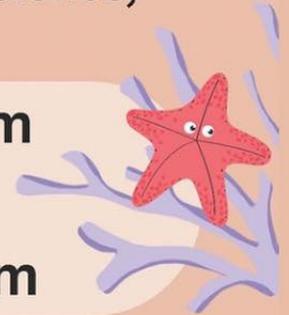
Event offers a wide variety of animal science career exploration. These careers include Marine Biology, Zookeeping, K9 Unit Training, Veterinarian Science, and Dog Daycare Handler.



Thursday
November 16th, 2023



6:00pm
to
8:00pm



Open to all 4-H members grades 7th-13th

Hybrid Format



In Person: Ted Blum,
Somerset County 4-H
Center

310 Milltown Road
Bridgewater NJ



Hybrid Format:
Register for Zoom Link

RUTGERS
New Jersey Agricultural
Experiment Station
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Recruiting Host Families for the 2024 Japanese Summer Exchange

Virginia 4-H partners with States' 4-H to host young people from Japan for a month-long summertime exchange or homestay. We are recruiting host families across Virginia to host 18 young Japanese people and 2 chaperones for the summer of 2024.

Hosting Details and Requirements

- Program runs July 21-23 through August 16-18, 2024
- No previous 4-H experience is required
- Japanese delegates are ages 12-18 (most are 12-14)
- To host a delegate, a family must have a child who is 9+ years old.
- Families without youth can host adult chaperones.
- Families will be matched with a delegate of the same gender who is within 3 years of the host youth's age.
- All Host families will be screened and interviews as part of our risk management protocol.
- Host families receive no stipend to host a delegate.
- Japanese delegates have a range of English language abilities.
- Delegates are here to experience every day American life. No special activities need to be planned.
- Host Families will receive support from the state coordinator and other host families before, during & after the exchange (not financial)

Host families should apply directly here and select Virginia as their state: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>

Summer Program FAQs: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/host/summer/faq/>
Please contact Wendy Herdman at wherdman@vt.edu or 804-493-8924 if you have questions or need assistance.

WE ASKED 2023 HOST FAMILIES...

“WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO HOST?”

“I was an exchange student in high school and always knew we would host as a family.”

“We hoped to introduce our children to different cultures in the world and allow them to see that they have much in common with others around the world. They could share their differences and it helps them understand why we may be different as well.”

“It is a good experience for the whole family to learn about someone else's culture and lifestyle. We have relatives who have done it as well.”

“This is our fifth time hosting an exchange student, and the fourth time doing so through 4H. We have loved each experience. It has made my children more aware that while we may be different from others, we are also very much the same.”



STATES' 4-H
INTERNATIONAL
EXCHANGE
PROGRAMS



WE HOPE TO HAVE
YOU JOIN US THIS
COMING SUMMER!

Reach out to us or your
State Coordinator for
information on
becoming a host family!

STEM Opportunity with the VA Space Grant Consortium

Dates: Summer 2024

Who Should Apply: Rising 9th and 10th Grade Virginia High School Students

Applications open 12/1/2023 and close 2/1/2024.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Building Leaders for Advancing Science and Technology (BLAST) offers an exciting way for rising 9th and 10th grade students to spend three days of summer! Participating students get to stay in a college dorm and see what campus life is like on-site at one of our five partner universities: Old Dominion University, Radford University, the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, or William & Mary. No previous experience in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) is needed, and this program is FREE for participants. BLAST is designed to help students find their place in STEM.



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Media Release

For Immediate Release

America Recycles Day 2023

Solid Waste Division and Library Celebrations

Prince William, October 5, 2023 – On November 15, Prince William County will join communities across the nation in celebration of the America Recycles Day (ARD). ARD, an initiative of Keep America Beautiful is an annual awareness campaign dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States since 1997.

Prince William County will also join other Metropolitan Washington Council of Government (MWCOG) jurisdictions to provide an opportunity for residents to acknowledge their commitment to recycling and win prizes! Residents may take the 2023 “I Recycle” pledge online at www.mwco.gov/recyclesday through November 20.

The contest, hosted by MWCOG for the Washington, D.C. area, is designed to promote recycling and the purchase of items made from recycled materials. One lucky recycling supporter will win a \$300 REI gift certificate and one lucky K-12 student will win a \$300 REI gift certificate, plus a \$500 grant for a recycling or environmental program at their school. For nine of the past 10 years, a Prince William entrant has won a MWCOG regional prize.

To increase participation in America Recycles Day, County staff and Keep Prince William Beautiful volunteers will be available at Central Library, on November 14 and Chinn Park Regional Library, on November 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to talk with residents about recycling in Prince William County and the “I Recycle” pledge contest.

For more information about recycling in Prince William County, visit www.pwcva.gov/recycling. For more information about Keep America Beautiful and America Recycles Day visit <https://kab.org/programs/ard/>.



Prince William resident Denielle Velasquez was the 2022 winner of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments regional, “I Recycle” pledge contest. She received a \$300 REI gift certificate from Prince William County Recycling Manager Scott MacDonald in front of one of the County’s five [glass-only recycling trailers](#).



Keep Prince William Beautiful staff member talks with residents at Chinn Library in Woodbridge about recycling and how to complete their recycling pledge online.

**OPPORTUNITY
FOR PRINCE
WILLIAM 4-H’ERS!**

National 4-H

2023 HOLIDAY DIGITAL CATALOG

[Click here to access shopping catalog.](#)

Let us help you cross everyone off your list early! Explore fun finds for friends, family or your classroom with the 4-H Holiday Digital Catalog. The catalog is loaded with creative stocking stuffers, super sweet kitchen essentials and awesome accessories.



CALLING ALL POWER PROTECTORS

[Click here to purchase kit.](#)

Explore the exciting world of renewable energy with the 2023 4-H STEM Challenge Kit, Power Protectors*!. Developed by 4-H educators from Cornell University, The University of Illinois, West Virginia University and Utah State University, Power Protectors consists of three activities that provide kids with the knowledge to address real-world issues and explore careers in energy.



YOUNG WORKER HEALTH & SAFETY

[Click here to access curriculum.](#)

Design by the Utah State University Extension and the USDA, these three activities will help youth learn to navigate common emotional, social, and physical challenges so that they can be strong and safe in future roles. An engaging activity to complement in-person learning with 4-H youth!



ADVOCATE FOR YOURSELF IN THE WORKPLACE

[Click here to access curriculum.](#)

Design by the Utah State University Extension and the USDA, help youth navigate the six different challenges they can face when having a job. Each task will teach them something new about workplace safety. What they learn today will help them avoid injuries at their future jobs. An engaging activity to complement in-person learning with 4-H youth!



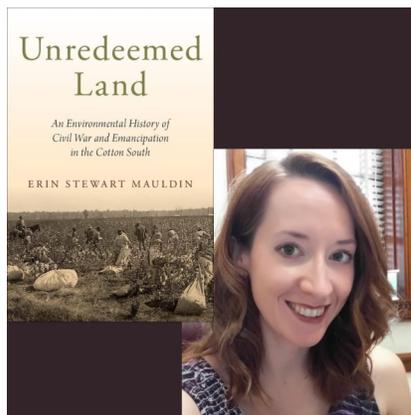
**You must have an existing CLOVER account or create a free account to complete these activities.*

Combining Disciplines: Soil Erosion and History in VA

Unpacking the Issue: Soil Erosion Over Time in Virginia

In her recent talk to the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Dr. Erin Maudlin, Professor of Southern History at the University of South Florida, unpacks the issue of soil erosion over time in Virginia, how it was viewed, how it gradually rolled into concern over local waterways, and walk you through the various ways that Virginians responded. Watch the recording!

[Click here to watch the recorded presentation.](#)



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COUNTY**

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