



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



November 15, 2023

Upcoming Events

- Nov 25-29- National 4-H Congress
- Nov 27 - [Youth Officer & Leadership Training](#)
- Nov 30 - [Engage Locally!](#)
- Dec 7 - [Homemade Holiday Craft Night](#), Teen Club, and Cloverbud Club
- Dec 9 - [Prince William 4-H Recognition Day](#)
- Dec 16 - [Wreaths Across America Ceremonies](#)
- Jan 9 - Teen Club Meeting
- Jan 13 - Cloverbud Club
- Jan 16 - PW 4-H Association Meeting
- Jan 19 - Share the Fun Dress Rehearsal
- Jan 24 - Virginia 4-H Day at the Capitol

Wreaths Across America Ceremonies - December 16th



EVERYONE PLAYS A PART

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.

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

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

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

VCE/Prince William 4-H Sock Drive

Help VCE give warmth and comfort to those in need

Donations of NEW socks of all sizes will be sent to StreetLight Community Outreach Ministries. Non-slip adult socks will be sent to English Meadows Senior Living Facility.

Drop off lobby locations are available:

- Virginia Cooperative Extension, 8033 Ashton Ave., Ste 105, in Manassas
- Manassas Senior Center, 9320 Mosby St, in Manassas, VA
- Woodbridge Senior Center 13850 Church Hill Drive, in Woodbridge

Questions, please call 703-792-6289 or email vce@pwcvva.gov

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.

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.

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES AND REGISTRATIONS IN THIS NEWSLETTER!

- PW 4-H Officer & Leadership Training • *Engage Locally!* • Homemade Holiday Craft Night
- PW 4-H Scholarships • Flannel & Frost PW 4-H Recognition Day
- NOVA 4-H Ten Leadership Council



Prince William 4-H Cloverbud Club

CITIZENSHIP

Up Next: Engage Locally!

Register for PW 4-H Officer & Leadership Training



Date: Monday, November 27th
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!
[Click here to register.](#)



Just in...Ian Lovejoy, recently elected to VA House of Delegates in new District 22 (and 4-H'er!), will be our keynote speaker!

This in-person, interactive meeting is for current youth officers, newly elected youth officers, anyone interested in becoming an officer, or anyone interested in learning about leadership opportunities in 4-H at the local, county, district, and state levels. All Prince William 4-H Teen Club members are encouraged to attend to build your resume with 4-H!

PW 4-H Teen & Adult Volunteer Opportunity



Date: Friday, December 8th
Time: 5 PM
Location: SERVE, 10056 Dean Dr., Manassas, VA
[Click here to sign up.](#)
Please sign up by November 17th.



SERVE has requested 20 teen and adult volunteers (ages 14 & up) to assist with holiday activities for their families. SERVE is providing the crafting supplies. Volunteers will facilitate the activities. All Prince William Teens are encouraged to sign up and SERVE our local community!

PACIFIC MCJROTC DEFEATS TRIGGER TIME 4-H SHOOTING EDUCATION CLUB

November 13, 2023: Pacific MCJROTC defeated Trigger Time 4-H Shooting Education Club 112.4 to 1093.3 in the 2023 National Sporter Air Rifle League. Pacific MCJROTC was led by Malissa Dailey who shot a 292.9. They are from Pacific, MO and are coached by Brain Cain.

Trigger Time 4-H Shooting Education Club was led by Samantha Seagle who shot a 285.7. The remaining contributing members were Lexi Strand who shot a 269.5, Rebecca Ahrens who shot a 269.5 and Samantha Erick who shot a 268.8.

Trigger Time 4-H Shooting Education Club is currently ranked in tenth place. They have a 3-3 record.

Next Up: Trigger Time 4-H Shooting Education Club will compete against Pueblo County AJROTC from Pueblo, CO.





ENGAGE LOCALLY

BY PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

DATE

Thursday,
November 30

TIME

6-9 PM

LOCATION

The Historic
Manassas
Courthouse

[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, COOKIES, 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

THURSDAY

DECEMBER 7th

Time:

6-8 PM



Support our 4-H teens volunteering at SERVE on the 8th by bringing a canned/boxed food item to donate!

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.





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 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)

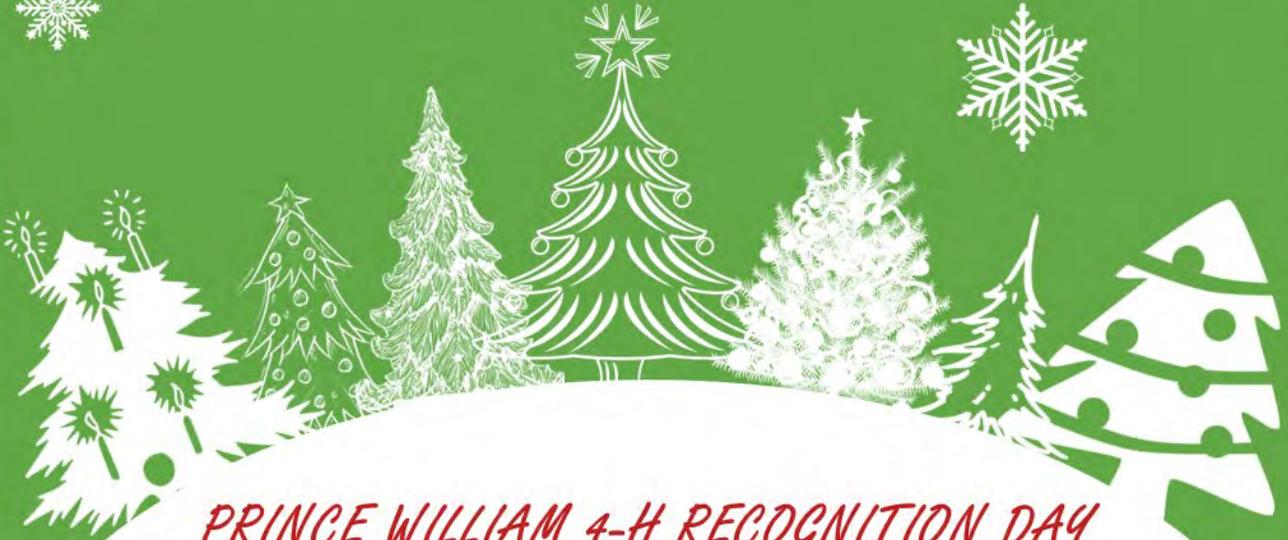
The All Around 4-H Volunteer Award was created to recognize individuals who demonstrate exemplary service to Prince William 4-H through participation in program planning, development, and implementation at the club level and beyond. This yearly award will be given to individuals who strengthen local 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!



Flannel and Frost



PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H RECOGNITION DAY



Saturday

**DEC.
9**

**WINDY KNOLL FARM
11602 KETTLE RUN ROAD
NOKESVILLE
10 AM - 1 PM**

*all Prince
William 4-H'ers
are invited!*

- ❄️ **PLEASE BRING A BRUNCH DISH TO SHARE**
- ❄️ **BEVERAGES PROVIDED**
- ❄️ **LIVE MUSIC, SLIDESHOW, AND AWARDS**
- ❄️ **CONSIDER BRINGING A STOCKING STUFFER DONATION TO SUPPORT PATRIOT HIGH SCHOOL RURI-TEENS**

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)





PW 4-H Youth Entrepreneurship Opportunity

Many of our Prince William 4-H'ers are familiar with Thomas Bolles at VCE's Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) through his support of our Teen Club Ag Nights. He has an exciting opportunity for 4-H'ers with rabbits!

Prince William 4-H through VCE has the opportunity to have the Virginia State University (VSU) rabbit specialist visit and present on pasture raised rabbits. For example, in Michigan, some enterprising 4-Hers have been selling rabbit manure to offset their feed costs. 4-H'ers with rabbits, or considering rabbits, and are interested in entrepreneurship and potentially turning your rabbit manure into a business, should contact ANR Agent Thomas Bolles at tpbolles@vt.edu by **November 15th**.

NOVA 4-H Teen Leadership Council



Who Should Apply: 4-H seniors ages 14-18

Applications Due: November 19th

Our TLC applications for this year are finally here! The Northern Virginia Teen Leadership Council is open to teens who are between 14 and 18 (within the 4-H year) in the NOVA Camping District. Applications are open now through **November 19th, 2023** and our Kick-Off Meeting will take place **January 14th from 2-4pm** at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational and Conference Center.

Applications: <https://forms.gle/yLbV6MQ2Lv0xZ8eaA>

Expectations: [https://docs.google.com/document/](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yJKjrwIimSPbzWzDYFqvpHhgSXqfA1273yuVKsBjPH4/edit?usp=sharing)

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Virginia 4-H All Star 2023 Scholarship & Award Applications



The Virginia 4-H All Stars recognize selected 4-H All Stars with several awards and a college scholarship annually. Two college scholarships are available this year. All Virginia 4-H All Stars from Prince William 4-H are encouraged to apply for one of the awards or the Wayne Keffer college scholarship. The Executive Committee voted to increase the two Wayne Keffer Scholarships to \$1,000 each at their meeting on October 18, 2022. You may also nominate deserving 4-H All Stars for the awards and recognition.

If you are a 4-H All Star, you may be nominated or complete the application for the awards and scholarship. **Applications/nominations are due by December 31, 2023** to **Glenda M. Snyder** at gsnyder@vt.edu. **Phone Number: 540-521-9647**.

4-H All Star Awards:

- ★ Virginia 4-H All Star Awards and Nominations Cover Sheet
- ★ Virginia 4-H All Star Hall of Fame Award
- ★ Bradshaw Service Award
- ★ Wayne M. Keffer Memorial Scholarship Application
- ★ C. Dean Allen Award for Excellence
- ★ Dottie Nelson Award for Excellence in International Programs
- ★ Virginia 4-H All Star Chapter Charter

All applications are attached and located at the 4-H All Star website in the Awards section at <https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/all-stars.html>

It's International Education Week!



Explore
The World
with States' 4-H



APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

Apply for a homestay experience abroad
or a domestic hosting experience today,
and grow your global mindset with us!

www.states4hexchange.org



**States' 4-H
Summer Hosting**

HOST a Japanese youth and bring the richness of the world to your home!

Host a Japanese Youth in Summer 2024 through States' 4-H International

"It's like having a sister I always wanted and a best friend"
-States' 4-H Host Sibling

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



Hosting Details

- July 21, 22, 23 2024 through August 16, 17, 18 2024 *
* Exact dates dependent on your state. Please check with your state's Coordinator for details.
- Host a youth aged 12-18 (majority are 12-14) or an adult chaperone
- Youth have a range of English language abilities, so host families should be prepared to communicate imaginatively
- This is a voluntary program; no stipends will be provided

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

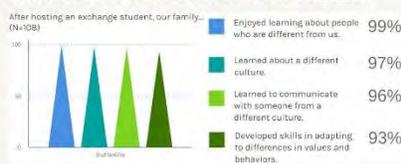
For more information, visit <https://www.states4hexchange.org/state-contacts/> to find contact information for your local State Coordinator

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

2023 INBOUND PROGRAM IMPACT



CHANGING FOR THE BETTER - AS A FAMILY!



94%

of responding families said they also shared their experience with others

Host families reported overwhelmingly that they felt living with an exchange student helped them to appreciate learning about people different from them and their culture - an important aspect of a global mindset! With another 94% of families sharing that experience with others, the positive impact only gets bigger!

GROWING THE HOST FAMILY NETWORK

6 out of 10 host families in 2023 were first time hosts! We love to see the international exchange experience being shared by more and more families - is 2024 your family's year?



"Don't be afraid to host someone from another country. It will be the best thing you've ever done, you will make a lifetime friend, and also have the opportunity to go to their country. I have nothing negative to say about hosting exchange students."

Are you feeling like 2024 is the year to host for your family? Open your **heart** and your **home** to someone from a different culture and **apply to host today!**

exchange@states4h.org
www.states4hexchange.org

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.

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.

Virginia 4-H Specialty Camps

It is specialty camp season for the 4-H Centers! All Virginia 4-H'ers are invited to attend.



AIRFIELD 4-H CENTER, Wakefield, VA
Aerospace Camp: January 26th-28th
Comic Book Camp: March 22nd-24th
 Contact: Joey Patterson - jpatt024@vt.edu



HOLIDAY LAKE 4-H CENTER, Appomattox, VA
Winter In the Woods: December 2nd-3rd, Ages 7-13
Food Frenzy: January 20th-21st, Ages 9-18
[Click here for more information and to register.](#)



JAMESTOWN 4-H CENTER, Williamsburg, VA
Swiftly Camp: December 12th-17th, Ages 8-14
[Click here for more information and to register.](#)



NORTHERN VIRGINIA 4-H CENTER, Front Royal, VA
Winter Cloverbuds Camp: December 8th-10th, Ages 5-8
 Register by November 22nd.
[Click here for more information and to register.](#)



SOUTHWEST 4-H CENTER, Abingdon, VA
Christmas Camp: December 1st - 2nd, Ages 9-13
 Register by November 17th.
[Click here for more information and to register.](#)



W.E. SKELTON 4-H EDUCATIONAL
CONFERENCE CENTER
 AT SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE

W.E. SKELTON 4-H CENTER, Wirtz, VA
Winter Cloverbud Camp: February 23rd-25th
 Contact: J.T. Lawhorn, jtlawhorn@vt.edu

Youth Must Be Enrolled in 4-H Online to Attend Camps

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.](#)





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AEROSPACE CAMP

AIRFIELD 4-H CENTER

Register here:

<https://form.jotform.com/233105120463138>

Jan 26-28, 2024



Registration closes
on 1/12/24

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2022-2023 PWC 4-H Association Officers

Youth Officers

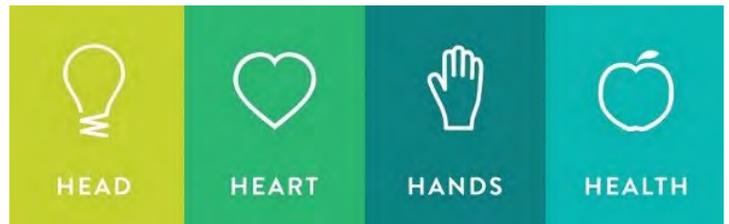
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