



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



November 29, 2023

Upcoming Events

- 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
- Jan 26 - Share the Fun Show
- Jan 30 - Portfolio Training

PW 4-H Junior Camp Counselor Applications - OPEN!



Applications due December 17th

[Click here to apply.](#)

Prince William 4-H teens ages 14 & up are encouraged to apply for a camp counselor position for 2024 Prince William/Stafford 4-H Junior Camp at the Northern Virginia 4-H Education Center! Counselors are expected to work hard and demonstrate mature and responsible behavior throughout camp. You must be willing to set a good example with your actions and attitude. You can expect to learn a great deal about yourself, acquire leadership and mentoring skills, and have FUN! Teens selected as counselors are required to attend monthly leadership sessions, TALT weekend (March 22-23), counselor training in July, and the full week of camp (July 14-18).

- **Teen Counselor:** age 14 by January 1, 2024, and has previously attend camp as a CIT
- **Counselor-in-Training (CIT):** age 14 by July 31, 2024

Prince William 4-H Embryology Program Registration



Registration opens December 1st.

[Click here to register.](#)

“The Beginning of Life” 4-H Project is designed to help youth obtain a better understanding of life and embryonic development. 4-H educational materials guide students through each step of the hatching process from preparing the eggs for incubation to building a brooder for the newly hatched chicks. Educational materials address

Virginia SOLs for math, science, English, life science, and computer technology. Prince William 4-H provides fertilized eggs, guides participants through training, supports participants during the hatch, and then collects the chicks to be sent to a local farm.

Prince William 4-H Clubs, Prince William County Schools, Manassas City and Manassas Park Schools, and Homeschool Groups are invited to participate in this exciting 4-H project!

Questions? Contact [DeeAnn Strand](#), Prince William 4-H Youth Educator

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Engage Locally! is THURSDAY at the Historic Manassas Courthouse!

PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H OFFICER & LEADERSHIP TRAINING



On Monday night, Prince William 4-H leaders gathered to grow their leadership skills as well as their understanding of their role as officers in their 4-H Clubs. It was a busy, hands-on meeting!

The evening began with a special keynote presentation by Delegate Elect Ian Lovejoy. He shared that Robert's Rules of Order has a special Virginia connection. In 1876 Henry Martyn Robert, an engineering officer in the US Army, wrote what came to be called Robert's Rules of Order. He felt a need for a set of clearly written rules to bring order out of chaos after the Civil War. Robert looked back to earlier books on Parliamentary law. Del. Lovejoy pointed out that Thomas Jefferson also felt a need to combat chaos. According to Gaye Wilson at Monticello, in 1796 Jefferson wrote *A Manual for Parliamentary Practice* inspired by his study of British Parliamentary law. "Jefferson's parliamentary rules are still used in part by the House of Representatives. Although the Senate does not use Jefferson's manual for official rules, his manual has a strong influence on how the Senate acts with order and decorum."

A HUGE 4-H THANK YOU to Del. Lovejoy and all of the 4-H volunteers for your support of our future leaders.

Check out these resources for Prince William 4-H:

- ★ [Prince William 4-H Member Record - President](#)
- ★ [Prince William 4-H Member Record - Vice President](#)
- ★ [Prince William 4-H Member Record - Officer](#)





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.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE
EXTENDED:
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH**



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 **YOUR VOICES!**

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!

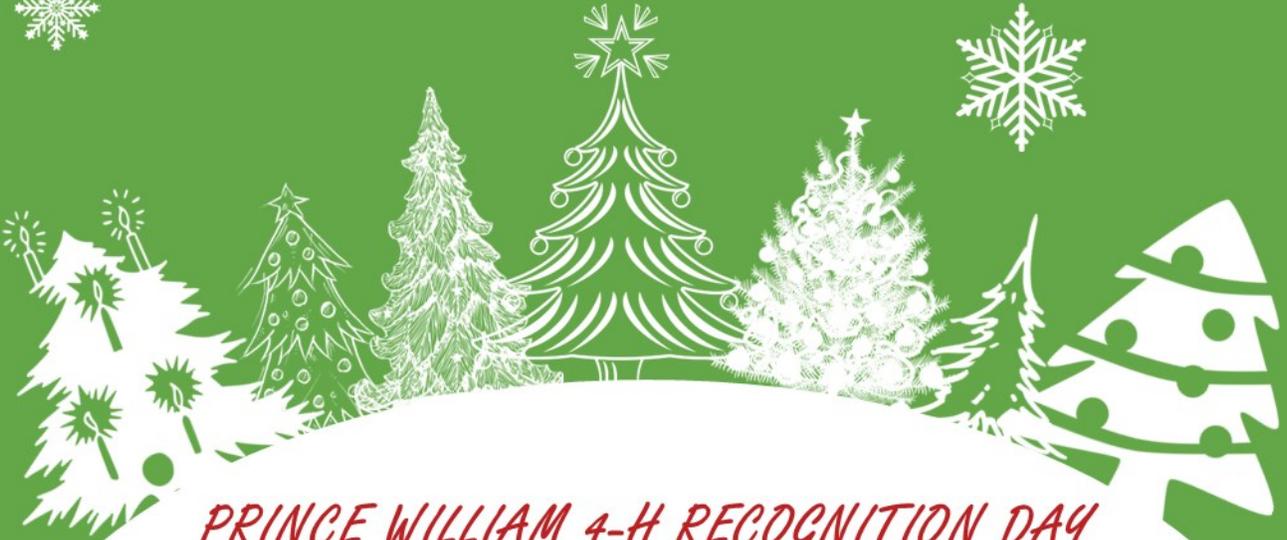
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
OR SCAN THE QR CODE.

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





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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.](#)



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.

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.

Wreaths Across America Ceremonies - December 16th



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.](#)

Apply to VT Kids' Tech University!



Dates: In-person on January 27, February 24, March 16, and April 6, 2024

Location: Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

Who Should Apply: Youth ages 9-12 by September 30, 2023, and their enthusiastic parents. The program accepts up to 160 applicants.

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

KTU, brought to you by the Fralin Life Sciences Institute at Virginia Tech and Virginia 4-H, is your passport to a world of scientific wonder and exploration.

Prepare to be dazzled:

- * Meet brilliant scientists and engineers who'll unveil the mysteries of STEM.
- * Dive into interactive sessions that'll ignite your curiosity.
- * Get hands-on with mind-blowing activities led by VT faculty, staff, and talented undergrads.
- * Discover the magic of STEM as it relates to everyday life.

Registration is open! But wait, there's more! We believe in making STEM accessible to all. So, while there's a \$120 registration fee per child, don't forget to check out our [need-based scholarships](#). Get ready to embark on an extraordinary STEM journey that'll spark your imagination and fuel your passion for science, tech, engineering, and math. This is your chance to explore, discover, and dream big with KTU!

Texas A&M Online Veterinary Science Contests

Registration closes January 14th for the January contest.

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

Prince William 4-H'ers - interested in expanding your knowledge of veterinary science? Veterinary Science Contests are open to ALL students regardless of age and location.

CHECK OUT THIS IMPORTANT RESOURCE:

Veterinary Science: Career Development Events Handbook by Joe W. Mask Handbook has been revised to illustrate and address the current rules, knowledge, and scorecard required for the event. It should be of interest to students, teachers, FFA coaches, and anyone interested in veterinary science. 98pp. [Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Bookstore](#). Catalog No. [VM-023](#)
Price: \$55 plus shipping and handling

ONLINE VETERINARY SCIENCE CONTESTS



- October 10-12
- November 7-9
- December 12-14
- January 16-18
- February 13-15
- March 5-7
- April 9-11



2024 VA 4-H Shooting Sports Recertification

SAVE THE DATES! There will be two 7-year recertification sessions held in 2024:

- February 24th
- November 2nd

Shooting Education instructors who received their Level I certification in 2017 must attend one of these sessions or be decertified at the end of the year. Those who received their certification in 2018 may attend the 7-year recertifications in 2024 if they choose.

[Click here for more information](#) about the Virginia 4-H Shooting Education program or contact Lynn Wheelless, VA 4-H State Shooting Education Coordinator, (757) 778-1078 or lynnwheelless1@vt.edu.



National 4-H

2024 ARTS PROMOTION APPLICATION

[Click here to apply!](#)

Calling all artists, creators and performers! We'd love to see what YOU do best. Submit your work for a chance to be featured at upcoming National 4-H events. We're looking for singers, dancers, instrumentalists as well as visual artists and creators of all kinds. Enter today to showcase your unique talent on this national stage! Applications from students ages 14-19 accepted through January 1st.

Art Topics Include:

- Visual Arts • Performing Arts • Photography & Film • Sewing/Fashion Design • Crafting • Creative Writing • Spoken Word/Poetry • Theater • Dance • Music • Vocal • Instrumental • Solo • Duet • Trio • Group

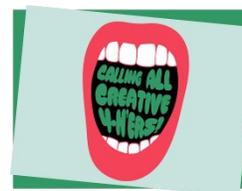
CLOVER BY 4-H

Help Youth Navigate the World of Computer Hardware vs Software

Grades 3-8

[Click here to access free curriculum.](#)

Developed by The Ohio State University and brought to you by Google, "Computer Hardware and Software" provides a hands-on and interactive approach for 4-H youth to grasp the nuances of computer technology. Equip youth with valuable insights into the inner workings of computers and empower them to navigate the digital landscape confidently.



Did you know that you can get free COVID tests through the US Post Office? Visit [COVIDTests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov) for more information and to order. You will receive a confirmation email and an email with a tracking number once the package is shipped. Have a healthy winter!

DID YOU KNOW?

**PRINCE WILLIAM
COUNTY**

8033 Ashton Ave, #105,
Manassas, VA 20109

Click to Visit Online:

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[Virginia State 4-H](#)
[National 4-H](#)



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Portfolio Records

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[Cloverbud Sheet](#)
[Project Record Ages 9-10](#)
[Project Record Ages 11-12](#)
[Project Record Ages 13-15](#)
[Project Record Ages 16-19](#)

[Outstanding Member Form](#)

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2023-2024 PWC 4-H Association Officers

Youth Officers

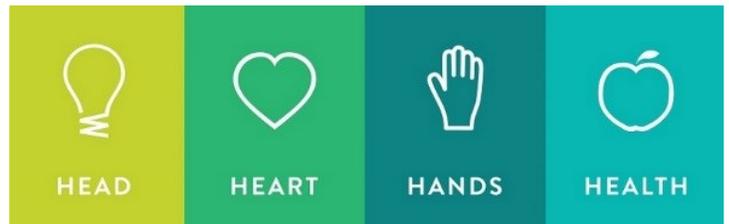
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Adult Officers

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Alan Lerch, Vice President
Sydney Nguyen, Treasurer
Mary McDonald, Secretary

Committee Chairs

Fundraising Committee - Lauren Byrd
Recognition Committee - Alan Lerch
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