



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



February 14, 2024

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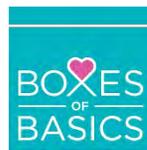


Prince William 4-H Teen Club - Community Service



Date: February 27th
Time: 4-6 PM
Location: 9239 Mike Garcia Dr, Manassas
Who Should Attend: 4-H teens ages 13 and up
[Click here to register.](#) **Registration is required and is limited to 10 participants.**

For February, Prince William 4-H Teen Club is meeting at Boxes of Basics in Manassas for community service. You never know what work needs to be done at Boxes of Basics HQ. One day it's sorting donations, the next day you could be packing a box for a local child. Teens come ready to sort and pack boxes for children in our communities in need of clothing & shoes. Wear comfortable shoes and 4-H green! We will be moving on our feet serving the community.



About Boxes of Basics: Did you know that parents will spend an average of \$264 on their children's clothing and accessories each season? But that number is out of reach for many families. Our mission is to empower kids with seasonal wardrobes packed with love and compassion. We work with school counselors, social workers, faith leaders and human services agencies to provide children with stylish, quality clothing that will give kids confidence and help them thrive!



**PW 4-H Association
 BINGO Fundraising Committee Meeting
 Thursday, February 15th at 7 PM via Zoom**
[Click here for Zoom link.](#)

PW 4-H Fair Camp Counselor Applications - Due Feb 23!



Fair Camp Dates: August 12th - 16th, 9 AM - 12:30 PM
Location: Prince William Fairgrounds
Who Should Apply: Prince William 4-H teens ages 14 & up
[Click here to apply.](#) Applications due February 23rd.

Prince William 4-H teens ages 14 & up are encouraged to apply for a camp counselor position for 2024 Prince William 4-H Fair Camp. Counselors are expected to work hard and demonstrate mature and responsible behavior throughout camp and be enthusiastic leaders. Teens selected as counselors are required to attend the Zoom Planning Meeting on February 28th, counselor training in July, participate in Workday Wednesdays (beginning June 19th), and attend all 5 days of Prince William 4-H Fair Camp.



EGG PICKUP FOR THE PW 4-H EMBRYOLOGY PROJECT

Please bring a container (egg carton) to transport your eggs safely home.

Prince William 4-H, 8033 Ashton Ave, #105, Manassas
 Feb 21st, 4 PM - 6 PM - or - Feb 22nd, 9 AM - 12 PM



PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

CONTEST DAY 2024

It's hard to "make the best better" when they're already so good! Prince William 4-H Contest Day proudly showcased 23 youth presentations that demonstrated the confidence, skills, and talents of our local youth. 4-H Contest Day is all about growth - and we sure have grown! 4-H'ers overcame their insecurities and presented with compassion, professionalism, and knowledge. Our next generation is in good hands with these 4-H'ers.

NEXT UP: Virginia 4-H Northeast District Contest Day, April 13th. We're looking forward to seeing how you incorporated the judges' feedback at this next level contest.

[Click here to watch Hon. Boddye](#), Vice Chair of the PWC Board of Supervisors, recognize Prince William 4-H Contest Day at the February 13th BOCS meeting! (*start listening at the 3:19 mark*)

CLOVERBUDS

Josaphine Clinger
"Peanut Butter, The 4-H Mascot"

JUNIORS

Jacklyn Clinger, *Dramatic Reading*
"An Excerpt from Percy Jackson"
Grayson Dove, *Extemporaneous*
Maria Konstanty, *Presentation*
"The Wright Brothers"
Abigail Tumelty, *Presentation*
"How to Take Care of Horses in Different Seasons"
Samantha Tumelty, *Presentation*
"The Legend of Lexington"
Caroline Coakley, *Presentation*
"Horses"

INTERMEDIATES

Kendra Hernandez, *Presentation*
"Shetland Pony Racing"
Ayden Strand, *Prepared Speech*
"The Life Skills Shooting Sports Has Taught Me"
Haley Schrantz, *Presentation*
"When and Why to Blanket a Horse"

SENIORS

Lauren Byrd, *Extemporaneous*
Michael DeRoche, *Cooking Demonstration*
"Samgak Kimbap" (Triangle Kimbap snack)
Bailey Dove, *Extemporaneous*
Nesi Linares Espinosa, *Extemporaneous*
Katelyn Kellum, *Presentation*
"Mustangs and the Controversies Surrounding Them"
Charley Murphy, *Fashion Revue*
Ryan Nguyen, *Extemporaneous*
William "Danny" Schrantz, *Presentation*
"History of the Role of the Horse in Battle"
Grayson Schrantz, *Presentation*
"Produce Horses Can & Cannot Eat"
Katherine Saul, *Extemporaneous*
Alexis Strand, *Extemporaneous and Prepared Speech*
"The Importance of Shooting Education Programs"
Elena Guallar Thompson, *Presentation*
"Equine Eye Problems"





We are able to offer 4-H learning competitions because of a tremendous amount of support from our volunteers. A HUGE 4-H THANK YOU to our guest judges: Betty Ann Blanton, Kenny Boddye, Kipp Dunn, Quintin Haynes, Andy Jacks, Linda King, David Lerch, and Helen Walla. [Click here to learn more about the different types of 4-H Contests.](#)



National Public Radio (NPR) has opened its annual Student Podcast Challenge through May 3rd. Winners will be chosen among the following categories: Grade 4, Grades 5-8, or Grades 9-12.

All of the official rules are listed on the website, but generally youth are asked to produce and submit their own podcast with a maximum of eight minutes in length. Judging is based upon information and structure (40%), positivity and creativity (40%), and production quality (20%).

Winning entrants in each category will receive:

- ★ An interview with an NPR journalist which will air on NPR member stations
- ★ Broadcast of portions of the submitted podcast during a segment of All Things Considered on NPR
- ★ A trophy and certificate

Submissions must be entered by a youth's "teacher," which can include an Extension Agent or 4-H Club Leader. This could be a great learning activity for a 4-H member, club, or team, and could be a great tie-in for participation in an educational competition such as public speaking, expressive arts, etc. [Click here for the official news release.](#) [Click here for the contest website.](#)

VT Block & Bridle Hippology and Horse Judging Contests

February 9-10, 2024

Alphin-Stuart Arena at Virginia Tech



Prince William 4-H'ers had a strong showing at the VT Block & Bridle Hippology and Horse Judging Contests last weekend - taking several Championship titles and top places. We're so proud of your hard work, team work, and how you demonstrated skills and knowledge under pressure.

Congratulations!

HORSE JUDGING

Team A

Chloe Canyon, Peyton Barbour, Sarah Fox, Sierra Wimer

Team B

Aiden Kresge, Peyton Barbour, Olivia Carter, Anna Nisely

Halter Class

71 total competitors

Individual

9th Naomi

10th Aiden

Team

4th Team B

9th Team A

Performance Class

Individual

71 total competitors

1st Sierra Wimer

2nd Peyton Barbour

8th Chloe Canyon

Team

26 total teams

1st Team A

4th Team B

Overall Horse Judging- Individual

2nd Sierra Wimer

6th Sara Fox

8th Chloe Canyon

Overall Horse Judging- Junior Team

Champion Team A

4th Team B

HIPPOLOGY

Team A

Sarah Fox, Sierra Wimer, Chloe Canyon, Naomi White

Team B

Aiden Krsge, Peyton Barbour, Olivia Carter, Anna Nisly

Stations/Judging

Individual

182 total competitors

2nd Sierra Wimer

Team

59 total teams

1st Team A

Slides/Exam-Team

2nd Team A

Team Problem

Champion Team A

Overall Hippology

Individual

7th Sierra Wimer

Team

Champion Team A

10th Team B

UP NEXT:

Feb 17 Hippology/Judging at Frying Pan Park. **Registration closes TODAY.**

Feb 27 District Hippology and Judging

Mar 10 District Communications and Horse Bowl, Pole Green Park

Visit www.NE4HHORSE.org for detailed information on the Virginia 4-H North East District Horse Program.

SHIMMER



Group Housing

Shimmer now lives with a few of her herd mates in a new group pen. She loves hanging out with her new buddies!



Shimmer sleeps on straw bedding which helps to keep her clean, dry, and very warm!



Shimmer and her friends live together because it is easier to monitor growth, feed intake, and see signs of sickness.



Make connections BETWEEN ENGINEERING AND DAIRY FARMING DURING NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK FEB. 18-24

Engineers work with dairy farmers to help make operational improvements that are good for the cows and the environment. This is a great time to make connections to potential careers in agriculture, including jobs in the STEM field such as engineering! (*Activities for middle and high school students*)

♥ [Click here for civil engineering resources.](#) This Civil Engineering section of the Pennsylvania Ag & Food Careers website includes a video from a civil engineer and an infographic and one-pager describing the career, responsibilities and education needed.

♥ [Click here to watch a video about a new dairy barn building project.](#) Zahncroft Dairy, a dairy farm in Pennsylvania, worked with White Horse Construction to build a new barn for their cows. This type of on-farm building project includes various types of engineers. Tour the barn in this video.



Shimmer's New Diet

Now that Shimmer is older, she eats food that has more fiber to help develop the different compartments in her stomach.



Shimmer enjoys a sweet grain pellet mix which gives her a lot of energy and helps her digestive system develop.



TMR is added to Shimmer's diet because it is a high-fiber food which is perfect for her growth and diet. She can eat as much hay and drink as much water as she wants!



MOOVING COWS VIDEO GAME



Mooving Cows, a new cow handling video game, is now available to download for FREE! Designed by UW-Madison researchers, with feedback from dairy farmers and other industry consultants, this interactive cow handling video game teaches users how to moove cows effectively and efficiently in simulated milking parlor, pasture, and freestall pen settings. Mooving Cows is available to download for free on all Android and iOS mobile devices so don't delay and start playing today!

- Available in English and Spanish, this game helps ensure worker safety and minimizes cow stress and injury in an accessible and fun learning environment.
- Customize your character for an active and engaging experience.
- Learn how your actions affect cow behavior, stress, and milk production.
- Complete all 8 levels and receive a certificate of completion, which can be used as documentation for the FARM Animal Care Program.

[Click here for more information.](#)

[Click here to download Game.](#)



Did you know there are over 35,000 robotic milking units on dairy farms across the globe? There are engineers and robotic milking technicians involved in bringing this innovative technology to life on dairy farms.

Home > Resources > Education > Farmers Fuel The World

FARMERS FUEL THE WORLD!



[Click here for "Farmers Fuel the World" Lessons and Activities for high school students.](#)

In these free lessons, students will learn about the environmentally sustainable agriculture practices that farmers implement. They will also learn about food systems and the ways in which farmers work through these systems to deliver food from farms to schools while also caring for the environment. Specific focus will be placed on the careers available throughout food systems in the United States, including scientific, technological, and agricultural fields.



JOIN THE PW 4-H SPIN CLUB AND GROW WITH 4-H AND SHIMMER!

Log into our PW 4-H Shimmer Google Drive to access lessons and activities.

[Click here to access the Shimmer Google Drive.](#)

Prince William 4-H BINGO FUNdraiser Update



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H ASSOCIATION FAMILY BINGO NIGHT!

Date: Friday, March 15th

Time: 6-8 PM

Location: Buckhall VFD

Who Should Attend: All Prince William 4-H families and their friends!

More information coming soon! We'll be asking for volunteer support for the event as well as donations.

Prince William 4-H Food Challenge - Register Today!



[Click here to register your team or as an individual interested in joining a team.](#)

It's time to **SPICE THINGS UP** at 4-H and **GO BANANAS** in the kitchen! This event might be the **BEST THING SINCE SLICED BREAD**. Be the **BIG CHEESE** in your 4-H club and form a team to **COOK UP A STORM** with culinary skills, **SPILL THE BEANS** with food nutrition and safety knowledge, and **BUTTER UP** the judges with public speaking skills.

IMPORTANT DATES

- County: Prince William 4-H Food Challenge Contest Date: March 9th
- District: Northeast District Food Challenge Contest Date: April 27th



Cloverbuds are invited to participate, too!
(This is our March gathering.)

Prince William-Stafford 4-H Junior Camp Registration Opens March 1st!

Camp Dates: July 14-18

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

Who Should Attend: Prince William youth ages 9-14

Fees: \$365

Registration Opens March 1st.

4-H Junior Camp is a five-day, four-night camp where youth explore new interests, enjoy swimming and recreation and participate in evening activities and campfires. More information will be posted to our website soon: <https://www.pwcva.gov/department/virginia-cooperative-extension/4-h-camps>.

4-H CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Applications Due April 1st

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

The Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation (VFEF), the Virginia Forestry Association (VFA), the Virginia Forest Products Association (VFPA), and the Virginia Loggers Association (VLA) are announcing the third annual Preston R. Wilson Virginia Statewide 4-H Camp Scholarships for the summer of 2024. Applications for youth ages 9 – 13 can be submitted to VFEF to attend the Northern VA Prince William - Stafford 4-H Camp with us NOW. Only 8 youth will be randomly selected for these full scholarships.

REMINDER TO PRINCE WILLIAM - STAFFORD 4-H CAMP COUNSELORS

Teen-Adult Leadership Training (TALT) weekend is March 22-23. This training is mandatory for all teen counselors.





WE AIM TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER FOR ALL

FOR TEENS BY TEENS

VIRGINIA 4-H TEEN SUMMIT

This event focused on social equity allows teens to learn about their power within their own communities, while respectfully discussing their own ideas.

MAR 8-10 2024

LOCATION
Northern Virginia 4-H Educational & Conference Center

WHO?
Ages 14-19 Youth interested in leadership and making change.

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW UNTIL FEB 14
FEE: \$55

Virginia 4-H Teen Summit - Register TODAY!

Dates: March 8th - 10th

Location: Northern Virginia 4-H Center

Cost: \$55

Register through 4-H Online. **Deadline extended - February 21st.**

Virginia 4-H Teen Summit registration is OPEN! Our 4-H Teen Summit Leadership team has worked so hard to plan an amazing event. Teen Summit is an event, planned for teens, by teens that is focused on social equity, youth voice, and advocacy. During the summit, youth will be able to learn, interact and have fun while empowering their voice around social equity issues. We will discuss issues such as disability inclusion, the environment, and culture diversity, as well as youth-adult partnerships, and youth voice. Join us for this teen planned and teen led weekend!

Virginia 4-H Healthy Living Summit

Dates: April 26-28

Location: W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Center

Who Should Attend: Prince William 4-H teens ages 14-19

Cost: \$55

Registration opens March 8th.

Although planning is still underway, we can promise that this Summit will feature hands-on and engaging workshops, amazing speakers, and opportunities to engage in conversations that will empower teens to be healthy – body and mind, and gain skills that will better equip them to make healthy decisions.



SAVE THE DATE!!!
Registration opens March 8

VIRGINIA 4-H HEALTHY LIVING SUMMIT

APRIL 26-28
@W.E. SKELTON 4-H EDUCATIONAL CENTER
Cost: \$55

ABOUT
The Virginia 4-H Healthy Living Summit is open to enrolled 4-H youth ages 14-19 interested in Healthy Living.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT
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Northeast 4-H Spring Social

[Click here to complete the interest form before April 1st.](#)

The Northeast District 4-H Cabinet Ambassadors invite all community members, of all ages, to join them at the NOVA 4-H Center at Front Royal on Sunday, May 19th, 2024 from 3-6pm for the 4-H Spring Social, where attendees can learn about 4-H while playing board games and getting to know fellow 4-H members.



Women in Agriculture 4-H Career Night

Date: Friday, March 8th

Time: 6-8 PM

[Click here to register for Zoom session.](#) **Registration closes March 7th.**

International Women's Day meets National Agriculture Month. Come and celebrate International Women's Day and National Agriculture Month as you engage with women working in agriculture. This free event is open to youth grades 7th-13th. This is a hybrid event, so join via Zoom or in person at the Somerset County 4-H Center, NJ. Come ready to learn and explore new careers you've never had the opportunity to hear about!



SPEAKERS

Dr. Christina Wilson
DVM, Veterinarian
EquiHeart® Veterinary Services
Califon, NJ

Lauren Salvatore
Grazing Program Manager
Duke Farms
Hillsborough, NJ

Dr. Tess Stahl
Extension Specialist
Animal Science
Rutgers University

Liz Thompson
Research Associate
New Jersey Farm Bureau

HYBRID EVENT
In person at the
Somerset County 4-H
Center
or
join via zoom

SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H

Women In Agriculture 4-H Career Night
March 8th, 2024
6:00pm-8:00pm

RUTGERS
New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station
SOMERSET COUNTY

FREE

Registration Required

Virginia 4-H Animal Science Updates



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2024 Virginia Cow-Calf Conference
Wednesday, February 21, 2024; 8:30 am—2:30 pm
Weyers Cave Community Center
Registration \$18

Program Schedule

8:30 am—Registration – visit with sponsors

9:00 am—2024 Cattle Market Outlook
Dr. Kenny Burdine, Extension Professor & Economist, University of Kentucky

10:15 am—Implications of Shortening the Calving Season on Cow-Calf Profitability
Dr. Kenny Burdine, Extension Professor & Economist, University of Kentucky

11:00 am—Calving Distribution Impacts on Weaning Weight
John Benner – Animal Science Extension Agent, Augusta County

12:00 Lunch

1:00 pm—Southern Piedmont Heifer Development and Bull BSE Programs
Dr. Kathryn Payne, Applied Forage Systems Specialist, Virginia Tech

2:00 pm—VA Cattle App
Brandon Reeves, Executive Director, Virginia Cattlemen's Association

Please pre-register by February 16 by calling the Augusta Extension Office at 540-245-5750 or emailing John Benner at benner89@vt.edu






If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact John Benner at the Augusta Ext. office at (540-245-5750/TDD*) during business hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. *TDD number is (800) 828-1120.

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2024 BLOCK & BRIDLE CLUB STOCKMEN'S, LIVESTOCK JUDGING, AND MEAT EVALUATION CONTESTS

Feb 23 Junior Stockman's – Juniors in the morning and Seniors in the afternoon

Feb 24 Livestock Judging – Advanced in the morning and Regular (non-reasons) in the afternoon

Mar 2 State 4-H and FFA Meats Evaluation Contest
Location: Alphin-Stuart Arena on the Campus of Virginia Tech (Stockman's and Judging) and VT Meats Lab and Litton Reaves (State Meats Evaluation)

Who Should Attend: Enrolled 4-H and FFA Youth
[Click here for more information and to register.](#) **Entries due Friday, February 16th.**

Entry Fees: \$10 per individual in all divisions of the Stockmen's Contest and the Regular (nonreasons) divisions of the Livestock Judging Contest. Individuals competing in the Advanced divisions of the Livestock Judging contest will pay a \$15.00/person entry fee – this includes lunch for those contestants. Meats contestants who are only entering in the 4-H OR FFA contest will pay an entry fee of \$15/person and those contestants Dual-Entering as both 4-H AND FFA will pay \$20/person to cover the cost of additional awards and resources. All entries are due no later than Friday, February 16th Late entries will not be accepted.

Virginia Youth Livestock Website: <https://vtblockandbridle.wixsite.com/vtblockandbridle>
Virginia Youth Livestock Program: <https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/youth-livestock.html>
Virginia Youth Livestock Programs Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/vayouthlivestock>

VIRGINIA COW CALF CONFERENCE

Date: Wednesday, February 21st from 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Location: Weyers Cave Community Center at 682 Weyers Cave Road, Weyers Cave, VA

Cost: \$18, includes lunch

Register by February 16 by calling the Augusta Extension Office at 540-245-5750 or email John Benner at benner89@vt.edu

The program will feature Kenny Burdine, Extension Economist of the University of Kentucky as the keynote speaker. Dr. Burdine will provide an overview of the beef markets for 2024 and provide analysis of management practices that can improve profitability.

VCE IMPLANT SCHOOL

Date: Friday, March 15th from 8:15 AM - 2:30 PM

Location: Cattlemen's Supply/Maple Springs Farm, 529 Burketown Rd, Weyers Cave, VA

Cost: \$5, includes a brisket lunch (free to 4-H/FFA members)

Register by February 16 by calling the Augusta Extension Office at 540-245-5750 or email John Benner at benner89@vt.edu

The program will discuss the impacts on weight gain and feed efficiency of beef cattle implants as well as the recent FDA guidance governing implant use. Discussion will also focus on differences in pricing for non-hormone treated cattle. The program is approved for BQA certification, including chute-side level II certification.



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Beef Cattle Implant School & Chute-side BQA

When: Friday March 15, 2024 8:15 am—2:30 pm
Where: Maple Springs Farm/Cattlemen's Supply
529 Burketown Road, Weyers Cave, VA 24486



Program Schedule

8:00 am—Registration

8:30 am—BQA certification PowerPoint
John Benner, Augusta VCE

10:00 am—Mode of Action of Implants and Study results on Nursing Calves and Stocker Calves
Dr. Mark Alley, DVM—Zoetis

11:00 am—Impact of Implanting nursing calves on their dam's on Body Condition & Body Weight
John Benner, Augusta VCE

11:30 am—Marketing Implanted Calves versus Natural Calves
Jeremy Seal, VDACS Livestock Grader

12:00 pm—Beef Brisket Lunch

12:45 pm—New FDA Rule on Implant Use
Mark Alley, DVM—Zoetis

1:15 pm—Chuteside BQA and Calf Implant on farm

2:30 pm—Finish and turn in BQA Test and Evaluation

Registration: \$5/adult, free for 4-H/FFA members. To register please call the Augusta Extension Office at 540-245-5750 ext. 2 or emailing John Benner at benner89@vt.edu by March 12.








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Virginia 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

Date: Saturday, February 17th

Location: Litton Reaves Hall, Virginia Tech, 175 West Campus Dr., Blacksburg, VA

Time: 10 AM

[Click here to register.](#) **Register by noon on February 15th.**

The State 4-H Quiz Bowl is a Jeopardy-style competition in which 4-H'ers compete in teams of three to five answering dairy-related questions. The State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Team will be selected at the conclusion of the senior contest and will have the opportunity to represent Virginia 4-H and compete at the Invitational 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest in Louisville, Kentucky in November.

STUDY MATERIALS: Click here for the [2024 study materials](#).

Questions for senior contestants will be taken from the whole packet. Questions for junior contestants will be taken from Chapters 1 to 9, 14 and 15.

Virginia 4-H
Dairy Quiz Bowl Materials



Virginia 4-H Shooting Sports Updates

SPRING AIR 2024

Dates: March 16-17

Location: W.E. Skelton 4-H Education Center

[Click here for registration information.](#) **Registration deadline is February 20th. Project Portfolio Certification due February 27th.**

Virginia 4-H members enrolled in a State 4-H Office approved 4-H Shooting Education Club and has completed project portfolios in the event(s) in which they are registered to shoot are invited to participate. Portfolios can be downloaded from the Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Website. Portfolios for each participant need to be complete and presented at registration. Please note that the deadline to submit the Project Portfolio Certification document for each competitor is February 27th. This document must be completed by the 4-H Agent or Club Coordinator using a high degree of integrity. If you have any questions you can contact: Robert Tillotson at ricochetrobort56@gmail.com or 434-841-6055 (cell).

Events: BB Gun, Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Air Pistol Silhouette, Air Rifle Silhouette, Presentation Contest, Public Speaking Contest, and Archery.

Presentation and Public Speaking Contests: The 4-H Shooting Education Program is a vehicle for teaching life skills and the youth participating in the shooting program need to be able to communicate to others their interest and commitment to the shooting sports. Youth may participate in either the presentation contest or public speaking contest.



National 4-H



YOUTH IN ACTION APPLICATIONS OPEN

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

Applications due April 1st.

Teens aged 14-19 are encouraged to apply to the 4-H Youth in Action Program for the chance to tell their 4-H impact story and win a \$5k educational scholarship, tailored professional mentoring, national speaking opportunities and MORE!



YOUTH IN ACTION INFO SESSION FOR APPLICANTS

Date: February 21st at 7 PM

[Click here to register.](#)

Join us for an engaging and interactive webinar on the Youth in Action 2025 application! Our team will share an overview of the YIA program and the key opportunities it provides, as well as the application process for the Youth in Action scholarship. For parents and youth, you will also hear from our current YIA winners! They will share their stories and their experience as national representatives of 4-H. This webinar will provide invaluable information for parents and students as we seek to amplify youth voice within the 4-H community and across the country. We look forward to having you join us for this enriching session!



CLOVER BY 4-H: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE UNPLUGGED

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

Artificial Intelligence (AI) refers to the simulation of human intelligence processes by machines. Designed by The Ohio State University Extension and brought to you by Google, 4-H educators will help youth explore the fundamental decision-making principles of AI and applications of AI in commonly used technologies.



GEORGIA BOOT TRAILBLAZERS CONTEST

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#) **Contest runs February 1st - March 3rd.**

Want to show off your 4-H project? Apply for the 2024 Georgia Boot Trailblazer Contest. Georgia Boot is looking for four enthusiastic 4H'ers to share their 2024 project journeys with the Georgia Boot audience. Don't miss this chance to win a prize package valued at \$500!



2024 PHOTO CONTEST

Presented by the Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Enter up to 10 digital images that represent:
"Conservation Across the Commonwealth™"

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

WWW.VASWCD.ORG/PHOTOCONTEST

- Images must be taken in Virginia
- One Overall Winner, People's Choice, & Young Photographer will be selected
- Full list of rules can be found online



**ENTRIES DUE
8.1.2024**

VASWCD Photo Contest

The VASWCD is committed to conservation of natural resources through stewardship and education programs, and we want to see it through your eyes! The theme this year is "Conservation Across the Commonwealth." Capture those vibrant moments and express what conservation looks like through your lens. All photographs must be taken within the Commonwealth of Virginia. Photographs taken outside the state of Virginia will be disqualified.

The contest is open from January - August 1, 2024. You can submit up to 10 photos.

[Click here for contest rules and submission form.](#)

Make plans NOW to attend the Virginia Institute on Cooperative Education!

When? March 22 – 24, 2024

Where? Graves Mountain Lodge, Syria, VA

What?

- FREE three-day leadership conference for high school juniors & seniors 16-19 (as of July 1, 2024)
- Interactive, educational, and entertaining, with a chance to win scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000 and an expense-paid trip to the Georgia Cooperative Council's week-long leadership conference in July 2024.
- Enhance your business, teamwork, and leadership skills with "Who's Minding the Store," an interactive, business-simulation game with each team making key decisions for a fictional farm-supply store.

How do I apply?

Applications are available from Virginia agriculture teachers and posted at www.virginia.coop. Students are selected on the basis of merit from all applications received by February 15, 2024. Selected students must be able to attend both days (from 10 a.m. Friday through 2 p.m. Sunday) and will need to be excused from school on Friday, March 22. **Students accepted to attend VICE will receive a confirmation email by March 12, 2024 with the VICE schedule, packing list and study materials for tests given at the conference.**

Agenda

Day One

- Arrival and registration
- Team building and icebreakers
- Personality type assessment
- Breakout on co-op types
- Introduction to co-ops & test
- Evening banquet with speakers
- Game night

Day Two

- Delicious country breakfast
- Co-op case studies
- Computer simulation game
- Free time (bring fishing poles!)
- Evening banquet
- "White Elephant" gift exchange
- Ice cream social

Day Three

- Another great breakfast
- Devotional service
- Computer simulation wrap-up
- Awards luncheon
- Winners announced
- Say goodbye to new friends



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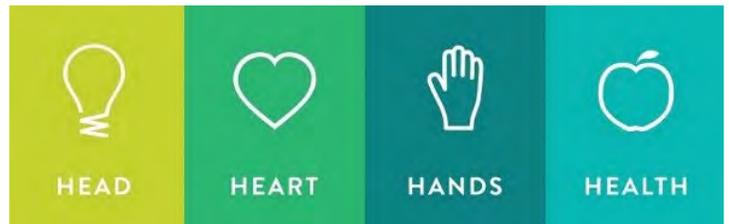
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