



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



March 13, 2024

Upcoming Events

- Mar 15 PW 4-H BINGO
- Mar 13-17 Ignite by 4-H
- Mar 16-17 VA 4-H Spring Air Championship
- Mar 22-23 TALT Weekend
- Apr 5-7 EquiSmartz
- Apr 13-14 New Shooting Instructor Cert.
- Apr 13 Northeast District Contest Day
- Apr 19-24 National 4-H Conference
- Apr 20 PW 4-H Tree Seedling Planting Day & Cloverbud Club
- Apr 24-May 5 Paper Clover Campaign
- Apr 26-25 VA 4-H Healthy Living Summit
- Apr 27 4-H NE District Food Challenge Contest

BINGO is THIS FRIDAY!



Date: Friday, March 15th

Time: 6-8 PM

Location: Buckhall VFD - FREE parking!

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

SOME QUICK REMINDERS:

- **PARTICIPATION!** We would like you to bring your family and friends (non-4-H friends are absolutely welcome!), and we will need help from some volunteers. Please check out the [SignUp Genius link](#) for volunteer positions that need to be filled. Volunteers should park behind the firehouse. Set-up begins at 4 pm. Please bring all donations to the event BEFORE 5:30 PM.
- **TICKETS!** Tickets are \$20 each and include 9 games, a dauber, and a raffle ticket. Kids under 6 play for free. Tickets are available at the 4-H office contact [Susan Wolf](#) to coordinate drop off. Tickets are available at the door.
- **4-H POSTERS!** Bring your club posters to hang and spotlight your club! And don't forget to wear your 4-H T-Shirts!
- **PIZZA!** Dinner and snacks are available at BINGO. **Family Special:** \$20 for a large cheese pizza from Primo's Pizza with 4 drinks. Pizza by the slice is \$2.

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR!

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Prince William-Stafford 4-H Junior Camp Registration is OPEN



Camp Dates: July 14-18

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

Who Should Attend: Prince William youth ages 9-14

Fees: \$365

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

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. Register through 4-H Online today before camp is full!

4-H Camp Scholarships are available! **Applications are due April 1st.** [Click here for more information and to apply.](#) Only 8 youth will be randomly selected for full scholarships.



Prince William 4-H had five teams compete in Saturday's county-wide 2024 Food Challenge: Kitchen of Chaos, Ghost Peppers, Cooking Carrots, Friezers, and the Crazy Cookers. These 4-H'ers worked well under pressure demonstrating their overall preparation, food knowledge and team work. Although they may never have cooked with the secret ingredients swiss chard, avocado or mango, our youth were not deterred in their quest to make the best dish possible!

Up Next:
Virginia 4-H Northeast District
Food Challenge on April 27th!



PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

FOOD CHALLENGE



2024





Prince William 4-H Association

BINGO

FAMILY NIGHT

Join us for an unforgettable evening of excitement, camaraderie, and the thrill of the win at BINGO! Featuring rounds with themes, guest announcers, raffles from our sponsors, and tasty treats, this is an event to bring family and friends and get ready to yell BINGO! All proceeds will benefit youth development and educational opportunities offered by Prince William 4-H.

PRIZES | RAFFLES | FOOD | FUN



Friday, March 15th at 6 pm

Buckhall VFD, 7190 Yates Ford Rd, Manassas, VA



Cost: \$20 each and includes 9 games, a dauber, and a raffle ticket. Kids under 6 play for free. Scan QR Code to purchase tickets in advance and secure your seat.



Sprouting Seeds at PW 4-H

Mrs. Hardin's milk jug gardening project at Prince William 4-H is working! Unfortunately, she forgot the very important step of labeling the jugs. Oops! Mrs. Hardin is pretty sure it's her poppy seeds that have sprouted and she's excited to see how they will grow in the jug "greenhouse."

Nokesville 4-H Community Club also created their own milk jug gardens on Sunday afternoon at their regular club meeting. Senior Nesi Linares Espinoza led this project.

Please share your photos! We are excited to see your project GROW. Be sure to tell us how your going to use the plants. Email photos and updates to chelmlinger@pwcva.gov.



PW 4-H Embryology Program Update



Our chicks are peeping into action!

Depending on when you put the eggs in the incubator, you should start seeing chicks over this next week. Be sure to keep your chicks warm, dry, clean, and well stocked with food and water.

Hatch Days: March 13th - 16th!

Chick Drop Off at the PWC Fairgrounds:
Mar 19, 2 - 6 pm
Mar 21, 12 - 3 pm

Nokesville 4-H Equestrian Club Presents

Egg My Yard

2024

Order your prefilled eggs to be hidden in your yard the night before Easter along with a note from the Easter bunny himself!

IMPORTANT INFO

- This is a fundraiser and all proceeds benefit the Nokesville 4-H Equestrian Club and their yearly activities.
- If it rains your filled eggs, hunting bag and note from Easter bunny will be left on your porch...
- If you do not want eggs but wish to contribute toward the club your egg donations can be added to other hunts

TEXT:
703-881-8201

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS LINK FOR ALL ORDERS

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EGG DETAILS

- \$15 for 1 dozen
- \$10 for each additional dozen
- Eggs to be filled with allergy free candy and trinkets
- Available for Prince William and Fauquier County



SNEAK PEEK...
Check out this adorable raffle basket for Friday's BINGO!

The Christmas themed basket includes a handmade stocking, cooking scarf, table runner, and much more!

SHIMMER



INTRODUCE NEW CURIOUS CLOVER BOOK DURING AG LITERACY WEEK (MARCH 18-22)

Did you know Ag Literacy Week is happening this month on March 18-22? It's the perfect time to introduce the NEW Discover Dairy book and activity, called Curious Clover, to your students! Curious Clover was designed to encourage students of all ages to build curiosity about the world around them while learning about the journey of milk from the farm to your fridge.

How It Works

- Read the eBook, Curious Clover. [Click here for eBook.](#)
- Print, color, and cut out the Curious Clover Activity Sheet. [Click here for activity sheet.](#)
- Use the Curious Clover PreK-5th Grade Lesson Plan for directions on how to share Clover with family and friends. [Click here for the lesson plan.](#)
- Follow Clover's adventures all around the world by visiting Clover's Corner. Share your own adventures by sharing your photos with Clover on social media, using the hashtag #WheresCuriousClover and tagging Discover Dairy. [Click here for Clover's Corner.](#)
- [Click here to learn](#) more about Curious Clover on the Discover Dairy website.

Age group? The book and activity are ideal for elementary and middle school students.

IRISH DAIRY FACTS TO SHARE FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

If you're celebrating St. Patrick's Day on March 17, try sharing some of these Irish "Dairy Fun Facts" with your students. Did you know Ireland has 1.5 million cows? The dairy industry is very strong and important to their heritage, just like it is in the United States. [Click here to view more Irish dairy fun facts.](#)

Age group? These facts are ideal for students of all ages, depending on how you introduce them.



Did you know milk is 87 percent water? With milk being filled with so much water, that's why cows drink a lot of water on a daily basis. They actually drink more than a bathtub full of water each and every day!



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.](#)

Virginia 4-H Events and Camps



American Red Cross AMERICAN RED CROSS CPR/AED/FIRST AID TRAINING

Date: April 10th

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

Clubs/individuals interested in certification or recertification should contact Tatyana Yates at tatyana@vt.edu by **March 15th**.

Depending on interest and type of training, more details will be distributed to those interested. The estimated cost is \$45/person.



HOMESCHOOLERS OVERNIGHT ADVENTURE

Dates: April 30 - May 1, 2024

Location: Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center, Appomattox, VA

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

The Holiday Lake Homeschoolers' Overnight Adventure is a one-night weekday retreat in the Spring designed for homeschooling families. The experience allows you and your family to develop a closer bond in nature while making friends and connections with other homeschooling families and groups! The retreat is educational in nature, as participants will partake in a variety of Natural Resource Education classes and outdoor activities.

The activities are designed for the 7-13 age range, although family members outside of this range are welcome to attend (though full participation in all classes is not guaranteed). The full schedule will be listed on this page when available. A parent or legal guardian must be on-site and responsible for the supervision of their camper(s) for the duration of the event. Information packet, included a health form, will be sent out upon registration. For questions please call [Jack Wagstaff](tel:434-248-5444) at 434-248-5444 or email Jack at .



WOMEN'S OUTDOOR WEEKEND

Dates: May 31- June 2

Location: Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center, Appomattox, VA

Who Should Attend: Must be 10 and up. 17 and under must be accompanied by a registered adult.

Women's Outdoor Weekend

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

Come enjoy the weekend while learning the outdoor skills you've always wanted to master! Classes include: Edible/medicinal plants, Outdoor cooking, Wilderness first aid, Climbing wall, Food prep and storage, Woodswomanship, Kayaking/canoeing, Urban survival, Basic handgun, Archery, Self defense, Swimming, and Shotgun.



NORTHERN VIRGINIA 4-H
EDUCATIONAL AND
CONFERENCE CENTER

MILITARY TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP: EXPLORATIONS ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

Dates: June 9th - 13th

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

Who Should Attend: youth ages 13-18

Registration opens mid-March.

Do you enjoy the outdoors and trying new things? Is your guardian Active Duty, Guard, Reserve or Retired? THEN...NOVA 4-H Military Teen Adventure Camp is the place to be this summer! Join us for a weeklong adventure in the gorgeous Shenandoah Valley while learning new skills and exploring how awesome it feels to step outside of your comfort zone! Campers will participate in traditional camp activities, adventure activities, leadership activities, and more. Lodging will be a mixture of semi-private lodge rooms and camping out under the night sky. For questions or more information, contact [Tatyana Yates](mailto:Tatyana.Yates).



MILITARY TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP

Dates: June 17th - 21st

Location: Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center, Appomattox, VA

Who Should Attend: youth ages 13-18

Registration opens mid-March.

Residential camp for teens (ages 13-18) ready to explore the outdoors in many different facets. Living in a community of their peers, campers will experience a variety of camp activities and enjoy spending time in the outdoors. Participants will have the opportunity to leap outside of their comfort zones with activities such as canoeing, kayaking, climbing our 30ft climbing wall or our 25ft high ropes course that ends with a ride down our zipline, or try their hand at hitting the target on our archery, rifle, and shotgun ranges. We will be taking full advantage of the abundance of natural resources being in the middle of the state forest provides by get up close and hands on with nature and all that it has to discover.

Virginia 4-H Events and Camps *Continued*



CAMP LOUD AND CLEAR

Dates: July 19th - 21st

Location: Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center, Appomattox, VA

Who Should Attend: Campers aged 9-13, counselors-in-training aged 14-18 (Age as of Sept. 30, 2024)
More information coming soon.

An overnight camp experience specifically tailored to the deaf and hard-of-hearing community. Activities include: swimming, fishing, canoeing, archery, nature studies, crafts, vespers, team building fun, and adventure. For more details, contact [Tyler Cheely](#).



SUMMER CLOVERBUDS CAMP

Dates: June 21st-23rd

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

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

Cost: \$160/participant

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

Registration for Summer Cloverbuds 2024 is now open! Join us for a dino-filled weekend of camp for youth ages 5-8 with an accompanying adult! All participants MUST also be registered and approved in 4-H online and sign up for our event AFTER completing the above registration.



ERAS CAMP (TAYLOR SWIFT)

Night 1: June 21st Ages 6-17 (may attend with parent)

Night 2: June 22nd Age 18+

Location: W.E. Skelton 4-H education Center, Wirtz, VA

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

Are you READY FOR IT? It won't be a CRUEL SUMMER at the W.E. Skelton 4-H Center! Join us for an ENCHANTED night with your besties and other Swifties as we SHAKE IT OFF and live out our WILDEST DREAMS! Activities include: a Swiftie pool party, karaoke, an Eras Tour viewing party on the big screen, a Taylor/Eras-themed photo booth, dancing, friendship bracelet making, cupcake decorating, chicken tenders and fries for dinner (Taylor's favorite!), costumes, glitter, and so much more!



SUMMER CLOVERBUD: PIRATES OF SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE

Dates: June 28th - 30th

Location: W.E. Skelton 4-H Education Center, Wirtz, VA

Registration will open mid to late spring. More information coming soon.

Open to Cloverbud Campers with or without their parents



MILITARY TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP

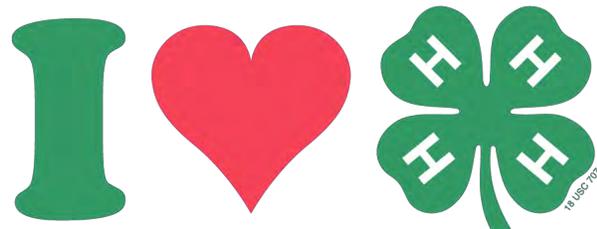
Dates: July 22nd - 26th

Location: W.E. Skelton 4-H education Center, Wirtz, VA

Who Should Attend: military youth ages 13-18 of an active duty, guard, reserve, or retired personnel

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

Join us at Smith Mountain Lake for horseback riding, climbing wall, archery, riflery, high ropes, kayaking, swimming, fishing, canoeing, a blacklight party, color blast party, and so much more!



Virginia 4-H Healthy Living Summit - REGISTER TODAY!

Dates: April 26th -28th

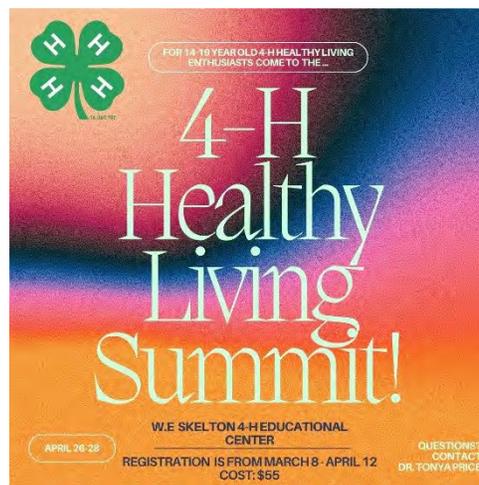
Location: W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Center

Who Should Attend: Prince William 4-H teens ages 14-19 with an interest in healthy living

Cost: \$55

The 4-H Healthy Living Summit will bring together teens from all across the Commonwealth who share an interest in learning more about topics related to nutrition education, physical fitness, wellness, and emotional well-being. The overall goal of the summit is to equip teens with the tools and resources to not only help improve their own personal health and wellness, but to help others as well.

Register for the Summit through [4-HOnline](#). 4-H Teens with a profile and are approved in the system will see the event registration either at the bottom of their page or through the events tab. Teens without a profile will need to set up a profile prior to registering. The registration fee will be collected via Destiny One and link to pay will be sent out to those registered to pay after registration closes.



Virginia 4-H Animal Sciences Updates

2024 VIRGINIA STATE 4-H/FFA SKILLATHON

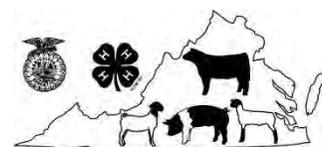
Date: Wednesday, March 27th

Location: Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg, VA

Entry Fee: \$15/contestant entered

[Click here for more information and to enter.](#) **Entries due by March 22nd.**

This is the official State 4-H Skillathon Contest and FFA Teams are welcome and encouraged to participate. There is one contest – not separate 4-H and FFA Contests. There are two divisions – Juniors and Seniors – all contestants will be sorted into divisions based on birth date. Dual-entry as both a 4-H and FFA member is NOT permitted, as there are not separate 4-H and FFA contests. **NEW AND EXCITING for 2024:** Dr. Temple Grandin will be speaking on Wednesday, March 27th, and has generously invited all State Skillathon Contestants, Coaches, and two parents/contestant to attend at no cost.



STATE 4-H/FFA TRACTOR OPERATORS CDE

Date: Wednesday, April 17th

Location: Rockingham County Fairgrounds

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

The Tractor Operator CDE requires students to demonstrate their skills in diagnosing tractor maintenance problems, safety, and operating skills.



VIRGINIA STATE YOUTH CATTLE WORKING CONTEST

Date: Friday, April 19th

Location: VA Beef Expo, Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg, VA

Entry Deadline: Friday, March 15th at 5 PM

Entry Fee: \$35/Team

[Click here for more information and to enter.](#) **Entries due Friday, March 15th at 5 PM.**



STATE 4-H/FFA FORESTRY CDE

Date: Wednesday, April 24th

Location: Mountain Gateway Community College

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

The Forestry CDE requires students to demonstrate their skills in diagnosing forest disorders, managing forests and forest inventory and applying approved silviculture practices.



Virginia 4-H Horse Program



2024 VIRGINIA HORSE COUNCIL EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR & ANNUAL MEETING

Date: Saturday, March 23rd
Location: Piedmont Virginia Community College, Charlottesville
Cost: \$35 for members, \$55 for non-members; includes continental breakfast and lunch
[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

This is a great opportunity for youth and adults alike to network within the VA Equine Industry and learn more about horses and updates to the horse industry in VA.



THE GOLDEN HORSESHOE 4-H CLUB OPEN QUALIFYING SHOW

Date: May 11th at 9 AM
Location: Frederick County Fairgrounds, Clear Brook,
Entry Fee: \$12/class; Jackpot Classes are \$15/class
Entries must be postmarked by May 4th.
[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

This is an approved Northwest District Qualifying Show for the Virginia 4-H State Horse Show. There is a Northwest District Qualifying fee of \$5 for each horse/rider combination. Negative coggins required. Food concessions available.



2024 EAST COAST AGGIE HORSE JUDGING CLINIC

Dates: June 8-9
Location: Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

[Click here to register.](#)

The East Coast Aggie Judging Clinic is led by Virginia 4-H Alumni and current Texas A&M Horse Judging Team Coach, Sarah Shobert, and assistant coach and former member of the TAMU Horse Judging Team, Megan Miller. The Texas A&M Horse Judging Team was the 2023 AQHA World Champion Sr. Collegiate Team, along with many other notable wins from last year. This is an incredible and unique opportunity to learn from the best while staying close to home right here in Virginia! Youth and adults are welcome! There will be sections for all ages and experience levels, as this clinic provides current industry instruction for those that are new to horse judging or are looking for a refresher! Instruction will be given on halter/conformation, performance classes, scoring, and reasons.



THE VIRGINIA HORSE INDUSTRY BOARD 4-H HORSE CLUB GRANTS

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#) **Applications due by June 30th.**

The Virginia Horse Industry has grants of up to \$5,000 per club available to Virginia 4-H horse clubs for educational/project materials and marketing initiatives

EQUINE ADVISORY COUNCIL COACHING OPPORTUNITIES - Apply by March 15th

- **State 4-H Hippology All-Star Team Coaches:** Serve as one of the coaches for the 2024 State Hippology Team, consisting of 8-10 individuals who qualified at the State Hippology competition at Equismartz. [Click here to apply.](#)
- **State 4-H Horse Bowl All-Star Team Coaches:** Serve as one of the coaches for the 2024 State Hippology Team, consisting of 8-10 individuals who qualified at the State Hippology competition at Equismartz. [Click here to apply.](#)
- **State 4-H Horse Judging All-Star Team Coaches:** Serve as one of the coaches for the 2024 State Horse Judging Team, consisting of 8-10 individuals who qualified at the State Horse Judging competition at Equismartz. [Click here to apply.](#)



STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW SILENT AUCTION

Volunteers are collecting raffle items and have secured a handmade wooden item, Pampered Chef portable tabletop grill, fire ring, and cooler. Please contact [Rose McDonald](#) if you have a raffle item, item for the silent auction or cash donation.

SAVE THE DATES! 2024 SOUTHERN REGIONAL 4-H HORSE SHOW
 JULY 31ST - AUGUST 4TH | GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIRGROUNDS & AG CENTER | PERRY, GA



EAST COAST AGGIE HORSE JUDGING CLINIC

2023 AQHA World Show Champion Collegiate Team

LOCATION:
 175 W. CAMPUS DRIVE, 380 LITTON REAVES HALL,
 BLACKSBURG, VA 24061

\$150 PER PARTICIPANT UNTIL APRIL 15TH
 8:30 A.M. START DAILY - HOUSING NOT INCLUDED

JUNE 8-9, 2024

- Up-to-date Industry Instruction
- Led by TAMU Coach Sarah Schobert, Assistant Coach Megan Miller
- Individual Reasons Help and Small Group Activities
- Adult/Coaches, Intermediate/Advanced, Beginner Sections
- Lunch each day, T-Shirt, and Judging Manual provided
- Price will increase on April 29th and May 19th
- Registration with the Link Below or Scan QR Code:

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/texas-am-horse-judging/2024-aggie-eastcoast-horse-judging-clinic>



CONTACT INFO: SARAH SCHOBERT
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 PHONE: (540) 597-2408

Youth Animal Science Program



2024 EQUISMARTZ

April 5- 7th, Lexington, VA

Virginia 4-H/FFA Horse State Educational Competition Weekend HORSE BOWL – HIPPOLOGY – HORSE JUDGING – COMMUNICATIONS



Please see rules posted on the 4-H Horse Program website for each specific contest. This competition is for Junior and Senior Contestants. Hippology and Horse Judging is for 4-H and FFA. Horse Bowl & Communications is 4-H only.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

- 4-H & FFA Hippology – Rockbridge County High School, Lexington, VA

The 4-H horse judging phase of Hippology is Saturday. FFA horse judging phase is Friday.

- 4:15 PM – Arrival & Registration. See parking map. Register at front of school.
- 4:15 PM – Seating: Juniors: **cafeteria**. Seniors: **auditorium**.
- 4:45 PM – Contest begins for all (Exam, Slides, Stations, Team Problems)
- 7:30 - 8:30 PM – Conclusion – watch Band App for groups finishing
- Awards for 4-H and FFA– Saturday following the Horse Judging contest, Rockbridge High School



SATURDAY, APRIL 1

- 4-H & FFA Horse Judging – East Arena, Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA (indoor arena)

All Contestants - bring clipboards, #2 pencils, dress appropriately for the weather.

- 8:00 AM – Registration
- 8:45 AM – Contest begins
- 8:45 AM - Hippology Contestant Registration for those not doing full Horse Judging contest
- 12:00 PM – Bus Contestants to Rockbridge Co. High School for lunch and reasons
- 1:30 PM – Reasons begin (Rockbridge Co. High School)
- ~4:00 PM – Officials given from Horse Judging Classes (High School Auditorium)
- ~4:30 PM – Awards for 4-H Hippology and Horse Judging (High School Auditorium), FFA (High School Cafeteria)

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

- 4-H Horse Bowl – Rockbridge County High School, Lexington, VA

5 Jr. and 5 Sr. teams allowed per District, determined by your District Horse Council.

- 8:00 AM – Registration begins for juniors (holding area for Juniors and Seniors – **cafeteria**)
- 8:30 AM – Junior Contest begins - **Classrooms** open to one coach per team due to space constraints
- 8:30 AM – Registration begins for Seniors
- 9:00 AM – Senior Contest begins - **Classrooms** open to one coach per team due to space constraints
- 1:00 PM (tentatively) – Junior and Senior Final Round – open for all to watch
- Awards following – **cafeteria or auditorium**

- 4-H Communications Contests – Rockbridge County High School, Lexington, VA

Individual and Team Presentations, Public Speaking.

- 11:00 AM - check-in (scheduled times pre-announced)
- 11:30 AM - CONTEST BEGINS for all Senior Contest and Junior Individual Presentations
- 12:30 PM - CONTEST BEGINS for all Junior Team Presentations & Public Speaking
- Awards to follow each contest



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*If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Hunter Liles at (434-429-5342), 9-5, Mon.- Fri. to discuss accommodations 15 days prior to the event. *TDD number is (800) 828-1120.*

ENTRY DEADLINE: March 29th

CLICK TO ENTER: [Horse Bowl](#), [Hippology and Horse Judging](#), [Communications](#)



Save the Dates for Virginia 4-H State Congress

Dates: June 18-21

Location: Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

Cost: \$285/person. Includes 3-nights lodging, 8 meals, t-shirt, educational sessions, and most activities

Registration opens April 1st in 4-H Online.

The mission of Virginia 4-H State Congress is to provide competitive and non-competitive educational experiences to Virginia teens and the adults who work with them, helping them to develop life skills and leadership abilities to become contributing citizens in their communities.

Activities and highlights include: 4-H State-Level Competitions, campus scavenger hunt, Tuesday picnic, opening session featuring Clovers & Co. from Georgia 4-H!, educational workshops, 4 dances, an opportunity fair, color run/walk, service learning opportunities, recognition of 4-H All Stars and Tapping, a closing ceremony with awards, and so much more!

[Click here to apply for needs-based scholarships.](#)

For 4-H'ers with a military parent currently serving in Active Duty Air Force, Air Force Reserve, or Air National Guard, contact [Louetta Jones, 4-H Military Club Director](#) for scholarship information.



Virginia 4-H New Shooting Instructor Training

April 13-14 at the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center

Register by March 18 through your 4-H Club or Prince William 4-H. New instructor candidates will need to take an online training course before April 8.

The VA 4-H Shooting Education Council will hold an Instructor Certification session, for adults and experienced teens ages 16 and older, with training for the following disciplines: Archery, Coordinator, Hunting and Outdoor Skills, Muzzleloading, Pistol, Rifle, and basic Shotgun.

2024 Northeast District 4-H Contest Call for Judges and Room Chairs

Date: Saturday, April 13th

Location: Marshall Center, 8800 Courthouse Rd, Spotsylvania

Time: Training for Judges 9:30 AM. Contests begin at 10 AM

[Click here for contest guidelines and score sheets.](#)

[Click here to sign up to volunteer as a judge or room chair.](#)

We are in need of volunteers that would enjoy the judging experience and could provide constructive feedback to our 4-H members.



Outstanding Young Agriculturalist Award

[Click here to apply.](#) **Applications must be received by March 31st.**

The Farm Bureau Young Farmers State Committee's Outstanding Young Agriculturalist Award application is now available! The purpose of this contest is to recognize students who demonstrate outstanding achievement in academics, community involvement, and agriculture. By participating, you will have the opportunity to evaluate your progress and career goals, as well as strive for leadership opportunities in the agriculture and agribusiness industries.

The judging process will involve evaluating your academic performance, leadership skills, farm/agriculture-related experience, and recommendations. Finalists will have the chance to compete for the state title at the Young Farmers Summer Expo in July.

The state winner will receive a 1,500 cash scholarship sponsored by Farm Credit, Southern Farm Bureau and the VFBF Young Farmers Committee. The winner will also be invited to present their platform at the VFBF Annual Convention at the Omni Homestead Resort Dec. 3-5. A runner-up will receive \$500 from VFBF Young Farmers.



Virginia 4-H Northeast District Contest Day 2024

Date: April 13th

Time: check-in begins at 9:30 AM; competition begins at 10 AM

Location: Marshall Center (8800 Courthouse Rd, Spotsylvania VA)

Registration Fee: \$10/youth participating in 1 or 2 contests

[Click here to register.](#) **Registration is due by March 22nd.**

[Click here for scoresheets and guides.](#)

The Northeast District Contest is coming up and registration is LIVE!

4-H Competitors:

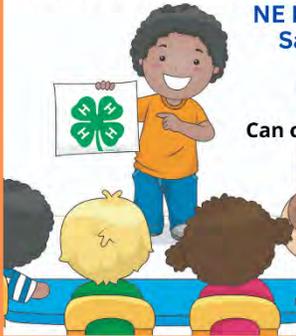
- ★ Must be registered in [4-H Online 2.0](#)
- ★ Must be a Junior, Intermediate, or Senior 4-H member. Unfortunately, Cloverbuds may not participate in the contest. All 4-Hers are invited to attend, observe, and learn.
- ★ Must be present to compete (speak to judges); No virtual entries will be accepted.
- ★ May compete in a maximum of 2 contests.

Interested in Judging? Email [Krista Gustafson](#) ASAP.

2024 NE District 4-H Communication & Expressive Arts Contests

Registration due Friday, March 22nd

Register @ <https://bit.ly/24NED4H>



NE District 4-H Contests
Saturday, April 13th
Marshall Center
in Spotsylvania County
(8800 Courthouse Rd)

Can compete in two contests.

- Presentation;
- Public Speaking;
- Share the Fun;
- Fashion Revue;
- Science Fair;
- Extemporaneous Speaking;
- Table Setting;
- Visual Arts

VA Dept of Forestry - Camp Woods & Wildlife



PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H TED/TOM WOODS & WILDLIFE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Dates: June 17-21

Location: Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center, Appomattox, VA

Who Should Attend: Virginia youth ages 13-16 who show an interest in natural resources and have good academic standing.

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#) **Applications due April 15th.**

The Virginia Department of Forestry, in cooperation with other natural resource conservation agencies and organizations, has proudly administered Camp Woods and Wildlife (formerly called Holiday Lake Forestry Camp) for more than 70 years. Camp Woods and Wildlife is an academic, structured, residential camp that focuses on field experiences in forestry and other natural resources. This unique camping experience introduces 13-16-year-olds to the challenges, special skills, and knowledge needed for managing the forest resources we use and enjoy every day.

Camp Woods and Wildlife is ideal for students who:

- * wish to explore forestry and wildlife related careers
- * participate in forestry and wildlife judging teams, Envirothon competitions, or ecology clubs
- * want to experience hands-on learning and gain real-world skills in natural resources conservation
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Camp Activities

- * Classes are taught mainly outdoors, by natural resource professionals.
- * Courses include: Sustainable Forest Management, Forest Ecology, Mapping, Environmental Protection, Forest Health, Wildlife Management, Tree Identification
- * Other learning experiences include urban forestry and forest products demonstrations; exploratory classes in topics such as forest fire equipment and tactics, wilderness survival, canoeing, and archery; and presentations by conservation police officers, wildlife researchers, and other natural resource

professionals.

- * Campers participate in a Lumberjack Field Day with group competition in crosscut sawing, log rolling, and other traditional outdoor skills contests.
- * Recreation and athletics include swimming and volleyball.



Virginia 4-H - States 4-H Exchange

Host a Japanese Exchange Student in Summer 2024

Accepting Host Family Applications Now



Build Your Global Skills - Host a Japanese Young Person in Your Home This Summer!

Virginia 4-H is 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 24 through August 17, 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.

Virginia 4-H STEM Summer Camps at Virginia Tech

Virginia Tech Fralin Life Sciences Institute on Virginia Tech's Blacksburg Campus, in collaboration with 4-H, is running six week-long, half-day STEM Summer Camps. Camps will run Monday - Friday from 9 am - 12 pm, and are appropriate for kids ages 9-12. The camp is offered six times during the summer on the following dates (*participants may only attend one week*) and is limited to 16 campers per week.

May 28 - 31
 June 3 - 7
 July 8 - 12
 July 15 - 19
 July 29 - August 2
 August 5 - 9



Registration is \$100 (*May 28-31st which will be \$80*) and is non-refundable. [Click here to register.](#)

Each day we will focus on different STEM topics including Geology (including jewelry making), Horticulture (tour of the Hahn Horticulture Garden) and Engineering (design build activities). Since a majority of our time will be in a lab setting the child must wear long pants (or skirt to the ankle, if appropriate) and close toed shoes. We will also be moving around campus so please make sure your shoes are comfortable and plan on being on your feet the entire time.

Snacks will not be provided however we will take a 15 min break around 10:30 am so that students can eat a quick snack outside and use the restroom. We encourage kids to bring a water bottle.

National 4-H Updates

IGNITE BY 4-H - BYTES

[Click here for more information.](#)

Can't attend in-person in Washington, D.C? Don't miss the action and join in! Ignite bytes is the place to access content from Ignite 2024 online. Immediately following the event, the week of March 18th, get access to the Keynote Sessions from Gitanjali Rao, Emily Calandrelli, and Daniel Mac, plus behind the scenes with other speakers. Create an impact on your community and future with Lead to Change action planning and career building skills! The first 250 registrants will receive an Ignite by 4-H branded bucket hat (just like you would have received if you were in person) and a one-year subscription to Clover (valued at \$74)! Tickets are available now for only \$34.



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!



JOANN IN-STORE CAMPAIGN

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

Campaign runs March 3rd - May 4th.

Join JOANN in supporting 4-H to help create kids who are ready to lead in their communities and take on life's greatest challenges. Shop and donate to support Prince William 4-H!



CLOVER BY 4-H: MASTER ALGORITHMS

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

As you go through the day, you are often asked to follow directions. A process or set of rules to follow in coding is called an algorithm. Designed by Utah State University Extension and brought to you by Google, practice creating and following algorithms in both coding and real-world applications. Grades 3-8



PWC's Internship Pays College Students to Learn About Local Government!

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#) **Apply before March 16th.**

Do you know any college students looking for a paid internship that offers them valuable experience and knowledge in local government?

Prince William County's Internship Program runs eight weeks and allows students to participate in professional development opportunities, such as skills and leadership training, mentoring, networking with executive leadership, field excursions, short-term projects, and hands-on experience, that will set them up for long-term success. The program runs from May 20 to July 11, 2024, and applications are now open! Interested candidates can [apply](#) for the program by visiting our website and accessing the application. Make sure to apply before March 16, 2024, as the deadline is quickly approaching. Spread the word and give college students the chance to gain invaluable experience and take their first step towards a successful career in local government.





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2024 (Our 16th year!)

Expand Your Horizons with 4-H...

8 days and 7 nights in... 

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

While in the Dominican Republic 4-H'ers will:

- Learn and practice speaking Spanish
- Try tropical foods
- Work with Dominican teen partners
- Conduct 4-H day camp activities for elementary school students
- Swim at the beach, snorkel over a coral reef
- Participate in service projects

WHO: 4-H'ers in grades 9-12

WHEN: July 16-23, 2024 OR
July 30-Aug. 6, 2024
(Choose one week)

COST: \$2,500
First payment of \$1,000 due March 15.
Final payment of \$1,500 due July 1.

INCLUDES: Insurance
Airfare and in-country transportation
Accommodations – local resort
3 meals/day (will need to purchase a couple of meals on your own while traveling)
Field Trip to the city of Higüey

Please submit applications by March 1, 2024

Participants need to apply for their passports asap!

2023 Blog:

<https://2023virginia4hdominicanrepublic.blogspot.com/2023/07/what-is-this-program.html>

Youth Program Application:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJFmciJddrdB4JPAdPF7scS_uH2w09DYtNT3D45uitg8blDA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Adult Volunteer Program Application:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4Yu6kBc6feykqfEnSMIV2wL0DiaVehNw6oX4pS2XQN6yDbA/viewform?usp=sf_link

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June 16-21, 2024



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Helping you take charge of your financial future.

Join us **Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 10:00 AM**
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Nancy Ryan, Director, Low Income Tax Clinic,
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To register, use this [link](#).



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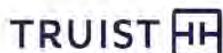
Financial Empower Center, Virginia Career Works
13370 Minnieville Road, Woodbridge, VA 22192

Office Hours

Monday – Friday
9:00am to 4:30pm

[Financial Empowerment Center - Virginia Career Works Northern Region \(vcwnorthern.com\)](http://vcwnorthern.com)

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services, or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact us at 703-792-6287 9 am to 5 pm to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. *TDD number is (800) 828-1120.



2/28/2024

You Are Invited!

**FIRST Chesapeake FRC Regional Robotics Championship
at the VSU MultiPurpose Center
54 Top High School Robotics Teams from Across DC, MD, and VA**

Thursday – Saturday April 4th – 6th - See schedule below

Thursday April 4, 2024

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM	Technology Row Exhibition Open
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Practice Matches
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Qualification Matches

Friday April 5, 2024

9:00 AM	Opening Ceremonies
9:30 AM – 3:30 PM	Technology Row Exhibition Open
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Qualification Matches
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Qualification Matches

Saturday April 6, 2024

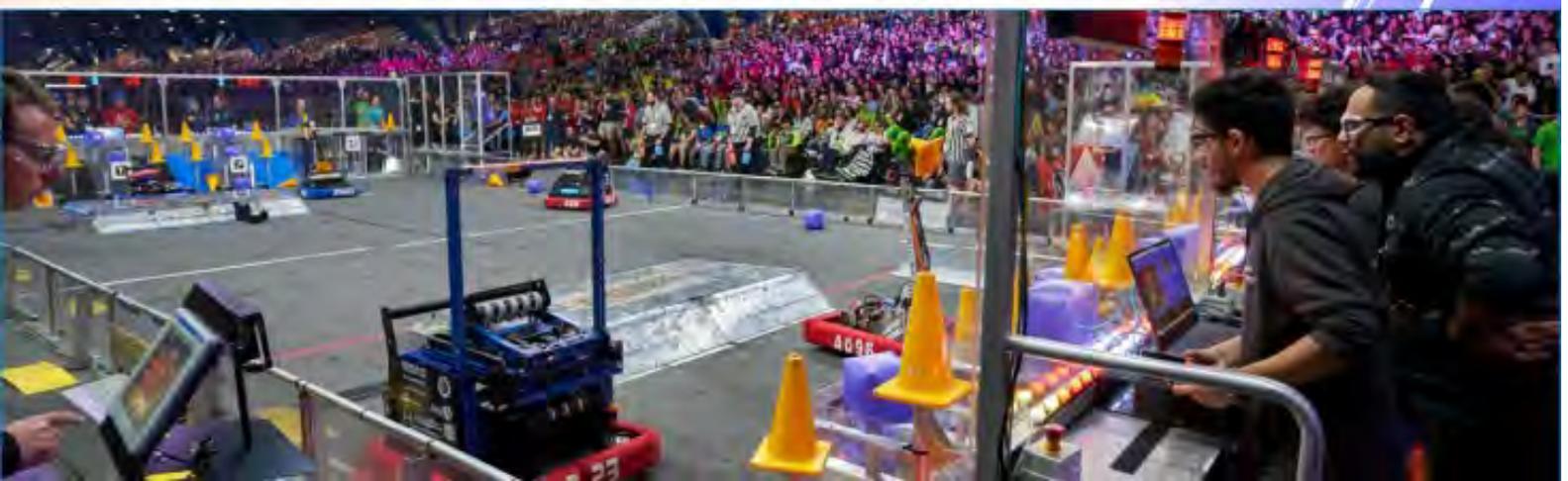
8:00 AM	Pits Open
9:00 AM	Opening Ceremonies
9:30 AM – 3:30 PM	Technology Row Exhibition Open
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Qualification Matches
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Alliance Selection
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Playoff Matches and Awards

VIP tours available for individuals and groups

Free Admission!
Stay for a couple of hours or an entire day!
Food and beverages available

This will be an exciting and inspiring event for kids of all ages!

*Please RSVP to your VSU contact person
See you there!*



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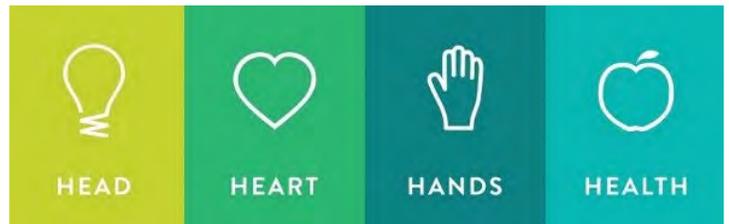
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