



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



April 10, 2024

Upcoming Events

- Apr 13-14** New Shooting Instructor Cert.
- Apr 13** Northeast District Contest Day
- Apr 18** - PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Interest Meeting
- 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
- May 11** - PW 4-H Cloverbud Club
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Call to Action - let's say a HUGE 4-H THANK YOU!



Date: Sunday, April 14th

Time: 2-6 PM

Location: 4-H Volunteer's Home, 9000 Forestview Drive, Manassas

[Click here for signup.](#)

Buckhall Fire Department is a huge supporter of our Prince William 4-H program. Let's show them how much we appreciate their continued support of our events!

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Write a thank you note, create a card, or draw a photo to thank Buckhall Fire Department
- Donate baked goods for their upcoming meeting - [click here for signup](#)

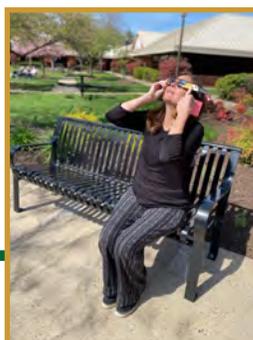


Please drop off notes and baked goods by this Sunday in preparation for the Buckhall Fire Department's staff meeting the next day.



Watching the Eclipse at Prince William 4-H

Mrs. Lerch and Mrs. Hardin had an exciting day on Monday at Prince William 4-H headquarters! They stepped outside with their viewing safety glasses and were able to see the eclipse in the sky and on the ground! Did you "notice crescent-shaped shadows coming through the trees, and are wondering what causes those unique shadows? The answer is nature's very own pinhole camera! Light from the Sun during the eclipse passes through small gaps between tree leaves, projecting images of the eclipse onto the surface below." stated NASA Langley Research Center in their X Post.



Eclipse photo by PW 4-H'er Samuel Key



Prince William 4-H

FAIR CAMP

August 12 - 16, 2024 at the Prince William County Fairgrounds

www.pwcva.gov/4-H

Prince William 4-H Fair Camp is an exciting week for youth to explore the 4-H Pillars of STEM, Agriculture, Healthy Living and Civic Engagement.

4-H Fair Camp is open to youth ages 5-12 residing in Prince William County, Manassas City and Manassas Park



Explore how we experience summer using our 5 senses through hands on, sensory-themed activities.



Experience the Prince William County Fair close-up with behind the scenes access to Fair exhibits.



Explore daily themes, camp songs, creative crafts, face painting, and healthy snacks.



Engage with new friends and build confidence while exploring the Character Counts traits: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.



DATES: Monday - Friday, August 12th - 16th

TIME: 9 am - 12:30 pm

LOCATION: Prince William 4-H Children's Barn at the PWC Fairgrounds

REGISTRATION FEE: \$50 and includes activities, a healthy snack, and a camp t-shirt (if registered by June 1st)

REGISTER: www.pwcva.gov/4-H

Registration opens TODAY!



CITIZENSHIP



HEALTHY LIVING



STEM



AGRICULTURE



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Prince William-Stafford

4-H JUNIOR CAMP

July 14-18 at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal

Prince William-Stafford 4-H Junior Camp is our premiere camp for youth in 4-H as well as youth interested in 4-H. Campers participate in morning classes, daily swim and recreation time, as well as evening programs and campfire.

2024 CLASS OPTIONS

Air Rifle • Archery • Campfire Cooking • Canoeing • Creeks & Critters • Fishing • Fitness Fun • High Challenge Course • Leadership Development/CIT • Line Dancing • Low Ropes Course • Model Rocketry • Newspaper • Outdoor Living Skills • Photography • Swimming • Tie Dye



DATES: July 14th -18th

LOCATION: Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Youth ages 9-14

CAMP FEE: \$365* and includes meals and lodging for five days and four nights, a camp t-shirt, and class supplies.

For more information and to register, visit www.pwcva.gov/4-H.

*After June 1st, registration increases to \$415 and camp t-shirts are not guaranteed.

ABOUT PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

Prince William 4-H is a community of young people across the greater Prince William area who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. Our goal is to help youth grow into capable, responsible, confident members of our community by providing information, opportunities, activities, and events that are educational and fun! In 4-H, we learn by doing! Our programs focus on the 4-H Pillars of Citizenship, STEM, Healthy Living, and Agriculture. In clubs throughout Prince William, our youth conduct youth-led meetings to complete projects, community service, and participate in local and state government events.

There's an **#opportunity4all** in Prince William 4-H! Email 4HPWC@pwcva.gov for more information and to join a club.





Register Today!

Show me the money! The 2024 Young Entrepreneurs project introduces youth to the basics of running a small business. From product design, to budgeting, to business finance, our youth complete a series of four workshops leading up to an exciting market season!

NEW THIS YEAR! Prince William 4-H'ers will be showcasing their businesses and selling their products once a month at the Manassas Park Farmers Market in the VRE parking lot. More information coming soon.



6-6:45 PM

**Interest Meeting
Thursday,
April 18th**

**McCoy Conference
Room @ PW 4-H**

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

PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H **YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS**



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PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

Tree Planting Community Service Day



DATE: Saturday, April 20th

TIME: 9 AM

LOCATION: 4-H Family Farm, 12205 Bristow Rd., Bristow, VA

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: All Prince William 4-H'ers!

[Click here to register.](#)

Join Prince William 4-H and Prince William County Environmental Management for a fun filled service project, "Growing Trees and Kids for Virginia's Forest."

Tree seedlings are made available through generous gifts from the Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation, matching funds from Old Dominion Electric Cooperative and Virginia's Customer Owned Electric Cooperatives, Huber Engineered Woods and to the efforts of the VA DOF to provide low cost seedlings to Virginia citizens.

We will meet on April 20th beginning at 9am. We will celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day by planting 100 new trees!



HANDS

WHAT TO BRING:

bring a shovel, gloves, water bottle, and dress for the weather



Congratulations to PW 4-H'ers at EquiSmartz

Congratulations to PW 4-H'ers Chloe Canyon, Sarah Fox, Peyton Barbour, Anna Nicely, Sierra Wimer, Caroline Coakley, and Naomi White for an impressive EquiSmartz contest! Official results will be out soon on the state website: <https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/horse/events/equismartz.html>. We're so proud of how much you've grown!



PW 4-H Fair Camp Counselors are Adding Fun Details to Camp!

We had a full room of enthusiastic teens at the Prince William 4-H Fair Camp pizza and planning camp counselor meeting last night. As 4-H'er Katie Saul stated, "This was one of the best meetings we have ever had because we were able to communicate." The 4-H'ers negotiated the camp theme "**Reaching New Heights with 4-H**" as they worked through their many ideas, all with a common theme of how youth truly grow through their 4-H experiences. The counselors also designed a thoughtful Character Counts t-shirt for this year's camp shirt and came up with the fun daily themes. More info will be coming soon on what YOU can expect from Prince William 4-H Fair Camp!

Check out this fun perspective of camp counselors from Prince William 4-H'er Sam Keys at TALT!



CHECK OUT THESE PHOTOS TAKEN BY 4-H'ERS ON A SHARED CAMERA AT THE WORKING MEETING!

Sign Up to Promote Your PW 4-H Club at TSC



SPRING 2024 PAPER CLOVER AT TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY IN MANASSAS

Paper Clover April 24 – May 5

[Click here for signup.](#)

Tractor Supply will be holding their 2024 Spring Paper Clover Campaign along with National 4-H from April 24th to May 5th.

Patrons tend to donate more often when 4-Hers are there in person, so let's get as many clubs as we can to participate. Prince William 4-H Clubs earn a percentage of the proceeds from this event to use towards camps, State Congress, and other leadership opportunities. Thank you for supporting your club and your community!

Please sign up your 4-H Club for a time slot and plan to bring your biggest 4-H smile!



Virginia 4-H Healthy Living Summit - REGISTER TODAY!

Dates: April 26th - 28th

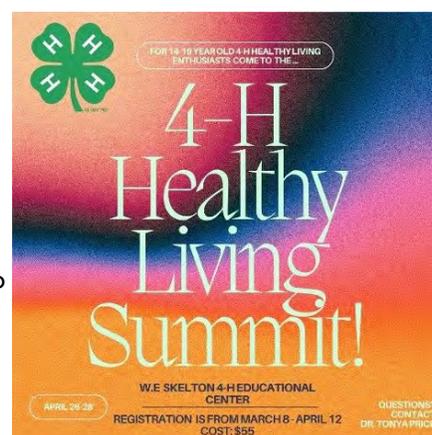
Location: W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Center

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

Cost: \$55

Register through [4-H Online](#) by April 12th.

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.



Virginia 4-H State Congress - REGISTER TODAY!

Dates: June 18-21

Location: Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

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

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

[Click here for more information.](#) [Register through 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, and more!



SHIMMER



Great to see you again kids!

Utah

Utah is due to have her next baby in the fall but will still produce milk until she gets a two month break to rest up for the baby to come!

Below is a screenshot of an ultrasound. Veterinarians sometimes use this to check if cows are pregnant.



[Click here to watch a video of Shimmer at Cave Hill Dairy Farm](#)



Utah's Update



1. Maternity Pasture

Once the cow is two months away from having her baby, she is moved to the maternity pasture. She will live here with a diet that includes specialty grain, pasture, and hay.

For Shimmer, this will happen when she is about one and a half years old in the summer of 2025.



2. Having A Baby

As Shimmer approaches her due date, Farmer Courtney will keep a close eye on her, preparing for her to have her calf.

After she gives birth, the cycle of life starts all over again for her calf, and the dam (mom cow) joins the milking herd.



Preparing for Birth



LIVE CHAT WITH Cave Hill Dairy Farm!

Mark Your Calendar for Your Live Chat! Don't forget to join us for Cave Hill Dairy's live chat on April 24, 2024 at 10:30 AM EST. Make sure to join us on YouTube or Facebook!

[Click here for more info.](#)

DAIRY JOKES

1. What game do cows play at parties?
Answer: MOO-sical Chairs
2. What is every cow's favorite movie?
Answer: The Sound of MOO-sic
3. What was the bull doing in the pasture with his eyes closed?
Answer: Bull-doizin'
4. What do you get from an Alaskan cow?
Answer: Ice Cream!

SHIMMER'S MOM UTAH IS HAVING a BABY!

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.](#)

2024 National 4-H Congress Applications Now Open

Who Should Apply: Prince William 4-H'ers ages 14-19

More information and the application is available through 4-HOnline.

Applications due May 6th.

[Click here for more information.](#)

For more than 100 years, National 4-H Congress has served as the premiere educational and recognition event for senior 4-H members. National 4-H Congress is held in Atlanta, Georgia, November 29 – December 3, 2024. National Congress provides participants an exciting opportunity to explore careers, engage in a variety of quality learning experiences, and have great fun by getting to know other 4-H members from across the country.

Outstanding 4-H members will be selected to represent Virginia at National 4-H Congress. Candidates for selection must be senior 4-H members in the current 4-H year who are able to demonstrate outstanding achievement as a 4-H member in the areas of leadership, citizenship, and personal development.

During this submission process, applicants will be asked to submit their cover letter, resume, three letters of recommendation, and a photo.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Virginia 4-H values the life skills that members develop through personal record keeping. An electronic 4-H portfolio, which replaced the 4-H Achievement Record, will serve as the foundation for a 4-H member's application to participate in National 4-H Congress, if selected for an interview. The formal process includes two steps, which are intended to provide the 4-H member learning exercises that reflect an employment application and interview procedure:

- The submission of a written personal resume; and
- For those selected to interview, a presentation of an electronic personal portfolio (detailed information on the electronic portfolio will be provided to all youth selected to be interviewed)

All applications and resumes should be submitted in Google Forms by May 6: <https://forms.gle/tnMcWsv9NbR7XLdkZ>.

Applicants should not send their application or portfolio to the State 4-H Office.



DWR's Hunter Education Challenge

Dates: May 3rd -5th

Location: Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center

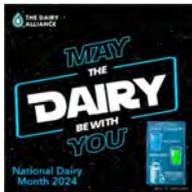
[Click here for more information.](#) **Team registration due April 12th.**

[Click here for official rules.](#)



All competitors must have successfully completed a basic hunter education course accepted by the Commonwealth of Virginia for the purchase of a hunting license. Teams will consist of five members. All individual scores will count toward team totals.

Inside Story Headline



4-H/FFA Beef Challenge **ENTRIES DUE TODAY!**

Date: Friday, April 19

Location: Junior Beef Round-Up at the Virginia Beef Expo, Rockingham

[Click here for more information and to enter.](#) **Entries due April 10th.**

Similar to the 4-H Food Challenge, Beef Challenge allows youth to showcase beef as part of a healthy diet. This combination cooking and communications contest is sponsored by the Virginia Beef Council and there is no cost to teams.

2024 State 4-H/FFA Poultry Evaluation Contest

Date: Friday, April 26th

Location: Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg

[Click here for more information and to register.](#) **Register by 5 pm on April 19th.**

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

Registration/Check-in will be from 8 – 8:30 am; Contest Instructions will begin at 8:45 am; Contest for 4-H and FFA, Juniors and Seniors will begin at 9 am.

2024 June Dairy Month 4-H Poster Contest

Posters must be postmarked by June 7th. [Click here for more information and entry form.](#)

The theme for the 2024 June Dairy Month 4-H Poster Contest sponsored by Virginia Tech's youth dairy program is "May the Dairy Be with You." Here are some important tips:

- Posters must be done on 8 1/2" x 11" card stock.
- A complete official entry form is required for all posters submitted.
- State winners will be announced during State 4-H Congress.

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.

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

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.

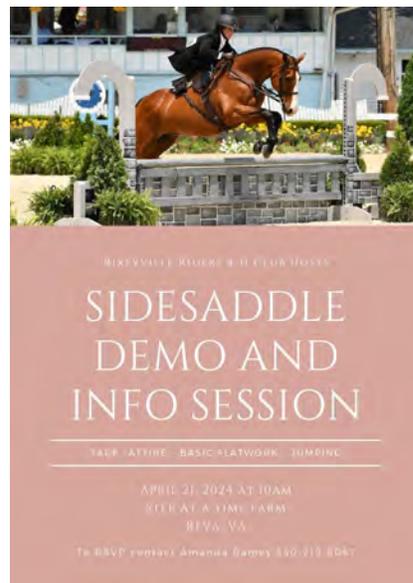


Virginia 4-H Horse Program

NEW! SIDESADDLE DEMONSTRATION

Date: April 21st at 10 AM

Location: Step at a Time Farm, Culpeper, VA (call Amanda at 540-219-8067 to RSVP)
The Rixeyville Riders 4-H Club of Culpeper, VA is hosting a sidesaddle demonstration and information session. This is a unique opportunity to learn from several experts in this discipline and expose yourself and your youth to the timeless tradition of sidesaddle.



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.



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



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.

Virginia 4-H - States 4-H Exchange

[Click here to enjoy a video of our inbound exchange from 2023 for inspiration!](#)

Virginia 4-H is recruiting host families across Virginia to host 18 young Japanese people and 2 chaperones for the summer of 2024. The program runs July 24th-August 17th.

- 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.

Host a Japanese Exchange Student in Summer 2024

Accepting Host Family Applications Now



Virginia 4-H Events and Camps



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.](#) **Register by April 22nd.**

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, including a health form, will be sent out upon registration. For questions please contact [Jack Wagstaff](#) at 434-248-5444.



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.

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

Women's Outdoor Weekend

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

[Click here to register.](#) **Register by May 26th.**

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](#).



MILITARY TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP

Dates: June 17th - 21st

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

Who Should Attend: youth ages 13-18

[Click here for more information and to register.](#) **Register by May 31st.**

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.

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)

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



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](#).

Virginia 4-H Events and Camps *continued*



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.](#) **Register by May 3rd.**

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.



W.E. Skelton 4-H
Educational Conference Center
at Smith Mountain Lake

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!



W.E. Skelton 4-H
Educational Conference Center
at Smith Mountain Lake

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

Daes: 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!



NEW! 4-H SHOOTING EDUCATION CAMP

Dates: July 28th -August 1st

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

[Click here for more information and to register.](#) **Register by July 10th.**

4-H Shooting Education Camp is an overnight camp for ages 12-16 with an interest and/or experience with firearms. Participants will receive 4 days of instruction related to their chosen disciplines, focusing on safety, marksmanship, fundamentals and theory. All instructors are certified/trained by 4-H, DWR, NRA, NAA, and other national certifying organizations.



NEW! NATURE ADVENTURE CAMP

Dates: July 28th -August 1st

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

[Click here for more information and to register.](#) **Register by July 10th.**

Overnight camp for campers age 12-16 with an interest in exploring the outdoors. This camp provides an opportunity to learn and have fun with peers in a natural setting. Hands-on classes such as wildlife ecology, survival skills, archery or edible insects are taught by quality instructors that will provide a memorable experience.

NOW RECRUITING TEEN LEADERS!

Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center is hiring teen leaders for 4-H Shooting Ed Camp and Nature Adventure Camp.

Leaders will receive a discounted registration. [Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

2024 Beekeeping Essay Contest



**FOUNDATION FOR
THE PRESERVATION
OF HONEY BEES, INC.**

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

Entries due April 15th.

2024 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest is sponsored by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. and Virginia 4-H. This is a great opportunity for 4-Hers to win cash prizes for the top 3 winners in the state and for the state winner to compete nationally.

2024 ESSAY TOPIC: VARIETAL HONEYS

What makes a varietal honey? What are some unique varietals? How are some of the valuable varietals confirmed to be authentic (e.g., Manuka honey UMF and MGO)? What are some culturally or economically important varietals and why are they important?

An essential judging criterion is the scope of research you put forth in developing the ideas behind your essay—accounting for 40% of your score. The number of sources consulted, the authority of the sources and the variety of the sources are all evaluated. Personal interviews with beekeepers and others familiar with the subject are valued sources of information and should be documented.

Turfgrass Producers of MD Jim Claxton Scholarship



[Click here to apply.](#) **Applications due Friday, May 3 1st.**

This scholarship memorializes Jim Claxton, a former Newsom Seed sales representative, and the contributions he made to the natural turfgrass industry. The Jim Claxton Scholarship Fund allows for an award to be issued to a winning applicant prior to the fall college semester in the amount of \$500. If the Scholarship Fund allows, additional applicants may be awarded.

- Applicant must be a current high school senior, or enrolled in a two or four-year college or university program (undergraduates only). Proof of enrollment may be requested by the Scholarship Committee after application submittal.
- Applicant must reside in the Mid-Atlantic area or be enrolled in a college or university in the Mid-Atlantic area. Further preference may be awarded to students residing or attending school in Maryland or one of its adjoining states.
- Applicant must have earned a high school or college GPA of at least 2.50
- The application and all of its required parts (see below) must be received by 5/31/24.

National 4-H TLEI Registration is OPEN



Dates: July 7th - 11th

Location: Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, MD

Who Should Attend: 4-H'ers ages 14-19

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

Everyone has a role to play in creating a more welcoming and inclusive society, and we want you to be part of that change! The True Leaders in Equity Institute is a training program for passionate youth ages 14-19 to learn about equity and inclusion and how it affects their communities. The Institute will prepare participants to be change agents within the Cooperative Extension System as we work together to create more welcoming and inclusive environments. This training and leadership opportunity challenges participants to ideate and champion equity-related projects that will grow 4-H in their communities. At the True Leaders in Equity Institute, passionate youth ages 14-19 work together in youth-adult-led teams to explore their unique views on equity and inclusion. The teams develop plans to spark innovative solutions and return to their local communities inspired to make a change!

National 4-H Updates

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!



TWISTED X CELEBRATES THE LAUNCH OF THEIR NEW 4-H COLLECTION

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Twisted X footwear proudly supports 4-H youth and their strong commitment to environmental stewardship this April in honor of Earth Day. Encourage 4-H'ers to share their love of the land on Instagram, Facebook, or TikTok using the hashtags #TwistedXEarthDay and #LoveoftheLand, and they will be entered for a chance to win free footwear from the Twisted X 4-H Collection.



CLOVER BY 4-H: SPACE EXPLORATION

[Click here to access FREE activities](#) for Grades 3-8.

2033 will be North America's next total solar eclipse. Until then, you can join astronaut Isabella Hernandez in interactive videos and learn how to grow food in space, how to operate a lunar terrain vehicle and see firsthand what it takes to live and work among the stars.



GROWING NATIVE PLANTS FROM SEED - ZOOM

If you're interested in knowing how to start native plants from seed, join Virginia Cooperative Extension April 17 at 11am. VCE will host long time Master Gardener Pat Lust for a talk on the steps necessary for growing your native plant garden from seed. Pat will discuss the importance of acquiring good seeds and the various ways we can work with nature to enjoy their rewards. [Click here to register.](#) A zoom link will be sent to registrants Tuesday afternoon, April 16.

Entry Level Job Opportunity: Nutrition Education Facilitator (Youth) - Prince William County

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

The Virginia Cooperative Extension Nutrition Education Facilitator (Youth) assists eligible youth from limited-resource families in grades K-12, ages 5 to 19, to eat healthier meals and snacks, obtain the best nutrition at the lowest food cost, and be physically active. In collaboration with many organizations, the Virginia Family Nutrition Program aims to help reduce the risk of nutrition insecurity and chronic disease by working with children to gain practical skills that result in changed behaviors to shop smart, eat smart, and move more.



The individual in this position will recruit, enroll, and teach youth in group settings (in-person or using video-conferencing) about basic principles of nutrition, food preparation, and physical activity. This position involves collaborating with local agencies and organizations that work with limited-resource families, marketing the program, and collecting evaluation records for all programs.

The Nutrition Education Facilitator (Youth) is an employee and representative of Virginia Cooperative Extension and works under the supervision of an Area Coordinator. The person in this position is expected to travel to provide in-person programs and build community partnerships.

Job Opportunity: Vegetable Farm Manager Position

Shenandoah Seasonal - Winchester, VA

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

An exciting opportunity to lead the production and daily operations of a 2.5 acre diversified organic vegetable farm. This is a year-round, full-time managerial position. As the Farm Manager, you are tasked with the management and execution of the overall farm business plan. The General Manager works closely with the farm owners to execute daily operations of the farm.



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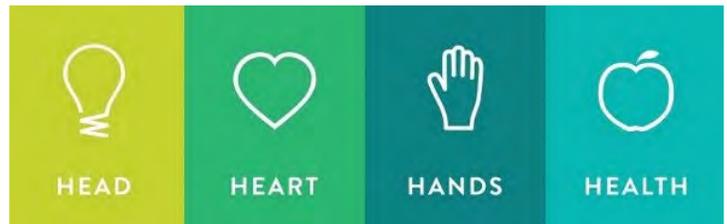
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