



# Prince William 4-H

*Our Clubs, Our Community*



May 15, 2024

## Upcoming Events

- May 16** - PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Workshop #2
- May 22** - PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Workshop #3
- May 30** - PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Workshop #4
- Jun 8** - PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day #1
- Jun 15-17** - National 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus
- Jun 18-21** - VA 4-H State Congress
- Jun 22-28** - National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship
- Jun 26** - Workday Wednesday

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## PW 4-H'ers Shine in *The Wizard of Oz*



Prince William 4-H'ers Grayson and Bailey Dove put their 4-H Share the Fun skills to work last weekend, performing in a community production of *The Wizard of Oz*. PW 4-H staffer Pam Hardin and Cloverbud Henry had a great time watching the amazing musical. When asked his favorite part of the show, Henry said "I liked the scarecrow. He looked very real."

We love watching our Prince William 4-H youth grow with 4-H and take their skills into the community!

## Virginia 4-H State Congress

**Dates:** June 18-21  
**Location:** Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA  
**Registration is closed.**



**4-H ALL STARS: Completed 4-H All Star Membership Form and initiation fees are due May 17th.** 2024 4-H All Star Initiates may be at 4-H Congress during the Tapping

Ceremony which is held as part of the 4-H Congress schedule. If initiates aren't coming to 4-H Congress, they may come for the day. Parents, grandparents and other guests are welcome to come to the ceremony.



**PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H ADULT LEADERS:** We need a male adult leader to chaperone male teens. Please reach out to [MaryBeth Lerch](#) ASAP to volunteer. **Scholarships to attend may be available.**



**VIRGINIA 4-H CONTEST JUDGES NEEDED!** Virginia 4-H offers youth the opportunity to compete in the areas of presentations, public speech, extemporaneous speech, food challenge, Fashion Revue, Share the Fun, and Table Setting each year at Virginia 4-H State Congress in Blacksburg. Competitions begin at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, June 19th. [Click here to volunteer as](#)

[either a judge or serve as room chair.](#) **Please sign up by Friday, June 1st.**

# PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H FAIR CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING *PART 2*

Last Wednesday's PW 4-H Fair Camp Counselors' planning meeting was EXHILARATING! This year's Fair Camp will be the best yet because of the teen input and their creative ideas. The t-shirt committee presented their design and received feedback from the group. Two small working groups shared their new ideas on snacks, activities, and more.

Our 4-H'ers are gaining real-world work experience by volunteering as camp counselors. As a camp counselor, they are caring leaders. They have concern for others, develop empathy and the ability to nurture relationships. They understand the importance of sharing to give everyone an opportunity to thrive. Think about it...how many of these key traits can you add to your 4-H resume? See [Page 19](#) for ideas!

Up Next:

## CAMP CORE TRAINING *(choose 1)*

- Tuesday, June 25th, 6-8:30 PM
- Thursday, June 27th, 10 AM - 12:30 PM

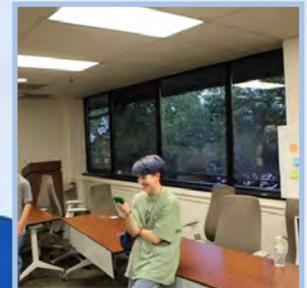
## CAMP DETAILS TRAINING *(choose 1)*

- Monday, July 29th, 10 AM-12:30 PM
- Wednesday, July 31st, 6-8:30 PM

## CAMP COUNSELOR WORKDAY AT THE FAIR

- Wednesday, August 7th, 9 AM -12 PM

*Photos by Youth 4-H'ers Sam Key and JD Vaikassas*



# SUPPORT MY 4-H



## Mission



## Sharing My Love of 4-H

Hello! My name is Alesha Moore and I'm really passionate about helping others and seeing others thrive. When I found out there was an opportunity to conduct a 4-H camp in the Dominican Republic and learn new leadership skills, I was thrilled and excited to help out elementary students and bring smiles to their faces.

The 4-H mission trip is July 16-23, 2024. We'll be conducting a 4-H camp and learning Spanish!

## My Goals

My 4-H Mission needs your support! Each participant must raise \$2,500 to attend the trip, which covers their insurance, transportation, accommodations, and meals for the trip. To date, I have raised about \$1,000. Donations can be mailed to or dropped off at 4-H Headquarters. Please consider supporting my 4-H Mission!

Checks can be made out to the Prince William 4-H Association and dropped off or mailed to:

Prince William 4-H  
8033 Ashton Ave., #105  
Manassas, VA 20109



**PLEASE CONSIDER  
SUPPORTING MY 4-H MISSION**



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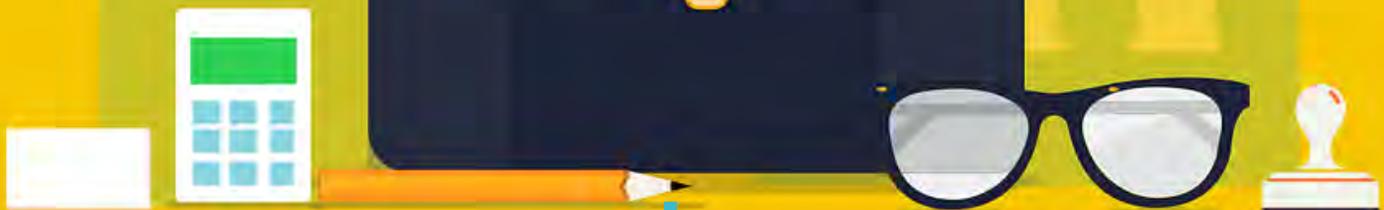
**PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H**

**YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS**

*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!

Save the dates for the Market Days below and show your support for our future business leaders!

*This 4-H SPIN Project is FULL and no longer accepting registrations.*



**WORKSHOPS**

McCoy Conference Room  
7987 Ashton Ave., Manassas

MAY 1ST: WORKSHOP 1  
6:30 - 8 PM

MAY 16TH: WORKSHOP 2  
6:30 - 8 PM

MAY 22ND: WORKSHOP 3  
6:30 - 8 PM

MAY 30TH: WORKSHOP 4  
6:30 - 8 PM

OCTOBER 9TH: DEBRIEF WORKSHOP  
6 - 7 PM

**MARKET DAYS**

Arrive 8 am; Shoppers 9 am - 2 pm  
Manassas Park Farmers' Market

JUNE 8TH

JULY 13TH

AUGUST 24TH

SEPTEMBER 21ST

OCTOBER 5TH

**4-H SPIN PROJECT IS FULL**



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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](http://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](mailto:4HPWC@pwcva.gov) for more information and to join a club.



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Prince William 4-H

# FAIR CAMP

Reaching New Heights with 4-H

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

[www.pwcva.gov/4-H](http://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.

 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.

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

Group Colors Monday  
Super Heroes Tuesday  
Wacky Wednesday  
Career Day Thursday  
Camp T-Shirt Day Friday



**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](http://www.pwcva.gov/4-H)

# Registration is OPEN!



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Prince William 4-H

# Reaching New Heights with 4-H

At the PWC Fair, August 9-17, 2024

[www.pwcva.gov/4-H](http://www.pwcva.gov/4-H)

**4-H CHILDREN'S BARN**

**4-H AGRICULTURE BARN**

**4-H FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT THE SHOW BARN**

### DAILY ACTIVITIES, 2-8 PM

REACH NEW HEIGHTS with 4-H through a series of thought provoking activities focusing on STEM, Healthy Living, Ag, and Civic Engagement. Participate in daily special presentations from community partners. They're all free, hands-on and captivating!

### DAILY EXHIBITS, 2-8 PM

Explore Prince William 4-H through fascinating exhibits, take part in a community service project to support our deployed military, pet chicks, and discover how you can REACH NEW HEIGHTS with 4-H!

### TBD, 5 PM

Join in the excitement of family-friendly games and activities hosted by Prince William 4-H.

GROW IN CONFIDENCE & COMPETENCE

MAKE CONNECTIONS

DEVELOP CHARACTER

CONTRIBUTE TO ACTIVITIES

## PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H FAIR CAMP

August 12th-16th • 9 am-12:30 pm • \$50 fee includes activities, snacks and a camp t-shirt

Prince William 4-H Fair Camp is a day camp for youth ages 5-12 held during the week of the annual PWC Fair at the PWC Fairgrounds. Youth learn and grow in a safe and exciting environment with activities, games, and art projects and more, in the 4-H Pillars of STEM, Healthy Living, Agriculture and Civic Engagement. Visit [www.pwcva.gov/4-H](http://www.pwcva.gov/4-H) for more information and registration links.

**Reach New Heights with Prince William 4-H!**

[www.pwcva.gov/4-H](http://www.pwcva.gov/4-H)

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## Virginia 4-H Horse Program



**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  
 EMAIL: SSCHOBERT@TAMU.EDU  
 PHONE: (540) 597-2408

QR Code: 

Youth Animal Science Program

### 2024 EAST COAST AGGIE HORSE JUDGING CLINIC

**Dates:** June 8-9

**Location:** Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

Cost: \$225 - includes two days of instruction, a judging manual, lunch, and a t-shirt

[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.

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! This is a great opportunity for coaches, club leaders, and ag educators to become more familiar with judging! Instruction will be given on halter/conformation, performance classes, scoring, and reasons.

There is a participant room block at the Hilton Garden Inn (900 Plantation Road, Blacksburg, VA, 24060, US). The rooms are \$111.00 and can be booked by calling the hotel directly or online. Reservations may be made by calling the hotel directly at (540) 552-5005 and asking for the 2024 East Coast Aggie Horse Judging

Clinic block. You may also book on line at [www.blacksburg.hgi.com](http://www.blacksburg.hgi.com) and entering the group code: HORSE. The group rate is available through 05/08/2024 or until the group block sells out, whichever comes first.

This is an excellent opportunity to invest in you or your child's equine education and learn about more opportunities for horse judging as a youth, in college, and beyond!



### 2024 SOUTHERN REGIONAL 4-H CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW

**Dates:** July 31 - August 4

**Location:** Perry, GA

[Click here for detailed information.](#)

[Click here to apply.](#) **Applications due by 5 PM on May 15th - TONIGHT!**

This year's official rulebook and schedule will not be released until late May or June. There are not many expected changes, so please utilize the Southern Regionals Website (SRHC - UF/IFAS Animal Sciences - University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences - UF/IFAS ([ufl.edu](http://ufl.edu))) including 2023 schedules, rulebooks, and class lists to familiarize yourself with the show. The website also includes information about the Georgia National Fairgrounds, camping, and stalling accommodations.

Application does not guarantee acceptance/entry to Southern Regionals. Applicants will be ranked based on 2023 State Show Results. If a horse/rider combination did not participate in the 2023 Virginia State Show, they will be placed at the bottom of the list and will only be allowed to participate if there are spots open and they will be required to meet all qualifications (horsemanship skills/qualifying clinic/declaration) by the entry deadline. Acceptance lists will be posted on the VA 4-H Horse Program website no later than June 1st.

## Virginia 4-H Horse Program *Continued*



### 2024 STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW

**Dates:** September 5-8

**Location:** Lexington, VA

Youth planning to compete at the 2024 State Horse Show must have been enrolled in 4H Online by Feb. 1, 2024. These, and other entry forms and horse show information, are also available on the 4-H Horse Program website. [Click here for link to documents and additional information.](#)

**Animal Declarations are OPEN:** This process is open from May 1 until July 1, for 4-H youth to submit their declarations for their horses and ponies.

**Deadlines:** As we inch closer to the State Horse Show, please keep in mind deadlines/opportunities for qualifying, including qualifying shows/clinics, horsemanship skills dates, and declaration and entry deadlines.

Click here for [Qualifying Shows](#).

Click here for [Qualifying Clinics](#).

Click here for the [Horsemanship Skills Calendar](#).

Upcoming opportunities to qualify at a show/clinic for the State 4-H Horse Show include the following. [Click here for the Virginia 4-H State Horse Show website](#) with information about entry, skills testing, and more. All district horse shows are open to ANY youth from across the state to attend and qualify, regardless of their unit of enrollment.

Northeast District Show: Dorey Park, May 18th

Central District Show: Sprouse's Corner Ranch, June 1st

Southeast District Show: Airfield 4-H Center, June 1st

**Scholarship Opportunity:** The May 18th qualifying show at Dorey Park does have opportunities for NE District participants to earn scholarships for both the State Horse Show as well as Continuing Education Scholarships for 2023/2024 Graduating Seniors. They will be giving 3 \$500.00 scholarships for graduating seniors in the Northeast District. Contact Pinky Dowdy at [pinkdbr@comcast.net](mailto:pinkdbr@comcast.net) for more information and entry form.

### AQHYA 2024 YOUTH EXCELLENCE SEMINAR (YES): "WE'RE ALL IN"

**Dates:** July 9th - 11th

**Location:** Amarillo, Texas

[Click here for more information.](#)



The Youth Excellence Seminar welcomes American Quarter Horse Youth Association members and nonmembers to a 3 day educational and fun-filled conference for equine-loving youth ages 10 to 18, who are from any state or ride any breed. Some fun and educational activities we have are listening to inspiring speakers, leadership development workshops, making new friends from all across the US, a community service activity, and so much more.

## Opportunity for 3D Archery Event at the Virginia 4-H 2024 State Shoot



**Volunteers needed!** If there are enough volunteers, there will be a 3D Archery event at the 2024 State Shoot. This event is for archers with experience shooting 3D targets at unknown distances. This is not intended for beginners. Each competitor must have previously shot a score of at least 30 points out of 100 as documented on their portfolio and Portfolio Certification Document. Genesis bows are not allowed. The 3D Archery Event will consist of one (1) round of ten (10) individual 3D targets. Competitors will shoot at various distances ranging from 5-40 yards for seniors and 5-30 yards for juniors. The targets will have superimposed scoring areas that correspond to the vital areas of the animal.

This will be a squadded event on Saturday and Sunday with strictly controlled timing. Competitors need to bring enough arrows for the weekend in case of lost arrows. There will be 12 competitors on each relay, who will rotate among the firing points in a manner similar to smallbore rifle silhouette. See the attachment for details.

See your club leader for the proposed event details and [click here for the new Archery Portfolio](#), which includes a 3D Archery page. Competitors entering the 3D Archery event will need to have their qualifying minimum scores and other information entered on this page. This additional page can be attached to existing portfolios.

If you have any questions please contact Sarah Edens at (804) 337-1055.

## Virginia 4-H Animal Sciences Updates



### 2024 VIRGINIA LAMB AND GOAT SYMPOSIUM

**Date:** Saturday, June 15th

**Location:** New River Valley Fairgrounds, Dublin

**Entry Fee:** \$25/head if entries are completed by Wednesday, June 12th. Late entries will be accepted at \$40/head from Thursday, June 13th – check-in on Saturday, June 15th.

[Click here to enter.](#)

This comprehensive sheep/goat educational program includes a small ruminant focused Skillathon, Showmanship, as well as shows for Market Lambs, Commercial Ewes, Market Goats, and Commercial Does. The event is open to enrolled Virginia 4-H and FFA youth members between the ages of 9 years and 19 years (age determined as of September 30, 2024) and is a sanctioned Virginia Showmasters Circuit event. *Note: This VSC show is only open to Virginia youth and does NOT offer a Pee Wee Showmanship Division*

Cash Premiums will be paid to the Grand and Reserve Champion Market and Commercial Female winners in both Sheep and Goats. Premiums and or awards will be provided to showmanship champions and those recognized in the Skillathon and Overall Shepherd events.

### 2024 JUDGE LIKE A CHAMPION LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP AND COACHES CLINIC - Registration is OPEN and limited to the first 75 youth that register.



#### JUDGE LIKE A CHAMPION LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP

**Dates:** June 2nd - 4th (Sunday afternoon to Tuesday afternoon) – Camp instruction on Sunday and Monday with a contest on Tuesday

**Location:** Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg

**Who Should Participate:** Youth ages 9-19 with all levels of judging experience.

**Fees:** \$175 registration fee that includes: Dinner Sunday and Monday; Lunch on Monday and Tuesday; Camp T-shirt, and entry into Tuesday's Contest

[Click here to register.](#)

Youth will be broken into groups based on age and experience level and will have the opportunity for small group learning with some of the best livestock judging coaches from across the country. Serving as instructors for this year's camp are: Blaine French, Sarah-Jane French, Garrett Vaughan and Emily Taylor. Youth will spend time learning how to effectively take notes, give reasons, and evaluate market and breeding stock for all four species of livestock. This camp is designed to boost confidence, increase evaluation and reasons skills, and allow youth to learn and grow in an environment that is based on positive youth development.

Non-camp participants and Pee-Wee youth (ages 5-8 years old) are invited to participate in the Judge Like a Champion Contest that will be held on Tuesday, June 4th. Entry fee for youth ages 9-19 is \$20/child. There is no entry fee for pee-wee contestants. Please use the Camp Registration Link <https://tinyurl.com/2024-JLAC-Youth-Camp> to register Contest-Only and Pee-Wee participants.



#### JUDGE LIKE A CHAMPION COACH'S CLINIC

**Dates:** June 3rd

**Time:** 8 AM - 5 PM

**Location:** Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg

**Who Should Participate:** Current Judging Team Coaches, Parents, Volunteers, FFA Advisors – anyone wanting to learn more or further develop their evaluation skills

**Fees:** \$75 registration fee that includes: Lunch and Dinner on Monday

[Click here to register.](#)

This clinic is open to coaches of all experience levels or those parents/volunteers wanting to learn more about livestock evaluation, reasons, and important steps in preparing youth for livestock judging contests. Matthew Miller, Virginia Tech Livestock Judging Coach, will lead the coach's clinic that will include evaluating live classes, demonstration of reasons format by the current National Champion Livestock Judging Team, and an overview of teaching youth how to use scantrons, ask questions, and succeed in livestock judging contests. There is no experience level too green and seasoned coaches are welcome to participate and share their tips for success.

## Virginia 4-H - States 4-H Exchange

**\*\*We need 5 more host families for Japanese boys for this summer.** Maybe your summer plans are a little bit more firm now. Or maybe you know another family who would be interested and could make them aware of the opportunity. To host a boy, you need to have a male child within 3 years of the Japanese delegate's age. \*\*

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](mailto:wherdman@vt.edu).



## Hokie BugCamp 2024

**Dates** (choose 1): July 12 (10 am-noon); July 13 (10 am-noon); July 13 (1-3 pm)

**Location:** Heritage Park, Blacksburg, VA

**Who Should Attend:** youth ages 6-13; limited to 25 participants per session

**Cost:** Free; optional take-home activity boxes are available for purchase

[Click here for more information and to register.](#) **Register by June 21st.**



Hokie BugCamp is an exciting opportunity to dive into the science of entomology and participate in the collection and pinning of insects. Registrants will be given insect collecting and pinning supplies to use during their session. Members of the Virginia Tech Department of Entomology will be available to assist with insect identification and collecting techniques. Every registrant must be accompanied by an adult and supervised by that adult for the duration of camp.

## 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.



## AKC Agility League for 4-H'ers

The AKC Agility League is a new AKC program that promotes training in the sport of agility. Through the league, teams compete on their home turf on courses designed by AKC-approved designers. All skill levels are offered – from international through novice. And in the Fall, there will be a new pre-competition level offered for beginner dogs.

Judging is on the honor system. Captains report scores through an online system, and the AKC calculates the rankings both for teams, individual dogs and Junior Handlers who are younger than 18 years old. Special awards are given to Juniors at the end of each season.

The AKC would love to work with 4-H groups on developing teams and helping youth get involved with this fun sport. The Fall season will start in mid-September and will run for 12 weeks, ending in early December. Teams run 6 courses during the season (one new course released every two weeks).

**4-H Club Leaders:** click here for more info or contact Penny Leigh at [AgilityLeague@akc.org](mailto:AgilityLeague@akc.org) or (919) 816-3749 to bring this program to your 4-H Club or start a 4-H SPIN project.



*Judge like a*

# CHAMPION

## *2024 Livestock Judging Camp*

Don't miss this opportunity to work with outstanding coaches from across the country as you learn evaluation skills, develop efficient note-taking abilities, obtain new terminology, and become proficient and accurate in your reasons delivery.

2024 Coaches: Blaine French, Sarah Jane French, Garrett Vaughn, Emily Taylor  
Sponsored by: Buffalo Gap High School and the VT School of Animal Sciences

Rockingham County Fairgrounds-Harrisonburg, VA

June 2nd - 4th, 2024

Open to youth with all judging experience levels-Ages 9-19

**\$175**

*\*does not include lodging\**

(includes dinner on Monday night– lunch on Tuesday

Attendance is limited to the first 75 youth to register

### Schedule

Sunday– Camp Instruction

Monday-Camp Instruction

Tuesday– Contest (6 classes & 4 sets of reasons)

Contest open to Non-Camp Participants at \$20/person

Pee Wee Contest Division: Ages 5-8, no entry fee for Pee Wees

To Register visit: <https://tinyurl.com/2024-Judge-Like-a-Champ>



# *Judge like a* **Champion**

## **2024 LIVESTOCK JUDGING COACHES CLINIC**

### **Our Second Annual Judge Like a Champion Coach's Clinic -**

Providing the opportunity to work with and learn from **Mr. Matthew Miller, VT Collegiate Livestock Judging Coach**, to further develop evaluation skills, tips and techniques for coaching youth of all ages and experience levels, update your knowledge of current selection preferences and reasons terminology.

Organized by: Shirley Kaufman and Katherine Carter

Sponsored by: Buffalo Gap High School and the VT School of Animal Sciences

**Rockingham County Fairgrounds-Harrisonburg, VA**

**MONDAY, JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

Designed for Coaches of All Experience Levels

**\$75**

(includes lunch, dinner, and judging manual)

**Attendance is limited to the first 50 coaches to register**

### Schedule

8:00 am - Check-in and Registration

8:30 am - 5:00 pm: Livestock Evaluation and Coaching Instruction



To Register scan QR code or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/2024-JLAC-Coaches-Clinic>

## Virginia 4-H Camps



Women's Outdoor Weekend

### 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.](#)

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](#).



### 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

## Virginia 4-H Events and Camps *Continued*

### 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!



### 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.](#)

## Turfgrass Producers of MD Jim Claxton Scholarship

[Click here to apply.](#) **Applications due Friday, May 31st.**

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.





## Virginia 2024 Air Force 4-H Military Partnership Outreach & Support Project 4-H Event Scholarships for Youth Ages 5-18 of Air Force Military-Connected Families Living in Virginia



To be eligible for the 4-H Military Event scholarship, youth must have a parent/legal guardian currently serving in Active Duty Air Force, Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard

A youth is also eligible if the military parent currently serving in another branch is stationed at an Air Force base or the youth is currently enrolled at the school age or youth center program of Joint Base Langley-Eustis.

### **Join Us!**

***Fun Activities***

***Make New Friends***

***Develop Life Skills***

*For more information contact your County or City 4-H Program of Virginia Cooperative Extension. Visit:*

[www.ext.vt.edu/offices](http://www.ext.vt.edu/offices)

**Scholarships are limited. First Come, First Served!**  
**Scholarships to be awarded based on available funds or through June 15, 2024.**

**Use scholarships to assist with cost to participate in one of the following Virginia 4-H Events:**

2024 State 4-H Congress  
Jr 4-H Summer Camp or Other VA 4-H Center Camping Event

If you are a person with a disability and desire assistance or accommodations, please notify your local Virginia Cooperative Extension Office when you call during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.  
TDD number is (800) 828-1120



## National 4-H Updates



### 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.](#) **Register by May 17th.**

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 STEM CHALLENGE 2024 INFORMATION WEBINAR

May 22nd | Time: 3 PM | Zoom

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

The 2024 STEM kit, Food for Thought, provides young people with a hands-on experience as they explore the topic of Food Security and its impact on the world, empowering them to innovate and create positive change. This year's kit will provide youth with the fundamental knowledge of factors that contribute to food security, how people are impacted globally and locally and how youth can personally contribute to creating more food secure communities. Join National 4-H Council and 4-H educators on May 22nd at 3 p.m. EST for an engaging webinar and detailed walk-through of the 2024 kit. We'll share details about the activities, answer your questions and give examples of how you can use the kit to teach about food security through STEM! This year's kit was developed with LSU AgCenter, North Dakota State University, Penn State Extension and the University of Nebraska - Lincoln.

# Berry Field Day

**TUESDAY, JUNE 4**

**11AM - 3PM**

**Free Admission | BYOLunch**



**Virginia Tech Hampton Roads  
Agriculture Research and  
Extension Center**

**1444 Diamond Springs Rd.  
Virginia Beach, VA 23455**

Speakers Include:

Dr. Jayesh Samtani, School of Plant and Environmental Sciences  
Dr. Yun Yin, Department of Food Science and Technology  
Dr. Dennis Cladis, Department of Food Science and Technology  
Mr. Enrique Hernandez, VCE ANR Agent, Fluvanna County  
Dr. Abhilash Chandel, Tidewater Agricultural Research and  
Extension Center

**REGISTER HERE**



## WHAT TO EXPECT

- ✓ Trial Summary and Presentation
- ✓ Field Walk
- ✓ Berry and Kombucha Tasting
- ✓ Networking with Local Stakeholders
- ✓ Precision Ag. Tools



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4-H YOUTH

## ABOUT 4-H

When you participate in 4-H, you have opportunities to grow personally and professionally. Here are some examples of life skills and leadership opportunities that you may develop through hands-on experiences in Prince William 4-H.

## EDUCATION

High School Graduate

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www.pwcva.gov/4-H

# Grow Your Resume with Prince William 4-H

## Gain Work Related Experience

- **Prince William 4-H Camp Counselor/Counselor in Training:** as a camp counselor, you are a caring leader. You have **concern for others**, develop **empathy** and the ability to **nurture relationships**. You understand the importance of **sharing** to give everyone an opportunity to thrive.
- **Prince William 4-H Association Leadership:** In a leadership role within the Prince William 4-H Association, you learn to **work in a team** of youth and adults, are **self motivated**, and learn **marketable business skills** such as communicating, negotiating, computer office programs, accounting, and marketing.
- **Prince William 4-H Club Leadership:** In a club leadership role, you become an experienced manager. You **set goals, plan and organize, budget resources**, and **keep records**. You learn **resiliency** and how to rework or overcome obstacles.
- **Service Learning Projects & Community Service:** As a community service volunteer, you learn the value of giving by **contributing to a group effort**, the importance of **responsible citizenship**, and develop **leadership** skills.
- **4-H Projects:** 4-H Projects develop key thinking skills such as **service learning, critical thinking, problem solving** and **decision making**. You **learn how to learn** by exploring interests through project work.

## Earn Awards & Honors

- **National 4-H & Virginia 4-H Ambassador for Citizenship, Healthy Living, STEM and Agriculture, Virginia 4-H Ambassadors, Horse Ambassadors, and Shooting Sports Ambassadors:** As an elected representative of 4-H, your job is to relate to youth and encourage them to thrive in 4-H. You are an **effective communicator**, work in **cooperation** within the youth and adult network of 4-H, develop strong **social skills**, become savvy at **conflict resolution**, and learn to **accept differences**.
- **Virginia 4-H All Stars:** When nominated into Virginia 4-H All Stars, you represent the best in 4-H. You grow in **self esteem, responsibility**, and **character**. Through **self discipline**, you have thrived in 4-H and are ready to be an engaged community leader.
- **Prince William 4-H Scholarships and Virginia 4-H Horse Scholarships:** Earning a scholarship in 4-H recognizes your contributions and successes in 4-H and is an investment in you as a future leader.



**PRINCE WILLIAM  
COUNTY**

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Manassas, VA 20109

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## PWC 4-H Resources

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### Portfolio Records

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[Project Record Ages 11-12](#)  
[Project Record Ages 13-15](#)  
[Project Record Ages 16-19](#)

[Outstanding Member Form](#)

[Prince William 4-H Member Record - President](#)  
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## 2023-2024 PWC 4-H Association Officers

### Youth Officers

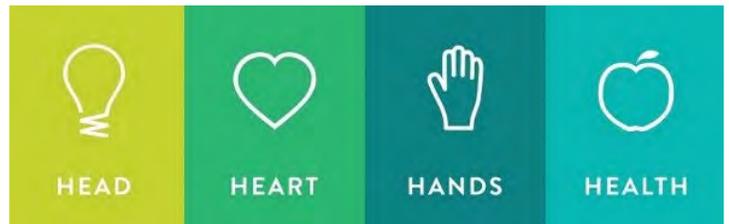
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Sam Seagle, Vice President  
Samantha Erick, Treasurer  
Lexi Strand, Secretary

### Adult Officers

Susan Wolf, President  
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Mary McDonald, Secretary

### Committee Chairs

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Recognition Committee - Alan Lerch  
Membership Committee - 4-H Staff



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