



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



Upcoming Events

- Sep 6-8 - VA 4-H State Horse & Pony Championship
- Sep 7-8 - VA 4-H State Shoot
- Sep 10 - PW 4-H Association Meeting
- Sep 21 - PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day
- Sep 21 - VA 4-H Shotgun Championship
- Sep 27-Oct 6 - State Fair of Virginia
- Sep 29 - PW 4-H Open House
- Oct 1 - Happy 4-H New Year!
- Oct 1 - All Star Applications & Portfolios Due
- Oct 6-12 - National 4-H Week

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September 4, 2024

Prince William 4-H New 4-H Year Kick-Off Open House



Date: Sunday, September 29th

Time: 4-5 pm

Location: PW 4-H Courtyard, 8033 Ashton Ave., #105, Manassas, VA

Who Should Attend: All Prince William 4-H Families

[Click here to register.](#) [See Page 6 for flyer.](#) Invite your friends!



It's time to kick-off the new 4-H year! Join us for a fun hour of all things 4-H:

- Pick up your FREE Prince William 4-H Picture Calendar
- All 4-H youth and adult leaders receive a FREE 4-H t-shirt
- Discover new opportunities
- Learn about Prince William, Northern District, and Virginia State 4-H events
- Connect with friends!

This is a great opportunity to talk with staff and learn about the tremendous amount of materials and support that we have at Prince William 4-H.



Unique Virginia 4-H STEM Ambassador Opportunity

[Click here to apply.](#) **Applications are due by September 11th.**

Applications are OPEN for all teen youth in Virginia who may be interested to apply to represent Virginia 4-H as a STEM Ambassador at Ignite by 4-H in Washington D.C. on March 12-16, 2025.



As part of our 4-H STEM Initiatives, Virginia 4-H has the opportunity to send 10 Virginia 4-H teens (14-19) who want to expand STEM and Computer Science knowledge in Virginia to the conference. [Click here to learn more about Ignite by 4-H National Conference.](#)

Virginia 4-H is accepting applications from Virginia 4-H teen members (14-19) to serve as STEM and Computer Science Ambassadors to represent Virginia 4-H at the Ignite by 4-H Conference. We are looking for Virginia 4-H member with a passion for STEM who would will:

- Attend the Ignite by 4-H Conference.
- Create a plan to deliver programming around STEM or Computer Science in their school, unit 4-H program or area.
- Serve as a STEM and Computer Science Ambassador for Virginia to help spread STEM in Virginia as needed throughout the year!

PLEASE DO NOT ENROLL IN 4-H ONLINE UNTIL OCTOBER 1ST.

PW 4-H Fair Camp Counselors Pizza Party



Last Friday, the Prince William 4-H Fair Camp Counselors and Counselors in Training celebrated another successful camp summer and how their leadership skills have grown. The party started with a card game using GIANT cards to get our brains thinking. We talked about what worked well and what could be improved for next year. We brainstormed themes and activities for



next year, too. As always, our teen leaders make us so proud and we truly appreciate their input and dedication to the next generation of 4-H'ers!

PW 4-H Association Meeting



Date: Tuesday, September 10th

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: McCoy Conference Room, Prince William 4-H, 8033 Ashton Ave., Manassas

Who Should Attend: **ALL PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H FAMILIES!**

The Prince William 4-H Association is key to the success of our 4-H program. The association fundraises to provide scholarships, learning opportunities, and educational programming to our members and community. It is completely volunteer led, and provides an excellent opportunity for youth to hold leadership positions at the county level. These meetings are an opportunity to network, learn more about opportunities with 4-H, and provide input for 4-H activities and events. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm!

REQUEST FOR 4-H ASSOCIATION OFFICERS!

Adult Volunteer Secretary • Youth Vice President • Youth Secretary

Please contact Susan Wolf at Swolf8e8@gmail.com for more information and to volunteer.

Wrapping Up Your 4-H Year - Portfolios Due October 1st!



Start working TODAY on finalizing your 4-H Project Records and Portfolios! Prince William 4-H has lots of support to help you complete these - from forms, to ideas, to templates, and more...be sure to reach out with any questions!

4-H Project Records and Portfolios are a key element to experiential learning. You'll learn important life skills, such as organization, record keeping, communication, and more. You'll receive feedback so that you can improve each year, as well as awards for outstanding effort. And you'll have a permanent document of your personal growth, memories, and how your 4-H Story has grown!

4-H Project Records and Portfolios are required to reach the highest levels in 4-H because they document and demonstrate your commitment to participation and leadership in 4-H. Turning in successful 4-H Project Records and Portfolios document necessary steps to apply for Virginia 4-H and National 4-H Ambassador Programs. Horse portfolios and Shooting Education portfolios are necessary to compete in state-level competitions. Scored 4-H Project Records and Portfolios are also required for the Virginia 4-H All Star Application.

And if you didn't complete a 4-H Project Record or Portfolio this year, be sure to attend the fall training session so that you don't miss out on this important opportunity!

Fall TSC Paper Clover - NEW DATES!

Dates: November 29th - December 15th

Location: Tractor Supply, Manassas

Who Should Participate: ALL Prince William 4-H Clubs

More information coming soon.

The Fall 2024 Paper Clover campaign has been rescheduled to align with Black Friday and Giving Tuesday, starting November 29th and running through December 15th. The timing makes this a great fundraising and visibility opportunity for 4-H programs.

All Prince William 4-H Clubs are encouraged to choose a date to represent Prince William 4-H at Tractor Supply Company during the Fall Paper Clover Campaign. The campaign raises awareness of county 4-H programs as well as funds for county events such as camps, State Congress, and other leadership opportunities. Patrons tend to donate more when 4-H'ers are there in person, so let's rally and show our 4-H Spirit!

Please be on the lookout for more information coming soon!



Slots Still Available! State Fair of Virginia VCE Exhibit

Dates: September 27th - October 6th

Location: 13191 Dawn Blvd., Doswell, VA

Last year we debuted a new Virginia Cooperative Extension Exhibit at the State Fair of Virginia. We've secured the same exhibit space in the Meadow Pavilion for this year. Prince William 4-H adult volunteers and youth are encouraged to contact MaryBeth Lerch at mblerch@vt.edu if you are interested in volunteering at the State Fair. This is an amazing opportunity to help showcase Extension programs - *specifically 4-H* - and make the public aware of what Extension does. **This is also a terrific state-level activity to add to your 4-H resume and Virginia 4-H All Star application.** [Click here to see a video from last year's fair.](#)



Friday – Sept. 27	3 Slots: 5pm – 9pm
Saturday – Sept. 28	1 Slot: 9am – 1pm; 1 Slot: 5pm – 9pm
Sunday – Sept. 29	1 Slot: 9am – 1pm; 1 Slot: 5pm – 9pm
Thursday – Oct. 3	2 Slots: 5pm – 9pm
Saturday – Oct. 5	1 Slot: 9am – 1pm; 2 Slots: 1pm – 5pm; 3 Slots: 5pm – 9pm
Sunday – Oct. 6	2 Slots: 9am – 1pm; 3 Slots: 1pm – 5pm; 3 Slots: 5pm – 9pm

Virginia 4-H Horse Ambassador Applications - OPEN

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#) **Applications due by October 1st.**

Applications are now being accepted for the 2024-2025 Program Year cohort of Virginia 4-H Horse Ambassadors! The Virginia 4-H Horse Ambassador program strives to develop leadership, confidence, and advocacy skills in our Senior 4-H Youth. This team will be led by the Virginia Youth Animal Science Team, Hunter Liles and Katherine Carter, as well as Gloucester VCE Agent, Krista Gustafson. The ambassador term is a full program year, including opportunities to assist locally with their club or unit, attend and assist with State Level 4-H and 4-H Horse Events, and grow their leadership and advocacy skills.

Enrolled and active Virginia 4-H Members, 14 years or older (as of January 1, 2024) are eligible to apply.





Prince William 4-H Scholarships - Applications Due Oct 10th

Prince William 4-H has four scholarships available to members. All scholarship applications and nominations are due by **October 10th, 2024**. Scholarships will be presented at the Prince William 4-H Recognition Day on October 24th..



2023 Joanne Guhl Scholarship

Joanne Guhl was a member of the Boots and Saddles 4-H Club who passed away in 1984. Her parents honor her memory by awarding a college scholarship to a PW 4-Her. Applicants must be enrolled the Prince William 4-H program and must have been accepted at an institution of higher learning. Preference is given to 4-Hers pursuing a career in animal science.

[Please click here to apply for the 2024 Joanne Guhl Scholarship.](#)



2023 Bernard Malo Scholarship

Bernard Malo was a past leader of the Trigger Time 4-H Shooting Education Club. Bernie, a 4-H All Star, was active at the local, district, and state level and gave much to the youth of Virginia. His family, who are all 4-H'ers and friends, started a scholarship fund to honor his memory. Trigger Time 4-H Club members have continued to help this scholarship fund grow. This scholarship is for higher education for those entering as a freshman into any four-year college, community college or vocational school. Trigger Time member applicants are given first consideration. The amount of scholarship may vary from year to year.

[Please click here to apply for the 2024 Bernard Malo Scholarship.](#)



2023 Outstanding 4-H Member Award (Youth)

The Outstanding 4-H Member Award was created to recognize individuals who demonstrate exemplary service to Prince William 4-H through participation in program planning, development, and implementation at the club level and beyond. This yearly award will be given to individuals who strengthen local 4-H clubs and county 4-H by encouraging and promoting youth members and volunteers, helping to recruit new members and leaders, and through leadership responsibility while promoting service through volunteerism.

[Click here to apply for the 2024 Outstanding 4-H Member Award.](#)



2023 Outstanding 4-H Volunteer Award (Adult)

The All Around 4-H Volunteer Award was created to recognize individuals who demonstrate exemplary service to Prince William 4-H through participation in program planning, development, and implementation at the club level and beyond. This yearly award will be given to individuals who strengthen local 4-H clubs and county 4-H by encouraging and promoting youth members and volunteers, helping to recruit new members and leaders, and through leadership responsibility while promoting service through volunteerism.

[Click here to apply for the 2024 Outstanding 4-H Volunteer Award.](#)

Celebrating YOU!

Young Entrepreneurs

at the

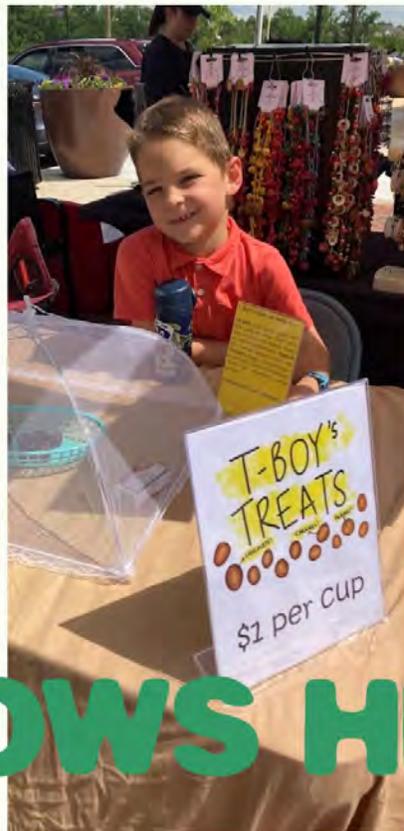
Manassas Park Farmers Market

Treat your family & friends to a day of shopping
at our September Market Day and support our
fabulous 4-H'ers!

Featuring: Lauren, Michael, Adam, Jacklyn, Josaphine, Charley, Stella, Sophie,
Thomas, Lee, Koa, Xanthie, Aisling, Chloe, Sarah, Cora, Nisanar and Istau



Prince William 4-H



4-H GROWS HERE

Saturday, September 21st
9 am - 2 pm

Manassas Park Farmer's Market
100 Park Central Plaza
Manassas Park, VA



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PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H



Open House

Sunday, September 29
4-5 PM

Prince William 4-H
Courtyard

Click here to register. Registration is FREE.

**ALL PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H
FAMILIES NEW & OLD SHOULD
ATTEND!**

**FREE
T-SHIRT**

Join us !!

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PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H



CLOVERBUD CLUB

Meets the 2nd Saturday of the Month from October to May from 10am-Noon



OCTOBER 12TH

AT PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H, 8033 ASHTON AVE., MANASSAS



Our October meeting features special guest Thomas Bolles from VCE who will lead our exploration on the care and feeding of small animals. We'll have a demonstration with rabbits and chickens, too. Be sure to bring a stuffed animal! *Registration is free, but required.*

Who Should Attend: Greater Prince William youth ages 5-8 that are interested in learning more about 4-H.*

Cloverbuds complete short-term, hands-on, adult-led, exploratory projects in the 4-H Pillars of civic engagement, STEM, healthy living and agriculture. All 4-H projects are research and curriculum based. We lay the foundation of knowledge to help develop our future community leaders.



Learn more about 4-H at www.pwcva.gov/4-H.
To join this FREE 4-H Club, click here to register for the October meeting. Come grow with us!



* A parent or guardian must be present.





PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

WINTER Coat Drive

Help families in need with new or gently used winter clothes and coats.



**Donation Deadline:
11 October**



**Drop Of Location:
Prince William 4-H Headquarters
8033 Ashton Ave., #105
Manassas**



PW 4-H TEEN CLUB
Community Service Project
Date: October 17th
Location: Boxes of Basics
Who Should Attend:
PW 4-H'ers age 13 and up
Click here to sign up.
** Limited to 8 teens.*



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PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H
**FLANNEL & FALL
 RECOGNITION
 DAY**

CINNAMON SPICE AND ALL THINGS NICE!

Prince William 4-H Recognition Day is an annual celebration of our youth 4-H members and adult volunteers. All Prince William 4-H families are invited to attend. We'll have beverages and ice cream. Please bring a pie to share.

CLICK HERE TO RSVP

24 OCTOBER | **6:30** - 8:30 PM
 2024 | WINDY
 KNOLL
 FARM

SCHOLARSHIPS • AWARDS • RECOGNITIONS
 PIES À LA MODE
 PICTURE SHOW • PERFORMERS • AND MORE!

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PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H



Pajama Party

What's a kid to do with 2 days off from school? Stay in your PJs and get crafty! PW 4-H is hosting a 2-day pajama party where we'll actually be making pajama pants for this 4-H SPIN Project! With your friends, you'll learn the basics of how to use a sewing machine, care for a machine, basic sewing techniques, and more...with the added comfort of staying in your PJs!

NOVEMBER 4 & 5, 9:30 AM - 3 PM

Prince William 4-H Headquarters

Bring a lunch and water bottle. Snacks provided.

Wear your PJs! Invite a friend!

Ages 13 - 19

Click here to register.

Registration is FREE but required.



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2024 State Fair Junior Dairymen's Contest

Date: Friday, September 27th

Location: State Fair of Virginia, 13191 Dawn Blvd., Doswell, VA

[Click here for Group Entry Form.](#) **Entries due by Friday, September 20th.**

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

The objective of the contest is to provide an educational program for Virginia youth who are interested in improving and testing their knowledge of the dairy industry. The State Fair of Virginia will provide premiums and ribbons for the high scoring teams and individuals. Scholarships are also awarded to the top four individuals in the junior and senior divisions. After receiving the group entry, the leader/advisor will be emailed a link to an Excel file to enter information for each contestant and to make team assignments. Information needed to purchase tickets online at the discounted rate will be included in the email.



Schedule:

Registration: 10-10:30 a.m.

Instructions: 10:45 a.m.

Contest Begins: 11:00 a.m.

Awards Presentation: 3:00 p.m.

2024 State Fair of Virginia Youth Livestock Shows

Dates: October 3-6

Locations: The Meadow Event Park, Doswell, VA

[Click here for Rules and Updates.](#)

A culminating event for youth livestock projects, the Youth Livestock Shows allow youth to exhibit their cattle, sheep, meat goats, and swine and compete in showmanship.

YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROMOTIONAL DISPLAY COMPETITION: The purpose of the Youth Livestock Promotional Display Competition is to allow exhibitors to create and share an educational display that focuses on a topic or area of interest for the species industry that they are representing. Displays should be self-explanatory and provide education and knowledge to general fairgoers, as well as the judges who will evaluate the displays. There is no Entry Fee, but pre-entry is required. Entry for Promotional Displays is collected through the Fair Entry System when you complete your animal entries.



4-H Magical Muggles Camp

Dates: November 8-10

Location: W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Center, 775 Hermitage Road, Wirtz, VA

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

A mythical, magical weekend for campers ages 9 - 14! Activities include: House sorting, wand decorating, care of magical creatures, potions, Honeydukes Sweet Shop, quidditch, archery, mystery at Hogwarts, Great Hall feast, Tri-Wizard Tournament, Yule Ball, a house cup championship, and so much more!

This weekend camp is open to youth ages 9 to 14, as well as trained teens and adults who attended 4-H camp as volunteers in 2024. The cost is \$125/camper, and trained teen and adult volunteers as well as extension staff attend at no cost. CITs who attended camp in 2024 may register as campers. Campers, teens, adults, and extension staff are welcome from all localities!



Virginia 4-H Shooting Sports Updates

2024 VIRGINIA 4-H STATE SHOOT MATCH

Dates: September 6-8

Location: Holiday Lake 4-H Center

Registration is CLOSED. [Click here for the match announcement.](#)

2024 RL HARRIS JR SHOTGUN CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Saturday, September 21st

Location: Arrowhead Gun Club, 834 Arrowhead Rd., Victoria, VA

Entry Fees: \$75 for Seniors, \$35 for Juniors

See your 4-H Club Leader to register. **Registrations due by September 8th.**

Events:

200-Target Championship for Seniors (75 American Skeet, 50 American Trap, and 75 Sporting Clays)

100-Target Event for Juniors (25 American Skeet, 25 American Trap, and 50 Sporting Clays)

* Top 15 eligible seniors invited to join the Virginia 4-H Shotgun Development Team

* Top 4 Development Team members invited to represent Virginia at the 2025 National 4-H Shotgun Championship

* The 2025 National Championships will be held in Nebraska in June 2025. Scores fired at this event will be a major factor used to determine the senior 4-H members who will make up the teams that will represent Virginia in 2025.



VIRGINIA 4-H NEW INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION

Dates: October 12-13

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

Registration is due by Friday, September 13th.

The VA 4-H Shooting Education Council is hosting the Instructor Certification session. First-time candidates are required to complete an online training course by Friday, October 4th. Contact your 4-H Club Leader for more information and to register.

Certification Options: Participants can only be certified in one discipline per weekend. The disciplines offered include: 1) Archery; 2) Coordinator; 3) Hunting; 4) Muzzleloading; 5) Pistol; 6) Rifle; 7) Basic Shotgun

Virginia 4-H - Host a College Student from Chile!



Virginia 4-H has created a new 4-H exchange program with Chile. The Virginia 4-H Chile Exchange program is hosting three exchange delegates (1 female and 2 males) from Chile from September 26, 2024 – December 2, 2024. Participants are 18 years of age. All of the exchange delegates are attending agriculture schools in Chile and are interested in our education system, culture, and daily life, and they want to improve language skills.

VIRGINIA Host families are needed for each of these delegates. Ideally, families host for 2-3 weeks each. Host families treat the exchange delegate as one of the family members. They should make a conscious effort to help the delegate feel comfortable around friends and include them in activities. It would be good for the exchange delegates to visit some of our schools, learn about our education system, the agriculture programs in our schools as well as about the Career and Technical Education programs. Efforts should be made to include them in some 4-H meetings, programs and activities during their stay. Families will need to assign a bed exclusively to the delegate for the duration of the stay and will need to provide three meals a day. Host families do not have to be farm families.

Why do families serve as host families? It's a great opportunity to:

- Learn about another country
- Learn about another culture and customs while sharing about ours.
- Represent the United States, Virginia, Virginia 4-H and your county/city 4-H program.
- Develop intercultural competencies and cross-cultural communication skills
- Give an international visitor an unforgettable experience.
- Improve language skills
- Build lifelong friendships

Interested in hosting an agricultural student from Chile? [Click here to complete the interest form.](#)

Hokie BugFest Insect Collection Contest

GREAT IDEA FOR A 4-H SPIN PROJECT!

Date: October 12th

Time: 10 am - 3 pm

Location: Squires Student Center, Virginia Tech

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

The Entomology Department at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg is hosting an Insect Collection Contest at Hokie BugFest. Collect as many insects as you can, identify them as accurately as possible, pin them carefully, and arrange them in a display box. Each collection should have a total of 50 specimens. Double-check your identifications with [Bugguide.net](#).

Who Can Enter?

Junior Collectors: Ages 8 to 13

Senior Collectors: Ages 14 to 18

Any individual, team, or group is eligible. Group or team entries are encouraged. Individuals within groups can contribute their best specimens to the collections, which is judged as a team entry.

Winners: Collections will be awarded first, second, and third place in each age category based on the scoring guidelines. The top collection will be awarded "Best in Show" and will receive a grand prize. All participants and their collections will receive recognition!

Suggested Supplies:

Foam, pins, magnifying glass, and killing jar (a mason jar with a paper towel and a little nail polish remover works well). Make sure to pin insects from your kill jar right away or store them in the freezer until you are ready to pin them.

See the 4-H activity book "[Adventures with Insects](#)" for tips on finding, collecting, and pinning insects.

Save the Date

Hokie BugFest

October 12, 2024
10am - 3pm
Squires Student Center
hokiebugfest.org

Free Admission • Open to Public • Live Bugs • Hands-On Activities
Exhibits from VT Labs, Local Museums, and Community Organizations
Early opening at 9am for those with special needs (SAFE Hour)

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If you are a person with a disability and desire assistance or accommodation, please notify Whitney Weaver at Virginia Tech Pesticide Programs at (540-231-6543/TDD*) during business hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
*TDD number is (800) 828-1120.

4-H Insect Collection Contest - Hokie BugFest

READY, SET, COLLECT!

- Hokie BugFest is on Saturday, October 12, 2024 at Squires Student Center in Blacksburg, Virginia.
- Collections may be submitted individually or as teams (drop-off/pick-up information posted online). Pre-registration is required. Entry forms must be submitted by September 20th.
- Collections will be awarded based on scoring guidelines. Visit hokiebugfest.org for further information.



National 4-H



IGNITE BY 4-H

Dates: March 12-16, 2025

Location: Marriott Marquis in Washington, D.C.

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

Early bird rate ends October 15th.

The four-day interactive summit helps teens find their spark through inspiring speakers, hands-on workshops, off-site experiences, career exploration, and peer connections. Ignite is a step forward in the journey of becoming beyond ready. At Ignite, teens collaborate, create, and cultivate a passion for expanding their minds and their world - becoming resilient and READY for everything life has to offer. The possibilities are endless at Ignite by 4-H.



LIMITED TIME OFFER: FREE FINANCIAL LITERACY KIT FOR EDUCATORS

[Click here to order the Financial Literacy Kit for Educators.](#) Grades 7-12.

Educators, get ready to transform your classroom! We're excited to offer a FREE Financial Literacy 4-H Discover Box. To claim your free box, simply create a free educator account on CLOVER (or use an existing account) and complete the SMART Goals financial literacy activity.

You'll only need to cover a small shipping fee. Our Financial Literacy 4-H Discover Box is packed with engaging activities to teach your students essential money management skills. From budgeting to saving, we've got you covered. Big thanks to the Charles Schwab Foundation's support and partnership for making this possible.

ATTENTION 4TH GRADERS!

Every Kid Outdoors with the US National Parks



With the school year beginning, and the new 4-H year right around the corner, it's a great time to take advantage of the **Every Kid Outdoors Program from the National Park Service**. The program was created in 2015 in an effort to get more children and families to visit our national parks, and it has been renewed and expanded over the years to now include a wide variety of public lands.

Free Passes! The program is very simple: every 4th grade student (or home school equivalent) in the United States is entitled to get one Every Kid Outdoors pass which is valid from September 1 – August 31 (so it is valid all the way through next summer). The pass will admit that student, any other youth under the age of 16 in the party (other youth do not have to be 4th graders), and up to 3 adults free to any site which charges an entry fee. This does not cover other fees like parking fees, camping permits, etc. but covering the entry fees can represent a significant savings to families. Any eligible student/parent can visit <https://www.everykidoutdoors.gov> to print the free pass or to get more information.

Opportunities for Club or In-School Programming! Educators are also able to print out passes from the website for all of their 4th graders, plus there are activity guides that can be downloaded. **Extension Agents and club leaders ARE considered educators for the purposes of this program!** All you will need to do is visit <https://www.everykidoutdoors.gov/educators.htm>, download any activity guides you would like, and fill out the information to print out the passes. Enter "Virginia 4-H Program" in the box asking for a school or organization name.

The activity guides were developed by the National Park Service, and they are easily adaptable to in-school settings, or for clubs, etc. The four activity guides are: **Exploring Federal Lands & Waters, Environmental Stewardship, Our Nation's Native Peoples, and Citizen Science.**

Where the Pass Can Be Used? The pass can be used at most fee-based sites administered by the following federal agencies: National Park Service • Bureau of Land Management • Bureau of Reclamation • National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration • United States Fish & Wildlife Service • United States Forest Service • United States Army Corps of Engineers

The beginning of the 4-H year is a great time to be thinking about visiting our national parks and recreation areas. Virginia alone has some 22 National Park Service sites which range from Revolutionary War battlefields and natural landmarks, to Civil Rights monuments and cultural heritage. You can find these online at <https://www.nps.gov/state/va/index.htm>. Many parks also offer educational programming which support our 4-H pillar areas of Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living, and STEM. Some of these lessons are available online for educators to use at the Teaching With Historic Places website: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/teachingwithhistoricplaces/index.htm>.



Master Parent Educator

Make a Difference

Become a Volunteer Parent Educator for Virginia Cooperative Extension - Prince William

Applications Accepted Until November 4, 2024



Community Outreach Table

Are you passionate about strengthening families and empowering parents to be their best? Do you want to make a positive impact in your community? Do you enjoy volunteering?

If yes, we invite motivated individuals like you to consider volunteering to teach our research based Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) classes.

Or if you don't think teaching is your thing, we also need community outreach volunteers and office volunteers to assist with light administrative duties.

Parent Education Volunteers are retirees, teachers, parents, life coaches, and caring professionals with a sense of direction, responsiveness, follow-through and persuasiveness. They have a passion to equip moms, dads and grandparents with the knowledge and tools to become even better caregivers.

Let's get started:

Step 1. Register for a virtual orientation

Contact Savannah Saenz

- Sept. 4, 2024 1:00 PM
- Sept. 24, 2024 7:00 PM
- Oct. 8, 2024 1:00 PM
- Oct. 29, 2024 7:00 PM

Following orientation if you determine that this volunteer opportunity aligns with your interests, and you can fulfill all requirements listed including the two year commitment

Step 2. Submit volunteer application with a one-time fee of \$50 (pay in cash, check, or money order.) Kindly be aware that fees will apply for any returned checks.

Step 3. Observe an entire virtual class: Class is one night a week from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM for seven weeks.

Select one:

- Sept. 10, 2024 - Oct. 22, 2024
- Oct. 2, 2024 - Nov. 13, 2024
- Nov. 5, 2024 - Dec. 17, 2024

Step 4. Complete classroom training on January 11, 2025.

Successfully complete eight hours of in-person training at 8033 Ashton Ave, Manassas. And, complete two hours of on-line civil rights training.

Alternative training date in case of inclement weather is January 25, 2025.

Here's what you can expect as a Volunteer Parent Educator:

- Teach a two hour virtual class series, one night a week for seven consecutive weeks.
- Flexible on-line teaching schedule.
- Teach two class series annually.
- Ongoing support and mentorship.
- The opportunity to connect with and empower parents in the community.

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Start SMART Small Business Series (2024)

Prince William County **In-Person Workshops**

September 24, 2024 - December 17, 2024

6 PM - 8 PM **(Tuesdays)**



Location: Virginia Career Works (Prince William)
13370 Minnieville Road, Woodbridge, VA 22192

FREE! 12-week course

Expert-led classes for aspiring business owners and young businesses in Prince William County!

11 weeks of instruction + a Business Pitch Competition on the final day. Top 3 pitches win a start-up grant!

Details → <https://tinyurl.com/Start-Smart-Series>

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Beginning Farmer and Rancher Certification Program

November 2024 to November 2025

The Virginia Beginning Farmer and Rancher Certification Program is a 13-month comprehensive educational initiative offered by the Virginia Beginning Farmer and Rancher Coalition. Supported by Virginia Tech's Center for Food Systems and Community Transformation and Virginia State University's Small Farm Outreach Program, this hybrid program combines online and in-person learning to equip historically underserved farmers in Virginia, the Maryland Eastern Shore, and North Carolina with essential skills to successfully operate a farm. Key topics include agribusiness production, financial management, whole farm planning, and marketing strategies. Ten to 15 farmers will be selected to participate in the first cohort, which runs from November 2024 to November 2025.

Participants will:

- Increase their knowledge and skills for operating a farm business
- Enhance their awareness and access to resources for supporting a successful farm
- Build a supportive peer-to-peer farming community
- Gain a certificate to indicate their completion of this program, which can provide a credential to help meet pre-approval requirements for a Beginning Farmer Farm Service Agency loan

Program Activities Include:

- In-person Kick-off Meeting
- Small Farm Orientation Session
- Monthly Virtual Cohort Meetings
- One-on-One Technical Assistance
- Online Agribusiness & Financial Management Course
- Workshops & Webinars
- Agribusiness Tours
- Coalition Gatherings
- Graduation Gathering

For More Information and to Apply

Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/FarmerCert>

Applications due by September 27, 2024 at 5:00 pm Eastern.

For any questions, contact Katie Trozzo at ketrozzo@vt.edu or 540-232-2233.

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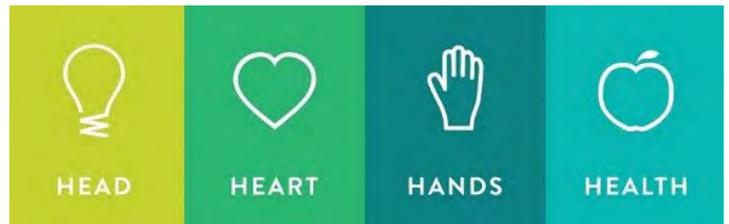
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