

Prince William 4-Our Clubs, Our Community

September 18, 2024

Upcoming Events

Sep 21 - PW 4-H Young **Entrepreneurs Market**

Sep 21 - VA 4-H Shotgun Championship

Sep 27-Oct 6 - State Fair of Virginia

Sep 29 - PW 4-H Open House

Oct I - Happy 4-H New Year!

Oct I - All Star Applications & Portfolios Due

Oct 6-12 - National 4-H Week

Oct 8 - BOCS **Proclamation**

Oct 10 - PW 4-H Scholarship Applications Due

Oct II - Coat Donations Due

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4-H Junior Camp Counselor Applications are OPEN!



Click here to apply. Applications are due October 1st. Camp Dates: July 13-17, 2025

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

Prince William-Stafford 4-H Junior Camp Counselor applications are now open! In order to have more consistent contact and opportunities for leadership training, teamwork developing, and networking, the

application period is open with forms due on October 1st.

Prince William 4-H teens ages 14 & up are encouraged to apply for a camp counselor or counselor in training position. Counselors are expected to work hard and demonstrate mature and responsible behavior throughout camp. You must be willing to set a good example with your actions and attitude. You can expect to learn a great deal about yourself, acquire leadership and mentoring skills, and have FUN! Teens selected as counselors are required to attend leadership sessions, TALT weekend ((March 7-8), counselor training in July, and the full week of camp (July 13-17).

- Teen Counselor: age 14 by Jan. 1, 2025, and has previously attended camp as CIT
- Counselor-in-Training: age 14 by July 31, 2025

Prince William 4-H New Enrollment and Re-Enrollment

Click here to login to 4-H Online.

On October 1st, all Prince William 4-H should enroll/re-enroll in 4-H Online for the 2024-2025 4-H Year. Virginia 4-H policy requires all youth participating in any 4-H club, activity, or event to be enrolled PRIOR to participating. The policy will be strictly enforced this year.

- There is no fee to enroll in Prince William 4-H. Clubs may have their own club supply fees.
- Youth MUST be enrolled before participating in ANY 4-H club, activity, or event. No exceptions. This includes 4-H camps, counselor applications, scholarship applications, horse program, shooting education, all competitions, community service, etc. DO NOT WAIT to enroll.
- Enroll by NOVEMBER 1st to continue to receive the Prince William 4-H Newsletter.

RETURNING PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H MEMBERS

Please login to your 4-H Online account on October 1st and re-enroll. It only takes a few minutes to update your profile. Please click here for the 4-H Online Returning Member Tip Sheet.

NEW PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H MEMBERS

Please create an account in 4-H Online on October 1st. There is no fee to create an account. Please click here for the 4-H Online New Member Tip Sheet.

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

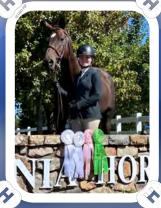
2024 Virginia 4-H Championship Horse & Pony Show Lexington, Virginia September 5-8, 2024



















CHLOE CANYON - JUNIOR

9th Place Large Horse Hunter Pleasure, 1st Go 9th Place Large Horse Hunter Pleasure, 2nd Go

4th Place Hunter Equitation

SARAH FOX - JUNIOR

10th Place Small Hunter pleasure, 1st Go

3rd Place Hunter Seat Equitation On the Flat, Small Horse

ANNA NICELY - JUNIOR

5th Place Limit Hunter Over Fences (2'), 1st Go 8th Place Limit Hunter Over Fences (2'), 2nd Go

5th Place Hunter Pleasure, 1st Go 10th Place Hunter Pleasure, 2nd Go 6th Place Hunter Equitation On the Flat

8th Place Hunter Under Saddle

ABIGAIL TUMELTY - JUNIOR

1st Place Hunter Equitation Walk/Trot

10th Place Hunter Pleasure Walk/Trot, 2nd Go

PEYTON BARBOUR - SENIOR

1st Place Hunter Showmanship

8th Place Hunt Seat Equitation On the Flat - Large Pony

KATELYN KELLUM - SENIOR

6th Place Limit Hunter Over Fences 7th Place Limit Hunter Over Fences

8th Place Hunter Equitation

SIERRA-NICOLE - SENIOR

7th -Senior Showmanship

4th Place Large Pony Hunter Division, 1st Go 1st Place Large Pony Hunter Division, 2nd Go

3rd Place Hunter Under Saddle

1st Place Equitation Over Fences (qualified for Equitation

Classics)

2nd Place Large Pony Pleasure - 1st go 2nd Place Large Pony Pleasure 2nd go

Reserve Champion, Large Pony Pleasure (qualified for

Pleasure Classics)

6th Place Pony Pleasure Classics 7th Place Pony Equitation Classics

2024 High Point Hunter Senior Rider - brought home the

Senior Perpetual Trophy!

ELENA THOMPSON - SENIOR

4th Place Regular Working Hunter Over Fences 3', 1st Go 4th Place Regular Working Hunter Over Fences 3', 2nd Go

6th Place Regular Working Hunter Under Saddle 5th Place Hunter Equitation Over Fences (2'9")

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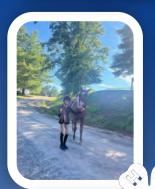
2nd Place Large Breed Stall Decorations





















A HUGE 4-H THANK YOU to club leaders **Tracey Whysong and Denise Wilkinson!**

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Important Prince William 4-H Upcoming Dates

September 21st: PW4-H Young Entrepreneurs at the Manassas Park Farmer's Market

September 25th:
September 29:
October 1st:

All Star Applications are due to Prince William 4-H
Prince William 4-H Open House. - click here to register
Happy 4-H New Year! Re-Enroll in 4-H Online - must be

enrolled to participate in ANY 4-H club, event, activity, etc.

* All Star Applications are due to Virginia 4-H from MaryBeth Lerch

* Portfolios and Project Records are due to Prince William 4-H
 * Club Reports are due to Prince William 4-H: Treasurer's Report,
 Secretary Book, and Club Year-End Financial Summary

* 4-H Junior Camp Counselor Applications Due

October 6-12th: National 4-H Week

October 8th: Proclamation of National 4-H Week at the Prince William Board of

County Supervisors Meeting - all members should attend!

October 10th: Prince William 4-H Scholarship Applications/Nominations Due (see Pg 6)

October 11th: Coat Donations for the Coat Drive due to Prince William 4-H

October 12th: PW 4-H Cloverbud Club - click here to register

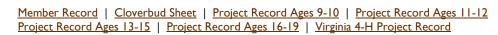
October 17th: PW 4-H Teen Club Community Service - <u>click here to register</u>
October 24th: Prince William 4-H Recognition Day - <u>click here to register</u>
November 4th & 5th: PW 4-H Pajama Party SPIN Club - click here to register



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

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.





NEW! FREE BINDERS at PW 4-H

A few boxes of gently used 3-ring binders have been donated to PW 4-H for youth to use for their 4-H Portfolios. Stop by the office if you need a binder.



NEW! CRICUT MACHINE at PW 4-H

A Cricut machine and supplies have been donated to PW 4-H and we would like to share this terrific crafting tool! Please contact Pam Hardin to make an appointment to stop by and use the machine. Mrs. Hardin can help you download the design tool, assist in designing pages for your 4-H Portfolio, and help you print the pages or bling to decorate your binder. You are also able to download the FREE app, create your pages at home, and make an appointment to print here in the office.



Click here to learn more about Cricut Design Space.

We have the 4-H logo already loaded into the program and ready to go.

Stop by, get inspired, and create special details for your 4-H Portfolio to treasure for a lifetime!



Virginia 4-H All Star Applications - Due September 25th!

Due to Prince William 4-H for review and signature by Wednesday, September 25th. Applications must be submitted by Prince William 4-H to Virginia 4-H by Tuesday, October 1st. Click here for more information about Virginia 4-H All Strs and to review the applications and process.

It is an honor as well as a responsibility to be asked to join the Virginia 4-H All Stars. It is an opportunity to continue your involvement with 4-H and provide service to 4-H as an All Star. The 4-H All Star program is conducted and overseen by the State 4-H Office and Virginia Cooperative Extension. The Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars is a service organization to communities, counties and our state. Virginia 4-H All Star is the highest level of recognition for 4-H'ers. Both youth 4-H'ers and adult volunteers may apply or be nominated.

Click here for information about our Prince William 4-H Virginia All Stars.





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.

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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.



2024 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.



2024 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.



2024 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.



2024 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.

Young Entrepreneurs

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, Cora, Nisanar and Istau



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Saturday, September 21st 9 am - 2 pm Manassas Park Farmer's Market 100 Park Central Plaza Manassas Park, VA



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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

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



Click here to apply to be a host family.

We still need host families for three 18 year olds from Chile for about 2-3 weeks during October 12, 2024 - December 2, 2024. Thank you to three host families hosting the delegates the first two weeks. This is a new exchange program between Virginia 4-H and the Agriculture Attaché for Chile. Virginia 4-H is hosting two males and one female from Chile. The Chile delegates will rotate from host family to host family until the end of their visit. All of the Chile delegates are attending Agriculture schools in Chile. They are interested in agriculture but are just like most teens and have many interests.

Hosting Details and Requirements

- Program runs September 25 through December 2, 2024
- Chile delegates are 18 years old. Families may request a gender.
- Chile delegates will enroll as a 4-H Volunteer in 4-H Online before moving to a host family
- It is not required that children are living in the host family home.
- Provide a safe and comfortable place to live and sleep as well as 3 meals a day
- Host families must provide a bed that is exclusive for the Chile Delegate.
 Delegates may share a bedroom.
- Chile delegates are interested in agriculture so, involve them on the farm or visit

local farms in the neighborhood

- Involve the delegate in your everyday activities
- Assist with transportation between host families as needed.

Example of things to do with the Chile delegate you are hosting:

- Try to take them to a few local farms or involve them on your farm
- Visit local agriculture related businesses, farmers' markets, orchards, etc.
- Let them go to school a day or two with teens in the family so they learn about our high schools
- Invite the delegate to attend a religious service
- Take them to high school sporting events
- Include them in things the family is doing Involve them as a part of your family
- Include them in 4-H programs, club meetings, etc.
- Take them to the local fair and other local activities and events

While the three Chile Delegates are in Virginia, there will be two Virginians in Chile for about 3 months. We hope to continue to grow this exchange program to Chile by sending some Virginia delegates again next year as well as hosting delegates from Chile.

Please contact Glenda Snyder at gsnyder@vt.edu or call 540-521-9647 if you have questions.

2024 State Fair of Virginia Contest Updates



2024 STATE FAIR IUNIOR 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.



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.

LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON FOR NON-EXHIBITORS:

Friday, October 4th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm: EXHIBITORS and NON-EXHIBITORS Click here to register NON-EXHIBITORS.

Enter individuals separately. Each non-exhibitor is allowed to choose TWO species-specific Skillathons and must make that choice on the entry submission. There is no charge for this contest, however non-exhibitor youth and accompanying adults will need to purchase a competition ticket at this link to enter the Fairgrounds. Tickets must be ordered ahead of time or you must pay general admission at the gate. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** You do not need a livestock background or knowledge, just a passion for seeing youth learn and excel, which I know each of you possess. There are a variety of jobs associated with the Skillathons and they include assisting with contestant registration, serving as a reader for youth who need that assistance, monitoring the contest area, and collecting completed Skillathons as youth finish. Click here for more information and to volunteer. Day-pass and a meal are provided.



2024 STATE FAIR OF VIRGINIA 4-H AND FFA HIPPOLOGY CONTEST

Date: Friday, October 4th

Location: Meadow Event Park, Doswell, VA

Click here for contest details.

Check In: 10:00 AM; Contest Start Time: 10:30 AM; Awards will follow the event

Click here to enter. Entries due by 5 PM on September 20th.

Student Competition Tickets: Leaders must purchase tickets for daily entry into the fair. You must pre-order tickets or you will be required to pay general admission at the gate. General admission gates do not open until 10 AM. Click here for tickets. Please reach out to Alison Jones (alisonks@vt.edu) or Andy Seibel (gseibel@vt.edu) with any questions.





PRINCE SON WILLILAM 4-H

Open House

Sunday, September 29 4-5 PM

Prince William 4-H Courtyard

Click here to register. Registration is FREE.

FREE T-SHIRT ALL PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H
FAMILIES NEW & OLD SHOULD
ATTEND!

T-SHIRT Join us!

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!



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CALENDAR

My 4-H Project Record

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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.





















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WITER 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



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 WINDY KNOLL

-8:30PM

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

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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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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.



2024 STEM CHALLENGE: FOOD SECURITY GETS FUN WITH THE 2024 STEM CHALLENGE

Click here for more information and to purchase kit. Learning doesn't have to be a chore! The 2024 STEM Challenge, Food for Thought, injects a dose of fun into critical thinking and problem-solving.

This engaging kit, designed for students aged 8-14, tackles the critical issue of food security through three interactive activities:

- Food Fighters This collaborative board game transforms students into champions, securing their town's food supply while they learn about the global food chain. It's a strategic race to food security!
- Chew on This Calling all teen titans of innovation! This entrepreneurial challenge sparks creativity as students brainstorm ingenious ways to upcycle food waste, promoting a sustainable future.
- Know to Grow Budding botanists, assemble!
 Students design safe and efficient growing environments, putting their engineering skills to the test and becoming greenhouse gurus!

Food for Thought is brimming with adaptability! It seamlessly integrates into after-school programs, 4-H clubs, home learning environments, and more.

Empower your students to become changemakers. Order your 2024 STEM Challenge kit today and watch them explore, experiment, and engineer a more food-secure future!



OPEN TO PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H'ERS



UIRGINIA 4-H EDUCATIONAL CENTERS

Women's Outdoor Weekend at Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center

October 18-20, 2024

Come join us for a great weekend of learning and fun! Women's Outdoor Weekend is a great opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills outdoors, and get away from the busy world around us. Classes include fishing, birding, archery, canoeing, wild plant ID, self defense, outdoor survival, and more! To register, visit our website at

https://www.holidaylake4h.com/women-soutdoor-weekend or contact Tyler Cheely, Program Director, at cheelytf@vt.edu.





Wizards Weekend at the W.E. Skelton 4-H Center

November 8-10th, 2024

Our annual Harry Potter-themed camp, Wizards Weekend, is happening at Skelton November 8-10! Campers ages 9-14 can participate in a weekend of magic, mystery, and Hogwarts-themed fun. Wizards Weekend costs \$125 which covers all food, lodging, supervision, and activities. Participants (campers, teens, adults) can register through our linktree:

https://linktr.ee/skelton4h. Please contact Rayna Wheeler with any questions at rjwheeler@vt.edu.

Winter in the Woods at Holiday Lake 4-H **Educational Center**

December 7-8th, 2024

Come and enjoy fun winter activities and games in the great outdoors. Activities include nature crafts, winter wonderland hike, cookie making, and more. For more information, visit our website at https://www.holidaylake4h.com/wi nterinthewoods or contact Jack Wagstaff, Natural Resource

Education Coordinator, at jwagstaff@vt.edu.





WINTER CLOVERBUDS AT THE **NOVA 4-H EDUCATIONAL AND** CONFERENCE CENTER

December 6-8th, 2024

Save the Date! Winter Cloverbud Camp Returns December 6-8th, 2024 to the NOVA 4-H Educational and Conference Center for campers ages 5-8 and a trusted adult! Join us for some classic Cloverbud fun with a Winter spin. Registration opens soon! For more information, contact Tatyana Yates, Program Director, at tatyana@vt.edu. Sign up for our email list at https://linktr.ee/nova4h

Fall 2024



PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

Pajama Party

Don't forget to register early for the Prince William 4-H Sewing SPIN Project on November 4 & 5!

See Page 12 for details.

Spend your days off in your PJs learning to make pajama bottoms!

Click here to register.

CRAFTS - WINTER WONDERLAND HIKE Come & Enjoy Winter Fun & MUCH MORE Activities & Games **REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL NOV. 25**

\$90 - INCLUDES LODGING, MEALS, ACTIVITIES

in the GREAT OUTDOORS!

REGISTER THROUGH YOUR COUNTY'S 4-H EXTENSION OFFICE HOLIDAYLAKE4H.COM/CHRISTMAS-CAMP

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FARMING FUN WITH HORSES, LIVESTOCK, GARDENING, GAMES, CAMPFIRES, WITH MANY MORE SURPRISES AND ACTIVITIES TO SPARK YOUR CHILD'S INTEREST IN AGRICULTURE

REGISTER ONLINE:

https://form.jotform.com/242424298409158

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PER TRAINED TEEN COUNSELOR

SELECT YOUR DISCIPLINE FOR CLASSES:

HORSEMANSHIP LIVESTOCK

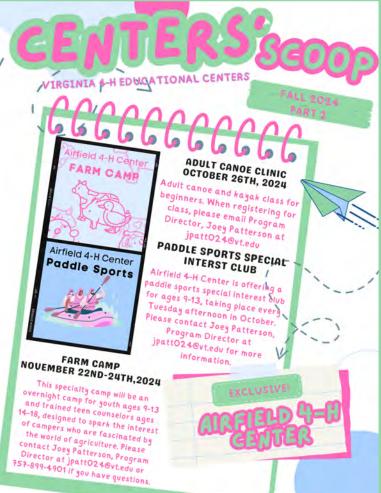
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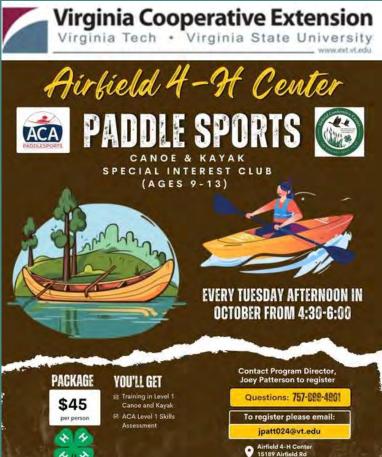


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Hokie BugFest Insect Collection Contest

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.



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.











High School Seniors: Invitation to Apply and Tour VT!

Senior 4-H members are starting what will likely be one of the most memorable times of their lives. While they will have a lot of things on their minds already, now is the time for them to start planning for college and learning more about what the Department of Agricultural, Leadership, and Community Education has to offer at Virginia



Here are some items that seniors can check off their lists on the road to Virginia Tech:

- Apply: Review Virginia Tech's application requirements to make sure students are on track before they apply here.
- Plan their campus visit; Seniors can mark their calendars to explore the campus! On this tour, students can gain answers to all the questions about majors, financial aid, housing, and more. Plan a visit to Virginia Tech here!
- Learn about majors: Students interested in ALCE should read up on the department's two majors and two minors here! Majors: Agricultural and Extension Education (AEE) & Community Leadership and Development (CLD) Minors: Leadership and Social Change (ILRM) & Teaching and Learning in Agriculture (TLAG)

The Department of Agricultural, Leadership, and Community Education looks forward to getting to know your 4-H members and watching them grow at Virginia Tech. One of ALCE's four strategic priorities is to "Be a Destination for Talent," - which is exactly what our department knows 4-H Seniors are. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions to our department at mooredm@vt.edu.

Upcoming PW Virginia Cooperative Extension Classes

PWMG SATURDAY IN THE GARDEN

Date: Saturday, October 5th, 9 am - 12 pm

Location: St Benedict Monastery, 9535 Linton Hall Rd, Bristow

<u>Click here to register.</u>
Come and capture the beauty of nature by joining VCE at the Teaching Garden as we host Prince William Art Society and local artists for a lesson in sketching, Plein Air Pastel, charcoal and Nature Journaling. Each class will be limited to 10 participants. When you register, please annotate which medium you would like to join and bring your art supplies. (There will be some art supplies available for use).

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ANR WATER BATH CANNING

Date: Wednesday, October 16th, 5:30 pm

Location: St Benedict Monastery, 9535 Linton Hall Rd. Bristow

Click here for more information and to register.
Would you like to learn about water bath canning? Space is limited. The cost is \$20 to cover the cost of materials. We will be canning apple preserves using the water bath method.

FREE! VABF Soil for Water Regenerative Grazing Workshop

Date: Wednesday, September 25th, 9 am - 1 pm Location: 881 Oak Creek Rd., Palmyra VA

Partners: Grow More Farms, Blackbird Cooperative, VABF, National Center for

Appropriate Technology (NCAT) Lunch will be provided by VABF.

Click here for more information and to register.

Regenerative grazing practices can drastically improve the health of a pasture system, and we are learning more and more ways to adapt our grazing of livestock to have a more positive impact on our grass lands through movement, rest and proper planning of animal rotations. Come hear farmer Dan Sweet of Grow More Farms discuss the



ways he has built his 1000-bird layer flock and meat bird business and how he manages the aspects of proper grazing and animal management. Dan will also touch on the marketing aspect of the farm and the evolution of his partnership in Blackbird Cooperative, whose mission is to make food available at a price point affordable to most people and getting first-generation farmers on the land and keeping them there.

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FREE! Demystifying Organic Workshop at Hobbit Hill Farm



Date: Saturday, September 28th, 10 am - 2 pm Location: Hobbit Hill Farm, 6460 Showalter Rd., Mount Crawford VA Lunch and beverages provided by American Farmland Trust.

Click here for more information and to register.

Are you considering USDA Organic Certification but need more clarification about the requirements and process? Becoming a Certified Organic farm is a significant commitment, but it can have tremendous advantages, from increased market competitiveness and improved recordkeeping to accessing additional funding and technical assistance from service providers. Join us for an informal discussion on Demystifying Organic and have a

chance to network with organic farmers and certifiers who can answer questions and provide resources for your journey through transition to organic production.

About the farm: Nestled between the Blue Ridge and Allegheny Mountains in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, Hobbit Hill Farm is a small, family-owned farm on the banks of the North River. We offer pick-your-own USDA certified organic blueberries each June during our short 2-week picking season.

Opportunity for Educators: ADVANCE



Click here for more information and to register. Register before October 16th. The program An Experiential and Data-driven Approach to Agricultural Education (ADVANCE) is a face-to-face professional workforce development opportunity that provides educators with the knowledge, experience, curriculum resources, supplies/equipment, and mentoring to support the implementation of drones and precision agriculture concepts in the classroom. This is primarily a hands-on, field-based professional development program. After completing the ADVANCE program, participants will be FAA remote pilot certified, knowledgeable, and experienced in implementing a complete drone-based data collection workflow. In addition to receiving valuable knowledge and experience through the face-to-face workshop, educators will receive a stipend, a mini-grant, free virtual training (in preparation for the remote pilot test), paid registration for the FAA's remote pilot certificate, & more!



TARGET AUDIENCE: High school teachers & educators teaching agriculture, forestry, or related topics, and/or 2-year college faculty teaching agriculture, forestry, and related topics. Other educators will be considered (contingent on USDA funding provisions). Feel free to contact John McGee (jmcg@vt.edu) if you have questions or require clarification.

WHEN (face-to-face workshop at Virginia Tech): July 13-16, 2025 (The virtual learning sessions will begin in late winter/early spring 2025).

TOPICS: Precision Agriculture / Mapping with Drones / Data-Driven Decisions / Collecting data with sensors / Remote Sensing / Workflows





SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY GARDENS: THE PEOPLE'S GARDEN PROGRAM AND HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Date: September 24th at 10 am

Presenters: Tatiana Gil, Urban Conservationist, USDA NRCS

Kaye Shaner, FNP Nutrition Education Facilitator, Northwest District

Click here to join the webinar via Zoom.





Financial Education & Housing Counseling presents

Paying for College: Student Loans

This virtual class will present the basics about applying for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), student loans and repayment options. This class is ideal for students and parents!

Date: October 17, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Place: Online

Pre-Register: https://bit.ly/PayingforCollegeStudentLoans



Visit our website to see the other classes we offer: www.pwcva.gov/money

Email or call: smartmoney@pwcgov.org or 703-792-6287

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Passport to Success: Leveling Up

November 13-15, 2024

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Join us for a dynamic 3-day event bringing together farmers, market managers, policymakers, and community partners. Engage in targeted workshops, training opportunities, and networking events tailored for New Market Managers, Experienced Market Managers, and Vendors. Topics include (to view the full list, visit the registration link below):

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- From Stalls to Stability: The Truth Behind the Grind
- Q and A session with Experienced Market Managers
- The Big Bite Vendor Marketing Essentials
- From Field to Fan: Turn Your Passion into Powerful Marketing Tools
- Avoiding Common Legal Pitfalls for Farmers Markets
- Standard Operating Procedures for Success
- Values Based Leadership and Conflict Resolution
- The Possibility of Plastic Free Farmers Markets
- Navigating the Regulatory Requirements of Selling

- Using Vendor Visits as a Tool for Market Managers
- How SNAP-Ed supports Farmers and Farmers Markets
- Small Business Accounting Basics
- Overview of Farmers Market Food Access Programs
- Farmers & Markets Actually Improve Low-Income Food Security
- Bridging the Language Gap: Ensuring Equitable Access to SNAP Matching Programs
- Modernization of Farm Market Fresh and Farmers Market Nutrition Programs
- First Aid, CPR, & AED Certification
- ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification

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Registration:

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7-12 National 4-H Week	1 4-H Contest Orientation -	1 Embryology Registration	7 Club & Project Leader	8 Prince William 4-H Contest	1 PW 4-H Junior Camp
8 Proclamation at PWC BOCS	Presentations, Public Speaking, Table Setting,	Opens (closes Jan. 31) 3 Club & Project Leader	Training 11 Cloverbud Club	Day. Presentations, Table Setting, Fashion Review	Registration Opens
12 Cloverbud Club	uling	Training 5 or 7-TBD Prince William 4-H	14 Prince William 4-H Association Meeting	TBD Embryology Incubator Pick Up	7-8 TALT Weekend - Junior Camp Counselor Training
Certification	 Intermediate Congress 4-5 Pajama Party SPIN Club 	Homemade Holiday Craft Night, Teen Club;	17 Share the Fun Dress Rehearsal	TBD Embryology Leader Training 11	11 PW 4-H Leaders' Mid-Year Meeting
20-25 National Character Counts Week	7 Prince William 4-H Engage	Cloverbud Club 9 Prince William 4-H	22 Virginia 4-H Day at the	I BD VA 4-H Dairy Quizbowl TBD Block & Bridle Junior	12-16 National 4-H IGNITE
17 New Project Leader Training	9 Cloverbud Club	Recognition Day	Capitol 23 An Evening with Virginia 4-H	Stockman's, Livestock Judging, and State 4-H &	15-16 Virginia 4-H Spring Air Championships
19 Teen Club - Community	12 Prince William 4-H	14 Wreams Across America Day	atVT	FFA Meats Evaluation	TBD Prince William 4.H Food

APRIL	MAY	JUME	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
11-16 National 4-H Conference12 Cloverbud Club12-13 Virginia 4-H Shooting Instructor Training	10 Cloverbud Club TBD Prince William 4-H Young Entrepreneurs SPIN Project	22-28 National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship 24-27 Virginia 4-H Congress 24 1st Time Junior 4-H Camper Parents' Meeting	13-17 Prince William/Stafford 4-H Junior Camp TBD Southern Regionals 4-H Horse Championships	9 4-H Northern District Shoot TBD Prince William 4-H Fair Camp TBD PWC Fair/4-H Children's	4-H Northern District Shoot 5-7 Virginia 4-H State Horse and Pony Championship 3D Prince William 4-H Fair 6-7 Virginia 4-H State Shoot Camp 26-Oct 5 State Fair of Virginia 3D PWC Fair/4-H Children's
TBD 4-H Northeast District Contest Day TBD Spring TSC & 4-H Paper Clover Campaign			TBD 4-H True Leaders in Equity Institute (TLEI) 2025	Bam	TBD Prince William 4-H Day TBD Virginia 4-H Shotgun Championship

Horse and

TBD Embryology Chick Drop-Off

TBD Horse Project Enrollment &

Declaration Due

TBD Equismartz Challenge

TBD Prince William 4-H Food

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Share the Fun Show Portfolio Training

Day

18 Officer Training & Teen Club 29-Dec 3 National 4-H Congress

> Returning Project Leader Volunteer Development

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Service

Association Meeting

TBD Food Challenge Training

29-Dec15 TSC & 4-H Paper

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	TBD Prince William 4-H Day	TBD Virginia 4-H Shotgun Championship	TBD State Fair of Virginia
TBD PWC Fair/4-H Children's	Barn		
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Camper Parents' Meeting			

TBD 4-H Northeast District Food Challenge Contest

TBD Prince William 4-H Tree Planting Day



For more detailed information as events approach, see the newsletter at www.pwcva.gov/4-H.

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