



Special Edition

Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



October 30, 2024

Upcoming Events

- Nov 2** - VSU Aspiring Leadership Training
- Nov 4-5** - PW4-H Pajama Party SPIN Club
- Nov 7** - *Engage Locally!*
- Nov 9** - Cloverbud Club
- Nov 12** - PW 4-H Association Meeting
- Nov 18** - PW 4-H Officer Training & Teen Club
- Nov 29-Dec 3** - National 4-H Congress
- Nov 29-Dec 15** - 4-H & TSC Paper Clover Campaign
- Dec 1** - PW 4-H Embryology Registration Opens
- Dec 3** - PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Training

Time to Commit to *Engage Locally!*

Date: Thursday, November 7th
Time: 6:30-8:30 pm
Location: McCoart Atrium, Woodbridge
[Click here to register to attend or volunteer at a table.](#)

OVER A DOZEN LOCAL AND STATE OFFICIALS ARE COMING TO MEET YOU!

Elected officials and representatives from local and state government are interested in YOU! We need 4-H'ers to attend, ask questions, share their 4-H experiences, network and more. Please use the signup to indicate that you are going and to sign up to represent a key component of PW 4-H.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CLUB AND ACTIVITY TABLES!

- Nokesville Equestrian Club
- Trigger Time Shooting Education Club
- Nokesville Community Club
- Kettle Run Community Club
- Benton Middle School Club
- Cloverbud Club
- Food Challenge
- State Congress
- Camp Counselors
- Young Entrepreneurs SPIN Project
- 4-H All Stars & 4-H Ambassadors
- Share the Fun
- State Capitol Day



NEW! OPENING ADDRESS BY PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY EXECUTIVE CHRISTOPHER SHORTER!

Volunteers are asked to bring photos, awards, memorabilia, etc., to display for guests. We hope to have four 4-H'ers at each table. [Click here to register to attend or volunteer at a table.](#)

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Thank YOU for Sharing Your Portfolios with Us!



Staff at PW 4-H Headquarters truly enjoy reading our 4-H'ers project records and portfolios. We're excited to see what you learned and how you've grown from your individual experiences in 4-H. By documenting your journey in 4-H, you're learning important life skills, documenting your experiences for your 4-H resume, and creating a memory keepsake. You're also helping the staff at PW 4-H improve experiences in activities and events. Check out this quote from 11-year-old Lee C.'s 4-H Story after his first year with a club:

"I not only like 4-H because it is fun, but because there are lots of people to be friends with."

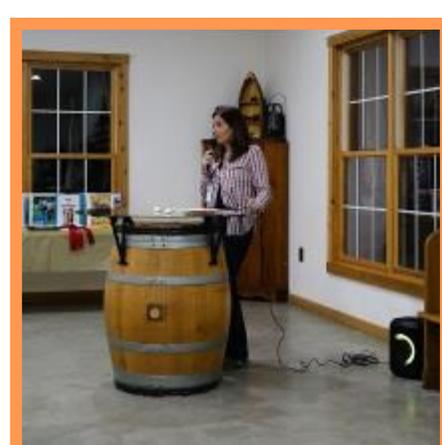
We hope to see all PW 4-H'ers at Portfolio Training in January!



FINAL REMINDER! Prince William 4-H members not enrolled in 4-H Online will not receive the PW 4-H Newsletter or updates after October 31st. Enrollment is mandatory for participation in PW 4-H and Virginia 4-H activities and events.



PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H
FLANNEL & FALL
RECOGNITION
DAY







Katie Saul, Senior



Virginia 4-H All Stars, Prince William



PW 4-H Outstanding Members
Jason Sharpe, John Sharpe, Maria Konstanty,
Grayson Dove, Ayden Strand, Bailey Dove, Lexi
Strand, Julia Lee, and Michael DeRoche



Ryan Nguyen, Senior



It's wonderful to come together annually and celebrate Prince William 4-H youth and adult members! We're impressed with how much we've grown together and we truly are *building a ready generation in a world of change.*

INTERNATIONAL 4-H DELEGATION: 4-H'er Alesha Moore shared about her experience being a delegate for Virginia 4-H in the Dominican Republic where she worked with other teens and adults to deliver a summer day camp for local youth.



2024 OUTSTANDING 4-H VOLUNTEER AWARD (ADULT):

Congratulations to Jim Strand! "Mr. Strand deserves every bit of this award because of his loyalty and devotion to 4-H...He works hard to coach the youth of Trigger Time [4-H Club] and help them improve," stated a 4-H member. Jim is a 4-H alumni, a 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor (Level 1 & 2), seeks opportunities for youth to showcase their 4-H stories, manages the scoring system, solicits donations for the club to provide an opportunity for all, and supports Trigger Time 4-H Club with his creative talents. Adult 4-H volunteers like Jim make 4-H programs possible and *make the best better* in Prince William 4-H!



THANK YOU PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H CLUB LEADERS!

Our 4-H Club Leaders provide safe, enriching programs where young people can explore new interests, make new friends, develop leadership skills and gain life skills. Thank you for your commitment to our local youth, 4-H, and growing together!

2023-2024 PROJECT RECORDS

HORSE, JUNIOR

Sarah Fox
Kendra Hernandez
Anna Nicely
Haley Schrantz
Abigail Tumelty
Naiomi White

HORSE, SENIOR

Katelyn Kellum
Danny Schrantz
Grayson Schrantz
Elena Guallar Thompson
Sierra-Nicole Wimer

OTHER

Grayson Dove Leader in Me, Junior
Bailey Dove Leadership, Senior
Charley Murphy Shooting Education, Senior

2023-2024 4-H PORTFOLIO

JUNIOR PORTFOLIOS

Lee Carter: Entrepreneur Project, BB Gun, Air Rifle, Archery, Embryology

Sophie Carter: Entrepreneur Project, BB Gun, Archery, Air Rifle, Gardening, Embryology

Stella Carter: Entrepreneur Project,, BB Gun, Embryology

Maria Konstanty: Entrepreneur Project, Embryology

Kira Lorenz: Shooting Education

Ayden Strand: Entrepreneur Project, Shooting Education, Leadership

SENIOR PORTFOLIO

Aiden McDonald Leadership

Alexis Strand Entrepreneur Project, Shooting Education, Leadership



Benton Middle School 4-H Club



Last Wednesday, Benton Middle School 4-H Club took a field trip to Yankey Farm to dive into the 4-H Pillar of Agriculture. 6th Grade Science Teacher Ms. Cook is our newest club's adult leader.

Farmer Jay gave the 4-H'ers a behind-the-scenes detailed tour where they learned about growing pumpkins. The 4-H'ers had an exciting wagon ride around the farm, driven by Wilson, a 4-H college exchange student from Chile!

They also meet an adorable calf named Firestorm. Ms. Cook's daughter Emily leases the calf from Yankey Farm. We heard a lot of mischievous tales about Firestorm! You might remember Emily from Prince William 4-H Fair Camp where she sang the National Anthem and gave barn tours to campers.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Yankey Farm for the educational, entertaining, and beautiful outdoor day at the farm!

FOLLOW UP: BMS 4-H Club members, be sure to make notes of your experience and save photos for your 4-H Project Record!





Trigger Time Scores Season Record

By Rebecca Ahrens, Trigger Time 4-H Club Reporter

October 27, 2024. Over the past week, Trigger Time 4-H gave their best effort in the fourth match of the National Sporter Air Rifle League, posting their highest score of the season. It was a close game, but Lafayette Gun Club came out on top by a mere 4.6 points, Lafayette (1117.3), Trigger Time (1112.7). Contributing to the team score were Rebecca Ahrens (287), Tanner Ridings (279.3), Lexi Strand (277.7), and Noah Richter (268.7). The highest standing shot this week was Lexi Strand with a 10.6. Rebecca Ahrens and Koa Mintz tied for the second highest shot each hitting a 10.3. Setting personal season records this week were Tanner Ridings, Sophie Carter, and Aisling Mintz. Trigger Time is currently ranked 18th in the league with a record of 2-2.

October 1st began the new 4-H year. Last Saturday, the club members sorted and took inventory of all the team gear and cleaned the equipment trailers. Thank you to everyone who assisted in the project. Trigger Time is ready for another great 4-H year!

[Weekly Recaps](#) | [League Standings](#) | [Box Score](#) | [Trigger Time 4-H Team Page](#)



Enroll/Re-Enroll in 4-H Online by **FRIDAY!**



[Click here to login to 4-H Online.](#)

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 PW 4-H MEMBERS: [Click here for the 4-H Online Returning Member Tip Sheet.](#)

NEW PW 4-H MEMBERS: [Click here for the 4-H Online New Member Tip Sheet.](#)

PW 4-H Contest Training



You had questions and we had answers! Thank you for joining us last night at Prince William 4-H Contest Training. Our 4-H'ers are ready for a season of exciting contests and are prepared to learn new skills and perfect old skills.

SAVE THE DATES

Feb 8: PW 4-H Contest Day

Apr 26: NE District 4-H Contest Day

[Click here for the Virginia 4-H Contest Page with links to tip sheets and scoring rubrics.](#)

Don't forget to register for the opportunity to learn how to use a Whisper Booth to grow our presentation skills!

Extemporaneous Speech
Dramatic Reading
Music Recording
Presentations
Public Speech
Voiceover
Podcast

Whisper Booth

Prince William 4-H in partnership with the Prince William Central Library Makerspace is offering teens a unique opportunity to learn a new skill - audio recording in a whisper booth!

A whisper booth is a sound isolation space that is soundproof and reduces ambient noise. It's the perfect space to record professional audio projects, speeches, auditions, and more. The space offers state-of-the-art equipment such as headphones, microphones, and a sound control board. Trained teens have the opportunity to reserve space in the whisper booth at any time to utilize the equipment, practice, and produce audio recordings. Guess what you don't do in a whisper booth? *WHISPER!*

Register TODAY for this exciting experience !

<p>Thursday, December 19th</p> <p>3:15 - 4:15 pm</p>	<p>Central Park Library Makerspace 8601 Mathis Avenue Manassas</p>	<p>Event is open to Prince William 4-H'ers ages 14-18.</p> <p>Registration is limited to 10 teens.</p>
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CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.

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PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H



Pajama Party

PROJECTIONS FULL

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 the 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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Virginia 4-H All Stars from Prince William 4-H

- 1929 Janet R. Murphy
- 1933 Doris Bubb
- 1938 Margaret B. Linsey
- 1949 John P. Neal
- 1952 Martha R. Sullivan
- 1954 Betty R. Bruce
- 1955 Helen M. Hill
- 1956 Rebecca M. Whitlock
- 1957 David Cox
- 1960 Bernard P. O'Meara
- 1960 Leland W. Flora
- 1960 Robert L. Kidd
- 1961 Amelia S. Secord
- 1961 John W. Bartholomew
- 1962 Joseph H. Bowles
- 1963 Brenda Q. Caricofe
- 1963 Claudia D. Workman
- 1963 James Biggers
- 1964 Mealena J. Kidd
- 1965 Richard H. Sanders
- 1966 Clyde F. Jackson
- 1966 Leah F. Kidd
- 1967 Jerry R. Murphy
- 1969 Nathan K. Slate
- 1969 William L. Bullock
- 1970 Alfred D. Kidd, Jr.
- 1970 Nancy J. Crawford
- 1972 Ray C. Kidd
- 1974 Sally J. Mockler
- 1975 Debbie B. Jones
- 1975 Nancy J. Publicover
- 1975 Nancy P. Holmes
- 1976 A. Foster Avringer
- 1976 Mary R. Dawson
- 1977 Eddie Z. Russell
- 1979 Teresa R. Yancoskie
- 1980 Lydia J. Barrett
- 1980 Timothy K. Houston
- 1980 Wallace S. Covington, III
- 1982 Anne L. Wilson
- 1982 Elizabeth J. Thompson
- 1982 Eva B. Garner
- 1983 Betty Barrett
- 1983 Christa L. Richer
- 1983 Timothy R. Ware
- 1984 Christina V. Harrigan
- 1984 Denise N. Jacobs
- 1984 Helen M. Walla
- 1986 Karyn R. Angsten
- 1987 Ann M. Rostock
- 1989 Kari J. Seaman
- 1992 Dana A. Seaman
- 1995 Amy M. Ragan
- 1995 Barbara Reese
- 1995 Fran Seaman
- 1996 Therbia U. Parker, Jr.
- 1996 Adrianna D. Smith
- 1998 Christopher S. Baronavski
- 1998 John S. Ragan
- 1998 Lorissa M. Crews
- 1998 Patricia Redmond
- 1999 Carissa E. Carpenter
- 1999 Danielle L. LeCompte
- 1999 Fred Fees
- 1999 Kathleen M. Callahan
- 1999 Mary LeCompte
- 1999 Megan K. Scanlon
- 1999 Rebecca E. Gorman
- 1999 Renee A. LeCompte
- 2000 Bernard A. Malo
- 2000 Margaret Carpenter
- 2000 Stacy A. Daugherty
- 2000 Nikki LeCompte
- 2000 Kenneth Alan Sager
- 2001 Anita Sager
- 2001 Jessica M. Bass
- 2001 Kimberly A. Sager
- 2001 Kimberly D. Lueking
- 2001 Michele Baronavski
- 2002 Linda Licht
- 2002 Sheryl Bass
- 2003 Christopher S. LeCompte
- 2003 Derek J. Lueking
- 2003 Jane Wilson
- 2003 Megan M. Baronavski

- 2003 Nancy Margeson
- 2003 Sharon Race
- 2003 Sheila Lueking
- 2004 Karen Thompson
- 2005 Aaron Bailey
- 2005 Kimberly Bass
- 2005 Maria Fini
- 2007 Claire Berlin
- 2007 Elizabeth Turner
- 2007 Kathryn Thompson
- 2007 Kelly Fini
- 2007 Leslie-Ann Stevens
- 2008 Katherine Forbes
- 2008 Marcia Thies
- 2008 Patricia Turner
- 2009 Brandon Thies
- 2009 Micah Poole
- 2010 Abigail Poole
- 2010 Rose Dunn
- 2010 Ruthann Jones
- 2010 Sandra Lindner-Turner
- 2011 Abby E. Peach
- 2011 Donna Weisheit
- 2011 Heather A. Duncan
- 2011 Laura M. Lykens
- 2012 Alisa M. Lykens
- 2012 Camryn K. Kasinski
- 2012 Kipp C. Dunn
- 2012 Lee O. Turner
- 2012 Marissa A. Lykens
- 2012 Nicolas Poole
- 2012 Ryan M. Thies
- 2012 Walter Peterman
- 2013 Cindy Puryear
- 2013 Marie Lerch
- 2013 Michelle Leporatti
- 2013 Mikaela Mattes
- 2013 Ron Smith
- 2013 Sandy Arnold
- 2013 Troy Vigil
- 2014 Jason Thies
- 2014 Jenna Fees
- 2014 Libby Arnold
- 2015 Catherine Root
- 2015 David Lerch
- 2015 Shelby Kohn
- 2016 Alan Lerch
- 2016 Evan Thies
- 2016 Isabelle Warner
- 2016 MaryBeth Lerch
- 2016 Megan Kolwicz
- 2016 Ruby Dunn
- 2017 Elijah Barge
- 2017 Heidi Poole
- 2017 Maria Dunn
- 2017 Nikolas Morales
- 2017 Samuel Barge
- 2018 Claudia Merrill
- 2018 Emily Lerch
- 2018 Jackie Nguyen
- 2018 James Fees
- 2018 Madison Miller
- 2018 Matthew Arnold
- 2018 Nick Sarmanian
- 2018 Nick Walla
- 2018 Olivia Morales
- 2019 Kamryn Fyock
- 2019 Lydia Eskelund
- 2019 Nikki Seagle
- 2019 Trae Kohn
- 2019 Adam Dove
- 2020 Alexis Cox
- 2020 Erika Cox
- 2020 Geneva Losee
- 2020 Kayla Dixon
- 2020 Natalya Morales
- 2020 Samantha Whyson
- 2021 Samantha Seagle
- 2021 Anderson Nguyen
- 2022 Ryan Nguyen
- 2023 Sydney Nguyen
- 2024 Julia Lee
- 2024 Noah Richter
- 2024 Katie Saul

VIRGINIA 4-H ALL STARS

Celebrating 102 Years



What is a Virginia 4-H All Star?

Virginia 4-H All Stars is an honor/service organization for teen and adult leaders who are actively involved in expanding and enhancing the 4-H programs in their communities and statewide. Membership with Virginia 4-H All Stars is the highest recognition that a 4-H'er in Virginia can achieve.

Virginia 4-H All Stars contribute to positive youth development through service locally and statewide. 4-H members begin their story by gaining knowledge through trainings and experiences, and then utilize their knowledge to provide leadership and life skills to other 4-H participants. Members that have transitioned into applying their 4-H knowledge and skills into leadership roles and promote "Making the Best Better," can apply to become an All Star. Applicants should have at least 3 years experience with 4-H and be between 15 and 19 years-old.



Together We Serve

Members inducted into the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars are dedicated to serving their local 4-H community. Working together as All Stars, youth make an impact in developing self-motivated youth and implementing interactive youth development education programs for all of Virginia. All Stars strive for better understanding, patience, dedication and unselfish service to fellow 4-H members and 4-H programs. Virginia 4-H All Stars may attend additional events and apply for additional scholarships specific to Virginia 4-H All Stars.



You Can Be a Virginia 4-H All Star!

Review the Virginia 4-H All Star application and then contact Prince William 4-H Extension Agent MaryBeth Lerch for more information on the application process. You will continue to grow your leadership skills as you work towards applying for this honor.

APPLICATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 1st



[Click here for information about Virginia 4-H All Stars.](#)

Click for applications:

- [Youth Application](#)
- [Adult Volunteer Nomination](#)

Who Should Apply: Virginia 4-H'ers ages 15 and up (as of January 1, 2025)

Applications due November 1st.
Virginia 4-H Northeast Chapter Advisor:
Carly Wright carlymg@vt.edu

NEW! NOVA 4-H Nature Club

Who Should Participate: Prince William 4-H'ers ages 9-18

Website: <https://www.nova4hnature.com/>

Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/nova.4h.nature/

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/NoVA.4H.Nature.Page/>

Club Intake Form: <https://forms.gle/gwAp5sfC7aVWagmMp9>



NoVA
4-H
Nature

Discover Your Inner Trailblazer

NOVA 4-H Nature Club is a new, multi-county youth leadership club focused on learning about nature, exploring local natural areas, and using that knowledge to preserve habitat, become change agents for environmental awareness and conservation, and take a leadership role in the community. Interested teens have the opportunity to participate in Envirothon & WHEP competitions. The leader, Joy Green, is a Master Naturalist with Prince William County who lives in Stafford County.

Here's the weekly plan for each month:

WEEK 1 - Topic Overview (virtual): During the first few weeks of each month, we will introduce the monthly topic and discuss logistics for our monthly outing.

WEEK 2 or 3 - Outing (in-person): We will visit sites in the NoVA area related to the monthly topic (for example, a bird walk for Ornithology month or visit a river for fish and river habitats for Ichthyology month). These may be led by a Master Naturalist, Park Ranger, or an expert in the field.

WEEK 4 - 4-H Business Meeting (hybrid): During each month, we will hold 4-H Club Member meetings to plan group service projects and fundraisers (if desired). Club members will prepare short presentations on topics and will discuss ways to represent this club in the NoVA area and beyond.

[Click here for information on monthly topics.](#)

Virginia 4-H Youth in Action Awards - DUE FRIDAY!



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

Applications are due by Friday, November 1st. Encourage your PW 4-H teens to apply!

The State 4-H Office is once again pleased to announce this exciting award opportunity for 4-H'ers across Virginia. To provide a similar system to the National 4-H Youth in Action Awards, and to encourage high quality applications for the national awards, the State 4-H Office established the Virginia 4-H Youth in Action Awards Program in 2019. The nomination process is now open for our Class of 2025 Youth in Action winners. Youth may recommend themselves for consideration in one or more of the pillar areas of Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living, and STEM. One pillar winner will be chosen from each area. Any 4-H member in Virginia ages 15-18 is eligible to be nominated.

Each of the four winners will receive:

- A \$500 mini-grant to their Unit to develop a significant community project.
- Recognition at An Evening with Virginia 4-H in January 2025
- A full scholarship to attend Virginia 4-H State Congress in June 2025, in Blacksburg, VA.
- An opportunity to be featured as the Virginia 4-H Youth Spokesperson for their pillar area.
- An opportunity to represent Virginia 4-H at a national event for their pillar area.
- Support and mentorship to apply for the 2026 National 4-H Youth in Action Awards.
- An official reference letter from the Virginia State 4-H Program Leader, Jeremy C. Johnson

Virginia 4-H Soils Judging Contest - DUE FRIDAY

Date: November 5th

Location: TBD, Giles County, Virginia

Cost: \$50/team, \$15/alternate

[Click here for more information and registration.](#) **Register by Nov. 1st.**

This is a terrific opportunity for a 4-H Club or school club interested in environmental science or geology! A school/club may enter one junior team and one senior team. Click here for the [Extension Soils Manual](#) and start studying today! Please direct questions to Alison Jones at alisonks@vt.edu.





PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H



CLOVERBUD CLUB

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



NOVEMBER 9TH

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



Our youngest 4-H'ers will be exploring sound waves and how, even though we cannot see them, we know they are there. From percussions to woodwinds, we will use our heads, hearts, hands and health to combine science and art into beautiful music in this hands-on activity.

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.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER. Registration is free, but required.

Come grow with us!

4-H GROWS HERE

* A parent or guardian must be present.



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Prince William 4-H Teen Club

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Prince William 4-H Teen Club is gathering to make no-sew blankets for Project Linus. No experience needed!

Project Linus provides handmade blankets to children 0-18 in the United States who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need. Our local Project Linus chapter has sent their inventory to NC for citizens impacted by Hurricane Helene. We will be helping to build up inventory for local needs, especially with winter fast approaching.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

6 - 8 PM

PW 4-H - McCoy Conference Room

7987 Ashton Ave.

Manassas

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ALL PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H'ERS ARE INVITED!

SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 16th! Prince William 4-H will be participating in this new national effort: 4-H Outdoor Challenge. More info coming next week, including time and location of the PW 4-H hike on November 16th to add to your challenge experience. Please register through the link below for the program for a chance to win prizes! Registration for the PW 4-H hike coming next week. This is a great opportunity for a personal 4-H Healthy Living SPIN Project to add to your 4-H Portfolio! Set goals and get moving!

4-H OUTDOOR CHALLENGE

NOVEMBER 15-17

EXPLORE NATURE WITH 4-H!

Challenge yourself and others to spend the weekend outdoors! Pledge outdoor hours and follow along online for your chance to win prizes! Contact your local Extension office for registration details or follow the registration link below.

REGISTER ONLINE



<https://tinyurl.com/4-HOutdoorChallenge2024>



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[4houtdoorchallenge](#)



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Prince William 4-H

Embryology Project

“The Beginning of Life” 4-H Project is designed to help youth obtain a better understanding of life and embryonic development. 4-H educational materials guide students through each step of the hatching process from preparing the eggs for incubation to building a brooder for the newly hatched chicks. Educational material address Virginia SOLs for math, science, English, life science, and computer technology. Prince William 4-H provides fertilized eggs, guides participants through training, supports participants during the hatch, and then collects the chicks to be sent to a local farm.

Prince William 4-H Clubs, Prince William County Schools, Manassas City Schools, Manassas Park Schools, and Homeschool Groups are invited to participate in this exciting 4-H project!

**REGISTRATION OPENS
DECEMBER 1ST!**

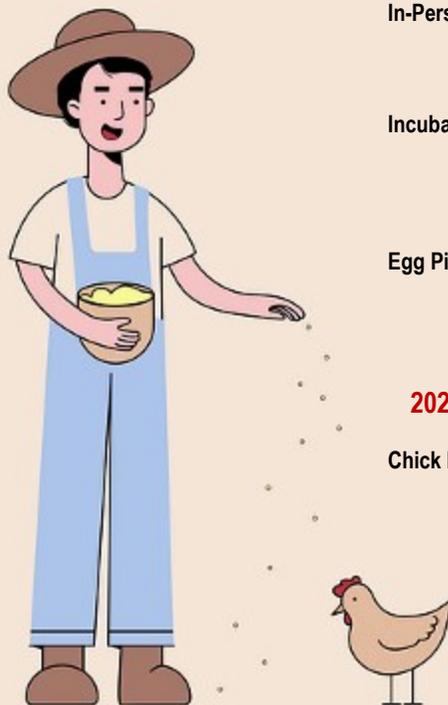
Link coming soon.

RESOURCES:

- [Prince William 4-H Embryology Project Facebook Page](#)
- [Virginia 4-H Resources for School Curriculum Website](#)
- [VA 4-H The Beginning of Life Project Curriculum](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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IMPORTANT DATES

Embryology Registration
Dec 1st - Jan 31st

In-Person Leader Training
Feb 5 TBD
Feb 17 TBD

Incubator Pickup (if rented from 4-H)
PW 4-H, 8033 Ashton Ave, #105
Feb 13 1 - 4 PM
Feb 17 10 AM - 2 PM

Egg Pickup
PW 4-H, 8033 Ashton Ave, #105
Feb 24 4 - 6 PM
Feb 25 9 AM - 12 PM

2025 HATCH DAYS: MARCH 17TH - 21ST

Chick Drop Off
PW 4-H, 8033 Ashton Ave, #105
Mar 27 2 - 6 PM
Apr 1 12 - 3 PM

Virginia 4-H Food Frenzy



Dates: January 17-19, 2025

Location: Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center, Appomattox

Who Should Attend: PW 4-H'ers Ages 9-18 are eligible to register as a participant. Teens/Adults may apply to volunteer at this event.

Cost: Participants (ages 9-18): \$125; Teen and Adult Volunteers: \$25

How to Register: Interested participants, teen volunteers, and adult volunteers should contact MaryBeth Lerch at PW 4-H **by Thursday, January 2nd.**

[Click here for more information.](#)

Youth have the opportunity to learn and practice food safety and cooking skills. Campers will explore different cooking techniques and work with professionals in the food service industry. Whether you're new to the kitchen or looking into careers in the industry, this is the camp for you!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
AN EVENING CELEBRATION

4-H ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

WITH A PERFORMANCE FROM
CLOVERS & CO. SELECT ENSEMBLE

Thursday, November 7, 2024
Altria Theatre
6 N Laurel St
Richmond, Virginia
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Registration includes food, drinks, and a
\$5 donation to the Virginia 4-H Annual Fund
Register below:





Beyond Ready
Join 4-H today at
4-H.org

VA 4-H Alumni & Friends

Date: Thursday, November 7th

Time: 5:30-8:30 pm

Location: Altria Theatre, 6 N Laurel St., Richmond

Who Should Attend: All Prince William 4-H Alumni and Friends

[Click here to register.](#)

Please join us for an opportunity to connect with fellow 4-H Alumni and Friends! Registration is \$10 and includes entertainment, food and drinks, as well as a \$5 gift to the Virginia 4-H Annual Fund.

VA 4-H Silent Auction

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Virginia 4-H is collecting donations for a silent auction. [Click here for donation form.](#)

Auction Date: November 2nd

Location: Richmond Marriott, during the Virginia 4-H/VCE Youth & Family Summit

The summit will help us explore strategies for building stronger, safer communities. Our theme underscores the importance of collaboration and empowerment in creating positive change.

Virginia DWR Archery Open 2025

Date: Saturday, January 11th, 8 AM - 8 PM

Location: Richmond Raceway Exhibit Hall, 600 E Laburnum Ave., Richmond

Who Should Attend: 4-H members participating in archery

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

The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) invites the archery and conservation community to participate in the 2025 DWR Archery Open. This inaugural competition will take place Saturday, January 11, 2025 in Richmond, Virginia and will feature opportunities for youth and adult level competitors. Event proceeds will contribute to connecting people to conservation.



Conservation Exhibit Hall: In addition to all tournament activities, Virginia DWR invites the public to visit the Conservation Exhibit Hall to connect with exhibitors from our conservation community! If your organization is interested in exhibiting at the Archery Open, [click here to register.](#)

VT Agricultural Technology Fall Open House

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024 | 9:30 AM

We invite you to join us for our open house so you can learn how you can earn an Associate of Agriculture Degree from Virginia Tech and gain confidence to be a leader in your field! Our students can specialize in agribusiness, crop production, landscape management, livestock production, or turfgrass management.



THE OPEN HOUSE WILL INCLUDE:

- **Agricultural Technology overview session:** Learn about the two different options- Applied Agriculture Management and Landscape and Turf Management
- **Alumni Panel:** Hear how a panel of alumni from the program have used their degrees. See first-hand how the Agricultural Technology Program has impacted their lives.
- **Hokie Chats:** You will have a unique opportunity to meet faculty, program administrators, and current students. Representatives from the program will be available to answer questions and engage in conversation.
- **Apply to Agricultural Technology:** Admissions Information Sessions that lay out the admissions process and explain specific Agricultural Technology requirements.

This event is held the same day as **Virginia Tech's Fall Open House** so there are a variety of additional activities and tours that you can choose to participate in including:

- Residential Experience and Dining Sessions
- University Scholarships and Financial Aid Information Session
- Campus Tour & Housing Tour
- Recreational Sports Facilities

[Click here to register.](#)

Kids' Tech University at Virginia Tech

Dates: January 25, February 22, March 22, and April 5

Location: Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

Who Should Attend: youth ages 9-12 as of Sep. 30, 2024, with a parent

Registration Fee: \$120/child. *Needs-based scholarships are available.*

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

KTU, brought to you by the Fralin Life Sciences Institute at Virginia Tech and Virginia 4-H, is your passport to a world of scientific wonder and exploration. Get ready to embark on an extraordinary STEM journey that'll spark your imagination and fuel your passion for science, tech, engineering, and math!

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“No story can possibly cover the full breathe of what Extension is all about but I think that when you read this, you'll be inspired by what we can accomplish together.”

Michael S. Gutter, Ph.D. Director Virginia Cooperative Extension. Associate Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Please take a moment to read this special article posted by the Virginia Cooperative Extension that highlights how our communities are all connected. Thank you for your efforts to support those impacted by Hurricane Helene!

[Click here to read the VCE article “Virginia Cooperative Extension helps communities rebuild after Hurricane Helene”](#) that explains how, in 21 Southwest Virginia localities hardest hit by the storm, Virginia Cooperative Extension is leading relief efforts and supporting Virginia Tech's land-grant mission.

VSU Annual Small Farm Conference



November 6, 2024 – November
8, 2024
6:00 PM-2:00 PM

Norfolk Waterside Marriott
235 E Main St
Norfolk, VA

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

Join Virginia farmers, landowners and agriculture professionals at the 2024 Annual Small Farm Conference for an opportunity to hear about available resources, smart business strategies, and successful production practices—especially for new, beginning and small-scale farmers who want to learn more about making their enterprises profitable and sustainable.

The conference is free to registered attendees and includes a bus tour, educational and networking sessions, presentations and awards, as well as meals listed on our agenda. Attendees are responsible for their overnight accommodations and any meals outside of those included as part of the conference agenda.

Virginia Farm to Table Conference 2024: "Connecting Food, Farms, and Health"



Dates: Thursday, December 5 and Friday, December 6, 8 AM - 4 PM

Location: Blue Ridge Community College, Plecker Workforce Center, One College Lane, Weyers Cave, VA 24486

Registration: \$50/day

[Click here for more information and to register.](#) **Register by December 2nd.**

You are invited to the 2024 Virginia Farm to Table Conference: Connecting Food, Farms, and Health on December 5-6, 2024 at the Plecker Workforce Center at Blue Ridge Community College! Join us to learn and enjoy collaboration, conversations, and community with farmers, practitioners, researchers, and more.

We aim to bring together farmers, producers, buyers, restaurateurs, food entrepreneurs, community organizers, agricultural development officials, nutrition and dining service directors, dietitians, policymakers, educators, regional food system stakeholders, technical service providers, and regenerative agriculture stakeholders.

Conference highlights include: keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and a Thursday after-hours networking session at Valley Pike Farm Market.

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