



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



April 30, 2025

Upcoming Events

- May 10** - PW 4-H Cloverbud Club
- Jun 22-28** - National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship
- Jun 23** - VA 4-H Livestock Judging Contests
- Jun 24-27** - VA 4-H Congress
- Jun 24** - 1st Time Junior 4-H Camper Parents' Meeting
- Jul 13-17** - PW/Stafford 4-H Junior Camp
- Jul 30-Aug 3** - Southern Regionals 4-H Horse Championships
- Aug 9** - VA 4-H Northern District Shoot
- Aug 11-15** - PW 4-H Fair Camp
- Sep 5-7** - VA 4-H Horse & Pony Championship

Prince William 4-H'ers Shine at District Contest Day



Congratulations to Prince William 4-H'ers Naomi White, Maria Konstanty, and Michael DeRoche for their outstanding performances last weekend at the Virginia 4-H Northeast District Contest Day!

Nokesville Equestrian Club's Senior 4-H'er Naomi White earned a blue ribbon for her Contest Presentation "Snowman, the Cinderella Horse."

Nokesville Community Club's Junior 4-H'er Maria earned a blue ribbon for her Share the Fun variety act and a red ribbon for her Contest Presentation "American Girls."

Nokesville Community Club's Senior 4-H'er Michael stole the show in his two contests! He earned blue ribbons in both his Share the Fun variety act and Contest Presentation "My 4-H Entrepreneurship Project." Michael was awarded the coveted purple ribbon for both competitions as a Virginia 4-H Northeast District Champion and will represent our district in the state contest at the 2025 Virginia 4-H Congress in June!

WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU! We love your fearlessness and that you are open to learning and growing into engaged, responsible, and talented community leaders.

ABOUT VIRGINIA 4-H STATE COMPETITIONS

[Click here to learn more about Virginia 4-H State Competitions.](#)

The Danish awards system will be used at all levels of competition (scored against a rubric). Blue ribbons are awarded to competitors earning 90-100 points; red ribbons are awarded to competitors earning 75-89 points; white ribbons are awarded to competitors earning 74 points or less.

Districts award a purple ribbon to the highest scoring youth in the category. Each District may submit no more than one act in each contest/category. At the state contest, the highest scoring act in each contest/category will be awarded a project medal.

ISO Competition Judges & Room Chairs for the **2025 VIRGINIA 4-H CONGRESS!** Competitions will take place on Wednesday, June 25 in Blacksburg. [Click here to volunteer!](#)

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PW 4-H Teen Club Community Service at Boxes of Basics



Date: Thursday, May 22nd

Time: 6-8 PM

Location: Boxes of Basics, 9239 Mike Garcia Dr, Manassas

Who Should Attend: Prince William 4-H'ers ages 13 and up

[Click here to register.](#) **REGISTRATION REQUIRED - LIMITED TO 8**

[Click here to learn more about Boxes of Basics.](#)



You never know what work needs to be done at Boxes of Basics HQ. One day its sorting donations, the next day you could be packing a box for a local child. Teens come ready to sort and pack boxes for children in our communities in need of clothing & shoes. Wear comfortable shoes and 4-H green! We will be moving and on our feet serving the community.

It's Book Club Time!

First Meeting Date: Thursday, May 22nd

Time: 6-7 PM

Location: Bull Run Library, Manassas

Who Should Join: All Prince William 4-H'ers - and bring a friend!

[Click here to join the PW 4-H Book Club SPIN Project.](#) **Please join by Friday, May 16th.**

PLEASE READ CHAPTER I PRIOR TO THE FIRST MEETING!

Join us for a whirlwind literary adventure! Our book club is diving into Jules Verne's **Around the World in 80 Days** - a tale of daring travel, curious cultures, and unforgettable characters. Pack your imagination and let's explore the globe, one chapter at a time!

Let by Prince William's Trigger Time Club 4-H'er Adam Grant, this special interest project will get you dreaming of far away places this summer! Meeting dates TBD by participants.

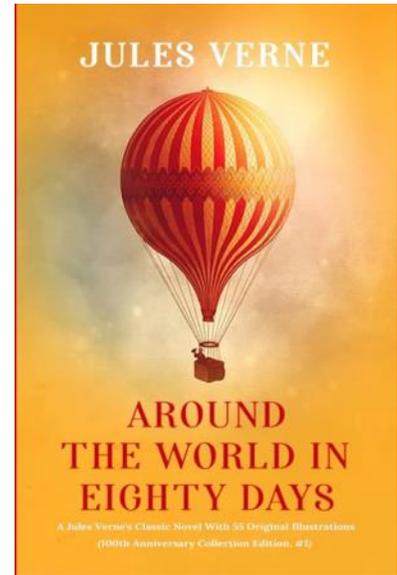
All PW 4-H'ers are invited to participate and you're encouraged to bring a friend!* There is no cost to participate in the SPIN Project. You can purchase the book if you like to take notes in the book, or check it out from your local library!

**All participants must register in 4-H Online. Registration is free, and required by Virginia 4-H.*

What's a 4-H SPIN Project?

A 4-H SPIN (SPecial INterest) project can be organized and led by a youth or adult 4-H volunteer who is passionate about sharing their knowledge or interest. SPIN projects focus on a specific area of interest rather than a broader project book, and participants explore the topic in depth. All 4-H Projects and SPIN Projects involve hands-on learning and participation, skill development, and project record keeping.

Join in the PW 4-H Book Club SPIN Project to grow your creative literary skills and more!





PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H CLOVERBUD CLUB

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

MAY 10TH

PWMG TEACHING GARDEN, BEHIND LINTON HALL SCHOOL, 9535 LINTON HALL RD, BRISTOW

10 AM - NOON

All Greater Prince William Area youth ages 5-8 that are interested in 4-H and would like to explore the 4-H Pillar of Agriculture are invited! Cloverbuds will explore the teaching garden with ANR agent Thomas Bolles and plant sunflowers in the garden and one to take home.

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.pwcvva.gov/4-H.
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER. Registration is free, but required.
 Come grow with us!

* A parent or guardian must be present.






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PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs - REGISTER BY MAY 1st!

[Click here to sign up for Workshop #1 and join the PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs!](#)

We had an impressive turnout at last night's Prince William 4-H Young Entrepreneurs SPIN Project Interest Meeting with about a dozen 4-H'ers ready to launch their projects. This annual, popular project is gearing up for an exciting summer!

Due to limited market space, project registration is limited. Participants are required to actively participate in all 4 business workshops, These are mandatory for experienced 4-H'ers as well as new. Participants must participate in at least 3 market days. At 4-H, we learn by doing, and you will be doing **A LOT** of doing to ensure the success of your business!

Workshops are held from 6:30-8 PM at 4-H Headquarters in the McCoy Conference Room, 7987 Ashton Ave., Manassas.

WORKSHOP DATES: May 1, May 14, May 21, and May 28

Market Days are held from 8 AM - 1 PM at the Manassas Park Farmers Market, 100 Park Central Plaza, Manassas Park.

UPDATED MARKET DATES: June 7, July 12, August 23, Sept. 13, and Oct. 4



Tractor Supply Paper Clover - LAST CHANCE!

[Click here for signup](#)

Tractor Supply, 10870 Balls Ford Rd., Manassas

Tractor Supply will once again be holding their Paper Clover Campaign along with National 4-H during April 18 - May 5, 2025. Patrons tend to donate more often when 4-Hers are there in person, so let's get as many clubs as we can to participate. 4-H Clubs earn a percentage of the proceeds from this event to use towards camps, State Congress, and other leadership opportunities. In addition, this is a great opportunity to share your club's 4-H Story and for a bake sale (or the like) to raise money directly for your club activities. Please sign your 4-H Club up for a time slot and plan to bring your biggest 4-H smile!

AVAILABLE DATES (12-3 PM or 3-6 PM slots each date): **May 3 & 4**



Trigger Time 4-H Club



Trigger Time 4-H Shooting Education Club Team - Champions of the 33rd American Legion Department of Virginia State Championship!

By Rebecca Ahrens, Trigger Time 4-H Club Reporter

April 30, 2025. On April 26th, Trigger Time 4-H Shooting Education Club's sporter air rifle team competed in the 33rd Annual American Legion Department of Virginia State Championship. In March, postal matches were held for three different regions of Virginia. The top teams from each of these regions were invited to the State Championship. In total, nine teams representing five American Legion Posts qualified for the competition. Representing the team were Rebecca Ahrens (550), Lexi Strand (548), Tanner Ridings (538), and Samantha Holmes (508). Ayden Strand was the team alternate, scoring 529. Out of the five Trigger Time members, two scored personal records: Tanner Ridings and Ayden Strand. Rebecca Ahrens placed 3rd as an individual and Trigger Time claimed the title of 33rd American Legion Department of Virginia State Champion and received a trophy for their 1st place ranking.



Beyond Ready



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



PRINCE WILLIAM-STAFFORD 4-H JUNIOR CAMP

Get ready for a summer of 4-H fun, laughter, and endless possibilities!

** For youth ages 9-14*

13 - 17 July 2025

Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center
Front Royal, Virginia

For more information :

<https://sites.google.com/vt.edu/2025pwst4hcamp/>

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



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PW 4-H Families are Signing Up for an EXCITING Summer

And we're encouraging more to join in the fun! Virginia 4-H committed to hosting 20 youth delegates (13 girls and 7 boys) and 2 adult chaperones from Japan this summer, for a total need of 22 host families. They are more than half way there - and are in search of **9 host families!**

OUR PW 4-H FAMILIES HAVE SO MUCH TO OFFER!

There are 4 screening steps and they are run consecutively (*not concurrently*):

- Complete application with appropriate and acceptable answers to questions
- 2 good completed references
- Home visit/home inspection by local 4-H person with good report
- Background checks for all people 18+ who will be home during the homestay

Let's show the State and the delegates our commitment to the 4-H Pillar of Citizenship!

[Click here to apply](#) and select Virginia as your state. | [Click here for Summer Program FAQs.](#)
[Click here for an inspirational video](#) of our inbound exchange from 2023.



Virginia 4-H Congress - REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Dates: June 24-27, 2025

Location: Virginia Tech

Who Should Attend: Virginia 4-H'ers ages 14-18

Cost: \$295 for full-time registration; \$65 for one-day competitors. [Click here to apply for needs-based scholarships.](#)

[Register through 4-H Online.](#) **REGISTER BY MAY 10TH.**

[Click here for more information,](#) including links to the information packets and registration information, draft schedule, competitions, and educational session descriptions.

Registration for the 2025 Virginia 4-H Congress is now open! This year's theme, **"Turning Gears, Shaping Futures,"** will guide an inspiring week of learning, leadership, and connection.

**4-H STATE COMPETITIONS ★ EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS ★ DANCES ★
 OPPORTUNITY FAIR ★ COLOR RUN/WALK ★ SERVICE LEARNING
 OPPORTUNITIES ★ CONGRESSIONAL GAMES ★ ALL STAR TAPPING ★
 STATE AWARDS ★ AND MORE!**



Virginia 4-H State Cabinet Applications - DUE FRIDAY

Who Should Apply: Senior 4-H'ers ages 14 & up

[Click here to watch the recorded VA 4-H State Cabinet Interest Meeting.](#)

[Click here for the 2024 Virginia 4-H State Cabinet Bylaws.](#)

[Click here for the 2025-2026 Virginia 4-H State Cabinet Elections Packet.](#)

**Completed applications are due TO THE STATE OFFICE by Friday, May 2nd at 5 PM!
 This includes all necessary references and checks by Prince William 4-H.**

Prince William 4-H has MANY impressive teens who should be considering running for a position on the Virginia 4-H State Cabinet! The elections packet includes highlights, general guidelines, and requirements for becoming an elected member of the State Cabinet team. In addition to the main officers, youth will also elect up to four Ambassadors from each of the five VCE Districts. Be sure to read the current bylaws to better understand the role of the Virginia 4-H State Cabinet.



★ Applications are submitted through a Google Form linked on Page 14 in the elections packet.

Apply to Participate in the 2025 National 4-H Congress



National 4-H Congress Dates: November 28 - December 2, 2025

Location: Atlanta, Georgia

We Should Apply to Attend: senior 4-H'ers

[Click here for informational flyer.](#) **Applications are due by May 9th.**

All applications and resumes must be submitted through Google Forms - [click here to submit.](#)

[Click here to learn more about the 2025 National 4-H Congress.](#)

Applications are now open for senior Virginia 4-H'ers to participate in 2025 National 4-H Congress. For more than 100 years, National 4-H Congress has served as the premiere educational and recognition event for senior 4-H members. National Congress provides participants an exciting opportunity to explore careers, engage in a variety of quality learning experiences, and have great fun by getting to know other 4-H members from across the country. Outstanding 4-H members will be selected to represent Virginia at National 4-H Congress. Candidates for selection must be senior 4-H members in the current 4-H year who are able to demonstrate outstanding achievement as a 4-H member in the areas of leadership, citizenship, and personal development.

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

APPLICATION PROCESS:

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

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

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Those selected for an interview will need a working Gmail account, as electronic portfolios will be submitted through Google Classroom.

2025 Virginia 4-H State Horse Show



Dates: September 4th - 7th

Location: Lexington, VA

[Click here for the Virginia 4-H Horse Show website.](#)

Parents, youth, agents, and volunteers should familiarize themselves with information regarding the Requirements, Rules, and Qualifying Options for the State Horse Show. Also included on the website are the rules and entry information for the Art Contest, Photography Contest, and the Record Book/Portfolio Contest.

Important Dates

May 1st: Declarations open in 4-H Online

July 1st: Deadline for Online Eligibility/Declaration in 4H Online.

July 31st: Entry Deadline. Orientation Meeting/Checklist Completed by Club Leader or VCE Agent.

State Horse Show Details

[2025 Rulebook](#) | [2025 Show Schedule](#) | [2025 Rule Updates](#) | [Overview of Requirements to Show](#)

2025 Qualifying Shows & Horsemanship Skills

[List of District Approved Qualifying Shows](#) | [Horsemanship Skills Opportunities](#)

2025 Southern Regional 4-H Championship Horse Show



Dates: Jul 30th - Aug 3rd

Location: Perry, GA

- [Click here for the official show website.](#)
- [Click here to apply to represent Virginia 4-H.](#)

Applications due May 15th by 5 PM.

The Southern Regional Championship horse show is the only multi-state 4-H Horse Show in the country, inviting youth from 13 states to show their horses in various disciplines. Historically, Virginia has been well-represented by our riders at the Southern Regional Show and we hope to continue this tradition in 2025! The 2025 official schedule will not be released until early May. Virginia 4-H will select 70 youth to compete.



Virginia 4-H: Class of 2025 Graduate Celebration

[Class of 2025 High School Seniors - click here to register.](#)

Virginia 4-H has launched their "Beyond Ready: 4-H Graduates Step Into Tomorrow" campaign—an exciting statewide effort to recognize and celebrate the incredible accomplishments of our graduating 4-H seniors. This campaign invites Class of 2025 graduates to share their post-high school plans—whether they are attending college, entering the workforce, joining the military, or enrolling in a trade program. In return, the first 500 seniors who complete the brief form will receive a 4-H Graduate Celebration Kit, which includes: A certificate of achievement, 4-H graduation cord, 4-H stickers and pen, and a 4-H "Graduate" yard sign. It is an honor to recognize the hard work, leadership, and growth our 4-H'ers have demonstrated during their time in 4-H! (PW 4-H'ers should have received this as an email last week.)

2025 State Fair of Virginia Youth Livestock Shows



2025 SFVA Youth Livestock Dates: October 1 – 5, 2025

2025 State Fair of Virginia Youth Livestock Judges: Beef Cattle: Justin Adcock - Illinois; Meat Goats: Harlan Yocham - Oklahoma; Sheep: Glen Martin - Texas; Swine: Jim McCoy - Ohio

Important Dates and Deadlines – NEW FOR 2025

May 15th – DNA Packet Ordering System will OPEN

July 1st – DEADLINE for Mailing/Postmark DNA Samples to VA Tech

July 1st – DEADLINE for completing Online Nomination Process via FairEntry

July 1st – Ownership Deadline for all REGISTERED Breeding Livestock – Registration papers must show the association transfer date on or before July 1, 2025

July 2nd – SFVA Youth Livestock Entry System will open via FairEntry

August 15th – Entry Deadline for ALL ANIMALS via the Fair Entry System

Updated rules for the 2025 State Fair of Virginia Youth Livestock Shows will be available the week of May 12th.

Virginia 4-H: 2025 Volunteer Training Series



[Click here to access the Virginia 4-H 2025 Volunteer Training Series.](#)

The Virginia 4-H 2025 Volunteer Training Series are open to all volunteers in the Virginia Cooperative Extension. All sessions are offered live via Zoom and recorded. Full descriptions, dates, times, and registration link is on a new Google site. Recordings will be added to this site within a couple of days of the live presentation. The schedule of sessions includes:

- * April 30 @ 5 PM. **Supporting Deaf & Hard of Hearing Youth**; Gabe Ringley, 2025 VA 4-H Youth-in-Action Civic Engagement Pillar Winner
- * May 1 @ 10 AM. **Knowing Your Audience**; Joseph Cho & Colleagues; University of Maryland – Maryland 4-H
- * May 4 @ 6 PM. **Mission Possible: Planning Backwards to Reach Your Goals**; Christina Galardi, VCE Data Integration Specialist
- * May 5 @ 5 PM. **Decoding Your True Colors**; Mandi Dolan, VCE 4-H Extension Agent
- * May 6 @ 5 PM. **Connecting with Purpose – Communication Strategies for Volunteer Leaders**; Christina Ruszczyk-Murray, VCE Volunteer Engagement Specialist
- * May 6 @ 7 PM. **Tools to Implement the 4-H Thriving Model**; Amy Lang & Anna Glenn, University of Maryland – Maryland 4-H
- * May 7 @ 7 PM. **PYD: The Heart of Every 4-H Project**; Tara Brent & Karen Baker, VCE 4-H Extension Agents
- * May 8 @ 7 PM. **4-H Excellence in Action: Unlocking the Principles of Program Quality**; Alyssa Walden, Associate Specialist & Deputy State 4-H Leader
- * May 13 @ 7 PM. **From Club to Career: Your Role in Youth Readiness**; Lisa Ingram & Jode Smith, Extension Assistant Professors, West Virginia University

PWMG's Spring Plant Sale



Date: Saturday, May 3rd
Time: 9 AM - 12 Noon
Location: Teaching Garden, 9535 Linton Hall Rd., Bristow (park behind Linton Hall School)

Master Gardeners will be on hand to help you find the perfect plants for your landscape and help you to your vehicle. Only cash or check can be accepted.

This event is being held in conjunction with Virginia Cooperative Extension's Saturday in the Garden "Art in the Garden" class with members of the Prince William County Art Society. "Landscape Painting" with Robert Dew will teach his quick and expressive style of landscape painting using a limited palette. Robert will guide participants as they create their own paintings in this style. You may choose any paint medium and must bring your own painting supplies for this workshop. "Drawing Plants & Flowers" with Michele Frantz who will provide instruction and guide you in seeing and drawing the basic shapes underlying different types of flowers and plants, and how to develop them into finished drawings. Drawing materials will be provided by the instructor. "Outdoor Cellphone Photography" join the Prince William County Photography Club for a hands-on cellphone photography workshop, where you'll learn tips and techniques to enhance your skills. Capture stunning images with your phone in a fun, interactive garden setting. Connect with fellow photography enthusiasts and elevate your craft! Some supplies will be available, but feel free to bring your own. [Click here to register for the Art in the Garden class.](#)

REGISTRATION TYPES

Youth Registration (Ages 11-14) - \$0.00; Deadline: May 9
 Adult Volunteers - \$0.00; Deadline: May 9
 Youth Teen Volunteers (15-18) - \$0.00; Deadline: June 1

Agriscience

Leadership

Healthy Living

STEM

TAKEOFF!

Take-Off! is a dynamic and immersive 3-day event that we'll host on the campus of Virginia State University from May 30 to June 1, 2025. Together, we'll provide youth with the opportunity to connect, grow, and engage in meaningful hands-on learning through one of four exciting tracks:

- ▶ Agriscience
- ▶ STEM
- ▶ Leadership
- ▶ Healthy Living

Register Here

Dates: May 30th-June 1st, 2025

Location: Virginia State University

Included: Housing, meals and other amenities

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Multidisciplinary Opportunities in Agriculture



**Beyond
Ready**

Prince William 4-H enjoys sharing internships, jobs, workshops, and more in the field of agriculture in the hopes of showing our youth the multi-disciplinary field of ag as well as inspire interests, careers, and more. Not only are these real and current opportunities, but potential goals for our 4-H'ers, especially our teens, who are working on growing their 4-H resume and developing their strengths to reach their goals in citizenship, STEM, agriculture, and healthy living.



**VIRGINIA
TECH.**

VIRGINIA TECH FELLOWSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS FOR STUDENTS

- AG LAW FELLOW** - This opportunity offers an undergraduate VT student hands-on experience in agricultural law under faculty mentorship. The Ag Law Fellow will assist with:
 - Legal research
 - Co-authoring a minimum of one Extension publication or Southern Ag Today article on ag law topics
 - Assist with Extension presentations
 - Serve as a TA for the AAEC-3604 Agricultural Law class in Spring 2026. [Click here for details and to apply.](#)
- VIRGINIA'S LAND USE-VALUE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM FELLOW** - This opportunity offers VT juniors or seniors hands-on experience under faculty mentorship. The LUVA Fellow will assist with:
 - Data collection and analysis
 - Co-author at least one Extension publication
 - Attend statewide and local stakeholder meetings
 - Assist with annual reporting, including report preparation
 - Assist with LUVA website updates and management
 - Update stakeholder resources and publications. [Click here for details and to apply.](#)
- VIDEOGRAPHER INTERNSHIP** - This opportunity offers an undergraduate VT student hands-on experience in video production and content preparation under faculty mentorship. The intern will:
 - Take and edit videos to support messaging
 - Learn and maintain a working knowledge of Virginia's Land Use-Value Assessment Program and its goals
 - Become familiar with university brand guidelines, images, components, and overall brand identity
 - Professionally engage with faculty and stakeholders and conduct interviews
 - Provide regular updates on projects to the director and manager. Contact Melissa Vidmar at vidmar@vt.edu for more information and to apply.



SUMMER INTERNS NEEDED AT SOUTHERN PIEDMONT AREC (Blackstone, VA)

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#) We are accepting applications for summer internships for the following:

- ENTOMOLOGY** - Job responsibilities will vary but can include the following:
 - Assist with scoring for pest damage, drone imaging, and data handling
 - Plant, insect, and soil sampling
 - Molecular and analytical (biochemistry) assays involving DNA/RNA extraction, qPCR, GC-MS, and HPLC
 - Data collection, entry, and analysis
 - Presenting results to stakeholders and peers
 - General cleaning and preparing supplies for laboratory or fieldwork
 - Communicating the results of experiments to peers, supervisors, and the scientific community
- PLANT PATHOLOGY** - Job responsibilities will vary but can include the following:
 - Spore sampler and weather station assembling and deployment in field
 - Soil, plant, and spore sampling in field and sample processing
 - Biochemistry and molecular biology work such as DNA extraction, PCR, library preparation, nanopore sequencing, etc.
 - Data collection, entry, and analysis
 - Communicating the results of experiments to peers, supervisors, and the scientific community
 - General cleaning, washing dishes, and preparing supplies for laboratory or fieldwork
- TOBACCO AGRONOMY** - Job responsibilities will vary but can include the following:
 - Sampling and data collection for tobacco greenhouse transplant production research
 - Data collection for tobacco seed performance and quantification of seedling vigor (image analysis)
 - Assisting with treatment applications for traditional tobacco agronomic research areas such as fertilization, topping, and sucker control
 - Assisting with field experiments investigating yield limiting factors associated with tobacco and investigating potential bio-stimulant products intended to reduce plant stress
 - Installation and analysis of data from innovative soil sensor technology measuring soil moisture, temperature, and ion content within the crop rooting zone and the overall soil profile
 - Assisting with data collection and analysis from UAS cameras and sensors
 - Assisting with treatment application using an ag spray drone system
 - Communicating the results of experiments to peers, supervisors, and the scientific community
 - General research and plot maintenance activities in the field and greenhouse



AVAILABLE JOB POSITIONS AT SOUTHERN PIEDMONT AREC (Blackstone, VA)

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

- AG TECHNICIAN** - Virginia Tech's Southern Piedmont Agricultural Research and Extension Center located in Blackstone, Virginia, is accepting applications for agricultural technicians. This position will collect research information and maintain research plots, including planting, irrigating, cultivating, and harvesting, as well as, lab work with samples and assisting with scoring for pest damage and data handling.

Multidisciplinary Opportunities in Agriculture *continued*

- **AGRICULTURAL SPECIALIST III** - Virginia Tech's Southern Piedmont Agricultural Research and Extension Center (SPAREC) and the School of Plant and Environmental Sciences at Virginia Tech are seeking a native plant seed propagation specialist (hired as an Agricultural Specialist III) to develop native grassland plant seed production on public and private lands as part of a three-year research and extension program. This full-time position will be based in Blackstone, Virginia, and the job will involve traveling to collect seed, process seed, and work with private landowners, among others.



2025 AREC FIELD DAYS

[Click here for full calendar with more info, links, and updates.](#) Each year, Virginia Tech's 11 Agricultural Research and Extension Centers invite the public in for an in-depth look at the discoveries and practices propelling the future of agriculture, Virginia's largest private industry. Spread throughout the commonwealth, the Agricultural Research and Extension Centers (AREC) bring the expertise of Virginia Tech College of Agriculture and Life Sciences researchers directly into the communities they serve.

- **Virginia Small Grain Field Day:** May 22, 8 a.m. to noon, Eastern Virginia Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Warsaw. Lunch is included.
- **Hunt Country Stable Tour:** May 24 and 25, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Middleburg Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Middleburg. The public is invited to tour the Middleburg AREC and learn about its programs as part of a self-driven tour of horse farms and facilities in Upperville, Middleburg, and The Plains. Visit trinityupperville.org/hunt-country-stable-tour.
- **Berry Field Day:** June 4, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Virginia Beach. The event will include a field walk, presentations on research trials and precision agriculture tools, and networking.
- **Turfgrass Field Day:** June 26, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Virginia Beach. Tour research trials addressing commercial maintenance of lawns, sports turf, golf courses, roadsides, and landscapes. [Click here for required registration.](#)
- **Row Crops Field Day:** July 31, time to be determined, Southern Piedmont Agricultural Research and Extension Center.
- **Virginia Ag Expo:** Aug. 7, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Brooke Farms, 33285 Mason Road, Locust Grove. Learn more about Virginia's largest agricultural field day at vaagexpo.com.
- **Virginia Cotton/Peanut Field Day:** Aug. 15, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tidewater AREC, Suffolk.
- **50th Annual Virginia Performance Tested Ram Lamb Sale and Replacement Ewe Lamb Sale:** Aug. 23, 10 a.m., Shenandoah Valley Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Raphine. A field day will begin at 10 a.m., followed by lunch served by the Virginia Junior Sheep Breeders Association. The ram sale begins at 1 p.m. and features performance-tested rams from the Virginia Ram Test Program. For more information, click here for the [Virginia Ram Test Program](#).
- **Virginia Soybean Field Day:** Sept. 11, 8 a.m. to noon, Eastern Virginia Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Warsaw. Lunch will be provided.
- **Tree Fruit and Grape Field Day:** Sept. 12, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Alson H. Smith Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Winchester.
- **Science Open House:** Sept. 13, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Alson H. Smith Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Winchester.
- **19th Annual McCormick Farm Mill Day:** Oct. 4, 10 a.m., Shenandoah Valley Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Raphine. Come celebrate the 194th anniversary of the invention of the McCormick reaper. Highlights will include operation of the McCormick grist mill, hay rides, live music, and the Raphine Volunteer Fire Department's legendary barbeque chicken. <https://www.arec.vaes.vt.edu/arec/shenandoah-valley.html>

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Date: Thursday, May 8th, 2025

Time: 12:00pm-1:00pm via ZOOM

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First Class Session is Thursday, May 15th

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Questions?: Contact Clare Lillard at 540-672-1361 or iclare4@vt.edu



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2024 - 2025 PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H EVENT CALENDAR



OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
6-12 National 4-H Week	2 VSU 4-H Aspiring Leadership Training - Intermediate Congress	3 PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Training (Option 1)	7 PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Training (Option 2)	7-8 VA 4-H Hippology & Horse Judging	1 PW 4-H Junior Camp Reg Opens
8 Proclamation at PWC BOCS	4-5 PW 4-H Palama Party SPIN Club	5 PW 4-H Homemade Holiday Craft Night; Teen Club; Cloverbud Club	9 PW 4-H Food Challenge Training	17-21 4-H Shooting Sports National Quiz Bowl	1 VA 4-H and FFA Meats Evaluation
12 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club	7 PW 4-H Engage Locally	14 Weath's Across America Day	14 PW 4-H Association Meeting	19-20 PW 4-H Embryology Project Leader Training	4 PW 4-H Leaders' Mid-Year Meeting & 4-H Association Meeting
12-13 VA 4-H Shooting Ed New Instructor Certification	9 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club	19 PW 4-H Whisper Booth Training	17 PW 4-H Share the Fun Dress Rehearsal	21 PW 4-H Contest Day; Presentations, Table Setting, Fashion Review	7-8 TALT Weekend - Junior Camp Counselor Training
20-26 National Character Counts Week	12 PW 4-H Association Meeting	22 PW 4-H Embryology Registration Opens (doses Jan. 31)	22 Virginia 4-H Day at the Capitol	21-22 VA 4-H Stockman's & Livestock Judging	12-16 National 4-H IGNITE
19 PW 4-H Teen Club - Community Service	14 PW 4-H Teen Club - Community Service/Project Linus	23 PW 4-H Embryology Registration Opens (doses Jan. 31)	23 An Evening with Virginia 4-H at VT	22 PW 4-H Food Challenge	15 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club
24 Prince William 4-H Recognition Day	16 PW 4-H Hike: 4-H Outdoor Challenge	24 PW 4-H Share the Fun	24 PW 4-H Share the Fun	22 VA 4-H Shooting Ed Instructor Recertification	15-16 VA 4-H Spring Air Championships
29 PW 4-H Contest Orientation - Presentations, Public Speaking, Table Setting, Extemporaneous	18 PW 4-H Officer Training	25 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club	25 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club	29 PW 4-H Tree Seedling Orders Due	28-30 VA 4-H Teen Summit
	29-Dec:3 National 4-H Congress	30 PW 4-H Portfolio Training	30 PW 4-H Portfolio Training		29 PW 4-H Association BINGO
	29-Dec:15 TSC & 4-H Paper Clover Campaign				

APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
4-6 VA 4-H Equismartz	10 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club	16-20 VA Dept of Forestry Camp Woods & Wildlife	13-17 Prince William/Stafford 4-H Junior Camp	9 VA 4-H Northern District Shoot	5-7 VA 4-H State Horse and Pony Championship
5-6 VA 4-H Shooting Ed New Instructor Certification	TBD Prince William 4-H Young Entrepreneurs SPIN Project	22-28 National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship	Jul 30 - Aug 3 Southern Regionals 4-H Horse Championships	11-15 PW 4-H Fair Camp	6-7 VA 4-H State Shoot
11-16 National 4-H Conference	TBD 4-H Northeast District Food Challenge Contest	23 VA 4-H Livestock Judging Contests	TBD 4-H True Leaders in Equity Institute (TLEI) 2025		Sep 26-Oct 5 State Fair of VA
12 PW 4-H Tree Planting & PW 4-H Cloverbud Club		24-27 Virginia 4-H Congress			TBD Prince William 4-H Day
16 2025 VA 4-H/FFA Beef Challenge		24 1st Time Junior 4-H Camper Parents' Meeting			TBD Virginia 4-H Shotgun Championship
19 VA 4-H State WHEP Contest					
21 - May 5 Spring TSC & 4-H Paper Clover Campaign					
25-27 VA 4-H Healthy Living Summit					
26 VA 4-H Northeast District Contest Day					

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



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