

Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



May 8, 2024

Upcoming Events

May 8 - PW 4-H Fair Camp Counselor Planning Workshop

May 16 - PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Workshop #2

May 22 - PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Workshop #3

May30 - PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Workshop #4

Jun 8 - PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day #1

Jun 15-17 - National 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus

Jun 18-21 - VA 4-H State Congress

Jun 22-28 - National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship

Jun 26 - Workday Wednesday

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PW 4-H Camp Counselor Workshop - TONIGHT!



FAIR CAMP ACTIVITY PLANNING SESSION - TONIGHT!

Click here to sign up.

Join us at 4-H Headquarters tonight for Part 2 of Fair Camp planning. We value your hard work and ideas to make this year's Fair Camp the best. Come prepared to talk about Character Counts, farm activities, and the Fair Camp shirt design.

CAMP CORE TRAINING (choose I)

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

CAMP DETAILS TRAINING (choose 1)

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

CAMP COUNSELOR WORKDAY AT THE FAIR

Wednesday, August 7th 9 AM -12 PM

PLEASE NOTE: 4-H'ers should bring their your own water bottles and 4-H will provide a snack for each meeting.

Prince William 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Workshop #1







Prince William 4-H Young Entrepreneurs met last Wednesday for Workshop #I to discuss product development and business planning. Guest speaker Charlotte Peyton of Haymarket Coffee presented on how they began their business at local farmers' markets, the ups and downs of sourcing product, marketing, pricing, and much more, Our 4-H'ers were full of questions and asked specific business questions pertinent to their products and gaining advice on inventory, pricing, and marketing for a farmers' market.

For added fun, 4-H'er Ayden Strand led the Hokie Pokey for the Brain

A HUGE 4-H THANK YOU to Mrs. Peyton and Haymarket Coffee for sharing their lessons learned.

The next workshop is May 16th and will feature a guest speaker from VCE Financial Education to discuss small business finances.

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Prince William 4-H'er Promoting 4-H at Signal Hill ES





Last Friday, Prince William 4-H'er JD Vaikasas of Nokesville 4-H Club was invited to share his 4-H Story at Signal Hill Elementary School's Spring Fling. The event featured a guest author, youth-oriented table displays, and a dance. JD brought information to encourage students to participate in 4-H clubs and activities. He also brought along bunnies and chicks to encourage questions. Thanks, JD, for sharing your experiences in the 4-H Pillars of STEM, Ag, Civic Engagement, and Healthy Living!!

Kettle Run 4-H Club Sharing Their 4-H Stories at TSC



Talk about bringing their biggest 4-H smiles! Prince William 4-H's Kettle Run Club had a table at Tractor Supply Company in Manassas on Saturday, promoting 4-H and selling baked goods to raise money to help offset activity costs to provide an **opportunity for all** in 4-H.

Patrons enjoyed talking to the youth about their involvement in 4-H. The 4-H'ers not only promoted their club and encouraged others to participate, but showcased the many activities available in the 4-H Pillars of STEM, Ag, Civic Engagement, and Healthy Living through Prince William 4-H. Thank you for supporting your club and your community!



Support Prince William 4-H'er on Her 4-H Mission Trip

Prince William 4-H'er Alesha Moore has been accepted to participate in the Virginia 4-H mission trip to Punta Cana and the Dominican Republic in July. While in the Dominican Republic, the Virginia 4-H delegation will conduct a 4-H day camp with 4-H activities for local elementary school students, work with Dominican teen partners, and learn/practice speaking Spanish. They will be using their heads, hearts, hands, and health to bring 4-H to youth who would not have a camp experience without our dedicated team.

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

Please consider supporting Alesha's mission!



Support PW 4-H'ers Bailey & Grayson Dove May 11th & 12th

Click here for more information and to purchase tickets.

Prince William 4-H'ers Grayson and Bailey Dove are taking their 4-H Share the Fun skills into the community by performing in *The Wizard of Oz*, presented by ARTfactory Pied Piper Theatre. Pam Hardin at 4-H Headquarters is organizing a group discount opportunity for 4-H families and friends. Join in the fun to support our Prince William 4-H'ers!

Virginia 4-H State Congress - REGISTER TODAY!

Dates: June 18-21

Location: Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

Who Should Attend: Prince William 4-H teens ages 14-19

Cost: \$285/person. Includes 3-nights lodging, 8 meals, t-shirt, and educational sessions

Click here for more information. Register through 4-HOnline.

The mission of Virginia 4-H State Congress is to provide competitive and non-competitive educational experiences to Virginia teens and the adults who work with them, helping them to develop life skills and leadership abilities to become contributing citizens in their communities. Activities and highlights include: 4-H state-level competitions, campus scavenger hunt, Tuesday picnic, opening session featuring Clovers & Co. from Georgia 4-H, educational workshops, 4 dances, an opportunity fair, color run/walk, service learning opportunities, recognition of 4-H All Stars and Tapping, and more!





VIRGINIA 4-H STATE CABINET: Applications are due Friday, May 10th by 5 pm. Click here for the 2024-2025 VA 4-H Cabinet Election Packet. Click here to read the VA 4-H Cabinet Bylaws. As of yesterday, only 2 applications have been received (Brunswick County and Mecklenburg County).



4-H ALL STARS: Completed 4-H All Star Membership Form and initiation fees are due May 17th. 2024 4-H All Star Initiates may be at 4-H Congress during the Tapping Ceremony which is held as part of the 4-H Congress schedule. If initiates aren't coming to 4-H Congress, they may come for the day. Parents, grandparents and other guests are welcome to come to the Ceremony.



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



VIRGINIA 4-H CONTEST JUDGES NEEDED! Virginia 4-H offers youth the opportunity to compete in the areas of presentations, public speech, extemporaneous speech, food challenge, Fashion Revue, Share the Fun, and Table Setting each year at Virginia 4-H State Congress. Competitions begin at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, June 19th. Click here to volunteer as either a judge or serve as room chair.

Please sign up by Friday, June 1st.

2024 June Dairy Month 4-H Poster Contest

Posters must be postmarked by June 7th.

Click here for more information and entry form.

The theme for the 2024 June Dairy Month 4-H Poster Contest sponsored by Virginia Tech's youth dairy program is "May the Dairy Be with You." Here are some important tips:

- Posters must be done on 8 1/2" x 11" card stock.
- A complete official entry form is required for all posters submitted.
- State winners will be announced during State 4-H Congress.



Virginia 4-H - States 4-H Exchange

We are less than a month out from the May 31 deadline. In particular, the program is in need of 4 host families that are able to host Japanese boys ages 13-15 (meaning the family has a boy of similar age).

Host a Japanese Exchange
Student in Summer 2024
Accepting Host Family
Applications Now

Virginia 4-H is recruiting host families across Virginia to host 18 young Japanese people and 2 chaperones for the summer of 2024. The program runs July 24th-August 17th.

- Host families should apply directly here and select Virginia as their state: https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/
- Summer Program FAQs: https://www.states4hexchange.org/host/summer/faq/ Please contact Wendy Herdman at wherdman@vt.edu.



Show me the money! The 2024 Young Entrepreneurs project introduces youth to the basics of running a small business. From product design, to budgeting, to business finance, our youth complete a series of four workshops leading up to an exciting market season!

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



7987 Ashton Ave., Manassas

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

MAY 16TH: WORKSHEE

4-H 5/1/N2ND: WORKSHOP 3 6:30 - 8 PM

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

OCTOBER 9TH: DEBRIEF WORKSHOP 6 - 7 PM

Manassas Park Farmers' Market

JUNE 8TH

JULY 13TH

AUGUST 24TH

SEPTEMBER 21ST

OCTOBER 5TH





Prince William-Stafford

4-H JUNIOR CAMP

July 14-18 at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal

Prince William-Stafford 4-H Junior Camp is our premiere camp for youth in 4-H as well as youth interested in 4-H. Campers participate in morning classes, daily swim and recreation time, as well as evening programs and campfire.

2024 CLASS OPTIONS

Air Rifle • Archery • Campfire Cooking • Canoeing • Creeks & Critters • Fishing • Fitness Fun • High Challenge Course • Leadership Development/CIT • Line Dancing • Low Ropes Course • Model Rocketry • Newspaper • Outdoor Living Skills • Photography • Swimming • Tie Dye



DATES: July 14th -18th

LOCATION: Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Youth ages 9-14

CAMP FEE: \$365* and includes meals and lodging for five days and four nights, a camp t-shirt, and class supplies.

For more information and to register, visit www.pwcva.gov/4-H.

*After June 1st, registration increases to \$415 and camp t-shirts are not guaranteed.

ABOUT PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

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

There's an **#opportunity4all** in Prince William 4-H! Email 4HPWC@pwcva.gov for more information and to join a club.















FAIR CAMP Reaching New Heights with 4-H

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

www.pwcva.gov/4-H

Prince William 4-H Fair Camp is an exciting week for youth to explore the 4-H Pillars of STEM, Agriculture, Healthy Living and Civic Engagement.

Explore how we experience summer using our 5 senses through hands on, sensory-themed activities.



Experience the Prince William County Fair close-up with behind the scenes access to Fair exhibits.



Explore daily themes, camp songs, creative crafts, face painting, and healthy snacks.



Engage with new friends and build confidence while exploring the Character Counts traits: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

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

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



DATES: Monday - Friday, August 12th - 16th

TIME: 9 am - 12:30 pm

LOCATION: Prince William 4-H Children's Barn at the PWC Fairgrounds **REGISTRATION FEE:** \$50 and includes activities, a healthy snack, and a camp t-shirt (*if registered by June 1st*)

REGISTER: www.pwcva.gov/4-H











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Prince William 4-H

Reaching New Heights with 4-H

At the PWC Fair, August 9-17, 2024 www.pwcva.gov/4-H

4-H CHILDREN'S BARN

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

DAILY ACTIVITIES, 2-8 PM

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

DAILY EXHIBITS, 2-8 PM

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

TBD, 5 PM

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



MAKE CONNECTIONS

DEVELOP CHARACTER

GROW IN CONFIDENCE

CONTRIBUTE TO



PRINCE WILIAM 4-H FAIR CAMP

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

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

Reach New Heights with Prince William 4-H!

www.pwcva.gov/4-H

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Virginia 4-H Horse Program



2024 EAST COAST AGGIE HORSE JUDGING **CLINIC**

Dates: June 8-9

Location: Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

Cost: \$225 - includes two days of instruction, a judging manual,

lunch, and a t-shirt Click here to register.

The East Coast Aggie Judging Clinic is led by Virginia 4-H Alumni and current Texas A&M Horse Judging Team Coach, Sarah Shobert, and assistant coach and former member of the TAMU Horse Judging Team, Megan Miller. The Texas A&M Horse Judging Team was the 2023 AQHA World Champion Sr. Collegiate Team, along with many other notable wins from last year. This is an incredible and unique opportunity to learn from the best while staying close to home right here in Virginia! Youth and adults are welcome! There will be sections for all ages and experience levels, as this clinic provides current industry instruction for those that are new to horse judging or are looking for a refresher! Instruction will be given on halter/conformation, performance classes, scoring, and reasons.

Youth and adults are welcome! There will be sections for all ages and experience levels, as this clinic provides current industry instruction for those that are new to horse judging or are looking for a refresher! This is a great opportunity for coaches, club leaders, and ag educators to become more familiar with judging! Instruction will be given on halter/conformation, performance classes, scoring, and reasons.

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

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

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

2024 SOUTHERN REGIONAL 4-H CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW



Location: Perry, GA

Click here for detailed information.

Click here to apply. Applications due by 5 PM on May 15th.

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

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

Virginia 4-H Horse Program Continued



2024 STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW

Dates: September 5-8 Location: Lexington, VA

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

Declarations: Declarations open May 1st in 4H Online for the 2024 Horse Show and ALL declarations must be completed by July 1, 2024 at 11:59 PM. Any horse or pony that a youth MAY show at the 2024 State 4-H Horse Show must be declared in 4H Online in order to be eligible to show.

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

Click here for **Qualifying Shows**Click here for **Qualifying Clinics**

Click here for the Horsemanship Skills Calendar

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

Northwest District Show: Frederick County Fairgrounds, May 11th

Northeast District Show: Dorey Park, May 18th Central District Show: Sprouse's Corner Ranch, June 1st Southeast District Show: Airfield 4-H Center, June 1st

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



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

Dates: July 9th - 11th
Location: Amarillo, Texas

Click here for more information.

uth Excellence Seminar welcomes American Quarter Horse Y

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

Hokie BugCamp 2024

Dates (choose 1): July 12 (10 am-noon); July 13 (10 am-noon); July 13 (1-3 pm) Location: Heritage Park, Blacksburg, VA

Who Should Attend: youth ages 6-13; limited to 25 participants per session Cost: Free; optional take-home activity boxes are available for purchase

Click here for more information and to register. Register by June 21st.



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

NOTE: If bad weather occurs, this event will be moved to the following weekend (July 19 and 20) at the same times and location. Emails will be sent out to keep everyone up to date.

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Virginia 4-H Camps



WOMEN'S OUTDOOR WEEKEND

Dates: May 31- June 2

basic handgun, archery, self-defense, swimming, and shotgun.

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

Who Should Attend: Must be 10 and up. 17 and under must be accompanied by a registered adult. Click here for more information and to register.

Come enjoy the weekend while learning the outdoor skills you've always wanted to master! Classes include: edible/medicinal plants, outdoor cooking, wilderness first aid, climbing wall, food prep and storage, woodswomanship, kayaking/canoeing, urban survival,



MILITARY TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP: EXPLORATIONS ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

Dates: June 9th - 13th

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

Who Should Attend: youth ages 13-18

Click here to register. Register by May 26th.

Do you enjoy the outdoors and trying new things? Is your guardian Active Duty, Guard, Reserve or Retired? THEN...NOVA 4-H Military Teen Adventure Camp is the place to be this summer! Join us for a weeklong adventure in the gorgeous Shenandoah Valley while learning new skills and exploring how awesome it feels to step outside of your comfort zone! Campers will participate in traditional camp activities, adventure activities, leadership activities, and more. Lodging will be a mixture of semi-private lodge rooms and camping out under the night sky. For questions or more information, contact <u>Tatyana Yates</u>.



MILITARY TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP

Dates: June 17th - 21st

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

Who Should Attend: youth ages 13-18

Click here for more information and to register. Register by May 31st.

Residential camp for teens (ages 13-18) ready to explore the outdoors in many different facets. Living in a community of their peers, campers will experience a variety of camp activities and enjoy spending time in the outdoors. Participants will have the opportunity to leap outside of their comfort zones with activities such as canoeing, kayaking, climbing our 30ft climbing wall or our 25ft high ropes course that ends with a ride down our zipline, or try their hand at hitting the target on our archery, rifle, and shotgun ranges. We will be taking full advantage of the abundance of natural resources being in the middle of the state forest provides by get up close and hands on with nature and all that it has to discover.



CAMP LOUD AND CLEAR

Dates: July 19th - 21st

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

Who Should Attend: Campers aged 9-13, counselors-in-training aged 14-18 (Age as of Sept. 30, 2024)

Click here for more information and to register.

An overnight camp experience specifically tailored to the deaf and hard-of-hearing community. Activities include: swimming, fishing, canoeing, archery, nature studies, crafts, vespers, team building fun, and adventure. For more details, contact Tyler Cheely.



ERAS CAMP (TAYLOR SWIFT)

Night I: June 21st Ages 6-17 (may attend with parent)

Night 2: June 22nd Age 18+

Location: W.E. Skelton 4-H Education Center, Wirtz, VA

Click here for more information and to register.

Are you READY FOR IT? It won't be a CRUEL SUMMER at the W.E. Skelton 4-H Center! Join us for an ENCHANTED night with your besties and other Swifties as we SHAKE IT OFF and live out our WILDEST DREAMS! Activities include: a Swiftie pool party, karaoke, an Eras Tour viewing party on the big screen, a Taylor/Eras-themed photo booth, dancing, friendship bracelet making, cupcake decorating, chicken tenders and fries for dinner (Taylor's favorite!), costumes, glitter, and so much more!



SUMMER CLOVERBUD: PIRATES OF SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE

Dates: June 28th - 30th

Location: W.E. Skelton 4-H Education Center, Wirtz, VA

Registration will open mid to late spring. More information coming soon.

Open to Cloverbud Campers with or without their parents

Virginia 4-H Events and Camps continued

MILITARY TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP

Daes: July 22nd - 26th

Location: W.E. Skelton 4-H education Center, Wirtz, VA

Who Should Attend: military youth ages 13-18 of an active duty, guard,

reserve, or retired personnel

Click here for more information and to register.

Join us at Smith Mountain Lake for horseback riding, climbing wall, archery, riflery, high ropes, kayaking, swimming, fishing, canoeing, a blacklight party, color blast party, and so much more!



4-H SHOOTING EDUCATION CAMP

Dates: July 28th -August 1st **Location:** Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center, Appomattox, VA

Click here for more information and to register. Register by July 10th.

4-H Shooting Education Camp is an overnight camp for ages 12-16 with an interest and/or experience with firearms. Participants will receive 4 days of instruction related to their chosen disciplines, focusing on safety, marksmanship, fundamentals and theory. All instructors are certified/trained by 4-H, DWR, NRA, NAA, and other national certifying organizations.



NEW! NATURE ADVENTURE CAMP

Dates: July 28th -August 1st

Location: Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center,

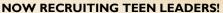
Appomattox, VA

Click here for more information and to register.

Register by July 10th.

Overnight camp for campers age 12-16 with an interest in exploring the

outdoors. This camp provides an opportunity to learn and have fun with peers in a natural setting. Hands-on classes such as wildlife ecology, survival skills, archery or edible insects are taught by quality instructors that will provide a memorable experience.



Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center is hiring teen leaders for 4-H Shooting Ed Camp and Nature Adventure Camp. Leaders will receive a discounted registration. Click here for more information and to apply.

Turfgrass Producers of MD Jim Claxton Scholarship

Click here to apply. Applications due Friday, May 31st.

This scholarship memorializes Jim Claxton, a former Newsom Seed sales representative, and the contributions he made to the natural turfgrass industry. The Jim Claxton Scholarship Fund allows for an award to be issued to a winning applicant prior to the fall college semester in the amount of \$500. If the Scholarship Fund allows, additional applicants may be awarded.

- Applicant must be a current high school senior, or enrolled in a two or four-year college or university program (undergraduates only). Proof of enrollment may be requested by the Scholarship Committee after application submittal.
- Applicant must reside in the Mid-Atlantic area or be enrolled in a college or university in the Mid-Atlantic area. Further preference may be awarded to students residing or attending school in Maryland or one of its adjoining states.
- Applicant must have earned a high school or college GPA of at least 2.50
- The application and all of its required parts (see below) must be received by 5/31/24.









Join Us!

Fun Activities Make New Friends Develop Life Skills

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

www.ext.vt.edu/offices

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

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

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

Scholarships are limited. First Come, First Served!

Scholarships to be awarded based on available funds or through June 15, 2024.

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

2024 State 4-H Congress

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

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



National 4-H Updates

TLEI REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Dates: July 7th - 11th

Location: Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, MD Who Should Attend: 4-H'ers ages 14-19

Click here for more information and to register. Register by May 17th.

Everyone has a role to play in creating a more welcoming and inclusive society, and we want you to be part of that change! The True Leaders in Equity Institute is a training program for passionate youth ages 14-19 to learn about equity and inclusion and how it affects their communities. The Institute will prepare participants to be change agents within the Cooperative Extension System as we work together to create more welcoming and inclusive environments. This training and leadership opportunity challenges participants to ideate and champion equity-related projects that will grow 4-H in their communities. At the True Leaders in Equity Institute, passionate youth ages 14-19 work together in youth-adult-led teams to explore their unique views on equity and inclusion. The teams develop plans to spark innovative solutions and return to their local communities inspired to make a change!

NATIONAL 4-H STEM CHALLENGE 2024 INFORMATION WEBINAR

Date: May 22nd Time: 3 PM Location: Zoom

Click here for more information and to register for webinar.

The 2024 STEM kit, Food for Thought, provides young people with a hands-on experience as they explore the topic of Food Security and its impact on the world, empowering them to innovate and create positive change. This year's kit will provide youth with the fundamental knowledge of factors that contribute to food security, how people are impacted globally and locally and how youth can personally contribute to creating more food secure communities.

Join National 4-H Council and 4-H educators on May 22nd at 3 p.m. EST for an engaging webinar and detailed walk-through of the 2024 kit. We'll share details about the activities, answer your questions and give examples of how you can use the kit to teach about food security through STEM! This year's kit was developed with LSU AgCenter, North Dakota State University, Penn State Extension and the University of Nebraska - Lincoln.

VCE Prince William Master Gardeners' Saturday in the Garden

All **Saturday in the Garden** classes are held at the Teaching Garden, 9535 Linton Hall Rd, Bristow. Classes begin at 9 am and run approximately 1 to 1 1/2 hours. <u>Click here to register.</u>

- JUNE I FIREWISE. Department of Forestry representative(s) will provide tips on how
 using native trees, shrubs, and plants around your home can reduce your house and property's
 vulnerability to wildfires.
- JULY 13 WHAT IS THAT INSECT? Come and walk around the Teaching Garden with Capital Naturalist, Alonso Abugattas and learn about what insects, good and bad, might be in the garden during the summer.
- AUGUST 3 COVER CROPS/TURF. Join VCE for this two- part session. First Ag Agent
 Thomas Bolles will give us tips on using cover crops to invigorate and improve the soil. Then
 Environmental Educator, Elisha Young will talk about the dos and don'ts of maintaining healthy
 turf.
- SEPTEMBER 7 ART IN THE GARDEN/PLANT SALE. Gardening is a form of art, so
 why not join VCE at the Teaching Garden for a lesson in sketching and/or painting. Afterwards
 stop by the Master Gardener's Fall Plant Sale.
- OCTOBER 5 FALL BULBS. Master Gardener Ross Eagles will share his knowledge and
 expertise on what bulbs to plant in the fall for a beautiful spring garden, the best time to plant
 and how to care for them.









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