



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



September 25, 2024

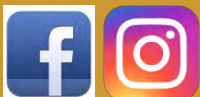
Upcoming Events

- Sep 27-Oct 6 - State Fair of Virginia
- Sep 29 - PW 4-H Open House
- Oct 1 - Happy 4-H New Year!
- Oct 1 - All Star Applications & Portfolios Due
- Oct 6-12 - National 4-H Week
- Oct 8 - BOCS Proclamation
- Oct 10 - PW 4-H Scholarship Applications Due & Camp Counselor Applications Due
- Oct 11 - Coat Donations Due
- Oct 12 - Cloverbud Club
- Oct 12-13 - New Instructor Shooting Ed Certification

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Link is LIVE to 4-H Junior Camp Counselor Applications



CLICK HERE TO APPLY. Applications are due October 10th.
Camp Dates: July 13-17, 2025
Camp Location: Northern Virginia 4-H Education Center, Front Royal

Prince William-Stafford 4-H Junior Camp Counselor applications are now open! In order to have more consistent contact and opportunities for leadership training, teamwork developing, and networking, the application period is open with forms due on October 10th.

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

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

Important Prince William 4-H Upcoming Dates

- September 25th:** [All Star Applications](#) are due to Prince William 4-H **TODAY**
- September 28th:** **BONUS MARKET!** PW4-H Young Entrepreneurs at the Manassas Park Farmer's Market
- September 29:** Prince William 4-H Open House. - [click here to register](#)
- October 1st:**
 - * Happy 4-H New Year! **Re-Enroll in 4-H Online - must be enrolled to participate in ANY 4-H club, event, activity, etc.**
 - * [All Star Applications](#) are due to Virginia 4-H from MaryBeth Lerch
 - * [Portfolios and Project Records](#) are due to Prince William 4-H
 - * Club Reports are due to Prince William 4-H: Treasurer's Report, Secretary Book, and Club Year-End Financial Summary
- October 6-12th:** National 4-H Week
- October 8th:** Proclamation of National 4-H Week at the Prince William Board of County Supervisors Meeting - all members should attend!
- October 10th:** [Prince William 4-H Scholarship Applications/Nominations Due](#)
4-H Junior Camp Counselor Applications Due
- October 11th:** [Coat Donations for the Coat Drive](#) due to Prince William 4-H
- October 12th:** PW 4-H Cloverbud Club - [click here to register](#)
- October 17th:** PW 4-H Teen Club Community Service - [click here to register](#)
- October 24th:** Prince William 4-H Recognition Day - [click here to register](#)
- November 4th & 5th:** PW 4-H Pajama Party SPIN Club - [click here to register](#)



THE PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H OPEN HOUSE IS SUNDAY, 4 - 5 PM!



Virginia 4-H

2024 R.L. Harris Jr. Memorial

Shotgun Championships

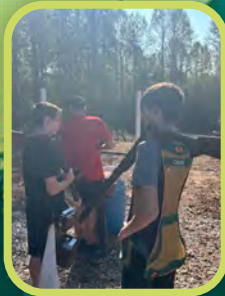
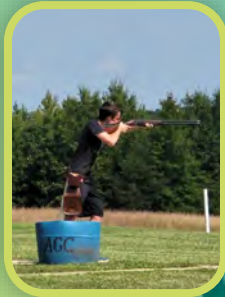
On September 21st, Prince William's Trigger Time 4-H Club sent four members to compete in the Virginia 4-H R.L. Harris Jr. Memorial Shotgun Championships: Ben Stewart, Chris Nevarr, Hayden Case, and Kira Lorentz. Our team may be small, but they are MIGHTY! Congratulations on an exciting season!

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

7th Place Senior Overall Individual:	Ben Stewart
9th Place Senior Overall Individual:	Hayden Case
1st Place Junior Trap:	Kira Lorentz
1st Place Lady Junior:	Kira Lorentz

The top 10 Senior Overall Individuals are invited to join the VA 4-H Shotgun Development Team that will practice to compete in the 2025 4-H National Championships in Nebraska. Congratulations to Ben Stewart and Hayden Case for qualifying for the Virginia 4-H Shotgun Development Team!

The competing Trigger Time members would like to thank Ryan Stewart for being their representative coach at the state championships and Ted Bradford as their long standing shotgun coach.



Learn More About Trigger Time 4-H Club!

Attend the Prince William 4-H Open House this SUNDAY, September 29th from 4-5 pm at Prince William 4-H Headquarters to learn more about Trigger Time 4-H Club and the many opportunities in Prince William 4-H!

Current VA 4-H Shooting Education Instructors:

Help keep our club THRIVING by keeping up your VA 4-H Shooting Education Certification. The VA 4-H Shooting Education Council will be conducting the last 7-Year Recertification for 2024 on November 2nd at the Holiday Lake 4-H Center. This event is for Shooting Education Instructors that have reached the 7-year limit. Please see your club leader for more information. The deadline to enroll is October 18th. Each Instructor may enroll in up to three disciplines. All participants are required to attend a one-hour General Session. Lunch will be provided.



The sun was shining on us on Saturday, September 21st for our Prince William 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day at the Manassas Park Farmer's Market!



Prince William 4-H

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS



BONUS DAY!

We had so much fun that we've added an extra day - this SATURDAY! Come out and support our savvy entrepreneurs featuring Sarah, Chloe, Lexi and Ayden!

Date: Saturday, September 28th

Time: Shop 9 am -2 pm

Location: Manassas Park Farmer's Market

100 Park Central Plaza, Manassas Park



Prince William 4-H New Enrollment and Re-Enrollment

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

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

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

RETURNING PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H MEMBERS

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

NEW PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H MEMBERS

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



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

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

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

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

[Member Record](#) | [Cloverbud Sheet](#) | [Project Record Ages 9-10](#) | [Project Record Ages 11-12](#)
[Project Record Ages 13-15](#) | [Project Record Ages 16-19](#) | [Virginia 4-H Project Record](#)

NEW! FREE BINDERS at PW 4-H

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

NEW! CRICUT MACHINE at PW 4-H

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

[Click here to learn more about Cricut Design Space.](#)

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

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





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

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



2024 Joanne Guhl Scholarship

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

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



2024 Bernard Malo Scholarship

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

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



2024 Outstanding 4-H Member Award (Youth)

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

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



2024 Outstanding 4-H Volunteer Award (Adult)

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

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

Celebrating YOU!

PW 4-H Engage Locally!

Date: Thursday, November 7th

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Location: McCoart Atrium, Woodbridge
Details coming soon!

Engage Locally! is an annual event by Prince William 4-H to promote growth in the 4-H Pillar of Citizenship. All 4-H members are invited to attend our local opportunity to plug into our legislators, county and city government, and school officials. **Our Youth Have Powerful Voices!**



VA 4-H Horse Ambassador Applications - DUE OCT 1

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

Applications are now being accepted for the 2024-2025 Program Year cohort of Virginia 4-H Horse Ambassadors! The Virginia 4-H Horse Ambassador program strives to develop leadership, confidence, and advocacy skills in our Senior 4-H Youth. This team will be led by the Virginia Youth Animal Science Team, Hunter Liles and Katherine Carter, as well as Gloucester VCE Agent, Krista Gustafson. The ambassador term is a full program year, including opportunities to assist locally with their club or unit, attend and assist with State Level 4-H and 4-H Horse Events, and grow their leadership and advocacy skills. Enrolled and active Virginia 4-H Members, 14 years or older (as of January 1, 2024) are eligible to apply.



2024 State Fair of Virginia Contest Updates



2024 STATE FAIR JUNIOR DAIRYMEN'S CONTEST

Date: Friday, September 27th

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

Registration is closed.



2024 STATE FAIR OF VIRGINIA YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Dates: October 3-6

Locations: The Meadow Event Park, Doswell, VA

Registration is closed.

LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON FOR NON-EXHIBITORS:

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

[Click here to register NON-EXHIBITORS.](#)

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



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

Date: Friday, October 4th

Location: Meadow Event Park, Doswell, VA

Registration is closed.

PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H



Open House

Sunday, September 29
4-5 PM

Prince William 4-H
Courtyard

Click here to register. Registration is FREE.

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

**FREE
T-SHIRT**

Join us !!

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

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

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PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H



CLOVERBUD CLUB

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



OCTOBER 12TH

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



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

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

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



Learn more about 4-H at www.pwcva.gov/4-H.

To join this FREE 4-H Club, click here to register for the October meeting. Come grow with us!



* A parent or guardian must be present.





PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

WINTER Coat Drive

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



Donation Deadline:
11 October



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



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

**ONLY 1
SPOT
OPEN**



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

CINNAMON SPICE AND ALL THINGS NICE!

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

CLICK HERE TO RSVP

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

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



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PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H



Pajama Party

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

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

Prince William 4-H Headquarters

Bring a lunch and water bottle. Snacks provided.

Wear your PJs! Invite a friend!

Ages 13 - 19

Click here to register.

Registration is FREE but required.



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National 4-H

IGNITE BY 4-H

Dates: March 12-16, 2025

Location: Marriott Marquis in Washington, D.C.

[Click here for more information and to register.](#) **Early bird rate ends October 15th.**

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



LIMITED TIME OFFER: FREE FINANCIAL LITERACY KIT FOR EDUCATORS

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

Educators, get ready to transform your classroom! We're excited to offer a FREE Financial Literacy 4-H Discover Box. To claim your free box, simply create a free educator account on CLOVER (or use an existing account) and complete the SMART Goals financial literacy activity. You'll only need to cover a small shipping fee. Our Financial Literacy 4-H Discover Box is packed with engaging activities to teach your students essential money management skills. From budgeting to saving, we've got you covered. Big thanks to the Charles Schwab Foundation's support and partnership for making this possible.



2024 STEM CHALLENGE: INNOVATE WITH FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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

Tackle food security with the Food for Thought kit. Designed for flexibility, the 2024 STEM kit can be enjoyed in or out of school, fitting any learning objective or tech availability. Developed by top universities, it's your path to impactful innovation.



Hokie BugFest Insect Collection Contest

GREAT IDEA FOR A 4-H SPIN PROJECT!

Date: October 12th

Time: 10 am - 3 pm

Location: Squires Student Center, Virginia Tech

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

The Entomology Department at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg is hosting an Insect Collection Contest at Hokie BugFest. Collect as many insects as you can, identify them as accurately as possible, pin them carefully, and arrange them in a display box. Each collection should have a total of 50 specimens. Double-check your identifications with [Bugguide.net](#). See the 4-H activity book "[Adventures with Insects](#)" for tips on finding, collecting, and pinning insects.

Who Can Enter?

Junior Collectors: Ages 8-13

Senior Collectors: Ages 14-18

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



4-H Insect Collection Contest - Hokie BugFest

READY, SET, COLLECT!

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

OPEN TO PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H'ERS

Center's SCOOP

VIRGINIA 4-H EDUCATIONAL CENTERS

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

October 18-20, 2024

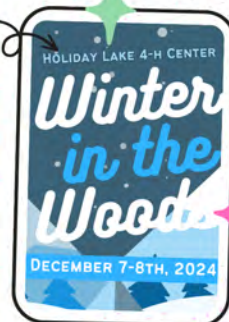
Come join us for a great weekend of learning and fun! Women's Outdoor Weekend is a great opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills outdoors, and get away from the busy world around us. Classes include fishing, birding, archery, canoeing, wild plant ID, self defense, outdoor survival, and more! To register, visit our website at <https://www.holidaylake4h.com/women-s-outdoor-weekend> or contact Tyler Cheely, Program Director, at cheelyt@vt.edu.



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

December 7-8th, 2024

Come and enjoy fun winter activities and games in the great outdoors. Activities include nature crafts, winter wonderland hike, cookie making, and more. For more information, visit our website at <https://www.holidaylake4h.com/winterinthewoods> or contact Jack Wagstaff, Natural Resource Education Coordinator, at jwagstaff@vt.edu.



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

November 8-10th, 2024

Our annual Harry Potter-themed camp, Wizards Weekend, is happening at Skelton November 8-10! Campers ages 9-14 can participate in a weekend of magic, mystery, and Hogwarts-themed fun. Wizards Weekend costs \$125 which covers all food, lodging, supervision, and activities. Participants (campers, teens, adults) can register through our linktree: <https://linktr.ee/skelton4h>. Please contact Rayna Wheeler with any questions at rjwheeler@vt.edu.



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

December 6-8th, 2024

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



Fall 2024



HOLIDAY LAKE 4-H CENTER

Winter in the Woods

The most wonderful camp of the year!

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7-8

Come & Enjoy Winter Fun Activities & Games in the GREAT OUTDOORS!

\$90 - INCLUDES LODGING, MEALS, ACTIVITIES

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

OVERNIGHT CAMP FOR AGES 7-13

HOMEMADE COOKIES - HOLIDAY NATURE CRAFTS - WINTER WONDERLAND HIKE & MUCH MORE

REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL NOV. 25



PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

Pajama Party

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

See [Page 12](#) for details.

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

[Click here to register.](#)

AIRFIELD 4-H CENTER

FARM CAMP

AGES
9-13

NOVEMBER 22-24, 2024

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

REGISTER ONLINE:

<https://form.jotform.com/242424298409158>

SELECT YOUR DISCIPLINE FOR CLASSES:

- HORSEMANSHIP
- LIVESTOCK
- HORTICULTURE/GARDENING

\$130
PER CAMPER

\$25
PER TRAINED TEEN COUNSELOR



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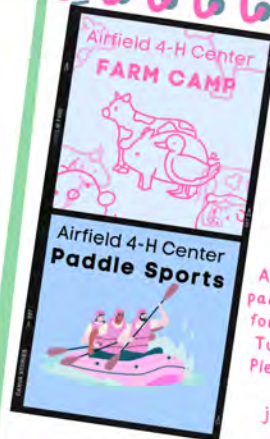


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CENTERS' SCOOP

VIRGINIA 4-H EDUCATIONAL CENTERS

FALL 2024
PART 2



**ADULT CANOE CLINIC
OCTOBER 26TH, 2024**

Adult canoe and kayak class for beginners. When registering for class, please email Program Director, Joey Patterson at jpatt024@vt.edu

PADDLE SPORTS SPECIAL INTEREST CLUB

Airfield 4-H Center is offering a paddle sports special interest club for ages 9-13, taking place every Tuesday afternoon in October. Please contact Joey Patterson, Program Director at jpatt024@vt.edu for more information.

**FARM CAMP
NOVEMBER 22ND-24TH, 2024**

This specialty camp will be an overnight camp for youth ages 9-13 and trained teen counselors ages 14-18, designed to spark the interest of campers who are fascinated by the world of agriculture. Please contact Joey Patterson, Program Director at jpatt024@vt.edu or 757-899-4901 if you have questions.

EXCLUSIVE
AIRFIELD 4-H CENTER

Airfield 4-H Center



PADDLE SPORTS



CANOE & KAYAK
SPECIAL INTEREST CLUB
(AGES 9-13)



EVERY TUESDAY AFTERNOON IN
OCTOBER FROM 4:30-6:00

PACKAGE

\$45

per person

YOU'LL GET

- ☑ Training in Level 1 Canoe and Kayak
- ☑ ACA Level 1 Skills Assessment

Contact Program Director, Joey Patterson to register

Questions: 757-899-4901

To register please email:

jpatt024@vt.edu

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Wakefield, VA 23888

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Airfield 4-H Center



PADDLE SPORTS



CANOE & KAYAK: ACA LEVEL 1
ADULT (18+) LESSONS



OCTOBER 26, 2024
8:00AM-5:00PM

PACKAGE

\$55

per person

YOU'LL GET

- ☑ Training in Level 1 Canoe and Kayak
- ☑ ACA Level 1 Skills Assessment
- ☑ Lunch included
- ☑ A fun Saturday focused on paddle sports

Contact Program Director, Joey Patterson to register

Questions: 757-899-4901

To register please email:

jpatt024@vt.edu

Airfield 4-H Center
15189 Airfield Rd
Wakefield, VA 23888

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Volunteers Needed!

Help Build the New Playspace at Fairmont Park!

Sponsored by  InCommunities **PRINCE WILLIAM**
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See reverse for additional project details.

BUILD WEEK

Wednesday - Friday, Oct. 23 - 25 | 9am - 4 pm
Final Build Day: Saturday, Oct. 26 | 8am - 3pm
Ribbon Cutting: Saturday, Oct. 26 | 2:30pm
Fairmont Park 9805 Fairmont Ave, Manassas, VA

The community has spoken and a new playground design has been selected! Build Week for the new playspace at Fairmont Park will take place October 23 - 26 and we need your help to complete the project!

KABOOM!, AWS InCommunities and Prince William County Department of Parks & Recreation ("DPR") invite you, your family and friends to help us build the new playspace during Build Week, October 23 - 26.

Building an entire playground is no easy feat. It will take several days and over 100 volunteers to get the job done! Can we count on you?

Visit FairmontPark.eventbrite.com
or **Scan the QR code to RSVP!**

WHAT TO EXPECT

- All tools, safety glasses and gloves will be provided
- Please wear comfortable, appropriate work attire and closed-toe shoes
- Ample parking will be available onsite
- Activities for children will be scheduled in a separate area away from the construction zone
*Parent/Guardian must be present
- Children are not required to wear safety gear
- Snacks, lunch and water will be provided throughout the day to all volunteers and children
- DPR's Show Mobile will be onsite with music to keep you energized while you work
- Food and water donations welcome
- Volunteers 18+ preferred. Teens 14 and older may volunteer with a parent/guardian

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Donations Needed for the Fairmont Park Build Week

PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H CLUB SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITY!

See previous page for more information on volunteering during Build Week.

Several children from the Fairmont Park neighborhood (Manassas, VA) recently spent an exciting evening at Unity Braxton Middle School designing their ideal playground. Local families and the Prince William Department of Parks and Recreation, in partnership with KaBOOM! and our corporate sponsor, Amazon Web Services (AWS), will bring these ideas to life by building their dream playground on October 23-26, 2024. We are thrilled to be able to bring these children's big dreams to life!! A playground is so much more than a safe place to play – it is a brain-expander, a friend-maker, and a muscle-builder. Play helps kids grow healthy, happy, and successful through an experience full of creativity, exploration, physical activity, friendship, and adventure. This event is an opportunity to bring members of the community together and unite to accomplish this common goal.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? There are many ways to participate by volunteering time or by providing food donations for the community participating in the build. See the flyer to RSVP.

Our “wish list” of snack and food items are below. Drop offs of non-perishable items can be dropped off to reception from 8:00 – 3:30pm at George Hellwig Memorial Park. Perishable items must be dropped off to reception from 8:00 – 3:30pm at George Hellwig Memorial Park on October 21st or 22nd (or we can coordinate a pickup for a large donation). At this moment, we are looking for all of these items in whatever quantity you wish to provide. Items must be sealed and unopened.

- Coffee, Teas
- Cases of water
- Drinks (Soda, Seltzer)
- Condiments (Ketchup, Mayo, Mustard, Dry Creamer, Sugar)
- Single-Serve Snacks – Chips, Nuts, Popcorn, Protein Bars, Granola Bars, Cookies, Crackers
- Kid-friendly Single Serve Snacks (Juice Boxes, Crackers, Cookies)
- Napkins, Plates, Hot Cups
- Bananas, Apples, Tomatoes, Lettuce
- Breakfast baked goods (Bear claws, doughnuts, pastries, bagels & cream cheese, etc)
- Sandwich Bread
- Cold Cuts (Cheeses, Meats)



We understand that your time and resources are valuable, and we sincerely appreciate your consideration and potential support for this cause. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions you may have. Christina Sarik can be reached by email at csarik@pwcgov.org or by phone at 703-792-4280. Alicia Diaz-Johnson is also available at by email at ADiaz-Johnson@pwcgov.org or by phone at 703-792-8178.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- October 23: Build Week Kickoff Event with Prince William Parks & Recreation, KABOOM! and AWS In Communities onsite! Get the full scoop on the work area, your volunteer duties, pickup any tools and supplies needed
- October 23-25: Prep Days (help prepare the play space for the playground equipment. Work is available for volunteers of all levels of skill and ability. Sample activities include: assembling play equipment, mixing concrete, and painting murals
- October 26: Build Week Celebration! Finish the play space project; DPR's Show Mobile will be onsite with music to keep you energized while you work
- All tools, safety glasses and gloves will be provided
- Please wear comfortable, appropriate work attire and closed-toe shoes
- Activities for children will be scheduled in a separate area away from the construction zone. *Parent/Guardian must be present with child(ren). *Children are not required to wear any safety gear.
- Lunch, snacks and water will be provided throughout the day to all volunteers and children
- Food and water donations welcome
- Volunteers must be 18+ older. Volunteers ages 14+ may tag along and participate but volunteers older than 18 years old are preferred.
- Ample parking available

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP.](#)

Cut Flower Farm Tour



Thursday, October 3 | 10-2:30 pm

Sign up and Receive the Tour Location Address
FREE · Space is limited to 40 participants.

Are you interested in exploring new ways to enhance your farm's profitability? Local cut flowers could be the answer! During the tour, you'll learn firsthand about effective strategies for crowd control, managing wildlife like deer, implementing advanced irrigation systems, and utilizing modern flower production practices to optimize your farm's output. Whether you're looking to diversify your current farm operations or simply gain a deeper understanding of cut flower farming, this tour will provide you with practical insights and hands-on examples.

Space is limited! Please RSVP to receive further details about the meeting location and ensure your spot on this insightful tour.

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Register at

ext.vsu.edu/calendar

Contact **Forrest Hobbs** for more info:
(804) 892-5910 | fhobbs@vsu.edu.

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Growing Garlic for the Beginner



Saturday, October 5th | 10am - Noon

26230 Orange Spring Rd, Unionville, Virginia 22567
FREE · Sign up today to secure your spot!

Garlic is an excellent and versatile crop, known for being easy to grow with minimal pest issues. Whether planted in the ground or in raised beds, garlic thrives in various settings. While October is typically the most popular time to plant, the exact timing can vary based on your location. In the Northern Piedmont, late September and October are ideal planting times, ensuring garlic is sown at least two weeks before the first frost and before the ground freezes. This workshop will guide you through the proper techniques for planting garlic, preparing the soil, and caring for your crop throughout the growing season. Space is limited! Visit the website below to sign up!

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Contact **Roland Terrell** for more info:
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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FROM OUR PARTNERS AT VSU

Drought Designation Opportunities



Thursday, October 10 | 10-11:50 am

190 Rockfish School Ln, Afton, VA 22920
FREE · Space is limited to 40 participants.

As of July 10th, fifteen counties in Virginia have received USDA Drought Disaster Designation, with the potential for more to be added. This designation also extends important tax benefits to neighboring counties, making the reach of this disaster even more significant. The impact on Virginia's agricultural landscape is substantial, and now more than ever, it's critical for farmers and producers to be aware of the business decisions they may face. Join us to explore federal assistance programs available to help farmers navigate this challenging period and secure vital support. Space is limited! Be sure to visit the website below to sign up!

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HAIR SHEEP FIELD DAY

Date: Saturday, Oct 12th

Time: 8:30AM - 1:30PM

Location: VSU Randolph Farm, 4415 River Rd, Petersburg, VA

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

Hair sheep are an excellent choice for small and sustainable farms, especially in the mid-Atlantic US. These hardy animals thrive in pasture-based systems, resist parasites and heat stress, are exceptional mothers, and can be bred year-round. One of the biggest advantages? Hair sheep don't require shearing, making them increasingly popular among farmers.

Event Highlights:

- Learn about VSU's hair sheep breeds
- Tour our Sheep Unit facilities
- Explore forage-based production systems and accelerated mating
- Participate in hands-on training for vaccinations, hoof trimming, and body condition scoring
- Understand antimicrobial resistance & more

Cost: \$15. Lunch included. Limited to 60 people.

For more information, contact Dr. Dahlia O'Brien at 804-524-6963 or dobrien@vsu.edu.

Financial Education & Housing Counseling presents

Paying for College: Student Loans

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

Date: October 17, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Place: Online

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



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

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

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2024 Mid-Atlantic Grain Fair



Date: Saturday, October 12th

Time: 10 am - 4 pm

Location: Peirce Mill, 2401 Tilden St NW, Washington, DC 20008

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

The Mid-Atlantic Grain Fair is a free, family-friendly event that celebrates the Mid-Atlantic region's vibrant history of local grain growing, milling, and baking. There will be a classroom with grain cooking demonstrations and tastings, live milling demonstrations at Peirce Mill, and a farmers' market with regional grain fare. The event will feature music, arts, and crafts, along with fun, hands-on activities. This event is a great opportunity to meet local grain farmers and millers and learn about the variety of modern and indigenous grains that have been enjoyed for thousands of years in our region.

MID-ATLANTIC GRAIN CLASSROOM SCHEDULE

Pasta Making, 10-11:15 am

Tortilla Making, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Orchard Walk and Soil Health Discussion, 1-1:30 pm

Pizza Making, 1:30-2:45 pm

Bread Talk & Tasting, 3-4 pm

Regional Small Farms Conference



Dates: October 6th - 9th

Location: North Carolina A&T State University Farm Pavilion, Greensboro, NC

[Click here to register.](#)

Register now for the 2024 Regional Small Farm Conference, "Cultivating Success and Sustainability" at the N.C. A&T University Farm.

The event will be held on October 6-9th, 2024, at the NC A&T State University Farm Pavilion, located at 3020 McConnell Rd, Greensboro, NC 27401. This conference will facilitate the gathering of farmers, extension agents, and government agencies across NC, VA, and SC to exchange knowledge and provide immersive experiences and innovations essential to small farm production. NC A&T welcomes you to their first-ever fall conference. They eagerly anticipate the opportunity to learn and grow together.

The event includes info on USDA funding opportunities, produce safety, niche market crops, heirs property resolution, pest management and more!




Beginning Farmer and Rancher Certification Program

November 2024 to November 2025

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

Participants will:	Program Activities Include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase their knowledge and skills for operating a farm business Enhance their awareness and access to resources for supporting a successful farm Build a supportive peer-to-peer farming community Gain a certificate to indicate their completion of this program, which can provide a credential to help meet pre-approval requirements for a Beginning Farmer Farm Service Agency loan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-person Kick-off Meeting Small Farm Orientation Session Monthly Virtual Cohort Meetings One-on-One Technical Assistance Online Agribusiness & Financial Management Course Workshops & Webinars Agribusiness Tours Coalition Gatherings Graduation Gathering

For More Information and to Apply

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

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

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







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PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H EVENT CALENDAR

2024 - 2025

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
6-12 National 4-H Week	1 4-H Contest Orientation - Presentations, Public Speaking, Table Setting, Extemporaneous	1 Embryology Registration Opens (closes Jan. 31)	7 Club & Project Leader Training	8 Prince William 4-H Contest Day - Presentations, Table Setting, Fashion Review	1 PW 4-H Junior Camp Registration Opens
8 Proclamation at PWC BOCS	3 Club & Project Leader Training	3 Club & Project Leader Training	11 Cloverbud Club	TBD Embryology, Incubator Pick Up	7-8 TALT Weekend - Junior Camp Counselor Training
12 Cloverbud Club	5 Aspiring Leadership Training - Intermediate Congress	5 Prince William 4-H Homemade Holiday Craft Night; Teen Club; Cloverbud Club	14 Prince William 4-H Association Meeting	TBD Embryology Leader Training	11 PW 4-H Leaders' Mid-Year Meeting
12-13 Shooting Ed Instructor Certification	4-5 Pajama Party SPIN Club	9 Prince William 4-H Recognition Day	17 Share the Fun Dress Rehearsal	TBD VA 4-H Dairy Quizbowl	12-16 National 4-H IGNITE
20-26 National Character Counts Week	7 Prince William 4-H Engage Locally	14 Wreaths Across America Day	22 Virginia 4-H Day at the Capitol	TBD Bbck & Bridle Junior Stockman's, Livestock Judging, and State 4-H & FFA Meats Evaluation Contests	15-16 Virginia 4-H Spring Air Championships
17 New Project Leader Training	9 Cloverbud Club	18 Officer Training & Teen Club	23 An Evening with Virginia 4-H at VT	TBD Equismarx	TBD Prince William 4-H Food Challenge
19 Teen Club - Community Service	12 Prince William 4-H Association Meeting	29-Dec 3 National 4-H Congress	24 Share the Fun Show	TBD Embryology Chick Drop-Off	
29 Returning Project Leader Volunteer Development	18 Officer Training & Teen Club	29-Dec15 TSC & 4-H Paper Clover Campaign	30 Portfolio Training		
	TBD Food Challenge Training		TBD Horse Project Enrollment & Declaration Due		
APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
11-16 National 4-H Conference	10 Cloverbud Club	22-28 National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship	13-17 Prince William/Stafford 4-H Junior Camp	8-11 Prince William 4-H Fair Camp	5-7 Virginia 4-H State Horse and Pony Championship
12 Cloverbud Club	TBD Prince William 4-H Young Entrepreneurs SPIN Project	24-27 Virginia 4-H Congress	TBD Southern Regionals 4-H Horse Championships	9 4-H Northern District Shoot	6-7 Virginia 4-H State Shoot
12-13 Virginia 4-H Shooting Instructor Training	24 1st Time Junior 4-H Camper Parents' Meeting	24 1st Time Junior 4-H Camper Parents' Meeting	TBD 4-H True Leaders in Equity Institute (TLEI) 2025	TBD Prince William 4-H Fair Camp	26-Oct 5 State Fair of Virginia
TBD 4-H Northeast District Contest Day				TBD PWC Fair/4-H Children's Barn	TBD Prince William 4-H Day
TBD Spring TSC & 4-H Paper Clover Campaign					TBD Virginia 4-H Shotgun Championship
TBD 4-H Northeast District Food Challenge Contest					TBD State Fair of Virginia
TBD Prince William 4-H Tree Planting Day					



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

Updated 9/25/2024

**PRINCE WILLIAM
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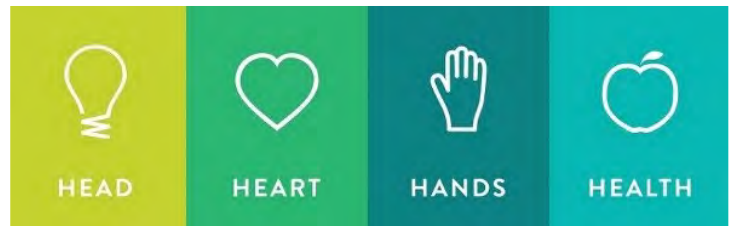
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