



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



October 2, 2024

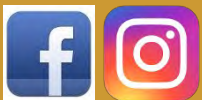
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National 4-H Week and the PW BOCS Proclamation



National 4-H Week is October 7th – 12th!

It's time to celebrate our amazing 4-H'ers and launch the New 4-H Year! *Let's get the party started...*

ENROLL/RE-ENROLL IN 4-H ONLINE: We can't stress this enough. It's free to enroll and gives you access to Prince William 4-H communications, activities, and events, as well as communications from the District and State level. Do not wait to enroll!

BEGIN YOUR MONTHLY 4-H CLUB BUSINESS MEETINGS: All Prince William 4-H Clubs should hold a business meeting during October where they elect officers for the year, set projects and goals, get acquainted, and start having fun!

ATTEND THE PRINCE WILLIAM BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS MEETING: On October 8th, all Prince William 4-H families should attend the BOCS meeting at 7 PM at the McCoart Administration Building, 1 County Complex Court, Prince William. The BOCS will proclaim October 7-12 as 4-H Week in Prince William County. **BE SURE TO WEAR GREEN OR YOUR 4-H CLUB T-SHIRT!**

ATTEND PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H FLANNEL & FALL RECOGNITION DAY: Register today and attend this special annual event on October 24th that celebrates all things 4-H! [See Page 9 for details.](#)

It's Time to Enroll/Re-Enroll in 4-H Online!



[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.](#)

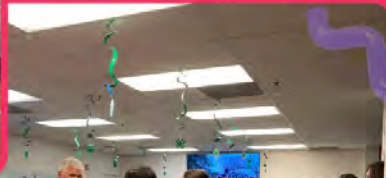
NEW PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H MEMBERS

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.](#)

PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H



Open House



ACTION ITEMS

We had a terrific turnout on Saturday, September 29th for our Prince William 4-H Open House! A HUGE 4-H THANK YOU to current members, volunteers, and those interested in joining Prince William 4-H. Here are a few take-aways from the event:

- Please enroll/re-enroll in 4-H Online TODAY to attend any club meeting or event this year.
- Some of our clubs are very large or full. Please consider starting a new 4-H Club in your community! Contact MaryBeth Lerch for details. We have tons of support and resources for you! 4-H Clubs can be community-, school-, or project-based.
- 4-H members that were unable to make the event may stop by PW 4-H Headquarters and pick up their FREE 4-H Year calendar.
- Be sure to read the PW 4-H Newsletter each week and sign up early for events.

4-H Junior Camp Counselor Applications - Due Oct 10

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

Save the Date! Prince William 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!**

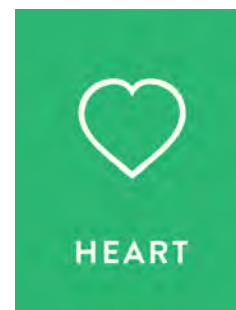


Local Hurricane Relief Donations Accepted at PW VCE

The communities in SW Virginia were severely impacted by Hurricane and Tropical Storm Helene. Many of the mountain communities were under flood water and will need assistance moving forward. Governor Youngkin has visited the area and is in the process of applying for Federal Disaster aid. Our friend and volunteer 4-H educator Thomas Bolles of Prince William VCE is collecting items at the VCE Offices (across the hall from Prince William 4-H) in Manassas. Please consider donating the following items:

- Baby wipes
- Cleaning supplies
- Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Hand sanitizer
- Work gloves
- Socks (new, all sizes)
- Trash bags
- Toiletries/hygiene items

Thomas is collecting items through next week. Please contact him directly with questions at tbolles@pwcgov.org.



LAST MARKET OF THE YEAR FOR OUR PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

AT THE MANASSAS PARK FARMER'S MARKET

Treat your family & friends to a day of shopping at our *FINAL* Market Day and support our fabulous 4-H'ers!

Featuring: Lauren, Michael, Adam, Charley, Sophie, Lee, Thomas, Stella, Jacklyn and Josaphine, Koa, Nisanur, Istau, Chloe, Sarah, Zaynab, Cora & Lexi



4-H GROWS HERE



October 5th | 9 am - 2 pm

100 Park Central Plaza, Manassas Park



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PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs BONUS Market Day Success!

The sun came out for our BONUS Market Day on Saturday! Our Prince William 4-H Young Entrepreneurs used this extra day to sell more product and hone their business skills. We can't believe this year's project is wrapping up already. We've learned so much!

Please come out and support or PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs for their FINAL MARKET DAY on October 5th from 9 am - 2 pm. This will be our largest market day ever!

A HUGE 4-H THANK YOU to the Manassas Park Farmer's Market for supporting our 4-H Project, local youth, and giving us an opportunity to grow our skills and become the next generation of business leaders!



Grow Your Skills!

The Prince William Library has a fantastic opportunity for teens to grow their business skills. Whether you're a seasoned 4-H Young Entrepreneur, or hoping to participate in next years program, these sessions will help you discover the tools available at the library and how to turn your ideas into a business plan to sell your product!

See the details in the flyer →

Thank You to our sponsor:
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Teen Entrepreneur

Wednesdays ~ 5:00-6:30 p.m.

A "Shark Tank" Series for Creative Teens!

1ST PLACE: \$300 ~ 2ND PLACE: \$200 ~ 3RD PLACE: \$100

- Wednesday, November 6 → Introduction to the Makerspace
- Wednesday, November 13 → Drafting a Prototype
- Wednesday, December 4 → Create a Business Plan
- Wednesday, December 11 → Present a Product to the Judges!

Register for all 4 sessions online!

PRINCE WILLIAM Public Libraries
pwcva.gov/library

Central Library
8601 Mathis Avenue
Manassas, VA 20110
703-792-8360



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!



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



PW 4-H TEEN CLUB
Community Service Project
Date: October 11th
Location: Boxes of Basics
Who Should Attend:
PW 4-H's age 13 and up
Click here to sign up.
**Limited to 8 teens.*

ALL VOLUNTEER SLOTS ARE FULL



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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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Tuesday, October 29th!



Learn a New Skill While Having Fun!

Prince William 4-H Contest Training

Be an Expert

Share what you know with confidence! Express your opinions and knowledge through Presentation, Extemporaneous Speech, Public Speech, and Dramatic Reading 4-H learning competitions.

These challenges are meant to keep you on your toes, focused, and engaged with your audience. Public speaking is a life skill that will help you with school presentations, serving in volunteer leadership positions, communicating with teammates (*and parents*), and so much more. Every Prince William 4-H'er should participate in this contest to become better citizens and engage with social change that only our youth know how to do!

All 4-H learning competitions are about making the best better...that's **YOU!**

Be an Influencer

Learning about textiles, fashion eras, cultures, and costumes offers opportunities to develop life skills, learn about career opportunities, and creatively impart your influence.

The Fashion Review Category is more than just styling! This category includes costume making - Halloween, Renaissance Fair, Civil War reenactments, Marvel cosplay, theater and movie costumes - as well as exploring materials, learning fabric construction techniques, understanding themes, and even thrifting. Sewing is not required to participate (*but we can teach you if you're interested*).

Get a head start on making your design for Share the Fun, next year's Halloween contest, an entry for the Prince William County Fair, or your school's play. *Your social media account will thank you!* Come to the training to learn how!

Be a Party Planner

Who doesn't like a fun, themed party? Think outside the box when you participate in the 4-H Table Setting Contest.

Rethink etiquette by exploring holidays, cultural meals, special occasions, serving equipment, menus and more! From farm-to-table dining in Virginia, to food styling and photography, lighting, Friendsgiving, themed birthday parties, barbeques, picnics, quinceañeras...the table is always the centerpiece of excitement and essential for bringing family and friends together. Creativity and originality are welcomed!

Impress your family and friends, grow your event planning skills, enhance your cultural and culinary awareness, and discover a world of careers surrounding the social food industry. Come to the training to learn how to improve your party plan!

PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H CONTEST TRAINING



HEAD HEART HANDS HEALTH

Attend Prince William 4-H Contest Training and learn the many opportunities that you can let your creativity flow!

DATE: Tuesday, October 29th

TIME: 7 - 8:30 PM

LOCATION: McCoy Conference Room, PW 4-H Headquarters

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: All Prince William 4-H'ers interested in perfecting their presenting skills and exploring their creativity. No past skills/experience necessary.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER. IT'S FREE!](#)

SAVE THE DATES!

October 29, 2024

February 8, 2025

April 26, 2025

PW 4-H Contest Training

Prince William 4-H Contest Day

NE District Contest Day



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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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Applications OPEN for VA 4-H Teen Summit Leadership Team



[Click here to apply.](#) **Applications due Sunday, October 13th at midnight.**

Teen Summit is an event planned for teens by teens focused on youth empowerment and social equity issues. Please help us in encouraging your teens that have interest in social equity to apply to be a part of this team.

Applicants for the Teen Summit Leadership Team are required to have a reference from a trusted, supportive adult as a part of their application, as well as participate in a zoom interview. Interviews will be held on the evenings of October 23rd and 24th.

For those selected to join the team, our first meeting will be on Monday, October 28th at 7:30 pm via Zoom. The group will determine future meeting dates and times.

Please note that we may need to schedule more frequent meetings as we approach an event.

Teen Summit is an in-person, overnight event held at a Virginia 4-H Educational Center. Leadership Team members are required to attend from Thursday night to Sunday afternoon. The exact Teen Summit dates are being determined!

A leadership retreat will be held from November 15th to 17th at the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center in Williamsburg, VA. This will be a requirement for all that are selected as part of the leadership team.

Apply TODAY! Virginia 4-H Youth in Action Awards



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

Applications are due by Friday, November 1st.

The State 4-H Office is once again pleased to announce this exciting award opportunity for 4-H'ers across Virginia. To provide a similar system to the National 4-H Youth in Action Awards, and to encourage high quality applications for the national awards, the State 4-H Office established the Virginia 4-H Youth in Action Awards Program in 2019. The nomination process is now open for our Class of 2025 Youth in Action winners.

ALL PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H ELIGIBLE YOUTH ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR AN AWARD!

This year's process is similar to last year in that the youth themselves may apply directly for the award. However, they are still required to obtain a letter of reference from their Extension Agent. Youth may recommend themselves for consideration in one or more of the pillar areas of Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living, and STEM. One pillar winner will be chosen from each area. Any 4-H member in Virginia ages 15-18 is eligible to be nominated.

Each of the four winners will receive:

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

Please help us recognize the wonderful work of our 4-H'ers in Virginia! Encourage your Prince William 4-H teens to apply!

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.



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.



CLOVER BY 4-H: OBJECT-ORIENTED PROGRAMMING

[Click here to access FREE curriculum.](#)

Ready to take your coding to the next level? Dive into Object-oriented Programming (OOP) like a pro! Learn how to organize your code using classes and objects, just like in your favorite games and simulations.



PWCA Opportunities



WALK AT MERRIMAC - SECOND SUNDAY HIKE

Date: October 13th

Time: 1-3 PM

Location: [Merrimac Farm Wildlife Management](#)

[Area](#), 15020 Deepwood Lane, Nokesville, VA

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

Hosted by Greater Prince William Trails Coalition, participants will hike 3.6 miles around Merrimac Farm Wildlife Management Area. Many have seen it during the Bluebell Festival each April, sponsored by the Prince William Conservation Alliance - but as the leaves begin to turn, it's a different place. Please register to get details and potential cancellation notices if weather does not cooperate.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Date: December 27th

Spend a day with experts counting birds in the longest-running citizen science project! No prior training is needed. Just a willingness to get up early and count birds. We'll congregate at Merrimac Farm after for warm beverages and chili to share stories from the field.

If you're interested please fill out the [volunteer form](#) or email alliance@pwconserve.org.



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.pwcv.gov/money

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

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Virginia Cooperative Extension at 703-792-6287 /TDD/ during business hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. *TDD number is (800) 828-1120

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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 cheelytf@vt.edu.



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

November 8-10th, 2024

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

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

December 7-8th, 2024

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



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

December 6-8th, 2024

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

Fall 2024



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, CAMPFIRE, 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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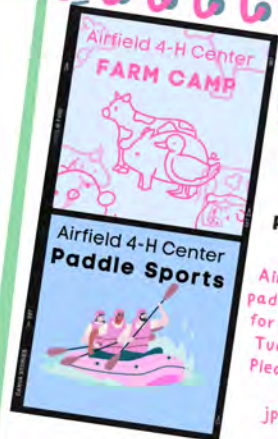


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CENTERS' SCOOP

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.

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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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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

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Volunteers Needed!

Help Build the New Playspace at Fairmont Park!

Sponsored by  InCommunities **PRINCE WILLIAM**
Parks & Recreation



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.](#)



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Prince William VCE Horticulture Classes

OCTOBER 5TH, 9 AM: ART IN THE GARDEN

Seats are still available! Come and capture the beauty of nature by joining VCE at the Teaching Garden at St. Benedict Monastery as we host Prince William Art Society and local artists for a lesson in sketching, Plein Air Pastel, landscape painting, charcoal and Nature Journaling. To register go to: <https://bit.ly/4etsuMl>.

October 5th, 10 AM: FREE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY WORKSHOP

Location: Occoquan Bay National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, 14050 Dawson Beach Rd., Woodbridge

Would You Like to Certify Your Yard as A Wildlife Sanctuary? The Northern Virginia Bird Alliance, your local chapter of the National Audubon Society works to help Northern Virginia communities enjoy, conserve and restore nature for the benefit of birds, other wildlife, and people. We sponsor activities that include educational programs, citizen science, conservation initiatives, and advocacy initiatives. Our Wildlife Sanctuary Program helps people create wildlife habitat on their own properties, by planting native plants, removing invasives, and taking other steps to support wildlife. Our motto is, "Let the animals decide."

- Meet and talk with the people from the Northern Virginia Bird Alliance (NVBA) and Occoquan Bay National Wildlife Refuge
- Learn what it takes to become a certified Wildlife Sanctuary
- Learn how the NVBA is working with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on maintaining bird-friendly habitat at Occoquan Bay National Wildlife Refuge & Visitor Center
- Free plants will be given out on a first come first serve basis.

Learn more at <https://www.pwcva.gov/department/virginia-cooperative-extension/horticulture-classes>

VSU Agritourism Fall Fest

Thursday, October 24, 2024 | 10am - 3pm

VSU Randolph Farm, 4415 River Rd, Petersburg, VA

Fall is in the air, and we're excited to invite you to the VSU College of Agriculture's Agritourism Fall Fest at VSU Randolph Farm. Whether you're a farmer looking to expand into agritourism or a community member looking for a fun day on the farm, this event has something for everyone!

- **Explore Agritourism Opportunities:** Discover how farms can profit by incorporating agritourism activities, such as growing pumpkins and mums for picking, and creating fun farm attractions like the VSU Corn Maze.
- **Farmer's Market:** Shop for value-added products from local producers at the VSU Farmer's Market, showcasing the best in fresh and locally-made goods.
- **Pumpkin Painting & Fall Activities:** Enjoy family-friendly activities, including pumpkin painting and other fall-themed fun perfect for all ages!

Don't miss the AgriCulinary Tech Chef Challenge, where talented high school culinary teams from across the state will showcase their skills by preparing a three-course meal using fresh, locally-sourced ingredients – many grown right here at VSU Randolph Farm! A panel of expert judges from the culinary, agricultural, and technology fields will evaluate their creations. Participating schools include:

- Gloucester High School
- Bassett High School (Teams 1 & 2)
- Cumberland High School
- Bridging Communities Regional Technical Center
- Marshall Academy

Get Involved: We're also hosting a Canned Goods Drive to support underserved communities. Bring a canned food donation and receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a special prize! The winner will be announced during the event – and you must be present to win!

Admission: Free (Canned good donations encouraged)

[Click here to register.](#) It's going to be an exciting day filled with education, entertainment, and fall fun for the whole family!





PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H EVENT CALENDAR

2024 - 2025

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
6-12 National 4-H Week	2 Aspiring Leadership Training - Intermediate Congress	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	4-5 Pajama Party SPIN Club	3 Club & Project Leader Training	11 Cloverbud Club	TBD Embryology Incubator Pick Up	7-8 TALT Weekend - Junior Camp Counselor Training
12 Cloverbud Club	7 Prince William 4-H Engage Locally	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	9 Cloverbud Club	14 Wreaths Across America 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	12 Prince William 4-H Association Meeting		22 Virginia 4-H Day at the Capitol	TBD Block & Bridle Junior Stockman's, Livestock Judging, and State 4-H & FFA Meats Evaluation Contests	15-16 Virginia 4-H Spring Air Championships
19 Teen Club - Community Service	18 Officer Training & Teen Club		23 An Evening with Virginia 4-H at VT	TBD Prince William 4-H Food Challenge	TBD Equismart
24 Prince William 4-H Recognition Day	29-Dec 3 National 4-H Congress		24 Share the Fun Show	TBD Embryology Chick Drop-Off	
29 4-H Contest Orientation - Presentations, Public Speaking, Table Setting, Extraneous	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.pwcv4h.org

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