



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



October 9, 2024

Upcoming Events

- Oct 19 - PW 4-H Teen Club Community Service
- Oct 24 - PW 4-H Recognition Day
- Oct 29 - PW 4-H Contest Training
- Nov 2 - VSU Aspiring Leadership Training
- Nov 4-5 - PW4-H Pajama Party SPIN Club
- Nov 7 - Engage Locally!
- Nov 9 - Cloverbud Club
- Nov 12 - PW 4-H Association Meeting
- Nov 18 - PW 4-H Officer Training & Teen Club
- Nov 29-Dec 3 - National 4-H Congress
- Nov 29-Dec 15 - 4-H & TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Get Ready to Celebrate National Character Counts Week!



National Character Counts Week is celebrated in schools and clubs throughout the country to promote "the value of good character and its important role in building strong communities that value positive, healthy relationships and respectful behavior. During CHARACTER COUNTS! Week, we

celebrate young people who are role models of good character in their communities and support the parents and educators who teach our young people to be trustworthy, respectful, responsible, fair, caring, and good citizens."

CHARACTER COUNTS! WEEK

RESPECT

Follow the Golden Rule:
Be accepting of differences.
Be courteous to others.
Deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements.
Be considerate of others' feelings.

CHARACTER COUNTS! WEEK

RESPONSIBILITY

Do what you are supposed to do. Try your best.
Persevere. Keep on trying.
Be self-disciplined.
Think before you act. Consider the consequences.
Be accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes.

CHARACTER COUNTS! WEEK

FAIRNESS

Play by the rules.
Take turns and share.
Be open-minded. Listen to others.
Don't take advantage of others.

CHARACTER COUNTS! WEEK

CARING

Be kind.
Be compassionate.
Express gratitude.
Forgive others.

At Prince William 4-H, we bring the Character Counts pillars into our activities and events. We encourage Prince William 4-H'ers to be good, active citizens in our homes, schools, and communities! Our TALT Training for counselors reviews the 6 Pillars of Character Counts and how we can apply them in

our relationships. And our Prince William 4-H Fair Camp highlights Character Counts traits each day, with wrist bands handed to campers who are caught exemplifying a character trait.

CHARACTER COUNTS! WEEK

CITIZENSHIP

Do your share to make your home, school, and community better.
Cooperate.
Stay informed. Vote.
Be a good neighbor.
Make choices that protect the safety and rights of others.
Protect the environment.

CHARACTER COUNTS! WEEK

TRUSTWORTHINESS

Be honest. Don't deceive, cheat, or steal.
Have integrity. Do what you say you'll do.
Keep your promises.
Be loyal. Stand by your values.

Have a wonderful Character Counts Week!



PW 4-H IN THE NEWS

National 4-H Shooting Sports ... 52m · 🌐

There's nothing quite like reaching your goals and having competitors cheer for your success.

4-H Shooting Sports participants are gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity. #OnTargetTuesday

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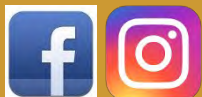


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PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Project Review



Last week, our Prince William 4-H Young Entrepreneurs special interest club met to recap the project experience. They reflected on what went well, what didn't, what they learned and how to improve their business strategies for next year. Here's what they had to say:

"4-H things sell very well at 4-H events."

"I like 4-H because you can have good experiences and nice people to become friends with."

"My favorite was seeing new people."

"This project was awesome, and I hope to do it many more times because I have many good memories."

"The program has helped me be more organized and manage money."

"I woke up, I got dressed, I smiled, and I met amazing people who welcomed me, supported me and what I did."



A HUGE 4-H THANK YOU to the Manassas Park Farmer's Market, our adult volunteer presenters, and all of our friends and families for coming out to support our 4-H'ers on their journey to becoming our community's future business leaders!

Want to join in the fun? Look for sign up details in April 2025!

PW 4-H Teen Club Coat Drive - THANK YOU!



We are so proud to be part of the Greater Prince William Area community! The Prince William 4-H Teen Club brought in **DOZENS** of coats thanks to you. We're excited to bring them to Boxes of Basics tomorrow to assist with their need to provide seasonal clothing to local youth. **A HUGE 4-H THANK YOU** for your support!

New! Benton Middle School 4-H Club



Please join us in welcoming Prince William 4-H's new club: **Benton Middle School 4-H Club!**

Our new school-based club is supported by Mrs. Cook, BMS 6th Grade Science Teacher. BMS 4-H Club held their first business meeting last week and has already planned a fun outing to Yankey's Pumpkin Patch.

Welcome to the most exciting youth organization in the Greater Prince William Area! We look forward watching **YOU Grow with 4-H!**

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

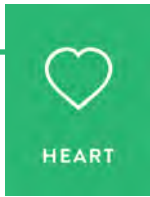
- Wednesday, November 6 → Introduction to the Makerspace
- Wednesday, November 13 → Drafting a Prototype
- Wednesday, December 4 → Create a Business Plan
- Wednesday, December 11 → Present a Product to the Judges!

Register for all 4 sessions online!

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pwvca.gov/library



PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H CLOVERBUD CLUB



OCTOBER 2024

Prince William 4-H held its first Cloverbud Club for the new 4-H year on Saturday. We had a terrific turnout of enthusiastic youth ages 5-8 that are ready to explore the 4-H Pillars of Agriculture, STEM, Citizenship, and Healthy Living.

Our October meeting focused on the 4-H Pillar of Agriculture. We had such a gorgeous morning outside in the courtyard at Prince William 4-H Headquarters! Becca Isaackson, a 4-H All Star and Prince William 4-H Fair Camp counselor, led our newest 4-H'ers in the **Pledge of Allegiance** and demonstrated the 4-H Pledge.



The Cloverbuds had a great time playing a beachball get-to-know-you icebreaker game. **We learned everyone's name and discovered that many of our new friends love to eat carrots!** Becca brought her bunny Snowflake and shared many bunny facts. The Cloverbuds enjoyed petting Snowflake and asking lots of questions about bunny care. Thank you Becca and Snowflake!



FOLLOW UP: Parents, be sure to have your Cloverbud complete the Cloverbud Project Record Form. 4-H'ers may draw a picture, write a sentence about what they learned, or dictate memories for a helper to add. Save completed forms in a 3-ring binder (*we have extras at PW 4-H Headquarters*).

At the end of the 4-H Year, complete the Cloverbud Project Record Book Form with your 4-H'er to add to the beginning of the binder and decorate the binder. 4-H Newsletter pages like this may be added to the binder, as well as other mementos from your 4-H experiences. In September 2025, the entire binder keepsake may be turned in to Prince William 4-H for judging and awards, and may be entered in the Prince William County Fair!



UP NEXT: Prince William 4-H Cloverbud Club will be meeting on Saturday, November 9th from 10 am - 12 pm to grow with the 4-H

Pillar of STEM. We'll explore the science of sound by making our own musical instrument and experimenting with different musical notes using Boomwhackers. *More information and registration coming soon!*



I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking, my **HEART** to greater loyalty, my **HANDS** to larger service, and my **HEALTH** to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.



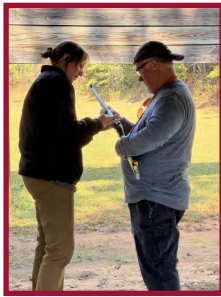
Trigger Time 4-H Shooting Education Club Advances to 2-0

By Rebecca Ahrens, Trigger Time 4-H Club Reporter

October 14, 2024. The National Sporter Air Rifle League season is underway. In game one, Trigger Time defeated Ansbach AJROTC by 140 points to post their first win of the season. Trigger Time had sixteen competitors participate in the match. The athletes contributing to the team aggregate score of 1106.6 were Rebecca Ahrens (290.0), Lexi Strand (274.9), Tanner Ridings (271.2), and Noah Richter (270.5). The top shots of game one in the standing position were Ayden Strand with a 10.7 and Lee Carter with a 10.6.

In game two Trigger Time faced their friends, the Warrenton Rifles at American Legion Post 72. Due to a scheduling conflict with the club business meeting, only a few members of the team participated. Trigger Time secured their second victory of the season with an 1105.5 which was 46 points over Warrenton. The competitors were Rebecca Ahrens (288.1), Lexi Strand (286.0), Tanner Ridings (279.2), and Ayden Strand (252.2). Both Lexi and Tanner improved their scores from last week by 12 and 8 points respectively. The top two standing shots for this week were Ayden (10.2) and Rebecca (10.4). On week three Trigger Time will face Bradley Central AJROTC team from Cleveland, Tennessee. Currently Trigger Time is ranked ninth in the nation, and first in Junior Rifle Clubs.

Last weekend Virginia 4-H held shooting sports coach training at Holiday Lake. Lexi Strand and Samantha Seagle attended to become certified as Junior Instructors. Samantha was certified last year as a rifle coach and returned this year to complete the training for muzzleloader. Jim Strand, the beloved Trigger Time rifle coach, was the level two instructor for muzzleloader. During her rifle instructor training, Lexi Strand enjoyed the opportunity to teach others the discipline of rifle, while expanding her own knowledge. Congratulations to our new Junior Instructors!



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



2025 NRA YOUTH EDUCATION SUMMIT APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Summit Dates: July 22-27, 2025

Who Should Apply: High School Sophomores & Juniors

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#) **Apply by January 19th, 2025.**

Join us for the 24th annual Y.E.S., an all-expense-paid, six-day leadership and scholarship program held in the Washington, D.C. area for rising high school juniors and seniors. This summit brings together some of the nation's brightest, most ambitious youth for an unforgettable week of learning and leadership. Participants will have the chance to:

- Meet with political leaders and NRA leadership
- Tour Washington, D.C.'s historic sites and monuments
- Debate current issues
- Visit the National Archives to view the Constitution and Bill of Rights
- Compete for up to \$40,000 in college scholarships
- And so much more!



How to Apply: High school sophomores and juniors are eligible to apply by submitting a completed online application, a three-page essay on the Second Amendment, a high school transcript, a personal statement, and three letters of recommendation.



VA 4-H SHOOTING EDUCATION 7-YEAR INSTRUCTOR RECERTIFICATION

Recertification Date: November 2nd

Location: Holiday Lake 4-H Center

Register through your 4-H Club Leader. **Registration and payment due by Friday, October 18th.**

The 4-H Shooting Education Council will be conducting the last 7-Year Recertification for 2024 for Shooting Education Instructors that have reached the 7-year limit. Instructors that fail to get recertified in a particular discipline will have their certification deleted, by discipline on 12/31/2024. Each Instructor may enroll in up to three disciplines. All participants are required to attend a one-hour General Session. Lunch will be provided.



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

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

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

VIRGINIA 4-H ALL STARS

Celebrating 102 Years



What is a Virginia 4-H All Star?

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

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



Together We Serve

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



You Can Be a Virginia 4-H All Star!

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

APPLICATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 1st



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

Click for applications:

[Youth Application](#)

[Adult Volunteer Nomination](#)

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

Applications due November 1st.

Virginia 4-H Northeast Chapter Advisor:

Carly Wright carlymq@vt.edu



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.](#)

Volunteer at Prince William 4-H *Engage Locally!*



Date: Thursday, November 7th

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Location: McCoart Atrium, Woodbridge

[Click here to register to attend or volunteer at a table.](#)

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!**

All PW 4-H'ers should attend this fantastic opportunity to put into action the 4-H Pillar of Citizenship. Elected officials and representatives from local and state government are interested in YOU! We need 4-H'ers to attend,

ask questions, share their 4-H experiences, network and more. Please use the sign up to indicate that you are going and to sign up to represent a key component of Prince William 4-H.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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



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



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
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SCHOLARSHIPS • AWARDS • RECOGNITIONS
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 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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Virginia 4-H Youth in Action Awards - Due November 1st



[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

Encourage your Prince William 4-H teens to apply!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
AN EVENING CELEBRATION

4-H ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

WITH A PERFORMANCE FROM
CLOVERS & CO. SELECT ENSEMBLE

Thursday, November 7, 2024

Altria Theatre
6 N Laurel St

Richmond, Virginia

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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

Register below:



Join 4-H today at
4-H.org

VA 4-H Alumni & Friends

Date: Thursday, November 7th

Time: 5:30-8:30 pm

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

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

[Click here to register.](#)

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

Virginia 4-H Food Frenzy

Dates: January 17-19, 2025

Location: Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center, Appomattox

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

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

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

[Click here for more information.](#)

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



Virginia 4-H Soils Judging Contest

Date: November 5th

Location: TBD, Giles County, Virginia

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

Who Should Attend:

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

Register by Friday, November 1st.



This is a terrific opportunity for a 4-H Club or school club interested in environmental science or geology! A school/club may enter one junior team and one senior team. Click here for the [Extension Soils Manual](#) and start studying today!

Please direct questions to Alison Jones at alisonks@vt.edu.

Virginia 4-H Aspiring Leadership Training at VSU

Date: November 2nd

Time: 9 am - 4 pm

Location: Virginia State University, Richmond

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

[Click here to register.](#) **Registration closes October 20th.**

CALLING ALL YOUNG LEADERS! Are you ready to take the lead? Join this dynamic program that focuses on leadership development, parliamentary procedure, and youth leadership initiatives. We're here to empower young people by providing the tools and real-world experiences that inspire better decision-making for the future.

At the heart of our mission is a commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment where young people can explore their academic, career, and leadership interests. Through this and other programs, you'll gain essential skills for success while growing your confidence to lead.

Take the next step toward your future—start your leadership journey with us today!



National 4-H



REGISTER TODAY: 2025 NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE INFO SESSION

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

Mark your calendar for the 2025 National 4-H Conference, April 11–16, 2025. Join USDA NIFA for an Information Session about the 2025 National 4-H Conference on November 21st at 4:00 PM ET.

CLOVER BY 4-H: THE REAL COST OF COLLEGE

[Click here for FREE curriculum.](#) Grades 8-12

You've probably thought about how much colleges and vocational schools cost, but what about all the other expenses? By the end of this activity, you'll be able to calculate the real cost of attending college or vocational school and navigate school admission websites. Navigating the path toward college can be both exciting and overwhelming, especially when starting from scratch. You may not yet have specific colleges in mind, but there are several ways to begin exploring options.

FREE WIND POWER DISCOVER BOX - LIMITED TIME OFFER

4-H is excited to offer a FREE Wonder of Wind Power 4-H Discover Box. To claim your free box, simply create a free account on CLOVER and complete the interactive Be a Wind Warrior activity. Our Wonder of Wind Power 4-H Discover Box is packed with engaging activities to teach your students about renewable energy. [Click here for more information and to claim your FREE box!](#)

VT Agricultural Technology Fall Open House

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024 | 9:30 AM

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

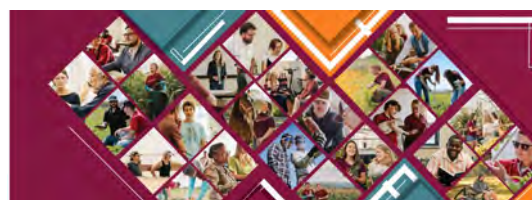
THE OPEN HOUSE WILL INCLUDE:

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

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

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

[Click here to register.](#)



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Financial Empowerment Center
at Prince William County

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.pwcvca.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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VSU Youth & Beginning Ag Workers Safety Training - TOMORROW

Date: Thursday, October 17th
Time: 5:30 - 6:30PM
Location: Zoom and Sussex, VA
[Click here to register.](#)



Youth on your farm operation? Entry level agricultural production workers? Through this workshop, farmers will learn how to mitigate labor and disability/injury risks, how to determine and conduct injury risk assessments, and ensure the safety and health of youth and beginning staff working in agriculture. This program also offers opportunity for youth to gain skills and trades training in the safe operation of farm equipment.

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. **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!

Educator & 4-H Club Leader Opportunity: Project Learning Tree & Project Wild

Date: Wednesday, November 13th
Location: Northern Virginia 4-H Center, Front Royal
Who Should Attend: Educators and 4-H Adult Club Volunteers/Leaders
Cost: \$14
[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Pack a lunch, dress to be outdoors, & join us for a great day! At the completion of this workshop, participants will receive a certificate of completion valid for eight continuing education units, an Explore Your Environment PLT guide, a Project WILD guide, & have the confidence & skills to use PLT & Project WILD SOL-aligned activities with students.

Click here for information on [Project Learning Tree](#) and [Project Wild](#).



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](https://www.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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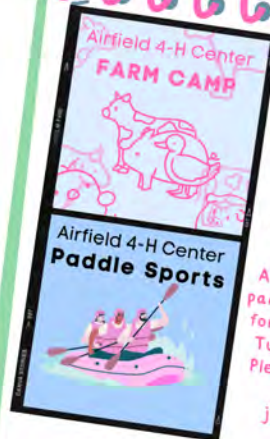


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CENTERS' SCOOP

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.

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

Airfield 4-H Center
15189 Airfield Rd
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

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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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VCE Job Opportunity: Northeast District FNP Program Support Technician

Entry level position in Richmond, VA.

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

The position review date is 11/6/24.

The Virginia Cooperative Extension Family Nutrition Program (FNP) Support Technician (PST) serves as administrative support for the district FNP Area Coordinator and provides administrative and program functions for the district. Responsibilities primarily involve: performing program evaluation and reporting activities, such as reviewing records, entering evaluation data, and generating quarterly and annual reports; and managing program budgets and performing accounting procedures, such as reconciling budgets and processing travel expenses. Other duties include: supporting team functions and communication; coordinating program grants and resources; providing HR/hiring support; supporting programming activities; and participating in professional development activities.

67th Annual Urbanna Oyster Festival



Friday, November 1st, 10 am - 8 pm

Saturday, November 2nd, 9 am - 5 pm

Parking: \$20/day.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Experience the Urbanna Oyster Festival, Virginia's official celebration of oysters and one of the world's oldest festivals dedicated to these prized shellfish. Held annually in Urbanna on the first consecutive Friday and Saturday of November, this event draws over 50,000 visitors from across Virginia and beyond, transforming the town of just 500 residents into a bustling hub of excitement.

As a "pay-as-you-go" festival, entry is free, but certain areas like VIP experiences, parking, and the wine section may require a fee. Whether you're there for the oysters, live music, parades, or simply soaking in the festive atmosphere, all are invited to join in the fun at the Urbanna Oyster Festival!

2nd Annual
**CASA
FALL FESTIVAL**

Saturday, October 26th 2024
11AM-4PM --- FREE EVENT

FREE Health screenings, FREE Hair cuts, FREE Flu/COVID vaccines, Resources & more!

MUSIC & FALL ACTIVITIES - INDOOR MEDITATION GROUP - BOUNCE HOUSES - FACE PAINTING - FOOD VENDORS - FIRE TRUCK - FREE APPLE CIDER & POPCORN - FREE PUMPKINS FOR KIDS

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CASA Health & Social Services 2nd Annual Fall Festival

Date: Saturday, October 26th

Time: 11 am - 4 pm

Location: CASA Welcome Center, 2359 Research Court, Woodbridge

Get ready for a day filled with fun, community, and wellness! With over 60 vendors, the FREE Fall Festival is packed with exciting activities and resources for everyone. Here's what you can look forward to:

FREE Health Screenings • FREE Hair Cuts • FREE Flu Vaccines • Live Music & Fall Activities • Indoor Meditation Group • Bounce Houses & Face Painting • Fire Truck Experience • FREE Apple Cider & Popcorn • FREE Pumpkins for Kids • Delicious Food Vendors • Resource Vendors to Support Your Needs

Bring your family and friends to celebrate the season with us! Enjoy the festivities while taking advantage of valuable health resources and community support. Don't miss out on this incredible day!

[Click here for more information about CASA Virginia Programs.](#)



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	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	11 PW 4-H Leaders' Mid-Year Meeting
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	12-16 National 4-H IGNITE
19 Teen Club - Community Service	18 Officer Training & Teen Club		23 An Evening with Virginia 4-H at VT	TBD Embryology Chick Drop-Off	15-16 Virginia 4-H Spring Air Championships
24 Prince William 4-H Recognition Day	29-Dec 3 National 4-H Congress		24 Share the Fun Show		TBD Prince William 4-H Food Challenge
29 4-H Contest Orientation - Presentations, Public Speaking, Table Setting, Extraneous	29-Dec15 TSC & 4-H Paper Clover Campaign		30 Portfolio Training		TBD Equismart
	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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