



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



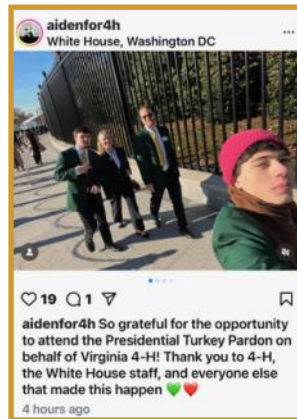
November 27, 2024

Upcoming Events

- Nov 29-Dec 3 - National 4-H Congress
- Nov 29-Dec 15 - 4-H & TSC Paper Clover Campaign
- Dec 3 - PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Training
- Dec 5 - PW 4-H Homemade Holiday Craft Night
- Dec 14 - Wreaths Across America Ceremony
- Dec 19 - PW 4-H Whisper Booth
- Dec 30 - PW 4-H Embryology Registration Opens
- Jan 7 - PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Training
- Jan 11 - Cloverbud Club
- Jan 14 - PW 4-H Association Meeting

A Day in the Life of a 4-H Northeast District Ambassador

Prince William 4-H'er Aiden McDonald serves as the elected Virginia 4-H Northeast District Ambassador. Over the weekend, he had the unique (and cool) opportunity to attend the Presidential Turkey Pardon representing Virginia 4-H. This is just one of the many examples of opportunities available in 4-H to our youth leaders. Click here to watch the hysterical [President Biden Pardons the National Thanksgiving Turkey in a Ceremony on the South Lawn](#) with a shout out to 4-H at the 0:56 mark! Be sure to follow [@aidenfor4h](#) on Instagram to see what he's up to next and consider applying to be an ambassador in 2025!



2024 TSC Paper Clover Campaign - LIMITED SLOTS



Dates: December 7th & December 8th
Location: Tractor Supply, 10870 Balls Ford Rd., Manassas
Who Should Participate: All Prince William 4-H Clubs
[Click here to sign up!](#)

Time is running out to claim your slot, promote 4-H and your club, and sell baked goods to offset club activity costs!

Few Slots Remain for PW 4-H Junior Camp Counselor Applications

[Click here to apply.](#) **Applications were due in Oct. Few slots left - closing link Dec 15.**

Camp Dates: July 13-17, 2025 at the Northern Virginia 4-H Education Center, Front Royal
 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 (Mar 7-8), counselor training in July, and the full week of camp (Jul 13-17).

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

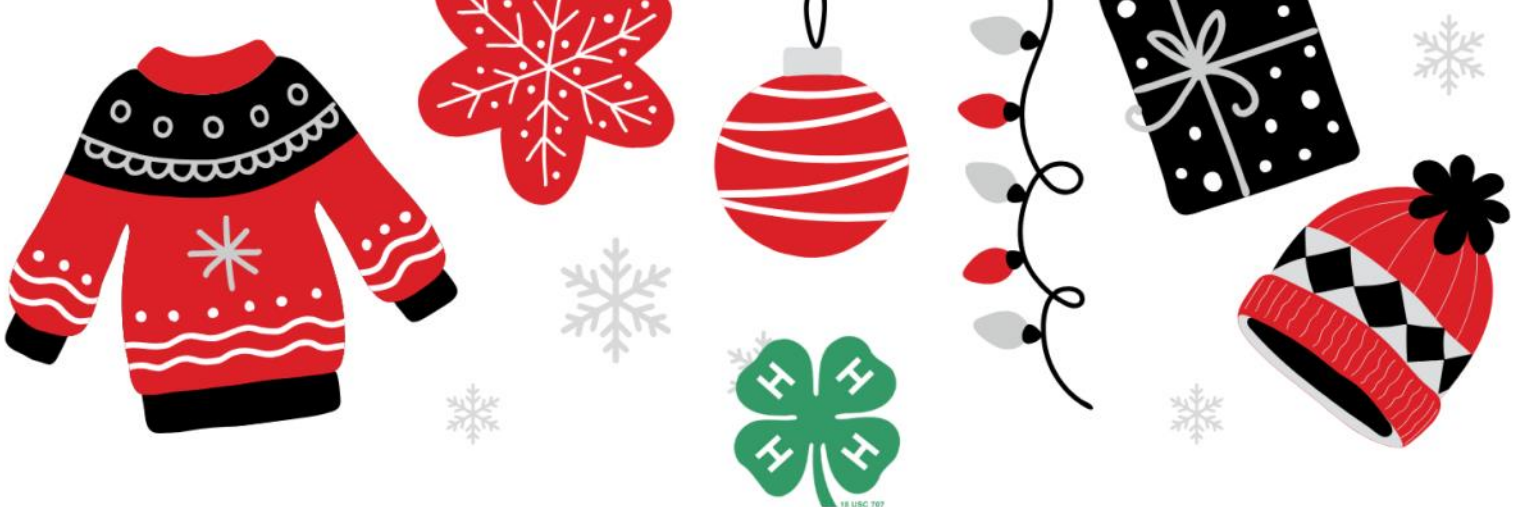


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HOMEMADE HOLIDAY CRAFT NIGHT

Enjoy a family-friendly evening cookie decorating and making holiday crafts while snacking on apple cider, pizza and treats with your 4-H friends!

Thursday, December 5th

6-8 PM | Hope Lutheran Church
10391 Sudley Manor Dr.
Manassas

Please Register by Dec 1st
[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



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Trigger Time 4-H Club



Trigger Time 4-H Shooting Education Club Narrowly Defeats Missouri Military Academy

By Rebecca Ahrens, Trigger Time 4-H Club Reporter

November 27, 2024. In the final match in the National Sporter Air Rifle League, Trigger Time narrowly defeated Missouri Military Academy with a score of 1095.2 to 1093.1. The contributing team members this week were Rebecca Ahrens (287.9), Lexi Strand (284.8), Tanner Ridings (271.3), and Ayden Strand (251.2). The top standing shots of the week were Ayden Strand (10.5) and Rebecca Ahrens (10.4). Completing the season with a record of 3-4, Trigger Time ranked 23rd of 120 teams in the league, and 4th under Junior Rifle Clubs.

A total of sixteen athletes competed from Trigger Time this season. The team member with the most improvement in aggregate score from her first match to her last, was Sophie Carter. Holding the record for the highest single standing shot of the season was Ayden Strand with a 10.7. Rebecca Ahrens had the highest average aggregate score (288.5). Congratulations to all of the athletes who participated in the league.

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

Support Nokesville 4-H Equestrian's Efforts for Toys for Tots

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Time: 1-4 PM

Location: Trouvaille Brewing Company, 14600 Washington St., Haymarket

Entry Fee: one (or more) new, in package, unwrapped, toy

Come out on December 7th from 1-4 pm to have your photo taken with a unicorn! Prince William's Nokesville 4-H Equestrian Club will have a special pony and activity table for youth at the DCI Shambles Toys for Tots event at Trouvaille Brewing Company in Haymarket. The car show will raise money and donated toys for Toys For Tots, with entry to the event being one (or more) new toy. The event will feature the car show, raffles, music, pony, goodie bags for kids, food, drinks, and more!



DCI Shambles
presents
TOYS FOR TOTS
2024

TROUVAILLE
BREWING COMPANY
14600 Washington St
Haymarket, VA 20169

12/7 1pm to 4pm
PLEASE BRING NEW UNOPENED TOYS
CAR SHOW, RAFFLES, LIVE MUSIC
ALL CARS, BIKES AND TRUCKS WELCOME
GOODIE BAGS FOR KIDS AS WELL AS A PONY!
IT'S FOR THE KIDS!!!

PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Professional Development

MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND!



DATES: Tuesday, December 3rd, 7-8:30 pm

- or -

Tuesday, January 7th, 7-8:30 pm

Location: PW 4-H Headquarters, Manassas

Who Should Attend: All PW 4-H Adult Club Leaders, Instructors, and Project Leaders

[Click here to register for the December 3rd training.](#) **MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND.**


Come network with others working with 4-H youth! In a world that constantly evolves, understanding and supporting the growth of our youth has never been more crucial. This session will provide valuable insights and strategies to empower young people to thrive and reach their full potential.

All Prince William 4-H adult volunteer leaders and instructors must attend one of 2 sessions offered.



Extemporaneous Speech
Dramatic Reading
Music Recording
Presentations
Public Speech
Voiceover
Podcast

Whisper Booth

 Prince William 4-H in partnership with the Prince William Central Library Makerspace is offering teens a unique opportunity to learn a new skill - audio recording in a whisper booth!

A whisper booth is a sound isolation space that is soundproof and reduces ambient noise. It's the perfect space to record professional audio projects, speeches, auditions, and more. The space offers state-of-the-art equipment such as headphones, microphones, and a sound control board. Trained teens have the opportunity to reserve space in the whisper booth at any time to utilize the equipment, practice, and produce audio recordings. Guess what you don't do in a whisper booth? *WHISPER!*

Register TODAY for this exciting experience !

Thursday,
December 19th

3:15 - 4:15 pm

Central Park Library
Makerspace
8601 Mathis Avenue
Manassas

Event is open to Prince
William 4-H'ers ages 14-18.

Registration is limited to 10
teens.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.

Prince William 4-H Staff Volunteer at NOVA Food Rescue



It's important for our Prince William 4-H'ers to see that adults volunteer, too! We ask youth to do activities and value activities that we also value and believe make a positive difference in our local community.

Last week, Prince William 4-H staff, as part of the Prince William Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE), volunteered to help sort and stack at the Northern Virginia Food Rescue Warehouse in Manassas, assisting with their preparations for the upcoming holiday

season. We bagged and filled almost two bins of shelf-stable food items!

As of September 2024, 43% of residents in Prince William County reported experiencing food insecurity. [Click here to learn more about NOVA Food Rescue](#), whether to donate, volunteer, or receive help.



Virginia 4-H/VSU: Become a Trojan Beekeeper Ambassador

Date: Wednesday, December 4th

Location: Virtual

Who Should Attend: high school, collegiate youth, and their supporting agents (educators/4-H Club Leaders)

[Click here to Register for Interest Meeting.](#)

This six-month (virtual and self-paced) environmental science program offers university and high school students an in-depth exploration of honeybees and beekeeping through a combination of theoretical study, research opportunities, and hands-on experiences. Whether or not you intend to pursue beekeeping, this course provides a captivating lens through which to understand the cultural, historical, and environmental roles of honeybees. For those aspiring to become beekeepers, this program offers the chance to work alongside an experienced beekeeper, serving as a valuable introduction to the practicalities of beekeeping. Additionally, participants will be well-prepared to mentor novice beekeepers and potentially manage apiary activities on a local farm. There will also be virtual visits with beekeepers around the world. The program culminates with visits to Virginia apiaries where students will engage directly with bees and observe hive behavior in action and also including a pinning ceremony/celebration. This immersive experience bridges classroom learning with real-world practice, offering students a comprehensive understanding of both the science and practice of beekeeping.

BECOME A TROJAN BEEKEEPING AMBASSADOR

Register to join the information Session
Dec. 4th
6pm

This program is created for high school and college students in the Commonwealth of Virginia with a passion for bees and beekeeping.

Contact Nicole Swinson, Extension Youth Development Associate Specialist, at nswinson@vsu.edu, or Khadija Gandy at kgandy@vsu.edu or 804-524-6971.

Register

<https://tinyurl.com/Beek-Registration>

VSU **MANRRS** **Virginia Cooperative Extension** **VIRGINIA**

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Mark Klingman (mjklngman@vsu.edu) at 804-524-5492 during business hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event.

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Embryology Project

“The Beginning of Life” 4-H Project is designed to help youth obtain a better understanding of life and embryonic development. 4-H educational materials guide students through each step of the hatching process from preparing the eggs for incubation to building a brooder for the newly hatched chicks. Educational material address Virginia SOLs for math, science, English, life science, and computer technology. Prince William 4-H provides fertilized eggs, guides participants through training, supports participants during the hatch, and then collects the chicks to be sent to a local farm.

Prince William 4-H Clubs, Prince William County Schools, Manassas City Schools, Manassas Park Schools, and Homeschool Groups are invited to participate in this exciting 4-H project!

**REGISTRATION OPENS
DECEMBER 30TH!**

New date. Link coming soon.

RESOURCES:

- [Prince William 4-H Embryology Project Facebook Page](#)
- [Virginia 4-H Resources for School Curriculum Website](#)
- [VA 4-H The Beginning of Life Project Curriculum](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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IMPORTANT DATES

Embryology Registration
Dec 30th - Jan 31st

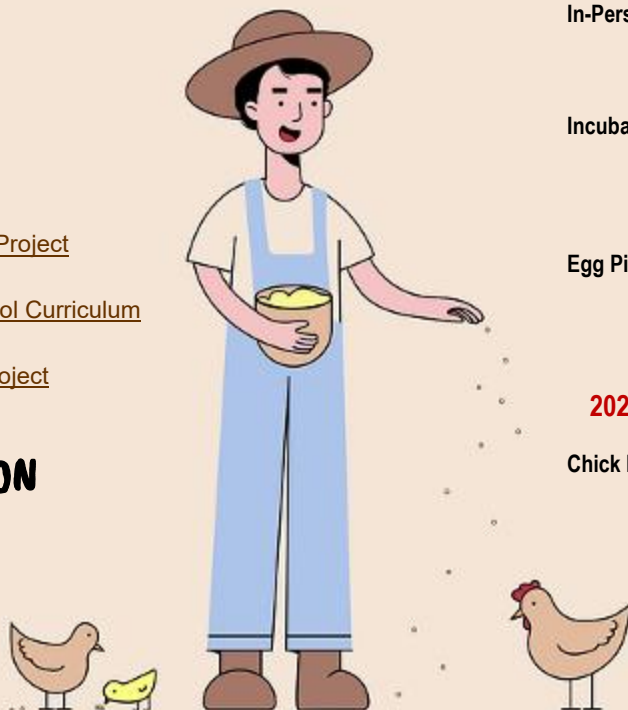
In-Person Leader Training
Feb 5 TBD
Feb 20 TBD

Incubator Pickup (if rented from 4-H)
PW 4-H, 8033 Ashton Ave, #105
Feb 13 1 - 4 PM
Feb 17 10 AM - 2 PM

Egg Pickup
PW 4-H, 8033 Ashton Ave, #105
Feb 24 4 - 6 PM
Feb 25 9 AM - 12 PM

2025 HATCH DAYS: MARCH 17TH - 21ST

Chick Drop Off
PW 4-H, 8033 Ashton Ave, #105
Mar 27 2 - 6 PM
Apr 1 12 - 3 PM



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2025 Virginia Association of Fairs Youth Scholarships & Poster Contest

YOUTH LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Who Should Apply: Teens who have worked with local fairs and festivals

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#) **Applications are due December 6th.**

The VAF Youth Leadership Scholarship Contest is for teens age 14-19 involved in a VAF-member fair or festival. Application, resume, essay and letter of recommendation from fair/festival leadership are due by December 6th. An in-person interview, prepared speech, PowerPoint presentation and extemporaneous speech occur on Saturday morning, January 4th, at the Williamsburg Lodge in conjunction with the VAF Annual Conference. \$9,000 in post-secondary education scholarships are awarded to the top 8 participants. Teens can compete multiple times if they do not win first place.



AG IT UP YOUTH POSTER CONTEST

Who Should Apply: Youth ages 9-13 with an interest in local fairs and agriculture

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#) **Applications are due by December 20th.**

The VAF Ag It Up Youth Poster Contest is for youth ages 9-13. Youth can bring a tri board displaying how agriculture is a part of their fair or festival for a chance at 1st, 2nd and 3rd cash prizes.

SAVE THE DATE - 4-H/FFA Stockmen's Contest

The Corey Child's Memorial Stockmen's Contest, formerly known as the Skyline Stockmen's Contest, will be held at Virginia Livestock, LLC on Feb. 1st (snow date Feb. 15th). Registrations are due by January 24th. There is a \$5/person registration fee which includes lunch. Checks should be made payable to Warren County 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association (VLA). More information, along with registration for the contest and YQCA will be coming soon.

BLOCK AND BRIDLE

Hippology and Horse Judging Clinic

With Assistance from the Virginia 4-H Horse Program, including the AAQH Congress Top Five, Virginia 4-H All Star Judging Team,

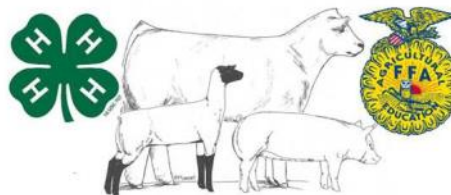
January 25, 2025

Save the Date!
Blacksburg, VA

2025 "Corey Childs Memorial" Stockmen's Contest

@

Virginia Livestock, LLC



Where: 2796 Rivermont Drive Front Royal, VA 22630

When: February 1, 2025

Snow date: February 15, 2025

Tentative Schedule:

Registration 8:00-9:00am

Stockmen's Judging 9:00 am

Lunch will be served at end of the contest (around noon)

Stockmen's contest results following the YQCA Program

Registration is \$5.00 per person; this includes lunch.

Please Register by January 24, 2025

Be on the lookout for online registration information coming in the near future.

Registration will be capped at the first 250 participants that register.

*** YQCA will only be offered to contest participants. Watch for YQCA registration coming in the near future. ***

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Virginia 4-H All Star Awards & Scholarship Applications



[Click here for application/nomination links and instructions.](#)

Award Applications and Nominations Due by December 31st at midnight.

Each year the Virginia 4-H All Stars recognize selected 4-H All Stars and award college scholarships during the 4-H All Star Midwinter Conference. The 2025 4-H All Star Midwinter Conference will be held in Virginia Beach, February 15-16, 2025. Please direct questions and send completed applications to Glenda Snyder at gsnyder@vt.edu. Nominations may be made by 4-H volunteers, unit (county/city), District or State Extension Faculty members.

Nominate a Virginia 4-H All Star!

- **WAYNE M. KEFFER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** - provides two \$1,000 college scholarships annually to college freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors, or graduate students of any age.
- **C. Dean Allen Award for Excellence** - Nominee must be supportive of the 4-H All Star Mission of Service, involve 4-H All Stars in the local 4-H program, have or encouraged a formalized Unit 4-H All Star Chapter, and/or provided 4-H International opportunities for youth and families in the unit or area.
- **Dottie Nelson Award for Excellence in 4-H International Programs** - The purpose of this award is to recognize initiative, growth, leadership and accomplishments in 4-H International programs by volunteer adult leaders. To encourage volunteers to take leadership in programs with emphasis on opportunities which broaden the horizon of participants.
- **Virginia 4-H All Star Hall of Fame** - The purpose of this award is to provide recognition for individual 4-H All stars who have been members of the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars more than 15 years and have rendered outstanding service to the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars, the 4-H Program, and other civic and community organizations
- **Bradshaw Service Award** - The purpose of this award is to provide recognition for individual active 4-H All Stars who have been members of the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars for fifteen or less years and have rendered outstanding service to the 4-H All Star organization.



Virginia DWR Archer Open 2025



Date Saturday, January 11th,

Time: 8 AM - 8 PM

Location: Richmond Raceway Exhibit Hall, 600 E Laburnum Ave., Richmond

Who Should Attend: 4-H members participating in archery

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

[Click here to register as an exhibitor.](#)

The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) invites the archery and conservation community to participate in the 2025 DWR Archery Open. This inaugural competition will take place Saturday, January 11, 2025 in Richmond, Virginia and will feature opportunities for youth and adult level competitors. Event proceeds will contribute to connecting people to conservation.

CONSERVATION EXHIBIT HALL: In addition to all tournament activities, Virginia DWR invites the public to visit the Conservation Exhibit Hall to connect with exhibitors from our conservation community!

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!



Kids' Tech University at Virginia Tech

Dates: January 25, February 22, March 22, and April 5

Location: Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

Who Should Attend: youth ages 9-12 as of Sep. 30, 2024, with a parent

Registration Fee: \$120/child. Needs-based scholarships are available.

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



KTU, brought to you by the Fralin Life Sciences Institute at Virginia Tech and Virginia 4-H, is your passport to a world of scientific wonder and exploration. Get ready to embark on an extraordinary STEM journey that'll spark your imagination and fuel your passion for science, tech, engineering, and math!

PREPARE TO BE DAZZLED!

Meet brilliant scientists and engineers who'll unveil the mysteries of STEM. • Dive into interactive sessions that'll ignite your curiosity. • Get hands-on with mind-blowing activities led by VT faculty, staff, and talented undergrads. • Discover the magic of STEM as it relates to everyday life.

National 4-H

CLOVER BY 4-H: BE A WIND WARRIOR

[Click here for more information.](#) Grades 1-6. 30 min.

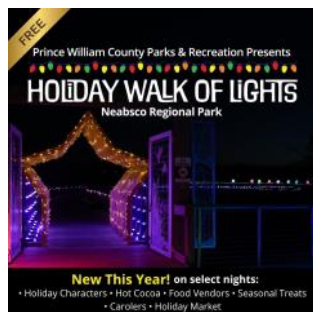
Take a load off! As energy superheroes, you and your friends have just moved into the Superhero Hideout on Energy Island, but you have a problem! Your superhero supplies are too heavy to move from the underground garage and into the hideout. Create a new way to lift objects by using the wind. Are you up to the challenge?

Limited Time: Free 4-H Discover Box! Get a FREE Wonder of Wind Power 4-H Discover Box by signing up for a CLOVER account and completing the "Be a Wind Warrior" activity. A code will be provided at the end of the activity to use at check out on Shop 4-H to claim your FREE 4-H Discover Box (a small shipping fee will apply). Limit 1 per customer, good through Dec 31, or while supplies last.

SAVE THE DATE! GIVING TUESDAY

Mark your calendars! This Giving Tuesday, we're rallying together to support 4-H youth across the nation. On December 3rd, get ready to help 4-H youth become Beyond Ready for life and leadership. Stay tuned for more details - let's make this Giving Tuesday unforgettable!





Holiday Walk of Lights

Dates: Select evenings throughout December
Location: 15125 Blackburn Rd, Woodbridge, VA
[Click here for full schedule and parking information.](#)
 Text lights to (703) 382-6716 to stay connected with event info.

Opening Night: Friday, December 6th, 5:30 - 9 PM
Sensory Night: Tuesday, December 10th, 5:30 - 8 PM
Holiday Walk of Lights is stroller and wheelchair friendly.

The 3rd annual Holiday Walk of Lights is back this year and brighter than ever! This year holiday enthusiasts will be able to stroll through a sparkling winter wonderland filled with thousands of twinkling lights with returning displays and new additions this year, holiday themed characters, a holiday market and joyful holiday music. Enjoy hot cocoa, seasonal treats and food vendors, and special photo ops along the illuminated paths, perfect for families, friends, and holiday lovers of all ages. Make memories and feel the holiday spirit come alive at this enchanting light-filled event!

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE: Please consider making a donation to our canned food drive this year. Drop bins will be available each night to collect canned goods and non-perishables to be donated to the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry.

Are You a 4-H'er Interested in an Ag Career but Don't Want to Farm? Check Out These Ag-Related Careers and Start Setting Goals!



ALLIANCE FOR THE CHESAPEAKE BAY: SOIL HEALTH SPECIALIST
[Click here for more information and to apply.](#) **Apply by Dec. 8th**

The Soil Health Specialist is a fast-paced full-time position that will work directly with farmers and a broad set of project partners on agriculture conservation, water quality improvement, and climate-smart practices. The Specialist will engage directly with farmers to provide technical guidance for field-based practices aimed at improving the soil health of crop and pasture lands. Throughout each farm's planning and implementation process, this position will help farmers troubleshoot common obstacles to changing in-field practices and manure management techniques. The Specialist will utilize their expertise to collaborate with the Alliance's corporate partners by providing feedback on the development of climate-focused programming.



THE ROANOKE FOODSHED NETWORK-LEAP: COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#) **Apply by Dec. 10th**
 Part-time. Hybrid.



The Communication Coordinator will strategize, develop, and disseminate internal and external communications for the RFN to both strengthen engagement among partners in the network, and build broader public awareness of regional food systems efforts. A cornerstone of this role will be supporting the development, launch, and maintenance of a Roanoke Regional Food and Farming Website (one stop shop for regional food) that includes (a) the Roanoke Food and Farm Trail (listings for farmers and food businesses across the Roanoke Valley, Floyd, Bedford, and Montgomery counties) and (b) interwoven marketing, storytelling, and branding initiatives (videos, reels, photos, written narratives, podcasts, etc. showcasing food and farm businesses and regional food systems initiatives). The ideal candidate for this position is a self-starter, community builder, facilitator, project manager, and enjoys using their creative skills in collaboration with other team members, leaders, and community members.

Part-time Entry-Level Local Job Opportunity



**PRINCE
WILLIAM**
—Parks & Recreation

GRO PRESCHOOL HEAD CHILDREN'S LEADER

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

The Department of Parks & Recreation, (DPR) is a fun, experiential learning atmosphere that is centered on excellent programming, customer service, and community at the Gro Preschool at James S. Long Park. We strive for excellence in the workplace within an environment that fosters creativity and learning. The Department of Parks & Recreation is seeking a PART-TIME, BENEFITTED Head Children's Leader who is a highly motivated and enthusiastic individual to teach children's preschool programs for children ages 3 - 5 and summer camps ages 3-8.

The Head Children's Leader will have the opportunity to help shape the program as he/she provides exceptional preschool care and education. The Head Children's Leader will contribute to the department goal of inspiring life-long connections through education, play, and exploration in a premier preschool environment that supports the whole child's development while preparing children for school, through active leadership. Class sizes will range from 8-24 children with one Head Children's Leader and two Children's Leaders. The Head Children's Leader of this premier program will be responsible for developing developmentally appropriate programming along that aligns with the Department of Parks & Recreation Preschool Curriculum.

Gro Preschool is a Natural Education Space, incorporating both indoor and outdoor classrooms. The outdoor classroom will have a variety of stations for preschoolers to explore music, movement, gardening, and the natural world around them. The outdoor classroom provides an environment for children to collaborate, be inquisitive and promotes a lifelong connection and appreciation to the children's natural surroundings.

This program is Virginia State licensed; therefore, the Head Children's Leader is responsible for ensuring compliance with the regulations pertaining to the Department of Social Services and best practices of early childhood education. The Head Children's Leader is responsible for the health, safety, and welfare of the children they are assigned to.

ABOUT THIS ROLE: This is a supervisor leadership-level position that is responsible for supervising, leading, and supporting subordinate staff members and department operations. Reports to our full time Recreation Specialist working with and administering licensed and non-licensed children's programs. This position is located at the Gro Preschool at James S. Long Park.

THE HEAD CHILDREN'S LEADER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Delivering well-planned, high-quality preschool programs and summer camps. Programs are planned and implemented through collaboration with the Children Leaders and Recreation Specialist, review of current registration and surveys to better understand the needs of the programs.
- Developing and evaluating lesson plans in accordance with program curriculum. Maximizes employee performance and program effectiveness.
- Ensuring quality guest interactions. Parents, students, and staff are treated respectfully and timely. They feel their concerns have been heard and addressed fairly.
- Establishing policies within the class to ensure safety and security of staff and patrons. Monitor patron and staff injury and accident logs and follow up on how we can fix the issue.
- Ensuring all staff receive training on safety protocols and policies and procedures for the Gro Preschool building, and outdoor spaces. Monitor to ensure all are being followed and documented.
- Maintaining compliance with all state licensing requirements.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: 18 years of age; High School Diploma or G.E.D

PREFERENCES:

- 21 years of age
- Bachelor's Degree in a child-related field (such as education, nursing, recreation) from a college & university.
- Early Childhood certificate, child development credential, or Montessori teaching diploma.
- 3 months of programmatic experience; 6 months of supervised programmatic experience
- The Department of Parks and Recreation conducts DMV records checks on all employees driving for work purposes and criminal background checks on all hires age 18 years and older. Fingerprinting required.

WORK SCHEDULE: Year-round

TEACHING IN CLASSROOM: 22.5 hrs. (Monday – Friday) 8:00am – 12:30pm

Planning/Lesson Plans/Administrative: 10 hrs. (Monday-Friday) 1-3pm

Total Hours per week: Not to exceed 30-34 hours

STARTING RATE OF PAY: \$21.14 - \$27.35



VSU December Small Farm Events - Register Today!



INSTITUTIONALIZING DEIA • MONDAY, DEC 2 • 11AM

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

Join us for an insightful session with L'Tonya Davis, USDA's Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, as she shares the Department's groundbreaking DEIA Strategic Plan, mission, and vision for advancing equity and inclusion.



LAMBING & KIDDING: BEYOND THE BASICS • TUESDAY, DEC 3 • 6:00PM

Glade Spring, VA. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Join us for a hands-on workshop for sheep and goat producers covering best practices for lambing/kidding, birthing complication strategies, newborn care, and more—plus enjoy a provided dinner!



DIVERSIFYING STREAMS OF REVENUE • TUESDAY, DEC 3 • 6:00PM

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

Join Michael Carter Jr. of Carter Farms and Africulture in this Zoom event to discover innovative ways to boost farm revenue year-round through unconventional products and essential soft skills.



AGRICULTURAL TAX & AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT • WEDNESDAY, DEC 4 • 1:00PM

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

Join the Tennie Agriculture Group to gain expert insights on tax compliance, agribusiness entity structures, and financial literacy tailored to farmers, ranchers, and veterans for sustainable and profitable operations.



JAMES RIVER SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BREAKFAST • THURSDAY, DEC 5 • 8:00AM

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

Farmers, ranchers, and land stewards in Prince George and Chesterfield counties, join the James River Soil & Water Conservation District Farmers Breakfast for a catered breakfast with networking, program updates, and pesticide recertification info.



WINTER AG GATHERING • THURSDAY, DEC 5 • 6:00PM

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

Join us for a catered dinner with networking and interactive booths featuring winter farm safety tips, funding opportunities, farm finance insights, youth activities, door prizes, and a free farm holiday ornament craft!

Webinar: An Introduction to Whole Farm Planning

WEBINAR

An Introduction to Whole Farm Planning

Tuesday, Dec 10, 4-5 PM Eastern

Dr. Kim Niewolny
Professor, Department of Agricultural, Leadership, and Community Education
Director, Center for Food Systems and Community Transformation
Virginia Tech

Date: Tuesday, December 10th

Time: 4-5 PM

Location: Virtual Webinar

[Click here to register.](#)

The whole farm plan is much more than a plan – it is a process for short-term and long-term decision making and evaluation that takes into consideration your whole farm. Following the whole farm planning process actively helps new and beginning farmers tailor farming goals and actions over time to best fit needs and preferences for long-term viability. Join us for this webinar where Dr. Kim Niewolny will walk you through the basics of whole farm planning and orient you to resources and support in developing your whole farm plan!



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	3 PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Training (Option 1)	7 PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Training (Option 2)	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	5 Prince William 4-H Homemade Holiday Craft Night; Teen Club; Cloverbud Club	11 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club	TBD Embryology Incubator Pick Up	7-8 TALT Weekend - Junior Camp Counselor Training
12 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club	7 Prince William 4-H Engage Locally	14 Wreaths Across America Day	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 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club	19 PW 4-H Whisper Booth Training	17 PW 4-H 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	30 Embryology Registration Opens (closes Jan. 31)	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 PW 4-H Teen Club - Community Service	14 PW 4-H Teen Club - Community Service/Project Linus	TBD Food Challenge Training	23 An Evening with Virginia 4-H at VT	TBD Prince William 4-H Food Challenge	TBD Equismartz
24 Prince William 4-H Recognition Day	16 PW 4-H Hike: 4-H Outdoor Challenge		24 PW 4-H Share the Fun	TBD Embryology Chick Drop-Off	
29 4-H Contest Orientation - Presentations, Public Speaking, Table Setting, Extraneous	18 PW 4-H Officer Training		30 PW 4-H Portfolio Training		
	29-Dec 3 National 4-H Congress		TBD Horse Project Enrollment & Declaration Due		
	29-Dec 15 TSC & 4-H Paper Clover Campaign				
APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
11-16 National 4-H Conference	10 PW 4-H 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 PW 4-H 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 4-H Northeast District Food Challenge Contest					TBD Virginia 4-H Shotgun Championship
TBD Prince William 4-H Tree Planting Day					TBD State Fair of Virginia



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

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