



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



December 11, 2024

Upcoming Events

Dec 14 - Wreaths Across America Ceremony

Dec 19 - PW 4-H Whisper Booth CANCELLED

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

Jan 17 - PW 4-H Share the Fun Dress Rehearsal

Jan 22 - VA 4-H Day at the Capitol

Jan 24 - PW 4-H Share the Fun

Experience the 4-H Pillar of Citizenship Firsthand

Date: Wednesday, January 22nd (it's an excused day off from school!)

Who Should Attend: All PW 4-H'ers ages 9-19 and adult chaperones

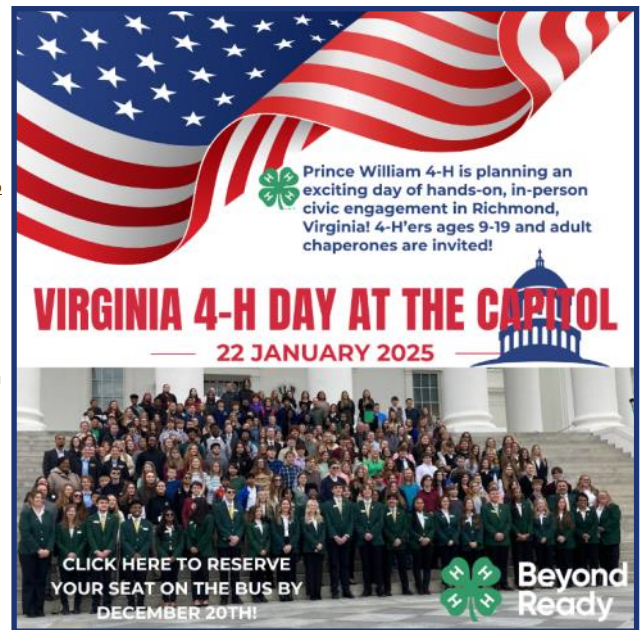
[Click here to reserve your seat on the bus to represent the Prince William 4-H Delegation to Virginia 4-H Day at the Capitol.](#)

Virginia 4-H Day at the Capitol is an annual, state-wide 4-H event for youth to experience the government in action, interact with legislators and aides, and tour the Capitol and other historic sites in Richmond. It's a premiere 4-H event that is not to be missed!



MUST RSVP BY DECEMBER 20TH!

Registrations help us determine the bus size to reserve for the trip. Priority is given to those that register by December 20th.



Kettle Run 4-H Club's December Community Service Project

John and Jason Sharpe led the December service project for Prince William's Kettle Run 4-H Club. The club collected new books and toys for Toys for Tots and created "Emergency Treat Bags" for a local fire station. [Click here to watch the informative Kettle Run 4-H Club Report video](#) by the creative club reporter Jason, and his assistant John. How many elements of the 4-H Pledge did they bring to their day of service?

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Thank you for sharing your experiences with us for demonstrating the 4-H Pillar of Citizenship!



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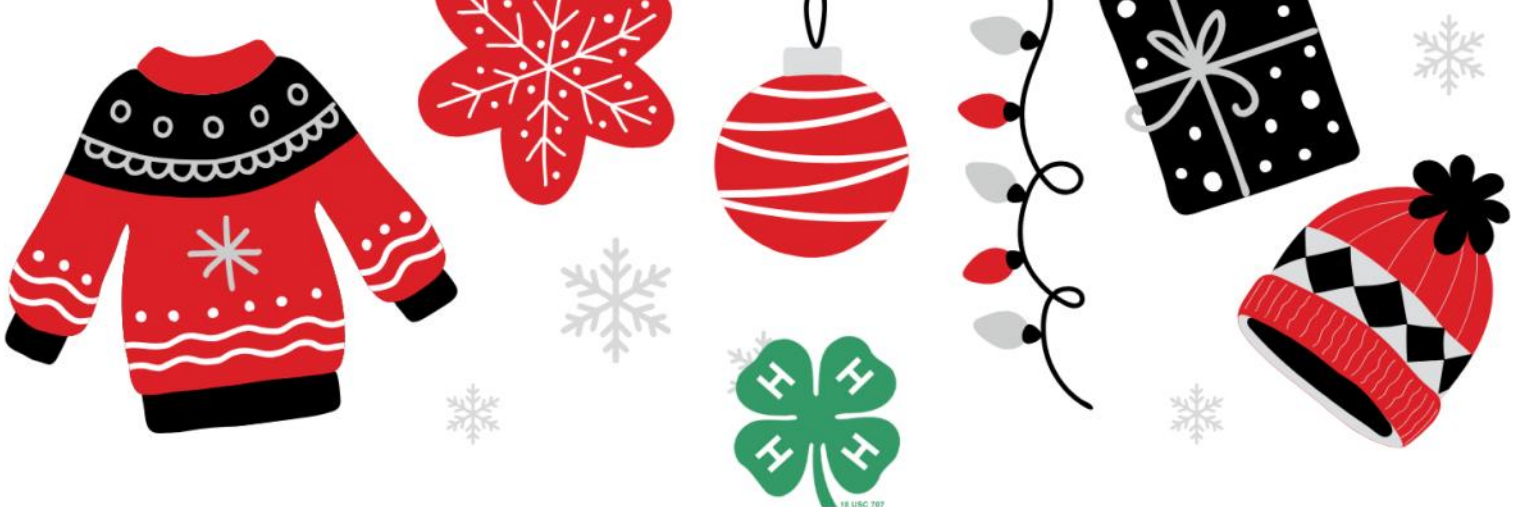
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HOMEMADE HOLIDAY CRAFT NIGHT

It is the most wonderful time of the year to gather with our Prince William 4-H families, enjoy festive treats and holiday activities! A special 4-H THANK YOU to BettyAnn for donating and leading a holiday sewing activity (*we think she's related to Mrs. Claus*), and to our 4-H teen volunteers Michale Deroche, Adam Grant, Aaron Grant, Lexi Strand, and Ayden Strand. We hope all of our 4-H families have a happy and safe holiday season!







Trigger Time 4-H Club



Trigger Time 4-H Club Takes Second in Close Red Fox Invitational

By Rebecca Ahrens, Trigger Time 4-H Club Reporter

December 11, 2024. On Saturday, December 7th, Trigger Time 4-H Club competed in the Red Fox Invitational hosted by King George High School's NJROTC rifle team. Competitors in this annual match represent a variety of teams from American Legions, Junior Rifle Clubs, high school JROTC teams, and 4-H clubs. In total, 22 teams participated. With a score of 2074-45, Trigger Time placed 2nd and was awarded a team plaque. The contributing team members were Lexi Strand (541-16), Rebecca Ahrens (534-14), Tanner Ridings (501-8), and Ayden Strand (498-7). Lexi Strand placed 2nd overall in the competition.

Next week, members of Trigger Time 4-H Club will be participating in the CMP Postal Match.



PW - Stafford 4-H Jr Camp Counselor Apps - DUE DEC 15

[Click here to apply.](#) **Closes December 15th**

4-H Junior Camp: July 13-17, 2025 at the Northern Virginia 4-H Education Center, Front Royal
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 (Jul13-17).

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



PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H DELEGATION TO WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

PW 4-H families that signed up for WAA at the National Memorial Cemetery at Quantico this Saturday will receive detailed info via email from MaryBeth Lerch.

- ★ **Our Group Time Slot:** 11:30 AM (please arrive 15 min prior to schedule time slot)
- ★ **Group Check-In Location:** Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 18410 Chapel Dr., Triangle



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PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H



CLOVERBUD CLUB

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



JANUARY 11TH

DALE CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 4249 DALE BLVD., DALE CITY



****SPECIAL TIME: 10:30 AM**

All Greater Prince William Area youth ages 5-8 that are interested in 4-H and would like to explore the ins and outs of 4-H camping are invited to a morning of hands-on activities, songs, and a special camp snack... all from the warmth of our local library!



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.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER. Registration is free, but required.

Come grow with us!



* A parent or guardian must be present.



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PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

24TH JANUARY 2025

SHARE THE FUN!



4-H TALENT SHOW



GET FEEDBACK



SHOWCASE YOUR TALENT



HAVE FUN

PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

SHARE THE FUN SHOW: JANUARY 24, 7 PM

Dress Rehearsal: January 17, 5:30-7 pm

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER BY JANUARY 3RD.](#)

The Nokesville School, 12375 Aden Rd., Nokesville, VA 20181



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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

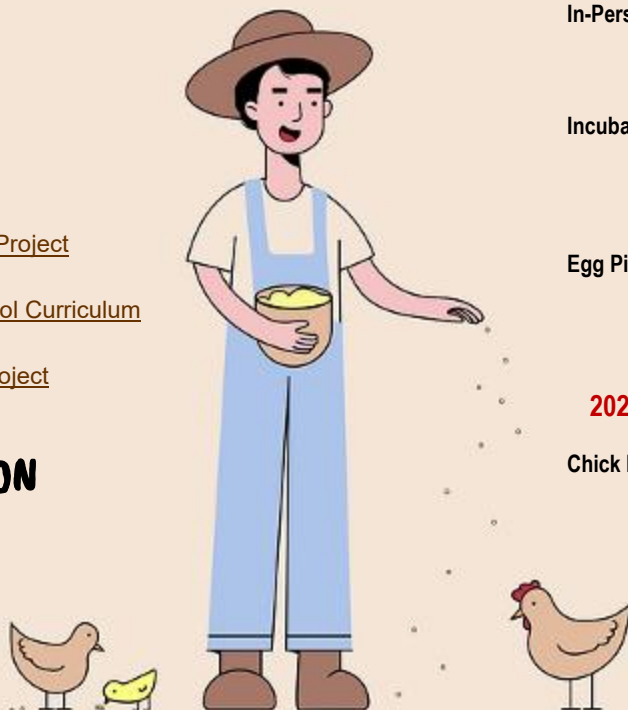
In-Person Leader Training
Feb 5 TBD
Feb 20 TBD

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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PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Professional Development

Date: 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 January 7th 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 are expected to attend this important annual training.

Prince William 4-H Food Challenge Orientation

Date: Thursday, January 9th

Time: 7 PM

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Who Should Attend: PW 4-H'ers interested in participating in Prince William 4-H Food Challenge Contest. Can be a team or individual interested in joining a team.

[Click here to register and receive Zoom link.](#)

4-H Food Challenge is an excellent opportunity for youth to learn a practical application of the 4-H Pillar of Healthy Living! Youth compete against a rubric intended to judge their nutrition knowledge, kitchen safety, and culinary skills, as well as their presentation and public speaking skills. 4-H teams have the opportunity to progress from the county to district to state and even to national level competitions. **Attending the virtual orientation is key to success in the competition!**

TEAM AGE CATEGORIES

- ★ **Junior Team** - members must be 9-13 years old. Teams consist of 3-5 team members.
- ★ **Senior Team** - members must be 14-18 years old. Teams consist of 3-4 team members.

Here's an opportunity through Virginia 4-H to work on your culinary skills: VIRGINIA 4-H FOOD FRENZY WINTER CAMP

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!



Prince William 4-H Staff Demonstrate the 4-H Pillar of Citizenship

PW 4-H Staff responded for a call to action in our community by volunteering for a couple of hours at Boxes of Basics in Manassas. As exclaimed on their [Facebook page](#), "A Day of Gratitude at Boxes of Basics! We are thrilled to share a heartwarming story of generosity and teamwork! One of our incredible supporters recently donated a library's worth of books to Boxes of Basics. When we reached out to our friend Tony Wilson at MG Moving Services for a few boxes, they went above and beyond - sending not only 70 boxes but also a truck and a crew to help us with the heavy lifting. With the help of 12 amazing Boxes of Basics volunteers, we quickly packed up the books, transported them to our warehouse, and got everything organized in record time. It was a true team effort, and we are so grateful for the kindness, energy, and support of everyone involved. Together, we're building a brighter future, one box (or book!) at a time."



Virginia 4-H Animal Science Updates



2025 COREY CHILD'S MEMORIAL STOCKMEN'S CONTEST

Date: February 1st (snow date Feb. 15th)
Location: Virginia Livestock, LLC, 2796 Rivermont

Drive, Front Royal
Registration Fee: \$5/person; includes lunch
[Click here to register.](#) Register by January 24th.



HOKIE DAIRY DAY - RESCHEDULED

Date: Saturday, February 1st
Time: 10 AM - 4 PM
Location: Virginia Tech Dairy Center, William M. Etgen Large Animal Learning Center, 473 Plantation Rd., Blacksburg, VA

[Click here to register.](#)
 Hokie Dairy Day is a free educational event for 4-H and FFA youth who have an interest in learning more about dairy cattle and the industry. The event takes what our Dairy Science students learn in the classroom and applies it to fun educational activities. Lunch will be provided.

Health History and Code of Conduct Forms Reminder:

It is the responsibility of the lead chaperone to ensure each participant is duly enrolled and to always have the health history form and code of conduct forms for their group members with them. The chaperone must remain in proximity of the event. (Use the forms for your organization – 4-H or FFA.) **Questions:** If you have any questions, contact [Katie Powell](#) or [Dave Winston](#).

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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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

DORM LIVING

NEW FRIENDS

STATE CONTESTS

PREMIER TEEN EVENT

DANCES & SOCIALS

COLLEGE WORKSHOPS

GREAT GIFT IDEA: CONGRESS REGISTRATION FEE!

Dear Santa,

I want to go to 4-H Congress

June 24-27, 2025

AT VIRGINIA TECH

INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM YOUR LOCAL 4-H EXTENSION STAFF

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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, 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 info 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.

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 Updates



PAPER CLOVERS ARE AVAILABLE NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 15TH AT TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY!

Check items off your holiday shopping list and support your local 4-H club. From now through December 15th, you can pick up a Paper Clover at any Tractor Supply store.

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT FOR 4-H YOUTH TODAY!



I'm Katie, a 2025 4-H Youth in Action Winner, and I have something exciting to share with you! Thanks to the generosity of a 4-H donor, starting today, every gift made to National 4-H Council will be matched dollar for dollar!

I'd love for you to [watch my video](#) or [read more about my story](#), where I share how 4-H helped me become Beyond Ready for the future. I hope it shows you just how powerful your support can be.

This is your chance to double your impact! Make your gift before midnight on December 31st — or before the match runs out — and help more young people like me become Beyond Ready.

Thank you for being a part of this amazing opportunity!

With gratitude,
Kaitlyn Culbert, New Jersey 4-H, 2025 YIA Winner



CLOVER BY 4-H: CODE YOUR GARDEN

[Click here to access FREE curriculum.](#) Grades 5-8

Welcome to the garden of code! Users will identify computational thinking skills, including pattern recognition, decomposition, abstraction, and algorithmic thinking. Then, they'll apply concepts from what they've learned to create a garden layout.



CLOVER BY 4-H: EDIT, ENHANCE, ENGAGE

[Click here to access FREE curriculum.](#) Grades 5-12

Video editing transforms raw footage into a polished, engaging story by refining visuals, sound, and effects to captivate the audience. In this activity, you will learn how to use video editing software to edit a promotional video, including text, splitting, and overlays.



UNLOCK AI SKILLS WITH MINECRAFT

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Looking to level up your AI knowledge? Microsoft and 4-H have the solution: Minecraft Hour of Code: Generation AI! It's the perfect way to keep your mind active and have fun with friends and family. And did we mention, it's FREE!



EVENT: CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

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

Rooted in legacy but reimagined for today, CWF is THE event for teens to learn leadership and communication skills through history, democracy, and our amendments. For 6 days, teens from around the nation will gather to have meaningful discussions and learn the skills they need to lead their local communities and become change agents to build a brighter future.

Week 1: June 7 - 13 • Week 2: June 14 - 20 • Week 3: June 21 - 27



EVENT: AMERICAN FARM BUREAU CONVENTION OFFERING FREE REGISTRATION TO 4-H'ERS

[Click here for more information.](#)

The American Farm Bureau Convention is offering FREE registration to 4-H'ers who'd like to attend their Youth Leadership Program on January 26th in Salt Lake City, Utah. Students age 17 and younger will receive free registration and lunch if registered by December 15th.



SHOP THE 4-H CATALOG

[Click here to shop.](#)

Spark some 4-H cheer this holiday season, and let us help you cross everyone off your list early! Explore fun finds for friends and family with the 4-H Holiday Digital Catalog. The catalog is loaded with creative stocking stuffers, super sweet kitchen essentials, and awesome accessories.



AIRFIELD 4-H CENTER

SOUTHEAST 4-H EDUCATIONAL CENTER
The Natural Place To Be

AEROSPACE CAMP 2.0

GET READY FOR ADVANCED SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS AND ACTIVITIES. THE MOTHERSHIP HAS LANDED AND THIS YEAR'S AEROSPACE CAMP IS TWICE AS BIG WITH EVEN MORE FUN SURPRISES. GET READY FOR SPACE AND AVIATION INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCES YOU'VE NEVER ENCOUNTERED BEFORE!

Questions:
Contact Joey Patterson, Program Director
at jpatt024@vt.edu
757-899-4901

To Register: 

**** A UAP/UFO SESSION AND INTERACTIVE PROGRAMMING WILL BE OFFERED TO TEEN COUNSELORS ONLY ****

March 14-16, 2025 | Airfield 4-H Center
Campers : \$135 | Trained Teen Counselors - \$30 | Trained Adult Volunteer: Free

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AIRFIELD 4-H CENTER

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CLOVERBUD LOVE BUG CAMP

For ages 5-8. Get ready for a Valentine's Day themed camp focused on the science of entomology (study of insects). Don't worry, not all the bugs being brought to camp will be creepy crawlies. You can expect many different species of butterflies/moths, beetles, and much more. If you like the spooky bugs, don't worry we will have interactive activities with them based on the campers' comfort level. Madagascar hissing cockroaches anyone?

Questions:
Contact Joey Patterson,
Program Director at
jpatt024@vt.edu
757-899-4901

Introduce your camper to the study of field biology and entomology plus exciting recreational activities!

Register Here: 

Feb 21-23, 2025 | Airfield 4-H Center
Campers : \$130 | Trained Teen Counselors : \$25 | Trained Adult Volunteer: Free

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SOLO WILDERNESS FIRST RESPONDER

Jamestown 4-H Educational Center

MARCH 3- MARCH 10, 2025

\$895/PARTICIPANT
\$600 for VCE Staff and 4-H Center Staff

SOLO's Wilderness First Responder (WFR) course is the recognized industry standard for those who work as backcountry trip leaders, camp counselors, mountain guides, river guides, and ski patrollers.

For additional information and to register please contact Sue Williams at wsue8@vt.edu or call 757-253-4931

The WFR is 72+ hours long and is a comprehensive and in-depth look at the standards and skills of dealing with: Response and Assessment, Musculoskeletal Injuries, Environmental Emergencies and Survival Skills, Soft Tissue Injuries, and Medical Emergencies. CPR Included.

INCLUDES ALL COURSE MATERIALS PLUS ROOM AND BOARD

WWW.JAMESTOWN4HCENTER.ORG



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SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

Join us at BRWC this summer for a hands-on experience working directly with wildlife in a hospital setting!



- Flexible start & end dates for 12+ week duration (May-Aug)
- Paid! \$100/week w/ housing, \$200/week w/o housing
- Entry level - no previous experience needed!
- Work w/ a variety of wildlife species (birds, mammals, reptiles, & amphibians) of various ages
- Must be 18 years old to apply

BLUE RIDGE Wildlife Center

We're now accepting applications for our Rehabilitation Summer Internship!

Join our expert staff this summer for a unique and unforgettable experience working directly with various wildlife species during our busiest season.

Rehab interns can expect to learn to handle, feed, and care for a multitude of wildlife species of various ages, learn about wildlife-human conflicts and how to mitigate them, participate in data entry of daily patient treatments, participate in rescues and releases when available, learn how to administer various medications, and much more!

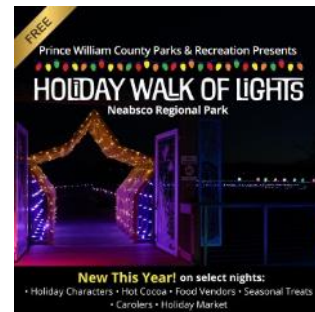
Interns must be over 18 at the start of their internship, must have reliable transportation, must be able to work indoors and outdoors in all weather conditions, and while rabies-vaccinated individuals are preferred, a rabies vaccine is not required to be accepted for an internship (only those vaccinated for rabies may work with raccoons, foxes, skunks, groundhogs, and bats).

[Click here to learn more about Blue Ridge Wildlife Center.](#)
[Click here for all internship opportunities and to apply.](#)

Prince William 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.

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.

Virginia Beginning Farmer & Rancher Coalition Program



[Click here for the VBFRM December Newsblast.](#)
JOIN THE VIRGINIA NATIVE SEED PILOT PROJECT
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