



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



January 8, 2025

Upcoming Events

- 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
- Jan 30** - PW 4-H Portfolio Training
- Feb 8** - PW 4-H Contest Day
- Mar 1** - PW 4-H Jr Camp Registration Opens
- Mar 7-8** - TALT Weekend
- Mar 11** - PW 4-H Leaders' Mid-Year Meeting

Prince William 4-H Association Meeting this TUESDAY



Date: Tuesday, January 14th @ 7 PM

Location: 4-H Headquarters, 8033 Ashton Ave., Manassas

Who Should Attend: All Prince William 4-H youth and adult members

***IMPORTANT** - In our efforts to serve all members of Prince William 4-H, it's important that each club send a representative to the meeting with a prepared 4-H Club Report. This is typically presented by the 4-H Club Reporter or an elected youth officer of the 4-H Club. Be sure to highlight past activities, upcoming activities, and where your club could use support.

All Prince William 4-H families are invited to attend the Association meetings that gather every other month. The PW 4-H Association supports county programs and activities with scholarships, transportation fees, equipment, volunteers and more. We work together to ensure that all programs, activities, and clubs are successful and thrive throughout the county. Please consider joining the meeting and sharing your ideas and talents to help provide leadership opportunities for county youth.



Prince William 4-H Food Challenge Orientation - TOMORROW



Date: Thursday, January 9th @ 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!**

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RESCHEDULED: Prince William 4-H Club & Project Leader Professional Development

Yesterday's important meeting was canceled due to snow and county closures. Registered attendees were notified via email. The training will be rescheduled for February. Stay tuned for more information! Thank you for your understanding and we hope everyone stays safe and warm.



Trigger Time 4-H Club



Trigger Time 4-H Club Competes in CMP 3PAR National Postal Match

By Rebecca Ahrens, Trigger Time 4-H Club Reporter

January 7, 2025. In December, ten members of Trigger Time participated in the 2024 Civil Marksmanship Program 3PAR National Postal. The postal match is phase one of the National CMP Three Position Air Rifle matches. The top twenty teams in the Northeast Region will be invited to compete in the CMP Regional Championship at Camp Perry, Ohio in April. Contributing to the Trigger Time team score were Rebecca Ahrens (279-10), Lexi Strand (279-7), Tanner Ridings (264-8), and Samantha Holmes (257-6). For several of the athletes, this match was a personal record. The other participating members were Ayden Strand, Caleb Hoogasian, Charley Murphy, Sophie Carter, Lee Carter, and Julie Stogran. The results will be finalized on January 31.

Members of Trigger Time competed in the annual Winter Classic match at the Izaak Walton League Sills range in Centerville. Scoring personal records were Rebecca Ahrens (559-18) and Tanner Ridings (522-14). Lexi Strand and Ayden Strand also participated, scoring 544-14 and 505-10 respectively. The Winter Classic is sponsored by Woodson Rifle Club and includes both three position and international standing competitions.



Fashion Review Inspiration for Contest Day

SAVE THE DATE FOR PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H CONTEST DAY: February 8th

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

Contests Include: Presentation, Extemporaneous Speech, Public Speech, Dramatic Reading, Fashion Review, Table Setting, and Vocal, Instrumental, or Combo

Many of our Prince William 4-H'ers participated in Project Linus and made blankets, learned to sew during the fall Pajama Party, or created textile products to sell as part of their Young Entrepreneurs project. Here's a little inspiration to continue exploring your crafty side and see what you might come up with for the 2025 Prince William 4-H Contest Day!

[Click here to watch thrift store fashion designer Max Alexander](#), the youngest fashion designer in the world. He started sewing at age 4...before you can even be a Cloverbud!

Clover by 4-H: Perfect for Snow Days!



FINANCIAL AID AND THE NET COST OF COLLEGE. [Click here to access FREE activity.](#) Grades 8-12

During this activity, youth will learn about the types of financial aid available to them and their families. Finding financial help can be difficult; sometimes, the process seems overwhelming. Youth will also learn where to go for help.



CODING IN PYTHON. [Click here to access FREE activity.](#) Grades 8-12

Learn how to code in Python, one of the best computer languages to learn today! These five activities offer an interactive learning experience and a workspace to hone your coding skills.



There are so many 4-H activities on CLOVER! Login today and challenge yourself to something new!

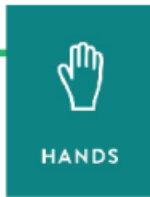
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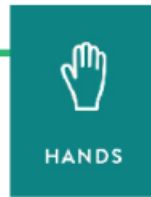
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PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H



CLOVERBUD

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- IMPORTANT -
It's a winter wonderland!
Please register to receive any weather related updates.

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!

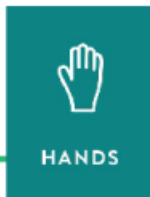
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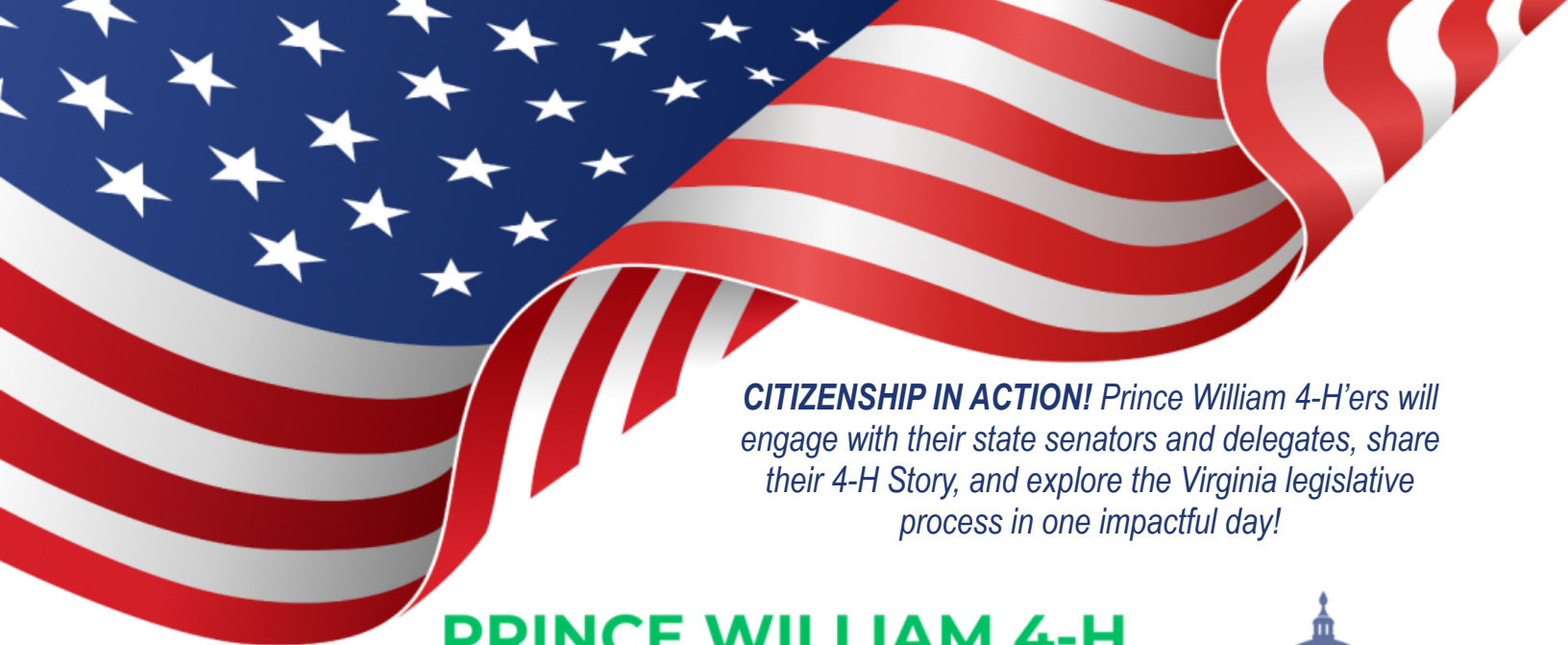
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CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION! Prince William 4-H'ers will engage with their state senators and delegates, share their 4-H Story, and explore the Virginia legislative process in one impactful day!

PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

VIRGINIA 4-H DAY AT THE CAPITOL

22 JANUARY 2025



PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H SCHEDULE

(tentative)

6AM	Arrive at PW 4-H Headquarters
6:30 AM	Depart for Richmond
9:30 AM	Meetings with Representatives
	Del. Josh Thomas
	Del. Rozie Henson
	Del. Maldonado
	Del. Lovejoy
	Del. King
	Del. Torian
10:15 AM	Virginia 4-H Rally & Photo
11 AM	Picnic Lunch
11:20 AM	Photo with Sen. McPike
12 PM	Legislative Session
1:15 PM	How to Write a Bill Workshop
2 PM	Tour the Capitol
3:15 PM	Tour TBD
4:15 PM	Depart for PW 4-H Headquarters

Virginia 4-H Day at the Capitol provides an opportunity for youth to learn about governmental procedures and emphasizes the importance of citizen involvement in the governmental process. Participants visit with legislators sharing their 4-H experiences and learning about the role of legislators in government. They observe the legislative process in action, have opportunities to learn about the congressional aides and page programs, and have an opportunity to tour the Capitol, museums, or other historic sites in the Richmond Area.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: All PW 4-H'ers ages 9 - 19 & adult volunteers

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND:

- ★ See our Virginia government in action and meet with legislators! Visit and tour sites that are important to our state government.
- ★ Virginia 4-H Day at the Capitol is a statewide event for all 4-H'ers across the Commonwealth. Participation in this event is important for building your 4-H Portfolio, applying for 4-H leadership positions, applying for scholarships, and building your work and college resumes.
- ★ Attending this higher level event is important for your Virginia 4-H All Star or Virginia 4-H Pillar Award Application.
- ★ It's an EXCUSED absence from school, thanks to Virginia 4-H'er Harper Miller who lobbied the VA General Assembly. [Click here to read the law.](#)

Please note that the bus for the Prince William 4-H delegation to the 2025 Virginia 4-H Day at the Capitol is full. Additional 4-H'ers may join in the excitement if they provide their own transportation. Please contact [Pam Hardin](#) for more information.



PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

DID THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF THE HOLIDAYS GET THE BEST OF YOU? DEADLINE EXTENDED! CLICK HERE TO REGISTER BY SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH, TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS ANNUAL 4-H FAVORITE!

SHARE THE FUN!



4-H TALENT SHOW



GET FEEDBACK



SHOWCASE YOUR TALENT



HAVE FUN

PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

JANUARY 24TH AT 7 PM

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

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 IS FULL.

[Click here for waitlist.](#)

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](#)

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IMPORTANT DATES

Embryology Registration
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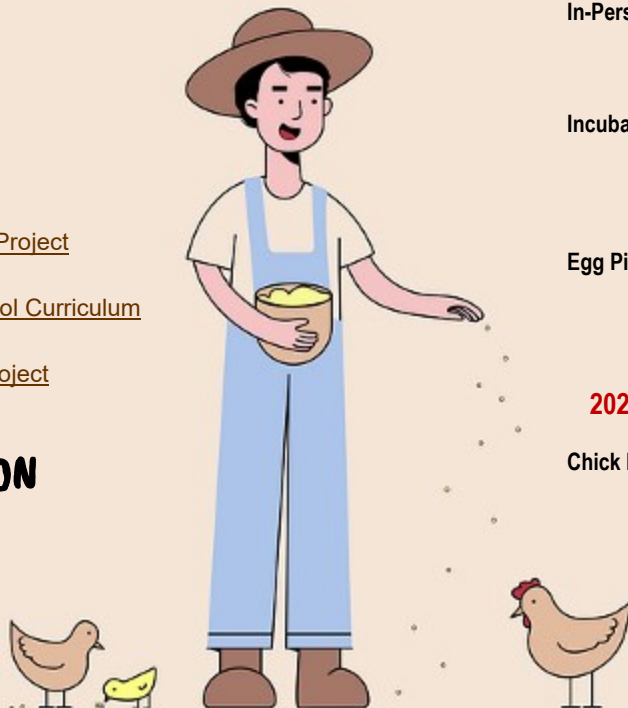
In-Person Leader Training
 Feb 5 TBD
 Feb 20 TBD

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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Virginia 4-H Animal Science Updates



STATE FAIR OF VIRGINIA APPLIED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Applications Due: Wednesday, **January 22 by 6 pm**

Who Should Apply: any 4-H youth that participated in the 2024 State Fair of Virginia

[Click here for more information on the scholarships.](#)

There are 10 general scholarships this year and 15 livestock scholarships. These scholarships require participation in the 2024 State Fair of Virginia but consider not only your participation/results in this year's competitions, but also your academic success, community service, and essay.

BLUE RIDGE STOCKMAN'S CONTEST

Date: January 20th


Location: Rockingham County Fairgrounds.

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

This is a casual contest and is well suited for first time contestants and Stockman's veterans.

Blue Ridge Stockmans Contest
Monday January 20, 2025

Registration
Cost is \$10/person to include lunch.
[Link to registration form.](#)



Contest Format
Contest is open to all 4-H and FFA members and will consist of 2 divisions. All ages will be as of the contest date.
Junior division
• 4-H members ages 8 - 13
• FFA members grade 6-8
Senior Division
• 4-H members ages 14-19
• FFA members grade 9-12

Schedule

8:45 AM - Contest instructions
9:00 AM - Contest begins
Noon - Lunch
2:00 - Results

Where

The Blue Ridge Stockmans Contest will be held at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds and will utilize both outside and indoor facilities. Contestants should dress appropriately!

Contest Details

ID Categories

- Breed - 10 with breed description for Sr
- Equipment - 10 items for Jr, 20 items for Sr
- Feed - 10 with feed usage for Sr
- Meat - 10 cuts
- Speed/prints/label

General knowledge Quiz

- 25 multiple choice questions
- Junior and Senior versions

Judging Classes

- 3 - Live animal classes
- 1 - Meats class with questions
- 1 - Hay class with questions

Quality Assurance

- Junior and Senior team activity



2025 VT BLOCK AND BRIDLE HIPPOLOGY AND HORSE JUDGING CLINIC

Date: January 25th

Location: Alphin Stuart Arena, Virginia Tech. Registration Begins at 9:30 at the Alphin Stuart Arena

Cost: 10/participant, includes lunch

[Click here to register.](#) **Register by January 20th.**

The Virginia Youth Animal Science Team in partnership with the Virginia Tech Block and Bridle Club is excited to offer the Horse Judging and Hippology Clinic to equine-interested youth in preparation for upcoming spring contests. This clinic will offer sessions covering various Hippology Topics, Judging Halter and some performance classes, and tackling reasons for youth of various ages and experiences levels. The State All Star 4-H Horse Judging Team is excited to partner with this event in assisting with teaching stations.



VIRGINIA YOUTH ANIMAL SCIENCE TEAM MEAT EVALUATION CLINIC

Date: January 25th

Location: Litton Reaves Hall, Virginia Tech. Registration Begins at 9:00 am.

Cost: \$10/participant, includes lunch a T-shirt for each participant

[Click here to register.](#) **Register by January 15th.**

The clinic includes opportunities in Meats Judging and Identification.



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

Date: Saturday, February 1st

Time: 10 AM - 4 PM

Location: VT Dairy Center, William M. Etgen Large Animal Learning Center, 473 Plantation Rd., Blacksburg

[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.

UPCOMING 4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE CONTESTS

Hippology and Horse Judging

Feb 7th and 8th. **Entries due Friday, Jan 31st.**

Stockman's and Livestock Judging

Feb 21st and 22nd. **Entries due Monday, Feb 10th.**

State 4-H and FFA Meats Evaluation:

Mar 1st. **Entries due Monday, Feb 10th.**

Click for more information and registration links:

- [2025 Block & Bridle Horse Contests Letter](#)
- [2025 Block & Bridle Hippology Contest Resource List](#)
- [2025 Block & Bridle Livestock Contests Letter](#)
- [2025 Block & Bridle Livestock Contests Schedule](#)
- [2025 Contests Entry Submission Tip Sheet](#)



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2025 Shenandoah Valley Invitational Meats Judging Contest

Save the Date

Saturday, February 15, 2024



Hosted by:
Central High School FFA
1147 Susan Avenue, Woodstock, VA 22664
&
Gores Meats Edinburg Folz
12526 S Middle Road, Edinburg VA 22824



Both the 4-H and FFA Division will include 20 retail ID cuts, 4 placing classes, two with questions. Senior 4-H will include one set of reasons. For Questions, please contact John Benner at benner89@vt.edu. Registration and further info will be forthcoming.

This contest will be a preparatory contest for the state Meats Judging Contest held at Block and Bridle. In the event of inclement weather, the contest will follow procedures of Shenandoah County Public Schools.

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact John Benner at the Augusta Ext. office at (540-245-5750/TDD*) during business hours of 8 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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Jones, Director, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg; M. Ray McKinnie, Administrator, 1890 Extension Program, Virginia State University, Petersburg.

Camp Catch 'Em at Holiday Lake 4-H Center

Dates: February 28th - March 2nd

Location: Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center, Appomattox, VA

Who Should Attend: Youth ages 9-13 (Prince William 4-H'ers are invited!)

Cost: \$135 for campers; \$25 for teens and adults

[Click here for more information.](#) **Register by February 14th.**

Camp Catch'Em All is a STEM based camp for youth ages 9-13. All activities will be themed and based on the trading card game and anime Pokemon. Each camper will get a deck of Pokemon cards to trade and learn the card game if they wish as well as an item shop where they can get new cards and other items using character counts coins. Activities include but are not limited to:

- Pikachu's circuits
- Squirtles herpetology friends
- Learn how to play the trading card game
- Card exchange
- States of matter exploration
- Geodude's origins
- Pokemon habitat assessment



For Educators: Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Teacher Innovator Institute

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#) **Complete applications due January 20th.**

Spend two weeks in Washington, DC, working with education and STEAM experts to explore the connections between informal STEAM education and authentic learning.

Propose and develop goals for your own professional development, gain the skills to incorporate museum learning into your practice, and meet colleagues from around the country. There is no cost for teachers to participate and most expenses are paid by the Museum.

The National Air and Space Museum's Teacher Innovator Institute (TII) will welcome up to 30 teachers from across the United States each summer. Teachers will remain with the program for two summers, returning to Washington, DC in year two to reconnect, develop their practice, and mentor the newest class of Teacher Innovators.

TII Teachers accepted in 2025 will be onsite in Washington, DC July 7-18, 2025 and July 13-24, 2026.



For High School Seniors: FAFSA Info from our Friends at VPOST



January 13 - 17, 2025 marks U.S. Department of Education's Week of Action - focused on 12th graders completing their FAFSA forms. You can help the DOE reach more High School Seniors via student and family outreach. FSA is publishing a set of FAFSA guides for non-English speakers in the 10 most spoken languages in the US outside of English and Spanish, in addition to making interpretive services available in these languages. [Access these guides here.](#)

You can also find new video resources here:

- [Pro Tips for Completing the FAFSA Form](#) - Updated tips for preparing to complete and submit the FAFSA form. This resource will also be linked from the StudentAid.gov Dashboard to promote easier access for students and their required contributors.
- [Federal Student Aid YouTube Channel: FAFSA Videos](#) - Updated videos to help students and families understand the importance of the FAFSA form, who is a FAFSA contributor, and what happens after submitting the form.
- [2025-26 Counselor Resource for Completing the FAFSA Form](#) - The resource provides counselors and advisors with information and resources to help guide students and their families through the FAFSA form.

Youth & Volunteer Applications: 2025 VA 4-H Dominican Republic Program

The Virginia 4-H Program in the Dominican Republic is now accepting applications from Virginia 4-H teens and 4-H volunteers! This program started as a grassroots, county based program, which is now in its 17th year. It has been open to 4-H'ers statewide for a few years now. During 2025, Christine Hodges and I will be taking two different 4-H teen groups to the Dominican Republic for one week each. Applications are open to all 9th-12th grade 4-H teens in Virginia. Since one main focus of our program in the Dominican Republic is conducting a 4-H Day Camp for Dominican children, this program may especially appeal to your 4-H Camp Counselors. A recommendation from the 4-H delegate's Extension Agent or Program Assistant is a required part of the application, and it is their responsibility to ask you for that recommendation and follow up to be sure it is submitted.

[Click here for the YOUTH APPLICATION.](#)

The deadline to apply is February 25, 2025, but we would appreciate receiving applications sooner if possible. Applications will be reviewed and the participants will be notified in early March if they are selected or are on a waiting list. The program cost is \$2,600, with \$1,000 of that due as a deposit on March 17. If they don't have a passport, they should gather the needed documents now and be prepared to apply for a passport as soon as they receive notice that they are accepted for the program. Receiving a passport is a slow, but important process. They cannot board the plane without a passport.

We will also be able to accept a couple of Adult 4-H Volunteers for this program. [Click here for the ADULT APPLICATION.](#) Current 4-H volunteer enrollment and three reference letters are required for adult applicants.

Every year we have 4-H'ers write a blog and share photos. That is probably the best way to learn more about the program, so have your interested members take a look at the 2024 blogs:

Click here for [Group 1 BLOG](#)

Click here for [Group 2 BLOG](#)


Click on Dominican Republic for previous Blogs here: <https://shenandoah.ext.vt.edu/programs/4h-international.html>

VIRGINIA 4-H

SERVICE TRIP TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Global 4-H Impact

Experience the adventure of the 17th annual Virginia 4-H Service Trip to the Dominican Republic! Open to youth in grades 9-12, this incredible opportunity lets you immerse yourself in the local culture, tackle exciting challenges, and forge lasting friendships with fellow 4-H members. It's a fantastic chance to learn, grow, and make unforgettable memories while pledging your hands to larger service.



EXPERIENCE	DATES	COST	APPLY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Immersion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lead a 4-H Day Camp <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leadership Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Growth 	July 16 - 22, 2025 or July 28 - August 5, 2025 <small>(Choose one week)</small>	\$2,600 (includes airfare, lodging, meals, etc.) \$1,000 deposit due March 17 Final balance due July 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applying using the QR link above. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deadline to apply is February 25.

To Learn More, Contact:

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2025 Inbound Exchange - Save the Dates!

EXCHANGE DATES: JULY 23-AUGUST 16, 2025

[Click here for general Information on States 4-H International.](#) [Click here to apply as a host family.](#)

100% of the families agree that the 2023 summer inbound exchange was a positive experience for their family.

- Our delegates will all come from Japan this summer and they will all be members of a group called Labo that is similar to 4-H. It is our goal to host 20 youth delegates and 2 adult chaperones.
- To host a youth delegate, a host family must have a child that will serve as a host sibling. The host siblings need to be within 4 years of age of a delegate. Last year our delegates were all in the 13-16 year old age range.
- Families who do not have children can host adult chaperones. We will have 2 adult chaperones in 2025 and will need at least 2 host families for these chaperones.
- Families must have an adult home most of the time during the exchange period. This opportunity will not work for families where all of the adults work outside of the home at the same time.



PWC Applications for 2025 College Internship Program

From Prince William County Press Release, 12/12/2024

Prince William County government is excited to announce the return of its highly successful College Internship Program, now entering its second year. This dynamic eight-week program provides students interested in public service with invaluable experience and an in-depth understanding of local government operations.



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The program is open to students enrolled in accredited institutions of higher education who are passionate about public service and eager to learn how local government operates. Selected interns will gain professional development through skills and leadership training, mentoring, networking with executive leadership, field excursions, short-term projects and hands-on experience. This paid opportunity is designed to equip interns with the skills, tools and resources needed for long-term success in their careers.

College internship applications are now open and will be accepted through **March 2, 2025**. The program will run from **May 27 through July 18, 2025**.

"This program not only equips students with valuable skills and professional development, but also provides a glimpse into the impactful and rewarding careers available in local government," said Veronica Marquez, Human Resources Business Services Analyst who runs the intern program. "It's a chance to grow, learn and make meaningful contributions that can shape their future and the future of our community."

"Public service is one of the most meaningful ways to make a lasting impact on the lives of others, and our Internship Program is an incredible opportunity for students to step into that role," said County Executive Chris Shorter. "This program is about more than just gaining experience; it's about inspiring the next generation of public servants who will shape our communities and lead us into the future. If you're ready to make a difference, learn from experienced leaders and discover the power of public service, I encourage you to apply and be part of something bigger than yourself."

Prince William County Government is a dynamic and inclusive organization that employs approximately 6,000 individuals dedicated to serving the county's residents, businesses and visitors. With more than 30 departments, the county offers a broad range of opportunities to make a positive difference in the community.

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit pwcva.gov/internship-program to learn more and submit an application before the deadline.

HEAR FROM PAST INTERNS:

Curious about the experience? [Watch this video to hear directly from last year's participants](#) and see how the program shaped their career goals.

Crayola Creativity Week



[Click here for more information.](#)

Crayola Creativity Week is a free program for schools, libraries, and homes. Join the free celebration, Jan 27-Feb 02, 2025. Get access to seven days of downloadable resources, celebrity activity videos, and giveaways!

Register Now!

7th Annual Prince William Native Plant Symposium

2025

Saturday, February 8

9 AM - 4 PM



Baltimore Oriole on Black Willow ©Julia Flanagan/HeartEarth.com

STOP MOWING, START GROWING!

A Native Plant Symposium for Beginners & Beyond

Create a Beautiful Yard, Save Time
& Money, Improve Water Quality,
Build Habitat for Pollinators & Birds.

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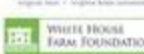
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