



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



January 15, 2025

Upcoming Events

- 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 25 - PW 4-H Cloverbud Club
- Jan 30 - PW 4-H Portfolio Training
- Jan 31 - PW 4-H Tree Seedling Orders Due
- 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

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Important PW 4-H Calendar & Event Updates

The snow days sure were fun, but it's time to get back to 4-H FUN! Make sure you update your calendar with these important dates:

JANUARY 17TH: PW 4-H SHARE THE FUN DRESS REHEARSAL
5:30 - 7 PM @ The Nokesville School

JANUARY 22ND: PW 4-H DAY AT THE CAPITOL
6 AM @ PW 4-H Headquarters for Travel to Richmond

JANUARY 24TH: PW 4-H SHARE THE FUN
Come out and cheer for our talented 4-H'ers!
7 PM @ The Nokesville School

JANUARY 25TH: PW 4-H CLOVERBUD CLUB
-RESCHEDULED. NEW DATE. NEW LOCATION
10:30 AM @ Lake Ridge Library, 2239 Old Bridge Rd, Woodbridge
[Click here to register.](#) See [Page 4](#) for more information.

JANUARY 30TH: PW 4-H PORTFOLIO TRAINING
7-8:30 PM @ PW 4-H Headquarters, McCoy Conference Room (upstairs)
[Click here to register.](#) *4-H'ers must be registered in advance to attend.*

NEW THIS YEAR! We will launch the new, improved, and easier to use project record book. For your project to be recorded, you must turn in a project record at the end of the year!

FEBRUARY 8TH: PW 4-H CONTEST DAY
10 AM @ McCoart Building, Woodbridge
[Click here to register.](#) See [Page 5](#) for more information.



It's Time to Order Tree Seedlings



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[Click here to reserve seedlings.](#)

Orders must be received by January 31st.

The Virginia Department of Forestry and Virginia Cooperative Extension are providing free hardwood seedlings to schools and youth groups (such as 4-H Clubs!). The purpose of this project is to improve water quality by restoring forest cover to residential and riparian lands. PW 4-H is offering tree seedlings (Buttonbush, Crab Apple, and Northern Red Oak) to youth educators for planting projects in the community. *Please note that the seedlings are not meant for youth to take home and plant.*

SAVE THE DATE! Prince William 4-H Tree Planting, Saturday, April 12th , 9 am - 12 noon. All 4-H'ers, families and friends welcome!



Trigger Time 4-H Club



Trigger Time 4-H Club Competes in American Legion Tournament

By Rebecca Ahrens, Trigger Time 4-H Club Reporter

January 14, 2025. This month, members of Trigger Time participated in the first round of the 2025 American Legion Annual 3-Position Junior Air Rifle National State Championship. Sporter athletes who score 530 or higher in the first round will be invited to compete in the qualifying round for the national championship this summer. Two Trigger Time members met the qualifying score: Rebecca Ahrens (547-18), and Lexi Strand (546-12). The other team competitors were Ayden Strand, Tanner Ridings, Samantha Holmes, Caleb Hoogasian, Charley Murphy, Julie Stogran, Sophie Carter, and Lee Carter. The Trigger Time team is sponsored by American Legion Post 10 in Manassas. The team appreciates the enthusiasm and support they have received from the members of the Post, and look forward to representing the Post in future matches. After national scores are finalized, Rebecca and Lexi will be invited to compete in the second round of the postal match in February.



Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Instructor 7-Year Recertification

Dates: February 22nd or November 1st (choose 1)

Location: Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center, 1267 4-H Camp Rd, Appomattox, VA

Who Should Attend: Current 4-H instructors that need recertification

Registration due February 10th.

Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Instructors are required to attend recertification sessions every seven years. Please see your club leader to determine if you need to attend recertification in 2025. Failure to attend will result in decertification for each discipline involved. Registration for recertification is available through your 4-H club leader.



2025 4-H Shooting Sports National Quiz Bowl

Dates: February 17th - 21st

Registration Fee: \$10 individuals/\$40 teams

[Click here for study guides.](#)

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

The 2025 4-H Shooting Sports National Quiz Bowl registration portal is now open. Quizzes this year are comprised of 50 questions for Intermediate & Seniors, and 25 questions for Juniors. Questions are a mix of General 4-H, STEM, Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Hunting Skills and Western Heritage. Team members are automatically scored as individuals and receive individual awards/recognition as well as team awards/recognition.

Upon registration you will be provided a personal quiz link. The Quiz may be taken anytime between February 17-21, 2025. You will only have one chance to take the quiz. Quiz scores are based on the number of correct answers and the amount of time remaining in the quiz.

Time to Start Winter Seed Sowing!



Over the last couple of years, the PW 4-H Teen Club has explored milk jug gardening to focus on the 4-H Pillar of Agriculture. It's time to get your milk jugs prepped and seeds growing!

- Step 1:** Grab a clean milk jug
- Step 2:** Cut it in half and punch/drill drain holes in the bottom
- Step 3:** Fill the bottom with moist potting soil and plant seeds
- Step 4:** Tape the jug together, label, and place in a sunny spot

Remove the lid when the weather warms up and transplant your plants to your home veggie or flower garden...or encourage your 4-H Club to join together and grow flowers for your garden at the Prince William Fairgrounds! [Click here to check out a quick video to get you started.](#)

FREE SUPPLIES AVAILABLE AT PW 4-H HEADQUARTERS! PW 4-H Youth Educator Pam Hardin is available to answer questions and has some free supplies to help get you started, including milk jugs, soil, and flower seeds. This year's seeds are *asclepias tuberosa* (orange butterfly weed – the host plant for the monarch butterfly) and *zizia aurea* (Golden Alexander – host plant for black swallowtail butterflies). Please contact her for a good time to stop by and collect your supplies.

Wreaths Across America

Through Friday, Jan. 17, 2025 - all wreaths sponsored through a registered WAA Sponsorship Group, like Prince William 4-H, will be matched by HQ for placement on next year's National Wreaths Across America Day - Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025!

Sponsoring a veteran's wreath is a personal gift of gratitude and remembrance for someone who served this country so that we can be free. [Click here to learn more and sponsor a wreath for 2025.](#)

Click on the red "Sponsor Wreath" box to sponsor a wreath under the PW 4-H Association page. If you wish to support a club specifically, scroll down to the bottom and click on the red "View Our Members" box to see the list of PW 4-H clubs. Specific grave placement requests can be made by selecting "Custom" under wreath selection.



Save the Date! Virginia 4-H Teen Summit

Dates: March 28th - 30th

Location: W. E. Skelton 4-H Center, Wirtz, VA

The Virginia 4-H Teen Summit will kick off on Friday night with a passion fair and get acquainted activities! Saturday will feature speakers, workshops, focused time around mental health in the evening, and then time to plan action planning on and what they can take back to their communities on Sunday.

The focus will be on youth advocacy and youth voice around areas of social equity. This summit is youth-led and driven and planned for teens by teens. The teen-led leadership team will continue to put out information and will have registration out in early February, but wanted to put a Save the Date and get the dates out for you to put on your calendars now!



Virginia 4-H TEEN SUMMIT

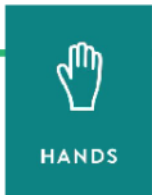
JOIN US ON: Friday, March 28 - Sunday, March 30, 2025




At the W. E. Skelton 4-H Center in Wirtz, VA



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CLOVERBUD CLUB

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



JANUARY 25TH

LAKE RIDGE LIBRARY, 2239 OLD BRIDGE RD, WOODBRIDGE

****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.

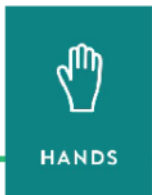


Learn more about 4-H at www.pwcva.gov/4-H.

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 CONTEST DAY

4-H Contests Include:

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



Start Preparing Today!

Look up information on the contests, tip sheets and scoring aids:
<https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/competitions.html>.

All Prince William 4-H'ers are Encouraged to Participate!

Learning competitions help us grow and improve our skills! The goal is to improve your personal scores against the standard rubric each year. It's ok to be nervous, but it's a safe place to give something new a try. Challenge yourself!

REGISTER TODAY!

Date: February 9th

Time: 10 AM

Location: McCoart Building, Woodbridge

[Click here to Register.](#)

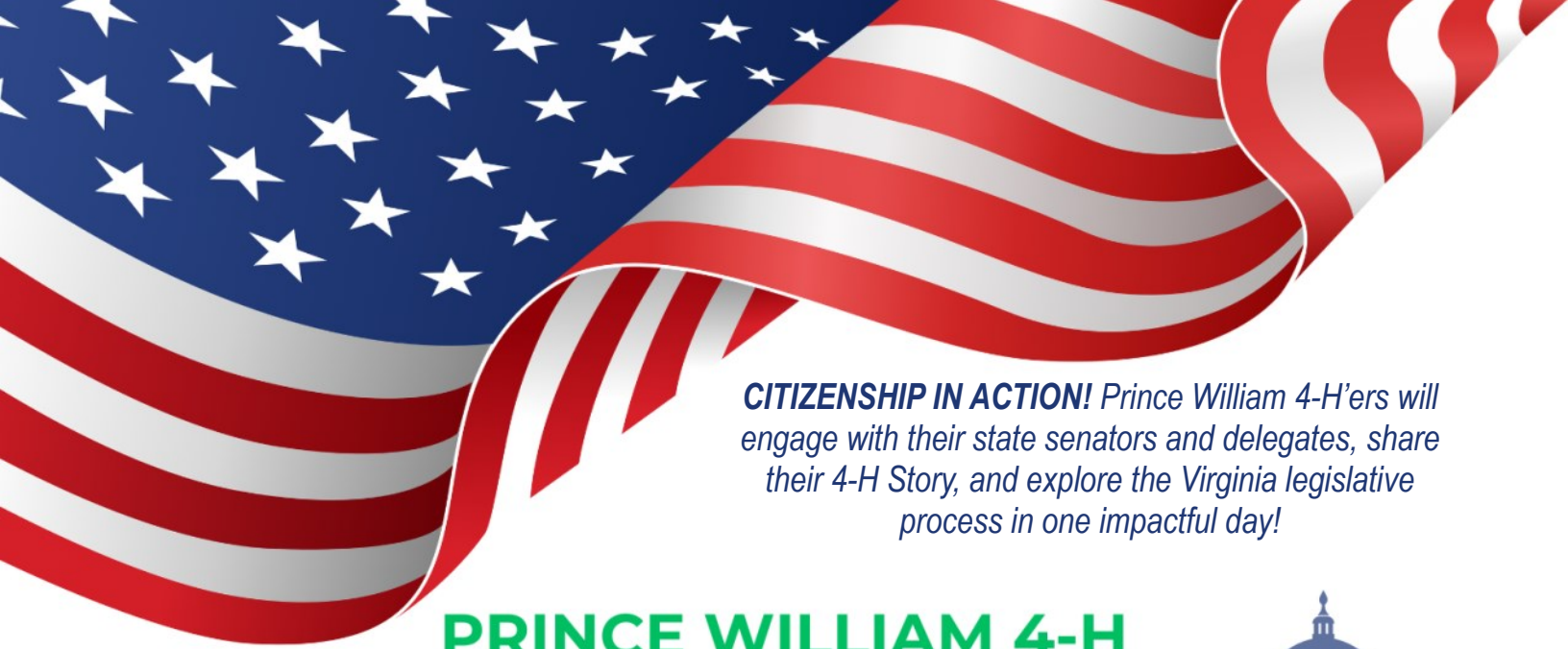


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***CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION!** Prince William 4-H'ers will engage with their state senators and delegates, share their 4-H Story, and explore the Virginia legislative process in one impactful day!*

PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

VIRGINIA 4-H DAY AT THE CAPITOL

22 JANUARY 2025



PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H SCHEDULE

(UPDATED JANUARY 15th. Tentative).

- 6:00 AM 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. Michelle Maldonado**
 - Del. Ian Lovejoy**
 - Del. Candi King**
 - Del. Luke Torian**
- 10:00 AM Virginia 4-H Rally @ Bell Tower in Capitol Square with the **Secretary of Agriculture and Secretary of Education**
- 10:35 AM Virginia 4-H Photo with **Governor Youngkin and First Lady of Virginia**
- 11:00 AM Picnic Lunch
- 11:20 AM Photo with **Senator McPike**
- 12:00 PM Attend a Legislative Session
- 1:00 PM Workshop: *Voice Your Choice**
- 2:00 PM Tour the Capitol
- 3:15 PM Prince William 4-H Scavenger Hunt
- 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.

* The 4-H Cabinet and 4-H Civic Engagement Program Team will host a program titled "Voice Your Choice" in the East Reading Room of the Patrick Henry Building. This exciting new activity allows 4-H youth to explore current bills being considered during the legislative session and participate in a mock vote. Results from the event will be shared with the Virginia 4-H system, and we'll track the selected bills and outcomes post-event.



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24TH JANUARY 2025

SHARE THE FUN!



4-H TALENT SHOW



GET FEEDBACK



SHOWCASE YOUR TALENT



HAVE FUN

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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.

Waitlist is FULL.

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
REGISTRATION IS FULL.

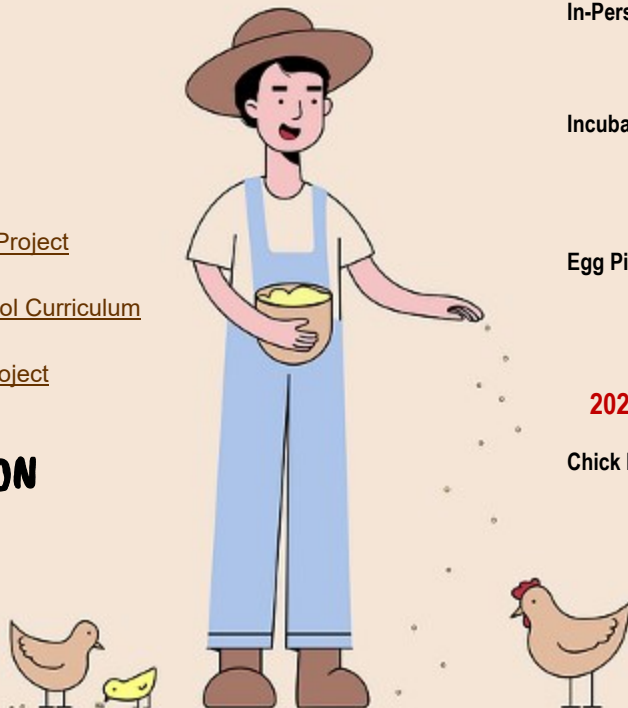
In-Person Leader Training
 Feb 5 TBD
 Feb 20 TBD

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

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
- Species/primal/retail

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

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!



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 for waitlist.](#) **REGISTRATION IS FULL.**

The clinic includes opportunities in Meats Judging and Identification.

CLINIC IS FULL



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](#)

Camp Catch 'Em at Holiday Lake 4-H Center



Dates: Feb 28th - Mar 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 info.](#)

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



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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For Educators: Engineers Week 2025



DiscoverE has created an *Engineers Week Volunteer Planning Guide* with tips and an extensive library of resources to celebrate engineering and transform a student's future.

This year's Engineers Week theme is "Design Your Future" - celebrating today's achievements and paving the way for a brighter and more diverse future in engineering.

[Click here for more information and to download the planning guide.](#)

To help you get started, DiscoverE is hosting a free webinar:

ENGAGING KIDS IN ENGINEERING: A PRACTICAL WEBINAR FOR VOLUNTEERS

Date: January 22nd

Time: 12 PM

[Click here to register.](#)

You can make a big difference as volunteers and educators during Engineers Week. Not sure where to start? We can help! Join us on January 22 to learn how to talk about engineering so kids will listen, how to lead hands-on activities, and other ways you can get involved.

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"> ✓ Cultural Immersion ✓ Lead a 4-H Day Camp ✓ Service Impact ✓ Leadership Development ✓ 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"> ✓ Applying the QR link above. ✓ Deadline to apply is February 25.

To Learn More, Contact:

Carol Nansel - Shenandoah 4-H cnansel@vt.edu

Christine Hodges - Allegheny 4-H chodges@vt.edu

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.



VSU Ag Events



SMALL FARM ORIENTATION

Tuesday, Jan 21 • 9 AM
Zoom

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)
This two-hour Zoom course is for new farmers with zero to five years of experience operating a farm. Specialists will walk attendees through the process of how to develop a productive and profitable farm. Participants will receive a Small Farm Orientation manual.



BASIC SOIL FERTILITY FOR FARMERS

Wednesday, Jan 22 • 9 AM
VSU Randolph Farm

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)
This workshop for New and Beginning Farmers and gardeners to obtain a basic knowledge of all of the elements necessary for plant growth, the form the nutrients are plant available, how they move in the soil and in the plant, and how to begin to troubleshoot deficiencies. All who have hopes of having a healthy plant and healthy soil may attend.



FRUIT TREE PRUNING FOR BEGINNERS

Thursday, Jan 23 • 1 PM
King George, VA

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)
Good pruning technique can increase the potential for quality fruit. Come and join us for this hands-on demonstration on pruning fruit trees for the beginner. Please feel free to bring any pruning tools that you may have for this workshop.



GRAIN ELEVATOR TOUR

Friday, Jan 31 • 9 AM
Chesapeake, VA

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)
This tour will give participants a perspective on the major contributions this facility provides to Virginia farmers livelihoods.

BACKYARD POULTRY ZOOM SERIES



REGISTER AT
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/BACKYARDSERIES](https://tinyurl.com/backyardseries) OR USE QR CODE TO RECEIVE ZOOM INFORMATION!

Sessions will be held 6:30 PM until 7:30 PM

Thursday, February 13, 2025:
Anatomy, Nutrition, & Avian Influenza (H5N1)

Thursday, March 6, 2025:
Disease and Parasites

Thursday, March 27, 2025:
Housing, Pasture Grazing, and Predator Control

Thursday, April 17, 2025:
Humane Handling and Biosecurity

Thursday, May 8, 2025:
Going to the Market: Regulations & More

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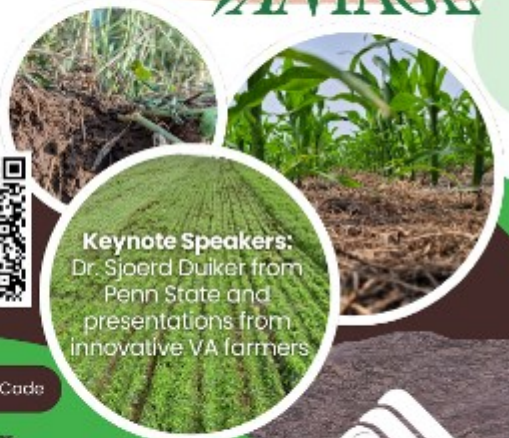
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VANTAGE Virginia No-Till Alliance



Winter Conference
February 5, 2025
AGRITEER - Harrisonburg
8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

- Free Registration & Lunch
- Trade Show and Vendors
- Open to Virginia farmers, advisors, and agencies



Keynote Speakers:
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More Information:

540-564-3080 www.virginianotill.com QR Code



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PWC Applications for 2025 College Internship Program



PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

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.

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



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**STOP MOWING,
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A Native Plant Symposium for
Beginners & Beyond

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

Keynote Speaker: Doug Tallamy
Renowned Author & Entomologist

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/mrx53hpy>

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