

Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community

March 26, 2025

Upcoming Events

Mar 28-30 - VA 4-H Teen Summit

Mar 29 - PW 4-H Association BINGO

Apr 4-6 - VA 4-H Equismartz

Apr 5-6 - VA 4-H Shooting Ed New Instructor Cert

Apr 11-16 - National 4-H Conference

Apr 12 - PW 4-H Tree Planting

Apr 21-May 5 - TSC Paper Clover

Apr 26 - VA 4-H NE District Contest Day

May 10 - PW 4-H Cloverbud Club

Jun 22-28 - National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship

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Local Youth Are Taking EGG-cellent Care of Their Projects!

The Prince William 4-H Embryology Program is having an outstanding hatch rate across the county! We're excited for our school classrooms, homeschool groups, 4-H Clubs, and more, that are participating and learning about the beginning of life. Our local youth are not only experiencing the anticipation of new life, egg-citement of the hatching process, and total cuteness of the peeping chicks, but they are developing their natural sense of curiosity about the world around them. Our human chicks are directly studying, observing, recording, touching, and experiencing key biology concepts and gaining a hands-on understanding of living things, life cycles, habitats, and more.

CHICK DROP OFF OPTIONS

March 27th, 2 PM – 6 PM @ PWC Fairgrounds Children's Barn April 1st, 12 PM - 3 PM @ PWC Fairgrounds Children's Barn

Reminder: If you are keeping your chicks, please <a href="mailto:email









Victory
Elementary
School had 2
classrooms
participating
with 19 out of
24 eggs
hatch!









Independence Elementary School hatched 9 out of 12 eggs!

Celebrating Our 4-H'ers - RESPOND TODAY!



Happy Youth Voice Week! Our 4-H'ers have powerful voices and we're proud to provide opportunities to be heard. As we celebrate YOU this week, March 24th - 28th, send us a word or short phrase that is the issue that matters most to you as you grow into our next generation of leaders.

Youth 4-H'ers - Click here to email the issue that matters most to YOU! (Please respond by Monday, March 3 l st.)



SATURDAY, MARCH 29

6:30 - 8:30 PM

LAKE JACKSON VFD



COST: \$20 each. Includes 9 games, a dauber, and 5 raffle tickets. Kids under 6 play for free. Scan QR Code to purchase tickets in advance and secure your seat. Additional raffle tickets and concessions will be sold separately. All proceeds will benefit youth development, educational opportunities, and leadership scholarships offered by Prince William 4-H for local youth.

Prizes! Raffles! Food! Fun!





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Please Support Nokesville 4-H Club's Food Drive!

Prince William's Nokesville 4-H Club is organizing a food drive to support local kids in need. Spring Break is a time of rest and fun for many kids, but for some, it means losing access to school meals. Together, we can make a difference by filling this gap for families in need in the Georgetown South Community.

We invite you to rally together and support the Prince William 4-H Food Drive by donating essential food items, volunteering your time, and spreading the word! Every small effort adds up to a big impact for children who rely on school meals. How You Can Help:

DONATE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS and ask your friends and neighbors to contribute. Bring 5 or more items from the list to one of our collections:

- March 5 April 11: Prince William County 4-H Office (8033 Ashton Ave, Suite 105, Manassas)
- March 29 (2 6 PM): Giant Food (10100 Dumfries Rd, Manassas)
- March 29 (6:30 8:30 PM): PW 4-H BINGO! Lake Jackson Fire Dept (11310 Coles Dr., Manassas)

Too busy? Request a pickup! We'll pick up your donation on March 30 (9 AM - 12 PM).

PLEDGE YOUR DONATION

Sign up here www.bit.ly/4i49TZw

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Sort & Pack Donations April 13 at 2 PM

Click here to sign up.

Volunteer at Giant FoodEncourage shoppers to donate food at the grocery store entrance.

March 29, 2-6 PM Click her to sign up.

GIFT CARDS ALSO WELCOME!

Together, we can bridge the gap and ensure no child goes hungry this Spring Break. Let's show the power of 4-H and our community by making this food drive a huge success!

Questions? Contact 4HNColead@gmail.com

PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H in support of GEORGETOWN SOUTH COMMUNITY



FOOD DRIVE

Drop Off Locations

March 5 - April 11

PWC 4-H Office 8033 Ashton Ave Ste 105 Manassas, VA 20109

March 29 6:30-8:30 pm

Lake Jackson Fire Dept. 11310 Coles Drive Manassas, VA 20112

March 29 2 pm - 6 PM

Giant Food 10100 Dumfries Rd Manassas, VA 20110

TOO BUSY? **Request Pick Up on** March 30 9 am - 12 pm

SIGN UP TO DONATE www.bit.ly/4i49TZw SIGN UP TO SORT & PACK www.bit.ly/4i0CxdY



BRING 5 ITEMS OR MORE

- Maseca
- Rice
- Beans
 (Dried and Canned)
- Flour
- Sugar
- Vegetable Oil
- Tuna
- Lentils
- Cereal
- Mac & Cheese
- Pasta and Pasta Sauce

Oatmeal
 Islandia

- Jell-o Mix
- Applesauce
- Crackers
- Cookies
- Kid's Snacks
- Ramen
- Coffee
- Bread
 - Gifts Cards WELCOME

During Spring Break many children lose access to school meals.

Help bridge the gap donate essential food items!

Questions? 4HNColead@gmail.com

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BINGO Volunteers Needed!

Click here to Sign Up to Volunteer.

We're super excited about Prince William 4-H BINGO this coming Saturday! A HUGE 4-H THANK YOU to those that have already signed up to volunteer. We still have slots available and need all 4-H HANDS to ensure the success of this important - and FUN - event.

PW 4-H Teens Begin Planning Fair Camp Activities



Prince William 4-H teen Fair Camp Counselors met last Thursday to begin brain storming ideas for activities and themes for our special anniversary camp. We will be "Celebrating 40 Years of Fair Camp" and our counselors are determined to make this the BEST CAMP EVER! Stay tuned for more information - we guarantee that you will be wowed by their creativity and enthusiasm!



















Save the Dates for the Spring Paper Clover Campaign

Details and PW 4-H Club signups will be released soon, but for now, save the dates and add the Spring Paper Clover Campaign to your next meeting agenda. This is a great opportunity to share your club's 4-H Story and for a bake sale (or the like) to raise money directly for your club activities!

TSC Paper Clover Spring 2025: April 21 - May 5

TSC Paper Clover Fall 2025: November 28-December 14





From the VA 4-H Office - PLEASE DO TODAY!

As a follow-up to the state 4-H office updates at the Winter In-Service, we received the following reminder about 4-H Online enrollment: "All volunteers must be registered in 4-H Online for the current 4-H year. Youth and adults who are not officially enrolled in Virginia 4-H should not participate in 4-H activities or events until their information is submitted and approved in 4-H Online. The liability is significant when these procedures are not followed." Please help us ensure that all attendees, including youth and adults, at club meetings, activities, or any other 4-H event are enrolled in 4-H Online. This includes parents or guardians who are regularly in attendance at club activities. If an adult is an occasional volunteer or helper, they should enroll as a Level 1 Volunteer. They will not and should not complete a background screening.



Let's Plant 100 TRES!

Growing Trees and Kids for Viginia's Forest

Join Prince William 4-H and Prince William County Environmental Management for a fun filled service project to celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day by planting 100 new trees!

PWC Arborist Will Shoup and his team will lead us to a nearby storm water management pond where we'll plant native buttonbush to help control erosion and create an attractive habitat for birds and animals.

JOIN US AT: 12 APRIL 2025

9 AM

5 County Complex Court, Suite 170 Woodbridge, VA 22192

Who Should Attend: All Prince William 4-H'ers and their family and friends!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4DAAAF29A4FF2-54412965-4htree











REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



PRINCE WILLIAM-STAFFORD

4-H JUNIOR CAMP

Get ready for a summer of 4-H fun, laughter, and endless possibilities!

* For youth ages 9-14

13 - 17 July 2025

Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center Front Royal, Virginia

For more information:

https://sites.google.com/vt.edu/2025pwst4hcamp/

Prince William 4-H is a community of young people across the greater Prince William area who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. Our goal is to help youth grow into capable, responsible, confident members of our community by providing information, opportunities, activities, and events that are educational and fun! In 4-H, we learn by doing! Our programs focus on the 4-H Pillars of Citizenship, STEM, Healthy Living, and Agriculture. In clubs throughout Prince William, our youth conduct youth-led meetings to complete projects, community service, and participate in local and state government events.



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Virginia 4-H Northeast District Contest Day - REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Date: April 26th

Time: 9:15 AM Registration; 10 AM Contest

Location: Goochland Extension Office, 2748 Dogtown Rd,

Goochland

Who Should Participate: Prince William 4-H'ers who participated in PW 4-H Share the Fun on January 24, 2025, and PW 4-H Contest Day on February 21st, 2025. If you were unable to attend either, please contact MaryBeth Lerch to schedule an audition time.

Click here to register. Register by April 11th.

Click here for links to scoresheets and contest guidelines.

The Northeast District 4-H Contests are designed to be a valuable learning experience for 4-H members. These competitions aim to enhance participants' communication, organization, research skills, poise, self-confidence, and subject knowledge in their chosen contest area. The skills gained through these contests will benefit them both now and in the future.

ELIGIBILITY

- Be registered in 4-H Online 2.0
- Be a Junior, Intermediate, or Senior 4-H member (Cloverbuds are not eligible)
- Compete in no more than 2 contests

AGE DIVISIONS (AS OF 9/30/25)

Juniors: ages 9-11 | Intermediates: 12-13 | Seniors: 14-18

Participants in Northeast District Contest Day have the opportunity to apply to participate in the Virginia 4-H State Contests during Virginia 4-H Congress 2025 being held at Virginia Tech from June 24th-27th.



Virginia 4-H Healthy Living Summit - REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Dates: April 25th - 27th

Location: Double Tree by Hilton Harrisonburg Hotel, 1400 East

Market Street, Harrisonburg
Who Should Attend: Virginia 4-P

Who Should Attend: Virginia 4-H teens ages 14-19 who have an interest in healthy living

Cost: \$60 (includes lodging, meals, and snacks); link to pay via Destiny
One sent to those registered after registration closes

Register through 4-H Online. Register by April 4th.

The 4-H Healthy Living Summit will bring together teens from all across the Commonwealth who share an interest in learning more about topics related to nutrition education, physical fitness, wellness, and emotional well-being. The overall goal of the summit is to equip teens with the tools and resources to not only help improve their own personal health and wellness, but to help others as well. See Page 8 for event schedule of activities.



AGENDA

4-H HEALTHY LIVING SUMMIT

APRIL 25 - APRIL 27, 2025



FRIDAY	ACTIVITY:	
07:00 PM	Check-In	
07:30 PM	Opening Session (ground rules & ice breakers)!	
08:25 PM	Keynote speaker!!	
09:00 PM	Social hour (card games and arts & crafts!)	
10:00 PM	Lights out!	



4-H HEALTHY LIVING SUMMIT

APRIL 25 - APRIL 27, 2025



SATURDAY	ACTIVITY:					
08:00 AM	Breakfast					
09:00 AM	Food is Fuel: what makes a balanced meal?					
09:45 AM	Chill Skills Activity: stress balls					
10:00 AM	Power Up with Vitamins: learn about what the most needed vitamins are and where to find them					
10:45 AM	Chill Skills Activity: trail mix					
11:00 AM	Guest Speaker					
11:55 AM	Break					
12:00 PM	Lunch					
12:45 PM	Yoga					
01:15 PM	Debunking Health Myths: discover what healthy living tips you see on social media real and which aren't!					
02:15 PM	Chill Skills Activity: glitter jars					
02:45 PM	Break					

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Virginia 4-H Healthy Living Summit

AGENDA

4-H HEALTHY LIVING SUMMIT

APRIL 25 - APRIL 27, 2025



SATURDAY	ACTIVITY:					
03:00 PM	Allergy Aware: plan and make an allergy-inclusive dinner menu!					
04:00 PM	Chill Skills Activity: journaling					
04:15 PM	Effects of Hydration on Health: how staying hydrated impacts your health					
04:55 PM	Break					
05:00 PM	Getting Healthy with MyPlate: creating a balanced meal using MyPlate!					
05:30 PM	Mental Health with Healthy Living: how mental health affects healthy living					
06:00 PM	Dinner					
06:45 PM	Social Stations: unwinding and hanging out with friends!					
08:00 PM	Movie Time!					
10:00 PM	Lights out!					

* We will also have time to hang out at the pool!

AGENDA

4-H HEALTHY LIVING SUMMIT

APRIL 25 - APRIL 27, 2025



SUNDAY	ACTIVITY:	
08:00 AM	Breakfast	
08:45 AM	Pack up	
09:15 AM	Capnote Speaker	
09:55 AM	Wrap up & snacks!	
10:15 AM	Check-out & pick-up	





Virginia 4-H Cabinet Elections - APPLY TODAY!

PW 4-H Teens - Consider Running for Election!

Click here for the 2024 Virginia 4-H State Cabinet Bylaws.
Click here for the 2025-2026 Virginia 4-H State Cabinet Elections Packet.
Completed applications are due by Friday, May 2nd at 5 PM

Prince William 4-H teens that are interested in running for a Virginia 4-H Cabinet position are encouraged to start working on your packet TODAY! The packet includes highlights, general guidelines, and requirements for becoming an elected member of the State Cabinet team. In addition to the main officers, youth will also elect up to four Ambassadors from each of the five VCE Districts. Be sure to read the current bylaws to better understand the role of the Virgina 4-H State Cabinet.

NEW THIS YEAR:

- ★ The application is submitted through a Google Form linked on Page 14 in the elections packet.
- ★ Campaigning will be virtual! Virtual Town Halls will be held for each of the five districts and one for officer candidates. They are scheduled as follows:

June 8th @ 7 PM – Officer Candidates
June 10th @ 7 PM – Northwest District
June 12th @ 7 PM – Individual Town Halls for Central, Northeast,
Southeast, and Southwest Districts

★ Voting is electronic! 4-H members from across Virginia who were enrolled with an individual email address in 4-H Online will be allowed to vote.

Interested in learning more about the roles and responsibilities of a Virginia 4-H State Cabinet member? Talk to Prince William 4-H'er Aiden McDonald!

Aiden was first elected June 2023 and then re-elected last June as a Northeast District Ambassador. He had extensive leadership experience in 4-H and you'll often see him at local school and community events promoting 4-H and sharing his 4-H Story.

Challenge your leadership skills and today!







Virginia 4-H Congress - REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Dates: June 24-27, 2025 Location: Virginia Tech

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

Cost: \$295 for full-time registration; \$65 for one-day competitors. Click

here to apply for needs-based scholarships.

Register through 4-H Online. REGISTER BY MAY 10TH.

<u>Click here for more information</u>, including links to the information packets and registration information, draft schedule, competitions, and educational session descriptions.



Registration for the 2025 Virginia 4-H Congress is now open! This year's theme, "Turning Gears, Shaping Futures," will guide an inspiring week of learning, leadership, and connection.

4-H STATE COMPETITIONS ★ EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS ★ DANCES ★ OPPORTUNITY FAIR ★ COLOR RUN/WALK ★ SERVICE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ★ CONGRESSIONAL GAMES ★ ALL STAR TAPPING ★ STATE AWARDS ★ AND MORE!



Nokesville 4-H Equestrian Club Presents

Fgg My Unrd 2025

Order your prefilled eggs to be hidden in your yard the night before Easter along with a note from the Easter bunny himself!



- This is a fundraiser and all proceeds benefit the Nokesville 4-H Equestrian Club and their yearly activities.
- If it rains your filled eggs, hunting bag and note from Easter bunny will be left on your porch...
- Eggs will be hidden Saturday evening after dark
- If you do not want eggs but wish to contribute toward the club your egg
 donations can be added to other hunts

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS LINK FOR ALL ORDERS

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EGG DETAILS

- SI5 for 1 dozen
- \$10 for each additional dozen
- Eggs to be filled with allergy free candy and/or trinkets
- Available for Prince William and Fauguier County
- NEW THIS YEAR: Easter themed tshirts can be added to any egg order for \$10 for the first and \$7 for each additional

Fauquier County 4-H Open Horse Show

Date: April 5th

Location: Warrenton Horse Show Grounds, Warrenton, VA Who Should Participate: Virginia 4-H horse participants ages 9 and up (as of 09/30/2025)

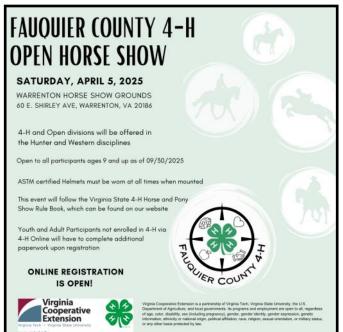
Click here for important information and to register.

The contest includes both 4-H and Open divisions in the hunter and western disciplines. 4-H'ers will have the opportunity to test for Horsemanship Skills Level I & 2, which are required for the 4-H State Horse & Pony Show (limited to 15 participants). Registration is due by March 31st for skills testing.

Pre-registration is HIGHLY encouraged (especially to have enough to start with class lists), but there will also be day-of entries.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- ASTM certified Helmets must be worn at all times when mounted.
- This event will follow the <u>Virginia State 4-H Horse and</u> Pony Show Rule Book.
- Youth and Adult Participants not enrolled in 4-H via 4-H
 Online will have to complete additional paperwork upon
 registration.



2025 Virginia 4-H State Horse Show

Dates: September 4th - 7th **Location:** Lexington, Virginia

Click here for the Virginia 4-H Horse Show website.

Parents, youth, agents, and volunteers should familiarize themselves with information regarding the Requirements, Rules, and Qualifying Options for the State Horse Show. Also included on the website are the rules and entry information for the Art Contest, Photography Contest, and the Record Book/Portfolio Contest.



IMPORTANT DATES

May 1st: Declarations open in 4-H Online

July 1st: Deadline for Online Eligibility/Declaration in 4H Online.

July 31st: Entry Deadline. Orientation Meeting/Checklist Completed by Club Leader or VCE Agent.

STATE HORSE SHOW REQUIREMENTS, RULEBOOK, AND SCHEDULE

2025 Rulebook | 2025 Show Schedule | 2025 Rule Updates | Overview of Requirements to Show

2025 QUALIFYING SHOWS AND HORSEMANSHIP SKILLS

<u>List of District Approved Qualifying Shows</u> | <u>Horsemanship Skills Opportunities</u> Horsemanship Skills Testing is only required once per child, regardless of project animal.

QUESTIONS ON QUALIFYING

- Youth may attend ANY "District Approved" Qualifying show, regardless of their Unit of Enrollment. There is no additional
 paperwork that is due to attend a show outside of your District.
- All Districts have Opportunities for "Outside Qualifying Shows" in place. Please reach out to your District Horse Council if
 you are unable to attend a District Approved Show and are in need of an Outside Qualifying Opportunity for their guidelines
 and paperwork.

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Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Updates

STATE OF VIRGINIA'S NRA YOUTH EDUCATION SUMMIT

Dates: July 10th - 13th Location: Richmond, VA

Who Should Apply: current Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors in high school

Click here for more information. Register by April 15th.

Founded alongside the National Y.E.S. program, the State Y.E.S. program is designed to educate high school students about their state governments and the critical role their generation will play as voters. The program also highlights the benefits of firearms ownership and responsible citizenship.

2025 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest



Click here for more information. Entries due April 18th.

The 2025 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest sponsored by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. and Virginia 4-H is open to active Virginia 4-H members. The top 3 winners in the state receive cash prizes and the state winner will go on to compete nationally for additional cash prizes.

2025 4-H ESSAY CONTEST - THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH IN BEEKEEPING: HOW 4-H MEMBERS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! For this essay, a 4-H student should answer these questions: Why youth is important in beekeeping? How can 4-H members make a difference? How can more young people involved in beekeeping? What are your future plans as a beekeeper? What is a major contribution a young beekeeper has brought to the industry?

The Virginia 4-H Foundation FCARB 4-H Scholarship



Click here for application. Applications due April 1st.

Farm Credit Associations and Regions Bank have been very supportive of youth and their interest and education in the field of agriculture. Through the Virginia 4-H Foundation, they are happy to provide scholarships for youth to pursue their dreams of higher education. Five \$1000 scholarships will be awarded for 2025.

For consideration for the Farm Credit Association Regions Bank 4-H Scholarship you must:

- Be a participant of Virginia 4-H.
- Be pursuing a secondary education at VT or another accredited educational institution, enrolled or to be enrolled.
- Preference given to 4-H members who are also enrolled in FFA and/or have competed at the VA State Fair.
- Attach a type written essay up to 500 words: How has your involvement in 4-H contributed to your personal growth and influenced your choice to attend VT/chosen field of study?
- Include a letter from the 4-H agent or volunteer leader describing member's contribution to the local community and the 4-H program.
- Complete the scholarship application and required documents.

Additional scholarship opportunities are available through the Virginia 4-H Foundation. Click here to learn more.

Virginia 4-H State WHEP Contest

Date: Saturday, April 19th

Location: Brackett's Farm, 1117 Bracketts Farm Rd., Louisa, VA Click here for Team Registration. Click here for Individual Registration.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE HABITAT EDUCATION PROGRAM Register by April 4th. Contact Jenny Thompson with questions. The VA State 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) Contest region will be Virginia species in the Southeast Mixed and

Outer Coastal Plain Forest. For the wildlife challenge, species found in the Urban and Wetlands regions may also be used so contestants should be familiar with those species for identification purposes. Please refer to the WHEP Manual as posted at

www.whep.org for the most current information which will be used for this contest.



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

9 AM Registration for Senior Teams

9:15 AM Senior - Plan Writing (have up to 2 hours to complete)

I0 AM Registration for Mixed Teams, Junior Teams, and individuals participating in Guided Management Plan

10:15 AM Guided Management Plan

Management Plan portion ends. Contest moves to Louisa County Admin Building, I Woolfolk Ave., Louisa, VA 11:15 AM

11:30 AM Lunch for participants and volunteers (coaches and parents provide own lunch) Registration for Individuals only participating in Wildlife Challenge or Quiz Bowl 12 Noon

12:15 PM Junior Wildlife Challenge and Seniors Oral Reasons 1:15 PM Junior Quiz Bowl and Senior Wildlife Challenge

2 PM Score tallying and biologist presentation

2:30 PM **Awards**

For Educators & 4-H Club Leaders: Project Wild and Aquatic Wild Training

Date: Tuesday, April 22nd **Time:** 9 AM - 5 PM

Location: Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, 600 4H Center Dr., Front Royal, VA Who Should Attend: open to all educators (community educators, formal educators, 4-H volunteers,

homeschool educators, parks and recreation, etc.)

Cost: \$5/person payable on event date

Click here to register. Click here to learn more about K-12 Project WILD.

K-12 Project WILD Curriculum Workshop and Terrestrial Activity Guide features activities emphasizing terrestrial species and their habitats. A wide range of ecological concepts are covered including: food webs or energy flow, adaptations, interdependence, carrying capacity and habitats. K-12 Aquatic WILD Curriculum Workshop and Aquatic Activity Guide provides a look at aquatic wildlife and their ecosystems. This guide supports the watershed and Chesapeake Bay related SOLs as well as the wildlife concepts mentioned above.



VA Dept. of Forestry Camp Woods & Wildlife

Dates: June 16-20 at Holiday Lake 4-H Center, Appomattox, VA

Who Should Attend: Virginia students ages 13-16 (typically Grades 7-10)

Cost: \$95*

*A memorial scholarship is available for PW 4-H'ers who attend Camp Woods & Wildlife. Please submit your nomination form above directly to MaryBeth Lerch. Campers will attend camp at no charge!

Click here for more information and to apply. Applications due April 11th.

Camp Woods and Wildlife is an academic, structured, residential camp that focuses on field experiences in forestry and other natural resources. This unique camping experience introduces 13-16-year-olds to the challenges, special skills, and knowledge needed for managing the forest resources we use and enjoy every day. Camp Woods and Wildlife is ideal for students who: wish to explore forestry and wildlife related careers; participate in forestry and wildlife judging teams, Envirothon competitions, or ecology clubs want to experience hands-on learning and gain real-world skills in natural resources conservation.



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Virginia 4-H Animal Sciences Updates

VIRGINIA YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAMS

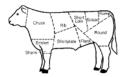
2025 VIRGINIA YOUTH CATTLE WORKING REGIONAL CONTESTS

Click here for entry link. | Click here for the Virginia Youth Cattle Working Website.

Each team will consist of 3members. Team members must be registered Virginia 4-H or FFA members who are at least age 14 by Sep 30, 2025 and must not have had their 19th birthday before lan 1, 2025. Regional Contests dates and locations are below.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Each regional contest will have a 15 team maximum limit.
- Each Chapter/Unit is allowed a maximum of 3 teams with a 2 team/contest location limit.
- Regional Contest site locations are NOT to be used by any teams for pre-contest practices.
- The top 2 teams from each of the regional contests will advance to the State Youth Cattle Working Contest



2025 VIRGINIA 4-H/FFA BEEF CHALLENGE

Date: Wednesday, April 16th

Location: Virginia Beef Expo, Rockingham

Click here for information packet. Click here to register. Register by April 9th.

Similar to the 4-H Food Challenge, Beef Challenge allows youth to showcase beef as part of a healthy diet. This combination cooking and communications contest is sponsored by the Virginia Beef Council and,

therefore, is no cost to teams.



2025 VIRGINIA JUNIOR BEEF ROUNDUP

Dates: Youth cattle shows will take place on Friday, April 18th and Saturday, April 19th. **Location:** Rockingham

County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg, VA Who Should Attend: VJBR Shows and events are open to enrolled and eligible Virginia 4-H and FFA members. Virginia youth ages 19-21 who are members of their respective National Breed Association are eligible to enter and exhibit registered breeding cattle only.

Entry Fees: \$35/head **Deadlines:**

> April 10th Ownership Deadline cattle April 11th Entry Deadline (5 PM)

April 14th All fees must be received

Showmanship: All exhibitors will automatically be entered in the appropriate showmanship class based on their birth date. There are no entry fees associated with showmanship. It will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to scratch from showmanship by 10:30 am on Friday, April 18th.

Team Fitting Event: There will be a Team Fitting Event on Friday, April 18th at 11

Click here for contest website. Click here for a tentative schedule. Click here for contest rules. Click here for Fair Entry System.



2025 Youth Cattle Working Contests

The youth cattle working contest develops youth skills in animal management and handling. Working as a team, youth efficiently process three stocker calves utilizing Beef Quality Assurance guidelines. The top two teams from each region then compete at the State Youth Cattle Working Contest.

The State Contest will be held at 10AM on Thursday, April 17th at the Virginia Beef Expo in Harrisonbura.

Regional Youth Cattle Working Contests

Friday, March 28th, Southern Piedmont, The Adams Farm, 855 Jones Store Road, Red Oak, 10:00 AM Contest Coordinator: Joanne Jones joienki1@vt.edu

Thursday, April 3rd, Shenandoah Valley, 1718 Keezletown Road, Weyers Cave, 9:00 AM and 12:00 start times

Contest Coordinators: Andy Seibel, gseibel@vt.edu and John Benner, benner89@vt.edu Saturday, April 5th, New River Valley, G & G Livestock, 169 Fort Chiswell Rd, Fort Chiswell, 9:00 AM

Contest Coordinator: Cynthia Hurst, cyhurst@vt.edu
 Wednesday, April 9th, Central Virginia, Senterfitt/Virginia Livestock, 5866 Orange Rd, Radiant, 9:00 AM

Contest Coordinators: Kelly Mallory, kemallo1@vt.edu Saturday, April 12th, Southwest Virginia, Copenhaver Farms, 31118 Blue Springs Road, Meadowview, 9:00 AM

Contest Coordinator: Matthew Miller, mamille6@vt.edu

PLEASE NOTE: Each Regional Contest will have a 15 Team Maximum Limit Three Team/Unit or Chapter Maximum AND Two Team/Contest Site Maximum

The Regional Contests registration form can be found at: https://tinyurl.com/2025-YCWC-Entry Entry Deadline is Wednesday, March 19th at 5:00 pm

Contest rules, scoring information, processing maps, and permission forms will be posted at: https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/youthlivestock/competitions/ycwc-index.html

Registration Deadline for all Regional Contests is March 19th, 2025 Registration is \$50/Team Make Checks Payable to: Treasurer of Virginia Tech



Return Registration Forms and Entry Fees to: Katherine Carter Youth Cattle Working Contest 175 West Campus Dr 380 Litton Reaves Hall Blacksburg, VA 24061

For more information contact Katherine Carter at carterke@vt.edu





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4-H Summer Camp Scholarships - APPLY TODAY!

4TH ANNUAL PRESTON R. WILLSON VIRGINIA 4-H CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS Click here for the application, Applications due by April 1st.

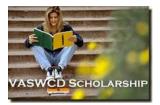
Applications for youth ages 9–13 can be submitted to attend one of 6 Virginia 4-H Center's 4-H Summer Camps, which include: Airfield, Holiday Lake, Jamestown, Northern VA, Southwest VA, and W.E. Skelton. A total of 48 (forty-eight) youth will be randomly selected for these full scholarships (including the 4-H Center and locality fees). Each of the six 4-H Centers will host eight (8) scholarship recipients. *** SCHOLARSHIP CAN BE USED TOWARDS THE PRINCE WILLIAM-STAFFORD 4-H JUNIOR CAMP! ***



VASWCD Scholarships for High School Seniors

Click here for more information and the application, Applications due April 11th.

The Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts annually offers four scholarships to graduating high school seniors or college freshmen for college study. This year, four \$2,000 scholarships are available! Applications must arrive at the PWSWCD office by April 11, 2025. Applications for students who reside in Prince William County must be submitted to the Prince William Soil and Water Conservation District, which will select one student for consideration by the state committee.



Virginia 4-H State's Inbound Exchange

PW 4-H FAMILIES, CAN YOU HOST A YOUTH DELEGATE FROM JAPAN THIS SUMMER? Virginia 4-H has committed to hosting 20 youth delegates (13 girls and 7 hoys) and

SUMMER? Virginia 4-H has committed to hosting 20 youth delegates (13 girls and 7 boys) and 2 adult chaperones from Japan this summer. We'll need 22 host families.

HOSTING DETAILS AND REQUIREMENTS

- Program runs July 23 through August 16, 2025
- No previous 4-H experience is required
- Host families receive no stipend to host a delegate.
- All Host families will be screened and interviewed as part of our risk management protocol
- Japanese delegates are ages ~13-16
- To host a delegate, a family must have a child who is 10+ years old
- Families without young people at home can host adult chaperones
- Families hosting youth delegates must provide adult supervision during the daytime
- Families will identify a host sibling and will be matched with a delegate of the same gender who is within 4 years of the host youth's age.
- Japanese delegates have a range of English language abilities.
- Delegates are here to experience every day American life.
 No special activities need to be planned.
- Host Families will receive support from the state coordinator and other host families before, during & after the exchange (not financial)

Click here to apply and select Virginia as your state.
Click here for Summer Program FAQs.
Click here for an inspirational video of our inbound exchange from 2023.







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Jamestown 4-H Center Seeking Support after Storm Damage

As many of you may have already heard, the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center in Williamsburg, needs our help rebuilding after significant storm damage. Here's a message from the Center:

A recent storm caused significant damage to one of our key cabins, and we're asking for your support to help us recover.

Thankfully, no one was on-site at the time, and we are grateful that no one was hurt. However, the damage is substantial. Crucial repairs are necessary to ensure we can continue operating at full capacity and providing the best experience for the children who rely on our programs.

Jamestown has launched a fundraising campaign to bridge the gap left by insurance and expedite these vital repairs. Please consider making a donation: https://www.jamestown4hcenter.org/giving. No matter the size, your gift will play an important role in helping us restore this essential space. We would also be incredibly grateful if you could spread the word by sharing this campaign with friends, family, and fellow supporters.

For nearly a century, Jamestown 4-H Educational Center has been a place where children grow, learn, and connect. A strong sense of community has always been at the heart of what we do, and your support means everything as we work to rebuild. Thank you for standing with us and helping us continue to provide life-changing experiences for children in our community.



Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center's Gala



Date: October 25th Time: 6-10 PM

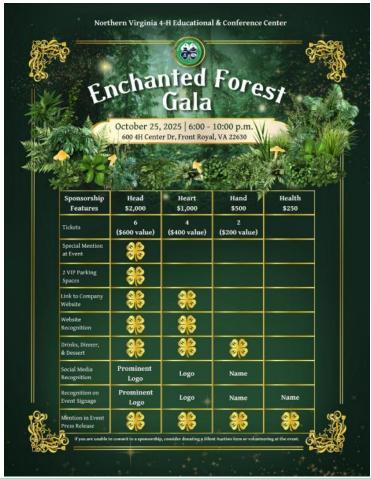
Location: Northern Virginia 4-H Education

Center, Front Royal

We are extremely excited to bring back an annual fundraising gala to the NOVA 4-H Center!

Mark your calendars for October 25, 2025. We'll have dinner, drinks, dancing, smore's, socializing, and silent auction items. All set in an enchanting and magical environment. There are opportunities for sponsorships and donations!

Businesses or individuals interested in sponsorship opportunities to support this event, please email Katie: tennantk@vt.edu.



Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center 2025 Summer Staff - NOW HIRING

<u>Click here for more information and to apply.</u>

Try your luck! Join Our Team this Summer! We're looking for enthusiastic and dedicated instructors for Line Dancing and Air Rifle at the Northern Virginia 4-H Center! No experience? No problem! Training provided to help you succeed and have an amazing summer. Ready to make a difference and have fun while doing it? Apply now!

Direct Links:

- 2025 Summer Program Staff Positions
- 2025 NOVA 4-H Summer Staff Application
- Staff Reference Form

Typically, 4-H Center summer staff have completed at least one year of college.

Strong candidates also have work and/or volunteer experience in 4-H, teaching, and/or youth development programming.



For Educators & 4-H Club Leaders: Strawberry DNA Extraction Kits

STRAWBERRY DNA EXTRACTION KITS

Click here to request kits.

<u>Click here to learn more about the kits and strawberry DNA.</u>
Fill out the request form to receive kit contents for up to 32 individuals.

CELEBRATE DNA DAY WEBINAR

April 10th @ 4 PM

Click here to register to attend free Celebrate DNA Day Webinar.

STEM Next Opportunity Fund will be hosting a Celebrate DNA Day Webinar prior to DNA Day in April to equip afterschool educators and teachers with the tools and inspiration needed to host an engaging classroom experience! We'll break down everything from crafting a dynamic DNA Day lesson plan to exploring hands-on activities that will ignite youth curiosity about genetics and genomics.

Strawberry DNA extraction kit recipients are asked to register to attend or asynchronously view that event to get more resources through the Future is Bright Campaign.





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PWC Parks & Recs Summer Camps - REGISTRATION IS OPEN



Click here for more information and to register.

Make this summer unforgettable with action-packed camps for every interest. Whether your child loves swimming, golf, history, game design, dance, or adventure, there's a perfect camp waiting. PWC Parks & Recs offers specialty camps from arts to sports plus everything in between and full day traditional style summer camps with popular themes each week all for ages 3-17 at 16 locations throughout Prince William County. Spots will go fast. Sign up soon and let the fun begin!

SAVE THE DATE!

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Saturday, April 12, 2025 • 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Hylton Performing Arts Center

pwcva.gov/careers

PRINCE WILLIAM This is a unique networking and hiring event intended to showcase the County's services and career opportunities! Open to anyone interested in working for Prince William County Government, this is a great opportunity for you and your family and friends to speak with County staff about apprenticeships, internships, seasonal, full-time and part-time positions and volunteer opportunities. Throughout the day, there will be opportunities to complete an online application and attend information sessions.

Departments may also have staff available to conduct interviews and extend contingent job offers!

This is NOT your typical job fair!

Over 50 job offers have been extended to previous Expo attendees, so bring your "A" Game! PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY GOVERNMENT...SEE YOURSELF HERE!

Prince William Master Gardeners: 2025 Saturday in the Garden Classes



Dates: the first Saturday of the month, April through October, except July

Time: 9-11 AM

Location: St. Benedict Monastery, 9535 Linton Hall Rd., Bristow

Click here to register.

APRIL 5 - MUSHROOMS. Discover the best techniques for growing mushrooms at home with Virginia Spores. Learn to create the perfect environment for your fungi to thrive.

MAY 3-ART IN THE GARDEN/PLANT SALE. Explore the creativity of spring with the Prince William County Art Society. Try different art styles with guidance from local artists. Some supplies provided; feel free to bring your own.

JUNE 7- ENSLAYED GARDEN IN VIRGINIA. Join David M. Born, Historic Programs Specialist for an engaging exploration in the daily lives of slaves in Virginia and the vital role their gardens played. Discover untold stories and history that shaped the land.

JULY 12-REPTILE RELATIONS. Curious about handling turtles and snakes in your garden? Join Bill Crisp from K2C Wildlife Encounters for expert tips on sharing your garden with critters.

AUGUST 2-KIDS DAY AT THE GARDEN. End summer with a fun day at the garden with the Virginia Cooperative Extension and 4H! Learn about gardening, nature, and get ready for back-to-school!

SEPTEMBER 6-TURF AND COVER CROPS/PLANT SALE. Join VCE for a two-part session! Ag Agent Thomas Bolles will share tips on using cover crops, followed by Environmental Educator Elesha Young on turf care dos and don'ts.

OCTOBER 4-INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT THROUGHOUT FALL AND WINTER. Looking to tackle invasive plants in Virginia? Join Natali Walker from Blue Ridge PRISM for a fun and informative session on which pesky species you can manage.

PLANT SALES

Master Gardeners of Prince William will be selling Bluebells on April 5th and have a Plant Sale, May 3, 9am to noon.

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2025 PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

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VA 4-H Northeast District

Contest Day

25-27 VA 4-H Healthy Living Summit

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