



# Prince William 4-H

## *Our Clubs, Our Community*



May 1, 2024

### Upcoming Events

- May 1** - PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Workshop #1
- May 8** - PW 4-H Fair Camp Counselor Planning Workshop
- May 11** - PW 4-H Cloverbud Club
- May 16** - PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Workshop #2
- May 22** - PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Workshop #3
- May 30** - PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Workshop #4
- Jun 8** - PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day #1
- Jun 15-17** - National 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus

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### Nokesville 4-H Club Showing Their 4-H Spirit at TSC



Nokesville 4-H Club had a wonderful Saturday at Tractor Supply Company in Manassas, promoting 4-H and raising funds through popcorn sales and donations to help offset activity costs and provide an **opportunity for all**. Kiva the hen was a huge hit and encouraged youth that were shopping with their families to stop and ask questions about 4-H and Kiva. Our 4-H'ers practiced telling their 4-H Story and reaching out to



customers. Managing the table at TSC was a great way to warm up the market season, with many of the 4-H'ers also participating in the Prince William 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Project!

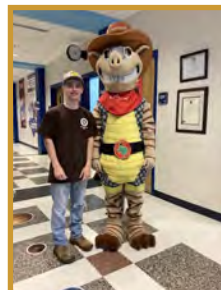
### Promoting 4-H at T. Clay Wood STEAM Night



Prince William 4-H had enthusiastic teens volunteer to run a table at T. Clay Wood ES STEAM Extravaganza on Friday night. Michael DeRoche and Sam Key led games from the 4-H STEM Challenge Power Protectors, promoting the 4-H Pillar of STEM to event-goers.



4-H outreach is a key component in helping our youth become the next generation of community leaders. They are completing the learning cycle of engaging, exploring, explaining, and applying when they lead other's in activities. We're so proud of how much our 4-H'ers have grown...and have had FUN doing it!





# VIRGINIA 4-H NORTHEAST DISTRICT FOOD CHALLENGE



Prince William 4-H sent four teams, Cool Carrots, Crazy Cookers, Friezers and Ghost Peppers, to the VA 4-H Northeast District Food Challenge on Saturday. What an amazing contest full of positive team work, culinary skills, and healthy living expertise! Our teams captivatd Chef Jim Thompson of US Foods and returning judge Rhett Willey, who were impressed by the hard work and knowledge of the 4-H'ers. A HUGE 4-H THANK YOU to these two dedicated judges!

Congratulations to Ghost Peppers with teammates Bailey Dove, Simon Grahn, and Sana Canny, who are challenging themselves to compete at States during Virginia 4-H State Congress in June!

## Kettle Run 4-H Club Runs in Tunnel to Towers 5K

Prince William 4-H's Kettle Run Club youth combined the 4-H Pillars of Healthy Living and Citizenship as they ran in the Tunnel to Towers 5K on Sunday, April 28th at Pfitzner Stadium in Woodbridge.

According to the event website, "The Tunnel to Towers Run & Walk Series was created to honor the heroic life and death of Stephen Siller, a New York City firefighter (FDNY) who lost his life on September 11, 2001 after strapping on his gear and running through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to the Twin Towers. Honor all of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 and support our first responders and military who make extraordinary sacrifices in the line of duty!"



For more information on the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, please visit [www.t2t.org](http://www.t2t.org).

[Click here to learn more about 4-H Military Partnership.](#)

## SAVE THE DATES! PW 4-H Fair Camp Counselor Workdays

### FAIR CAMP ACTIVITY PLANNING SESSION

- Wednesday, May 8th  
6-8 PM

### CORE TRAINING (choose 1)

- Tuesday, June 25th  
6-8:30 PM
- Thursday, June 27th  
10 AM - 12:30 PM

### CAMP DETAILS TRAINING (choose 1)

- Monday, July 29th  
10 AM-12:30 PM
- Wednesday, July 31st  
6-8:30 PM

### CAMP COUNSELOR WORKDAY AT THE FAIR

- Wednesday, August 7th  
9 AM -12 PM

*PLEASE NOTE: 4-H'ers should bring their own water bottles and 4-H will provide a snack for each meeting.*



## 2024 National 4-H Congress Applications DUE MAY 6th



**Who Should Apply:** Prince William 4-H'ers ages 14-19

More information and the application is available through 4-HOnline. [Click here for more info.](#) **Applications due May 6th.**

For more than 100 years, National 4-H Congress has served as the premiere educational and recognition event for senior 4-H members. National 4-H Congress is held in Atlanta, Georgia, November 29 – December 3, 2024. National Congress provides participants an exciting opportunity to explore careers, engage in a variety of quality learning experiences, and have great fun by getting to know other 4-H members from across the country.

Outstanding 4-H members will be selected to represent Virginia at National 4-H Congress. Candidates for selection must be senior 4-H members in the current 4-H year who are able to demonstrate outstanding achievement as a 4-H member in the areas of leadership, citizenship, and personal development.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** Virginia 4-H values the life skills that members develop through personal record keeping. An electronic 4-H portfolio, which replaced the 4-H Achievement Record, will serve as the foundation for a 4-H member's application to participate in National 4-H Congress, if selected for an interview. The formal process includes two steps, which are intended to provide the 4-H member learning exercises that reflect an employment application and interview procedure:

- The submission of a written personal resume; and
- For those selected to interview, a presentation of an electronic personal portfolio (detailed information on the electronic portfolio will be provided to all youth selected to be interviewed)

All applications and resumes should be submitted in Google Forms: <https://forms.gle/tnMcVsv9NbR7XLdk7>. Applicants should not send their application or portfolio to the State 4-H Office.





Save the Dates to SHOP!

**PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H**

# YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

*Show me the money!* The 2024 Young Entrepreneurs project introduces youth to the basics of running a small business. From product design, to budgeting, to business finance, our youth complete a series of four workshops leading up to an exciting market season!

Save the dates for the Market Days below and show your support for our future business leaders!

*This 4-H SPIN Project is FULL and no longer accepting registrations.*



## WORKSHOPS

McCoy Conference Room  
7987 Ashton Ave., Manassas

MAY 1ST: WORKSHOP 1  
6:30 - 8 PM

MAY 16TH: WORKSHOP 2  
6:30 - 8 PM

MAY 22ND: WORKSHOP 3  
6:30 - 8 PM

MAY 30TH: WORKSHOP 4  
6:30 - 8 PM

OCTOBER 9TH: DEBRIEF WORKSHOP  
6 - 7 PM

## MARKET DAYS

Arrive 8 am; Shoppers 9 am - 2 pm  
Manassas Park Farmers' Market

JUNE 8TH

JULY 13TH

AUGUST 24TH

SEPTEMBER 21ST

OCTOBER 5TH

**4-H SPIN PROJECT IS FULL**



Prince William-Stafford

# 4-H JUNIOR CAMP

July 14-18 at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal

Prince William-Stafford 4-H Junior Camp is our premiere camp for youth in 4-H as well as youth interested in 4-H. Campers participate in morning classes, daily swim and recreation time, as well as evening programs and campfire.

## 2024 CLASS OPTIONS

Air Rifle • Archery • Campfire Cooking • Canoeing • Creeks & Critters • Fishing • Fitness Fun • High Challenge Course • Leadership Development/CIT • Line Dancing • Low Ropes Course • Model Rocketry • Newspaper • Outdoor Living Skills • Photography • Swimming • Tie Dye



**DATES:** July 14th -18th

**LOCATION:** Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Youth ages 9-14

**CAMP FEE:** \$365\* and includes meals and lodging for five days and four nights, a camp t-shirt, and class supplies.

For more information and to register, visit [www.pwcva.gov/4-H](http://www.pwcva.gov/4-H).

\*After June 1st, registration increases to \$415 and camp t-shirts are not guaranteed.

## ABOUT PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

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.

There's an **#opportunity4all** in Prince William 4-H! Email [4HPWC@pwcva.gov](mailto:4HPWC@pwcva.gov) for more information and to join a club.







Prince William 4-H

# FAIR CAMP

Reaching New Heights with 4-H

August 12 - 16, 2024 at the Prince William County Fairgrounds

[www.pwcva.gov/4-H](http://www.pwcva.gov/4-H)

Prince William 4-H Fair Camp is an exciting week for youth to explore the 4-H Pillars of STEM, Agriculture, Healthy Living and Civic Engagement.



Explore how we experience summer using our 5 senses through hands on, sensory-themed activities.



Experience the Prince William County Fair close-up with behind the scenes access to Fair exhibits.



Explore daily themes, camp songs, creative crafts, face painting, and healthy snacks.



Engage with new friends and build confidence while exploring the Character Counts traits: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.



**DATES:** Monday - Friday, August 12th - 16th

**TIME:** 9 am - 12:30 pm

**LOCATION:** Prince William 4-H Children's Barn at the PWC Fairgrounds

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$50 and includes activities, a healthy snack, and a camp t-shirt (if registered by June 1st)

**REGISTER:** [www.pwcva.gov/4-H](http://www.pwcva.gov/4-H)

4-H Fair Camp is open to youth ages 5-12 residing in Prince William County, Manassas City and Manassas Park

Group Colors Monday  
Super Heroes Tuesday  
Wacky Wednesday  
Career Day Thursday  
Camp T-Shirt Day Friday

## Registration opens TODAY!



CITIZENSHIP



HEALTHY LIVING



STEM



AGRICULTURE



Virginia Cooperative Extension is a partnership of Virginia Tech, Virginia State University, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and local governments. Its programs and employment are open to all, regardless of age, color, disability, sex (including pregnancy), gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, military status, or any other basis protected by law.



Prince William 4-H

# Reaching New Heights with 4-H

At the PWC Fair, August 9-17, 2024

[www.pwcva.gov/4-H](http://www.pwcva.gov/4-H)

## 4-H CHILDREN'S BARN

### DAILY ACTIVITIES, 2-8 PM

REACH NEW HEIGHTS with 4-H through a series of thought provoking activities focusing on STEM, Healthy Living, Ag, and Civic Engagement. Participate in daily special presentations from community partners. They're all free, hands-on and captivating!

## 4-H AGRICULTURE BARN

### DAILY EXHIBITS, 2-8 PM

Explore Prince William 4-H through fascinating exhibits, take part in a community service project to support our deployed military, pet chicks, and discover how you can REACH NEW HEIGHTS with 4-H!

## 4-H FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT THE SHOW BARN

### TBD, 5 PM

Join in the excitement of family-friendly games and activities hosted by Prince William 4-H.

GROW IN CONFIDENCE  
& COMPETENCE

MAKE CONNECTIONS

DEVELOP CHARACTER

CONTRIBUTE TO  
ACTIVITIES

## PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H FAIR CAMP

August 12th-16th • 9 am-12:30 pm • \$50 fee includes activities, snacks and a camp t-shirt

Prince William 4-H Fair Camp is a day camp for youth ages 5-12 held during the week of the annual PWC Fair at the PWC Fairgrounds. Youth learn and grow in a safe and exciting environment with activities, games, and art projects and more, in the 4-H Pillars of STEM, Healthy Living, Agriculture and Civic Engagement. Visit [www.pwcva.gov/4-H](http://www.pwcva.gov/4-H) for more information and registration links.

**Reach New Heights with Prince William 4-H!**

[www.pwcva.gov/4-H](http://www.pwcva.gov/4-H)

CITIZENSHIP



HEALTHY LIVING



STEM



AGRICULTURE





# SHIMMER



## WATCH THE RECORDING OF THE LIVE CHAT WITH CAVE HILL DAIRY FARM!

Did you miss Cave Hill Dairy's Adopt A Cow Live Chat? No problem! You can watch the recording on YouTube anytime you want. You'll see a live feed of Shimmer, learn about her quick recovery from pneumonia, understand the meaning behind the ear tags, and so much more. [Click here to watch!](#)

After watching the video, [click here for discussion questions and activities from Discover Dairy.](#)



## 2024 4-H/FFA Dairy Skillathon

**DATE:** Friday, May 3

**LOCATION:** Rockingham County Fairgrounds

**TIME:** 10 AM

[Click here for more information.](#)

Interested in learning more about the dairy industry? Consider attending the 2024 4-H/FFA Dairy Skillathon this weekend to learn more about the dairy industry and how you can challenge your 4-H skills. You don't need to adopt an actual cow to grow in the 4-H Pillar of Agriculture!



## 2024 JUNE DAIRY MONTH 4-H POSTER CONTEST

**Posters must be postmarked by June 7th.**

[Click here for more information and entry form.](#)

The theme for the 2024 June Dairy Month 4-H Poster Contest sponsored by Virginia Tech's youth dairy program is "May the Dairy Be with You." Here are some important tips:

- Posters must be done on 8 1/2" x 11" card stock.
- A complete official entry form is required for all posters submitted.
- State winners will be announced during State 4-H Congress.



Each year **The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc.** sponsors a national 4-H **Honey Bee Essay Contest** with one winner from every state competing for up to \$750. In support of that Virginia 4-H sponsors a state contest where winners are eligible for up to \$100 in prize money and the opportunity to compete nationally. Only 4 entries were received this year and congratulations go out to the following winners for 2024:

- First Place (\$100 prize and forwarded on to national contest): Lily Smith, Goochland County
- Second Place (\$50 prize): Lillian Moorcones, Loudoun County
- Third Place (\$25 prize): Eamon Lohan, Albemarle County



## Virginia 4-H State Congress - REGISTER TODAY!

**Dates:** June 18-21

**Location:** Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

**Who Should Attend:** Prince William 4-H teens ages 14-19

**Cost:** \$285/person. Includes 3-nights lodging, 8 meals, t-shirt, and educational sessions

[Click here for more information. Register through 4-H Online.](#)

The mission of Virginia 4-H State Congress is to provide competitive and non-competitive educational experiences to Virginia teens and the adults who work with them, helping them to develop life skills and leadership abilities to become contributing citizens in their communities.

Activities and highlights include: 4-H state-level competitions, campus scavenger hunt, Tuesday picnic, opening session featuring Clovers & Co. from Georgia 4-H, educational workshops, 4 dances, an opportunity fair, color run/walk, service learning opportunities, recognition of 4-H All Stars and Tapping, and more!



**4-H ALL STARS: Completed 4-H All Star Membership Form and initiation fees are due May 17th.** 2024 4-H All Star Initiates may be at 4-H Congress during the Tapping Ceremony which is held as part of the 4-H Congress schedule. If initiates aren't coming to 4-H Congress, they may come for the day. Parents, grandparents and other guests are welcome to come to the Ceremony.



**PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H ADULT LEADERS:** We need a male adult leader to chaperone male teens. Please reach out to [MaryBeth Lerch](#) ASAP to volunteer. **Scholarships to attend may be available.**

## Virginia 4-H Cabinet Interest Zoom Meeting

**Date:** May 5th

**Time:** 4 PM

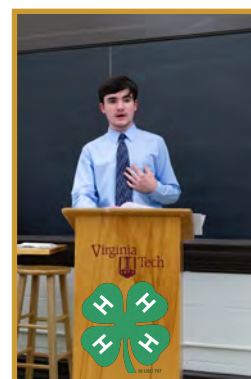
**Who Should Attend:** ALL PW 4-H teens! (must be 14 by Sept. 30)

**Register Here:** <https://tinyurl.com/VA4HCabinetInfo>

Want to know more about being a Virginia 4-H Cabinet Member? Do you have questions about being a state officer or the application process? Join the virtual meeting to learn the details!

[Click here for the 2024-2025 VA 4-H Cabinet Election Packet.](#) This includes highlights, general guidelines, and requirements for becoming an elected member of the State Cabinet team. In addition to the main officers, we will also elect up to four Ambassadors from each of the five VCE Districts.

**Applications are due May 10th at 5 PM.** [Click here to read the VA 4-H Cabinet Bylaws.](#)



## Virginia 4-H - States 4-H Exchange

[Click here to enjoy a video of our inbound exchange from 2023 for inspiration!](#)

Virginia 4-H is recruiting host families across Virginia to host 18 young Japanese people and 2 chaperones for the summer of 2024. The program runs July 24th-August 17th.

- Host families should apply directly here and select Virginia as their state: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>
- Summer Program FAQs: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/summer/faq/>

Please contact Wendy Herdman at [wherdman@vt.edu](mailto:wherdman@vt.edu).



### TO DATE, WE HAVE:

- 6 families matched with delegates
- 2 families out for a match
- 1 family waiting on background check
- 9 families waiting on home visits from agents
- 1 chaperone host family approved

### WE NEED:

20 FAMILIES SCREENED AND MATCHED BY MAY 31ST

**Please consider opening your hearts and home!**

## Virginia 4-H Horse Program



### THE GOLDEN HORSESHOE 4-H CLUB QUALIFIER

**Date:** May 11th at 9 AM

**Location:** Frederick County Fairgrounds, Clear Brook,

**Entry Fee:** \$12/class; Jackpot Classes are \$15/class

**Entries must be postmarked by May 4th.**

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

This is an approved Northwest District Qualifying Show for the Virginia 4-H State Horse Show. There is a Northwest District Qualifying fee of \$5 for each horse/rider combination.



### 2024 SOUTHEAST DISTRICT 4-H QUALIFIER

**Date:** June 1st

**Location:** Airfield 4-H Center, Wakefield, VA

[Click here for more information.](#) **Entries due May 10th.**



### 2024 EAST COAST AGGIE HORSE JUDGING CLINIC

**Dates:** June 8-9

**Location:** Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

[Click here to register.](#)

The East Coast Aggie Judging Clinic is led by Virginia 4-H Alumni and current Texas A&M Horse Judging Team Coach, Sarah Shobert, and assistant coach and former member of the TAMU Horse Judging Team, Megan Miller. The Texas A&M Horse Judging Team was the 2023 AQHA World Champion Sr. Collegiate Team, along with many other notable wins from last year. This is an incredible and unique opportunity to learn from the best while staying close to home right here in Virginia! Youth and adults are welcome! There will be sections for all ages and experience levels, as this clinic provides current industry instruction for those that are new to horse judging or are looking for a refresher! Instruction will be given on halter/conformation, performance classes, scoring, and reasons.



### THE VIRGINIA HORSE INDUSTRY BOARD 4-H HORSE CLUB GRANTS

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#) **Applications due by June 30th.**

The Virginia Horse Industry has grants of up to \$5,000 per club available to Virginia 4-H horse clubs for educational/project materials and marketing initiatives



### HORSEMANSHIP SKILLS TESTING

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

Horsemanship skills testing is required for all youth attending the State 4-H Horse Show (Level 1 and 2 for those riding or driving, Level 1 only for those competing only in in-hand classes). Skills testing only has to be completed once per youth, even if they are showing a new/different horse. Youth do NOT have to be located in a certain district/or location to go to that district's skills testing or qualifying events. Some of these events will also offer horse measurement, please see event details or contact the event host to find out more.

**Central District:** April 28, South Boston, VA • May 19, Appomattox, VA

**Northeast District:** April 27, Varina, VA • May 18, Varina, VA • June 9, Aylett, VA • June 15-16, Doswell, VA

**Northwest District:** May 11, Clear Brook, VA • June 7, Lexington, VA



### 2024 SOUTHERN REGIONAL 4-H CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW

**Dates:** July 31 - August 4

**Location:** Perry, GA

[Click here for detailed information.](#)

[Click here to apply.](#) **Applications due by 5 PM on May 15th.**

This year's official rulebook and schedule will not be released until late May or June. There are not many expected changes, so please utilize the Southern Regionals Website (SRHC - UF/IFAS Animal Sciences - University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences - UF/IFAS (ufl.edu) including 2023 schedules, rulebooks, and class lists to familiarize yourself with the show. The website also includes information about the Georgia National Fairgrounds, Camping, and stalling accommodations.

Application does not guarantee acceptance/entry to Southern Regionals. Applicants will be ranked based on 2023 State Show Results. If a horse/rider combination did not participate in the 2023 Virginia State Show, they will be placed at the bottom of the list and will only be allowed to participate if there are spots open and they will be required to meet all qualifications (horsemanship skills/qualifying clinic/declaration) by the entry deadline. Acceptance lists will be posted on the VA 4-H Horse Program website no later than June 1st.



## Virginia 4-H Horse Program *Continued*



### 2024 STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW

**Dates:** September 5-8

**Location:** Lexington, VA

Youth planning to compete at the 2024 State Horse Show must have been enrolled in 4H Online by Feb. 1, 2024. These, and other entry forms and horse show information, are also available on the 4-H Horse Program website. [Click here for link to documents and additional information.](#)

**Declarations:** **Declarations open May 1st** in 4H Online for the 2024 Horse Show and ALL declarations must be completed by July 1, 2024 at 11:59 PM. Any horse or pony that a youth MAY show at the 2024 State 4-H Horse Show must be declared in 4H Online in order to be eligible to show.

**Deadlines:** As we inch closer to the State Horse Show, please keep in mind deadlines/opportunities for qualifying, including qualifying shows/clinics, horsemanship skills dates, and declaration and entry deadlines.

Click here for [Qualifying Shows](#)

Click here for [Qualifying Clinics](#)

Click here for the [Horsemanship Skills Calendar](#)

## National 4-H Updates



### TLEI REGISTRATION IS OPEN

**Dates:** July 7th - 11th

**Location:** Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, MD

**Who Should Attend:** 4-H'ers ages 14-19

[Click here for more information and to register.](#) **Register by May 17th.**

Everyone has a role to play in creating a more welcoming and inclusive society, and we want you to be part of that change! The True Leaders in Equity Institute is a training program for passionate youth ages 14-19 to learn about equity and inclusion and how it affects their communities. The Institute will prepare participants to be change agents within the Cooperative Extension System as we work together to create more welcoming and inclusive environments. This training and leadership opportunity challenges participants to ideate and champion equity-related projects that will grow 4-H in their communities. At the True Leaders in Equity Institute, passionate youth ages 14-19 work together in youth-adult-led teams to explore their unique views on equity and inclusion. The teams develop plans to spark innovative solutions and return to their local communities inspired to make a change!



### NATIONAL 4-H STEM CHALLENGE 2024 INFORMATION WEBINAR

**Date:** May 22nd

**Time:** 3 PM

**Location:** Zoom

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

The 2024 STEM kit, Food for Thought, provides young people with a hands-on experience as they explore the topic of Food Security and its impact on the world, empowering them to innovate and create positive change. This year's kit will provide youth with the fundamental knowledge of factors that contribute to food security, how people are impacted globally and locally and how youth can personally contribute to creating more food secure communities.

Join National 4-H Council and 4-H educators on May 22nd at 3 p.m. EST for an engaging webinar and detailed walk-through of the 2024 kit. We'll share details about the activities, answer your questions and give examples of how you can use the kit to teach about food security through STEM! This year's kit was developed with LSU AgCenter, North Dakota State University, Penn State Extension and the University of Nebraska - Lincoln.



### CLOVER BY 4-H: COMPUTATIONAL THINKING

[Click here to access FREE Curriculum.](#) Grades 3-8

Designed by Utah State University Extension and brought to you by Google, did you know that there are just four basic concepts involved in Computational Thinking? Better yet, they're not hard to understand. And once you do, you'll start to see these ideas everywhere in the world around you—not just computers.

## Virginia 4-H Camps



Women's Outdoor Weekend

### WOMEN'S OUTDOOR WEEKEND

**Dates:** May 31- June 2

**Location:** Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center, Appomattox, VA

**Who Should Attend:** Must be 10 and up. 17 and under must be accompanied by a registered adult.

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

Come enjoy the weekend while learning the outdoor skills you've always wanted to master! Classes include: edible/medicinal plants, outdoor cooking, wilderness first aid, climbing wall, food prep and storage, woodswomanship, kayaking/canoeing, urban survival, basic handgun, archery, self-defense, swimming, and shotgun.



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA 4-H**  
EDUCATIONAL AND  
CONFERENCE CENTER

### MILITARY TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP: EXPLORATIONS ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

**Dates:** June 9th - 13th

**Location:** Northern Virginia 4-H Education Center, Front Royal, VA

**Who Should Attend:** youth ages 13-18

[Click here to register.](#) **Register by May 26th.**

Do you enjoy the outdoors and trying new things? Is your guardian Active Duty, Guard, Reserve or Retired? THEN...NOVA 4-H Military Teen Adventure Camp is the place to be this summer! Join us for a weeklong adventure in the gorgeous Shenandoah Valley while learning new skills and exploring how awesome it feels to step outside of your comfort zone! Campers will participate in traditional camp activities, adventure activities, leadership activities, and more. Lodging will be a mixture of semi-private lodge rooms and camping out under the night sky. For questions or more information, contact [Tatyana Yates](#).



### MILITARY TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP

**Dates:** June 17th - 21st

**Location:** Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center, Appomattox, VA

**Who Should Attend:** youth ages 13-18

[Click here for more information and to register.](#) **Register by May 31st.**

Residential camp for teens (ages 13-18) ready to explore the outdoors in many different facets. Living in a community of their peers, campers will experience a variety of camp activities and enjoy spending time in the outdoors. Participants will have the opportunity to leap outside of their comfort zones with activities such as canoeing, kayaking, climbing our 30ft climbing wall or our 25ft high ropes course that ends with a ride down our zipline, or try their hand at hitting the target on our archery, rifle, and shotgun ranges. We will be taking full advantage of the abundance of natural resources being in the middle of the state forest provides by get up close and hands on with nature and all that it has to discover.



### CAMP LOUD AND CLEAR

**Dates:** July 19th - 21st

**Location:** Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center, Appomattox, VA

**Who Should Attend:** Campers aged 9-13, counselors-in-training aged 14-18 (Age as of Sept. 30, 2024)

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

An overnight camp experience specifically tailored to the deaf and hard-of-hearing community. Activities include: swimming, fishing, canoeing, archery, nature studies, crafts, vespers, team building fun, and adventure. For more details, contact [Tyler Cheely](#).



### SUMMER CLOVERBUDS CAMP

**Dates:** June 21st-23rd

**Location:** Northern Virginia 4-H Education Center, Front Royal, VA

**Who Should Attend:** Youth ages 5-8 with an accompanying adult

**Cost:** \$160/participant

[Click here for more information and to register.](#) **Register by May 3rd.**

Registration for Summer Cloverbuds 2024 is now open! Join us for a dino-filled weekend of camp for youth ages 5-8 with an accompanying adult! All participants MUST also be registered and approved in 4-H online and sign up for our event AFTER completing the above registration.



## Virginia 4-H Events and Camps *continued*



W.E. Skelton 4-H  
Educational Conference Center  
at Smith Mountain Lake

### ERAS CAMP (TAYLOR SWIFT)

Night 1: June 21st Ages 6-17 (may attend with parent)

Night 2: June 22nd Age 18+

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

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

Are you READY FOR IT? It won't be a CRUEL SUMMER at the W.E. Skelton 4-H Center! Join us for an ENCHANTED night with your besties and other Swifties as we SHAKE IT OFF and live out our WILDEST DREAMS! Activities include: a Swiftie pool party, karaoke, an Eras Tour viewing party on the big screen, a Taylor/Eras-themed photo booth, dancing, friendship bracelet making, cupcake decorating, chicken tenders and fries for dinner (Taylor's favorite!), costumes, glitter, and so much more!



W.E. Skelton 4-H  
Educational Conference Center  
at Smith Mountain Lake

### SUMMER CLOVERBUD: PIRATES OF SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE

**Dates:** June 28th - 30th

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

Registration will open mid to late spring. More information coming soon.

Open to Cloverbud Campers with or without their parents

### MILITARY TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP

**Dates:** July 22nd - 26th

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

**Who Should Attend:** military youth ages 13-18 of an active duty, guard, reserve, or retired personnel

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

Join us at Smith Mountain Lake for horseback riding, climbing wall, archery, riflery, high ropes, kayaking, swimming, fishing, canoeing, a blacklight party, color blast party, and so much more!



4-H Shooting  
Sports  
*Learn to Gun*

### 4-H SHOOTING EDUCATION CAMP

**Dates:** July 28th -August 1st

**Location:** Holiday Lake 4-H Education

Center, Appomattox, VA

[Click here for more information and to register.](#) **Register by July 10th.**

4-H Shooting Education Camp is an overnight camp for ages 12-16 with an interest and/or experience with firearms. Participants will receive 4 days of instruction related to their chosen disciplines, focusing on safety, marksmanship, fundamentals and theory. All instructors are certified/trained by 4-H, DWR, NRA, NAA, and other national certifying organizations.



### NEW! NATURE ADVENTURE CAMP

**Dates:** July 28th -August 1st

**Location:** Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center, Appomattox, VA

[Click here for more information and to register.](#) **Register by July 10th.**

Overnight camp for campers age 12-16 with an interest in exploring the outdoors. This camp provides an opportunity to learn and have fun with peers in a natural setting. Hands-on classes such as wildlife ecology, survival skills, archery or edible insects are taught by quality instructors that will provide a memorable experience.

### NOW RECRUITING TEEN LEADERS!

Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center is hiring teen leaders for 4-H Shooting Ed Camp and Nature Adventure Camp.

Leaders will receive a discounted registration. [Click here for more information and to apply.](#)



## Virginia 2024 Air Force 4-H Military Partnership Outreach & Support Project

### 4-H Event Scholarships for Youth Ages 5-18 of Air Force Military-Connected Families Living in Virginia



To be eligible for the 4-H Military Event scholarship, youth must have a parent/legal guardian currently serving in Active Duty Air Force, Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard

A youth is also eligible if the military parent currently serving in another branch is stationed at an Air Force base or the youth is currently enrolled at the school age or youth center program of Joint Base Langley-Eustis.

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## Join Us!

### Fun Activities

### Make New Friends

### Develop Life Skills

For more information contact your County or City 4-H Program of Virginia Cooperative Extension. Visit:

[www.ext.vt.edu/offices](http://www.ext.vt.edu/offices)

**Scholarships are limited. First Come, First Served!**  
**Scholarships to be awarded based on available funds or through June 15, 2024.**

**Use scholarships to assist with cost to participate in one of the following Virginia 4-H Events:**

2024 State 4-H Congress  
Jr 4-H Summer Camp or Other VA 4-H Center Camping Event

If you are a person with a disability and desire assistance or accommodations, please notify your local Virginia Cooperative Extension Office when you call during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.  
TDD number is (800) 828-1120





## Turfgrass Producers of MD Jim Claxton Scholarship

[Click here to apply.](#) **Applications due Friday, May 31st.**

This scholarship memorializes Jim Claxton, a former Newsom Seed sales representative, and the contributions he made to the natural turfgrass industry. The Jim Claxton Scholarship Fund allows for an award to be issued to a winning applicant prior to the fall college semester in the amount of \$500. If the Scholarship Fund allows, additional applicants may be awarded.

- Applicant must be a current high school senior, or enrolled in a two or four-year college or university program (undergraduates only). Proof of enrollment may be requested by the Scholarship Committee after application submittal.
- Applicant must reside in the Mid-Atlantic area or be enrolled in a college or university in the Mid-Atlantic area. Further preference may be awarded to students residing or attending school in Maryland or one of its adjoining states.
- Applicant must have earned a high school or college GPA of at least 2.50
- The application and all of its required parts (see below) must be received by 5/31/24.



## VCE Saturday in the Garden & MGPW Plant Sale

### MAINTAINING & SHARPENING YOUR GARDEN TOOLS

**Date:** May 4th

**Time:** 9 AM

**Location:** Teaching Garden at the St Benedict Monastery, 9535 Linton Hall Rd., Bristow

[Click here to register.](#)

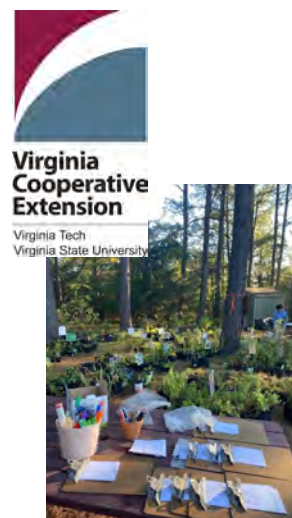
Are your garden tools a little rusty or need sharpening? Join Master Gardener Hank Spencer as he explains the process and techniques for maintaining and sharpening your garden tools. Bring along your pruners or any of the garden tools you have questions about or that need sharpening, Hank will give you an evaluation/diagnosis.

### MASTER GARDENERS OF PRINCE WILLIAM PLANT SALE

**Date:** May 4th

**Time:** 9 AM - Noon

**Location:** Teaching Garden at the St Benedict Monastery, 9535 Linton Hall Rd., Bristow



## Greener Pastures Film Webinar

**Date:** May 16th

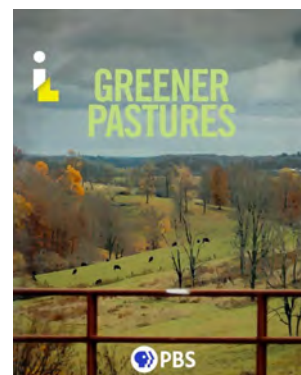
[Click here to register.](#) (FREE)

Please join us for an exclusive opportunity! Watch the film *Greener Pastures* then meet film subjects and experts in the field of mental health

The Documentary Film *Greener Pastures* captures the day-to-day lives of four small, Midwestern, multi-generational family farms over four years. Through an intimate, observational lens we examine the various farm stressors, policies, and politics farmers and their families must maneuver to survive. The film connects the dots between mental health, industrialization, food production, and climate change. It is a story of perseverance, patience, and determination that tackles nothing less than the future of farming in the heartland of America.

\* Film link will be emailed after registration to watch individually prior to May 16th discussion webinar.

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4-H'ERS: CHECK OUT HOW THE 4-H PILLARS OF STEM  
& AG WORK TOGETHER



TIDEWATER AGRICULTURAL  
RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER  
VIRGINIA TECH

# PRECISION AG TECHNOLOGY EXPO

MEETING PRECISION AG NEEDS



FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2024

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM



HOSTED BY DR. ABHILASH CHANDEL, PRECISION AG LAB  
TIDEWATER AREC - 6321 HOLLAND ROAD - SUFFOLK, VA

## CALLING ALL STAKEHOLDERS!

GROWERS, RANCHERS, EXTENSION AGENTS, RESEARCHERS, COMPANIES, AND  
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE INVITED TO INTERACT WITH SOME OF THE LATEST  
TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS IN AGRICULTURE!

- *EQUIPMENT DISPLAYS AND DEMONSTRATIONS*
- *ONE-ON-ONE STAKEHOLDER INTERACTIONS*
- *PANEL DISCUSSION WITH Q & A SESSION*
- *RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS*
- *STUDENT POSTER COMPETITION*



LUNCH PROVIDED

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# AGROFORESTRY FIELD DAY

**When: May 18 2024**

**Where: Edith J. Carrier Arboretum at JMU  
780 University Blvd, Harrisonburg, VA**

**Cost: \$40**

**REGISTER HERE**

[TINYURL.COM/AGROFORESTRY-DAY](https://tinyurl.com/agroforestry-day)

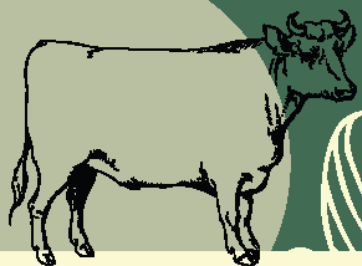


8:00 - 8:30 AM: Registration and breakfast  
8:30 - 8:40 AM: Welcome  
8:40 - 9:10 AM: Intro to agroforestry and silvopasture - John Fike  
9:10 - 9:40 AM: Whole farm planning - Tim Mize  
10:00 - 10:30 AM: Transitioning from a pasture-based laying hen operation to a forest-based practice - Kate Bowen  
10:30 - 11:00 AM: Silvopasture and poultry welfare - Leonie Jacobs  
11:00 - 12:15 PM: Panel Discussion: Practicalities of an agroforestry production system  
1:00 - 5:00 PM: 3 farm visits

### Contact

Email: Leonie Jacobs at [jacobsL@vt.edu](mailto:jacobsL@vt.edu)

Phone: Adam Downing at 540-948-6881



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\*TDD number is (800) 828-1120.

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[Project Record Ages 13-15](#)  
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## 2023-2024 PWC 4-H Association Officers

### Youth Officers

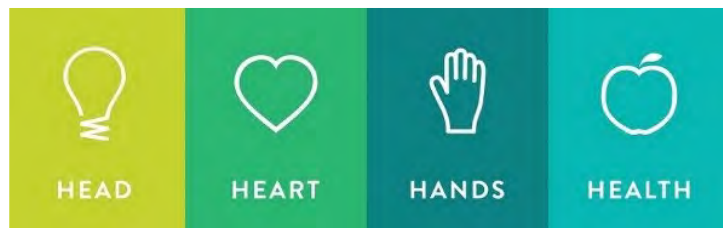
Lauren Byrd, President  
Sam Seagle, Vice President  
Samantha Erick, Treasurer  
Lexi Strand, Secretary

### Adult Officers

Susan Wolf, President  
Alan Lerch, Vice President  
Sydney Nguyen, Treasurer  
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