



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



April 16, 2025

Upcoming Events

- Apr 21-May 5** - TSC
Paper Clover
- Apr 25** - VA 4-H State
Poultry Evaluation
Contest
- 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
- Jun 23** - VA 4-H
Livestock Judging
Contests
- Jun 24-27** - VA 4-H
Congress
- Jun 24** - 1st Time Junior
4-H Camper Parents'
Meeting
- Jul 12-17** - PW/Stafford
4-H Junior Camp

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Prince William 4-H Tree Planting Day



THE SUN WAS SHINING ON US!

We had over 20 volunteers turn out on Saturday at 5 County Complex for Prince William 4-H's Tree Planting Day to complete our annual community service project "Growing Trees and Kids for Virginia's Forest." Sponsored by the Virginia Department of Forestry and the Virginia Cooperative Extension, the project offers free hardwood seedlings to schools and youth groups in the greater Prince William area. The purpose of this project is to improve water quality by restoring forest cover to residential and riparian lands.

Prince William County Arborist Will Shoup began our day with an informative presentation about the importance of planting Virginia natives and a demonstration on how to properly plant trees. He then led us to a nearby storm water management pond where we planted native buttonbush to help control erosion and create an attractive habitat for birds and animals.

We may have been a bit enthusiastic about providing a habitat for birds and animals...

WE PLANTED 150 TREES!

A HUGE 4-H THANK YOU to our PW 4-H families, friends, PWC Arborist Will Shoup, City of Manassas Arborist Dan Spoden (see [Page 2](#)), community volunteers who joined in the fun, and the wonderful sorority sisters from Alpha Kappa Alpha who not only supported our project with their head, heart, hands, and health but are also interested in volunteering with PW 4-H to support and grow environmental initiatives in the 4-H Pillars of Citizenship, STEM, Agriculture and Healthy Living.

[Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority](#) was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1908 as an international service organization.



NOKESVILLE 4-H CLUB



Prince William's Nokesville 4-H Community Club had a busy weekend using their head, heart, hands, and health to grow their 4-H skills, serve the community, and show Planet Earth a little love. Not only did they provide a service at the club, community, and world levels, but they also touched on all four 4-H Pillars: Citizenship, STEM, Agriculture, and Healthy Living.

Rising youth leader Michael DeRoche coordinated with the Manassas City arborist Dan Spoden to determine a planting site that matched the native seedlings available through the Prince William 4-H Tree Seedling

Program. The Club's efforts expanded what PW 4-H was able to accomplish this weekend with an additional 25 buttonbush seedlings planted by Wakeman Pond. Nokesville 4-H'ers and friends discussed SMART goals and learned why buttonbush is such a valuable native plant - especially near wetlands and stormwater areas. Its deep roots help prevent erosion and absorb runoff, and its unique globe-shaped flowers attract pollinators like bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. Wood ducks are also known to nest in buttonbush thickets, using the dense cover to shelter their young.

Volunteers also collected 7 full bags of litter from the area, further protecting the ecosystem and waterway. The small but mighty group committed their beautiful spring break day to service!



4-H is a **community** of **young people** across **America** who are learning **leadership**, **citizenship**, and **life skills**.



BINGO Recap Zoom Meeting - All Volunteers Invited!

PW 4-H Association BINGO Family Night was such a success because of our wonderful volunteers. Not only do we appreciate your time and talents, but we value your feedback. Help us continue to improve this exciting event and raise funds to provide opportunities for local youth by joining the call!

April 22nd @ 7 pm via Zoom: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/84391184295>



PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs - Registration is OPEN

[Click here to sign up for Workshop #1 and join the PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs!](#)

We had an impressive turnout at last night's Prince William 4-H Young Entrepreneurs SPIN Project Interest Meeting with about a dozen 4-H'ers ready to launch their projects. This annual, popular project is gearing up for an exciting summer!

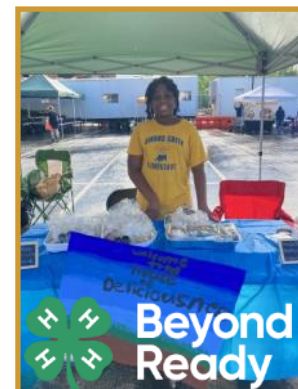
Due to limited market space, project registration is limited. Participants are required to actively participate in all 4 business workshops. These are mandatory for experienced 4-H'ers as well as new. Participants must participate in at least 3 market days. At 4-H, we learn by doing, and you will be doing **A LOT** of doing to ensure the success of your business!

Workshops are held from 6:30-8 PM at 4-H Headquarters in the McCoy Conference Room, 7987 Ashton Ave., Manassas.

WORKSHOP DATES: April 23, May 8, May 21, and May 28

Market Days are held from 8 AM - 1 PM at the Manassas Park Farmers Market, 100 Park Central Plaza, Manassas Park.

MARKET DATES: June 7, July 5, August 23, Sept. 13, and October 4



Tractor Supply Paper Clover - TABLE SIGNUP IS OPEN

[Click here for signup](#) - Tractor Supply, 10870 Balls Ford Rd., Manassas

Tractor Supply will once again be holding their Paper Clover Campaign along with National 4-H during April 18 - May 5, 2025. Patrons tend to donate more often when 4-Hers are there in person, so let's get as many clubs as we can to participate. 4-H Clubs earn a percentage of the proceeds from this event to use towards camps, State Congress, and other leadership opportunities. In addition, 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. Please sign your 4-H Club up for a time slot and plan to bring your biggest 4-H smile!

AVAILABLE DATES (12-3 PM or 3-6 PM slots each date):

April 19, 26, 27 and May 3, 4



PW 4-H'ers - Send Us Photos of Your Spring Table Settings!

The changes of seasons, holidays, events, vacations, and more are great sources of inspiration for a 4-H Table Setting. Use these moments to learn something new and practice your skills for family and friends!

Through participation in 4-H Table Setting Contests, youth learn valuable life skills in the areas of meal preparation – either formal or informal – meal etiquette, menu preparation, use of Virginia Agricultural products within a menu and how to coordinate attire with menu and meal themes. Youth can use their imagination and creativity to create a welcoming and fun meal environment. 4-H'ers are scored against a rubric and may enter at local, district and state levels.

[Click here to learn more about the 4-H Table Setting Contest from Virginia 4-H.](#)

[Click here to email a photo and description of your finished Table Setting.](#)





PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H CLOVERBUD CLUB



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

MAY 10TH



PWMG TEACHING GARDEN, BEHIND LINTON HALL SCHOOL, 9535 LINTON HALL RD, BRISTOW

10 AM - NOON

All Greater Prince William Area youth ages 5-8 that are interested in 4-H and would like to explore the 4-H Pillar of Agriculture are invited! Cloverbuds will explore the teaching garden with ANR agent Thomas Bolles and plant sunflowers in the garden and one to take home.



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.





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.



Virginia Cooperative Extension
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VIRGINIA 4-H EQUISMARTZ RESULTS

[Click here for complete results.](#)

HORSE BOWL - TEAMS

Senior Team - 5th Place
Junior Team A - 2nd Place
Chloe Canyon, Naomi White, Sarah Fox, Kendra Hernandez
Junior Team B - 6th Place
Haley Schrantz, Audrey Katzenburger, Anna Nicely, Juliana Madden, Caroline Coakley

HORSE BOWL - INDIVIDUAL, JUNIOR

Naomi White - 1st Place

COMMUNICATIONS CONEST - INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS, SENIOR

Danny Schrantz - 4th Place
Peyton Barbour - 5th Place
Lexie George - 6th Place

COMMUNICATIONS CONEST - INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS, JUNIOR

Naomi White - 2nd Place
Sarah Fox - 3rd Place
Kendra Hernandez - 8th Place
Chloe Canyon - 9th Place
Haley Schrantz - 12th Place
Anna Nicely - 13th Place
Caroline Coakley - 14th Place
Juliana Madden - 16th Place
Audrey Katzenburger - 17th Place

HIPPOLOGY - TEAM, SENIOR

Senior Team A - 7th Place
Sierra-Nicole Wimer, Lexie George, Peyton Barbour

HIPPOLOGY - TEAM, JUNIOR

Junior Team A - 3rd Place
Naomi White, Sarah Fox, Chloe Canyon
Junior Team B - 12th Place
Haley Schrantz, Kendra Hernandez, Audrey Katzenburger
Junior Team C - 15th Place
Anna Nicely, Juliana Madden, Caroline Coakley

HIPPOLOGY - INDIVIDUAL, SENIOR

Sierra-Nicole Wimer - 13th Place
Lexie George - 23rd Place
Peyton Barbour - 43rd Place

HIPPOLOGY - INDIVIDUAL, JUNIOR

Naomi White - 6th Place
Sarah Fox - 10th Place
Chloe Canyon - 16th Place
Haley Schrantz - 28th Place
Anna Nicely - 33rd Place
Kendra Hernandez - 40th Place
Juliana Madden - 44th Place
Audrey Katzenburger - 53rd Place
Caroline Coakley - 68th Place

HORSE JUDGING - TEAM, SENIOR

Senior Team - 3rd Place
Sierra-Nicole Wimer, Lexie George, Peyton Barbour, William Schrantz

HORSE JUDGING - TEAM, JUNIOR

Junior Team A - 3rd Place
Sarah Fox, Haley Schrantz, Juliana Madden
Junior Team B - 4th Place
Chloe Canyon, Naomi White, Anna Nicely
Junior Team C - 10th Place
Kendra Hernandez, Caroline Coakley, Audrey Katzenburger

HORSE JUDGING - INDIVIDUAL, SENIOR

Sierra-Nicole Wimer - 2nd Place
Lexie George - 7th Place
Peyton Barbour - 28th Place
William Schrantz - 50th Place

HORSE JUDGING - INDIVIDUAL, JUNIOR

Sarah Fox - 2nd Place
Haley Schrantz - 5th Place
Kendra Hernandez - 10th Place
Chloe Canyon - 13th Place
Naomi White - 14th Place
Anna Nicely - 26th Place
Juliana Madden - 27th Place
Caroline Coakley - 50th Place
Audrey Katzenburger - 54th Place

Virginia 4-H Horse Updates



2025 VIRGINIA 4-H STATE HORSE SHOW

Dates: Sep 4th - 7th
Location: Lexington, VA

[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

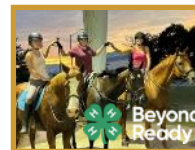
July 1st: Deadline for Online Eligibility/Declaration in 4H Online.

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

• State Horse Show Details

[2025 Rulebook](#) | [2025 Show Schedule](#) | [2025 Rule Updates](#) | [Overview of Requirements to Show](#)

• [2025 Qualifying Shows & Horsemanship Skills List of District Approved Qualifying Shows](#) | [Horsemanship Skills Opportunities](#)



2025 SOUTHERN REGIONAL 4-H CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW

Dates: July 30th - August 3rd
Location: Perry, GA

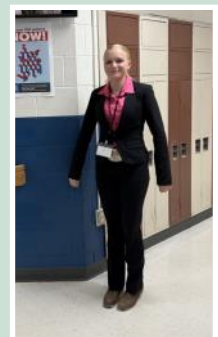
[Click here for the official show website.](#)

[Click here to apply to represent Virginia 4-H.](#)

Applications due May 15th by 5 PM.

The Southern Regional Championship horse show is the only multi-state 4-H Horse Show in the country, inviting youth from 13 states to show their horses in various disciplines. Historically, Virginia has been well-represented by our riders at the Southern Regional Show and we hope to continue this tradition in 2025! The 2025 official schedule will not be released until early May. Virginia 4-H will select 70 youth to compete.

A special congratulations to PW 4-H'er Sierra-Nicole Wimer! Her 2nd Place finish in Horse Judging qualified her as a member of the VA 4-H State Judging Team!



HORSE CAMP

SECRET BROOK STABLES
CATLETT, VA

BEGINNER-INTERMEDIATE

JUNE 23-27

JULY 7-11

JULY 21-26

ADVANCED

AUGUST 5-8

571-283-2407

CALL OR TEXT FOR MORE INFO

ACTIVITIES:

- Riding Lessons
- Grooming
- Arts Projects
- Horse Education
- Horse Care



DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR MULTI-KID, 4-H, FIRST RESPONDERS AND MILITARY.

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 Virginia 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.**

[Click here for more information,](#) 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!

Apply to Participate in the 2025 National 4-H Congress

National 4-H Congress Dates: November 28 - December 2, 2025

Location: Atlanta, Georgia

Who Should Apply to Attend: senior 4-H'ers

[Click here for informational flyer.](#) **Applications are due by May 9th.**

All applications and resumes must be submitted through Google Forms - [click here to submit.](#)

[Click here to learn more about the 2025 National 4-H Congress.](#)



Applications are now open for senior Virginia 4-H'ers to participate in 2025 National 4-H Congress. For more than 100 years, National 4-H Congress has served as the premiere educational and recognition event for senior 4-H members. 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.

During this submission process, applicants will be asked to submit their cover letter, resume, three letters of recommendation, and a photo.

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:

1. The submission of a written personal resume; and
2. 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)

Those selected for an interview will need a working Gmail account, as electronic portfolios will be submitted through Google Classroom.

VA 4-H State's Inbound Exchange - We're Half Way There!

Virginia 4-H committed to hosting 20 youth delegates (13 girls and 7 boys) and 2 adult chaperones from Japan this summer, for a total need of need 22 host families.

We are half way there! At this moment, we have:

- 2 repeat families ready to be matched
- 1 family just waiting on CBC results
- 7 families at home visit step
- 1 family waiting on 2nd reference

PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H FAMILIES - ARE YOU READY TO JOIN IN THIS UNIQUE EXPERIENCE CELEBRATING THE 4-H PILLAR OF CITIZENSHIP?

There are 4 screening steps and they are run consecutively (*not concurrently*):

- Complete application with appropriate and acceptable answers to questions
- 2 good completed references
- Home visit/home inspection by local 4-H person with good report
- Background checks for all people 18+ who will be home during the homestay

[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.



Northeast District Contest Day Reminders



DISTRICT CONTEST DAY IS ON APRIL 26TH!

Below are a few important reminders to help ensure the day runs smoothly for everyone:

- ★ Contest schedule was emailed to participants.
- ★ Check-in begins at 9:15 AM, and doors will open at that time. If you arrive earlier, please be aware that you will have to wait outside until the building opens.
- ★ Event Location:
Central High Complex
2748 Dogtown Road Goochland, VA 23063
- ★ Directions & Parking:
After you turn onto Dogtown Road, continue driving until you see the sign for "Central High Complex." Please turn into the parking lot using the road just before the sign. Do not park in the bus loop—this area is reserved for agents and judges only.

- ★ Share the Fun Participants: If your act requires musical instruments, please remember to bring your own. We will not have instruments on hand at the event.
- ★ Mac Users Giving Presentations: If you are using a MacBook for your presentation, please bring an HDMI port adapter so we can connect your device to the projector.
- ★ Presentation Backups (ALL Presentation Categories): As a safety precaution, please email a copy of your presentation to Ms. India Pearson at ipearson@vt.edu no later than April 25th. This will help us stay on track in case of any technical difficulties during your scheduled time.
- ★ Table Setting Participants: Please bring your own table for your display. Tables will not be provided on-site.



2025 State 4-H/FFA Poultry Evaluation Contest

Date: Friday, April 25th

Location: Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg

Time: 8 AM registration/check-in; 8:45 AM contest instructions; 9 AM contest begins

Entry Fee: \$15/contestant entered

[Click here to enter.](#) **Entries due April 18th.**

[Click here for more information.](#)

Please note that contest duration can take longer than expected due to unforeseen circumstances. Contestants must complete all phases of the contest to be eligible for awards. Contestants should plan to be on-site and participating through the awards portion of the event. Please read the contest rules completely and carefully. We do plan to use live birds for the 2025 contest, but that is subject to change if necessary due to changes in HPAI or restrictions from VDACS.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA 4-H
EDUCATIONAL AND CONFERENCE CENTER

MILITARY TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP

JULY 20-24TH, 2025
600 4-H Center Drive,
Front Royal, VA 22630

Are you 13-18? Do you enjoy the outdoors and trying new things?
Is your guardian Active Duty, Guard, Deployed or Retired? THEN...
NOVA 4-H Military Teen Adventure Camp is the place to be this summer! Join us for a week-long adventure in the gorgeous Shenandoah Valley while learning new skills and exploring how awesome it feels to step outside of your comfort zone!

For more info on all MTACs in VA go to
<https://www.holidaylake4h.com/va4hmtac>

Judge like a Champion

2025 Livestock Judging Camp

Don't miss this opportunity to work with outstanding coaches from across the country as you learn evaluation skills, develop efficient note-taking abilities, obtain new terminology, and become proficient and accurate in your reasons delivery.

2025 Coaches: Cal Schultz, University of Nebraska, Garrett Vaughn, West VA University, and Blaine French

2025 Assistant Coaches: Sarah Craun and Emma Jo Donnelly
Sponsored by: Buffalo Gap High School and the VT School of Animal Sciences

Rockingham County Fairgrounds-Harrisonburg, VA

May 30 – June 1, 2025

Open to youth with all judging experience levels-Ages 9-19

\$175

does not include lodging

(includes dinner on Friday night- lunch on Sunday)

Attendance is limited to the first 75 youth to register

Schedule

Friday- Camp Instruction

Saturday -Camp

Instruction

Sunday- Contest (6 classes & 4 sets of reasons) Contest open to Non-Camp Participants at \$20/person

Pee Wee Contest Division: Ages 9-8, no entry fee for Pee Wees

To Register visit: <https://www.rockinghamcountyva.gov/2025-Judge-Like-a-Champion>



Judge Like A Champion
May 30 – June 1, 2025
Rockingham County Fairgrounds
All meals provided - Lodging on your own

Friday, May 30th 12:00 pm Registration- Rockingham County Fairgrounds- Main Barn
1:00 pm Welcome
2:30 pm Beginners-Notebook set up and Reasons" How to"
6:00 pm Int/Advanced- Reasons- "The next level" and EPDS
After Supper Supper provided
Return home or to your place of lodging

Saturday, May 31st 8:00 am Time to get Started-Don't be late
Judge and Review Classes All Day

Monday	Junior	Intermediate	Senior
8-9:30	Swine	Cattle	Goats
9:30-11	Cattle	Goats	Sheep
11-12:30	Goats	Sheep	Swine
12:30-1:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:30-3	Sheep	Swine	Cattle
3:30-6	Reasons	Reasons	Reasons

12:30 pm Lunch- Provided Hamburgers and Hotdogs
6:30 pm Supper-Provided-
After Supper Corn hole and Reasons

Sunday, June 1st

8:00 am Contest Begins

*** Pee Wees will work as one Group***

12:00 (Tentative) Lunch provided -

3:00 pm Awards

Head Home

JUDGE LIKE A CHAMPION JUDGING CLINIC



YOUTH CLINIC

Dates: May 30-June 1

Location: Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg, VA

[Click here to register.](#) Registration limited to 20 participants.

Sponsored by the Buffalo Gap HS FFA, this event provides a hands-on learning opportunity for youth from beginner to experienced levels to further develop their evaluation and reasons skills while working with coaches from across the country.

The camp includes 1 1/2 days of instruction and live animal evaluation followed by a contest on Sunday, June 1st to demonstrate what they've learned during camp. There is the option for youth to only participate in the Contest on Sunday.



ADULT/COACHES CLINIC

Date: Saturday, May 31

Location: Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg, VA

[Click here to register.](#)

The Third Annual "Judge Like a Champion" Coaches Clinic is led this year by Matt Claey's of Indiana. Matt is the former judging coach at Purdue University and boasts an impressive career of working with youth and adults across the country to develop and perfect their evaluation skills. This one-day training provides a unique opportunity for coaches to evaluate stock while also gaining insight and skills on working with youth to help them do the same.

Judge like a Champion

2025 LIVESTOCK JUDGING COACHES CLINIC

Our Third Annual Judge Like a Champion Coach's Clinic -

led by: Matt Claey's, Indiana - Judging Coach and Cattle Breeder

Providing the opportunity to work with successful coaches and further develop evaluation skills, tips and techniques for coaching youth of all ages and experience levels, update your knowledge of current selection preferences and reasons terminology.

Organized by: Shirley Kaufman and Katherine Carter
Sponsored by: Buffalo Gap High School and the VT School of Animal Sciences

Rockingham County Fairgrounds-Harrisonburg, VA

Saturday, May 31, 2025

Designed for Coaches of All Experience Levels

\$75

(includes lunch, dinner, and judging manual)

Attendance is limited to the first 50 coaches to register

Schedule

8:00 am - Check-in and Registration

8:30 am - 5:00 pm: Livestock Evaluation and Coaching Instruction

To Register scan QR code or visit: <https://www.rockinghamcountyva.gov/2025-Judge-Like-a-Champion-Clinic>





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.](#)

ONLY 6 SEATS LEFT!

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.



FOUNDATION FOR
THE PRESERVATION
OF HONEY BEES, INC.

2025 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest

[Click here for more info.](#) **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 VA 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!



National 4-H

4-H MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

The month of April is a time to honor and recognize the sacrifices made by military families. Each April, one specific day is chosen for the country to participate in Purple Up! For Military Kids Day. 4-H clubs in New Hampshire started the "Purple Up! For Military Kids Day" initiative in 2011 while working with the children of deployed National Guard and reserve component members. Now, it's celebrated around the world by military service branches, the Department of Defense, governors, states, schools, businesses, and local communities.



CLOVER BY 4-H: DISCOVER THE POWER OF DATA IN YOUR 4-H PROGRAMMING

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

Join us for the fourth installment of our CLOVER webinar series on Wednesday, April 30 at 12:00 PM ET! This session will focus on navigating the educator dashboard on CLOVER by 4-H, which gives you a clear overview of what information is available and how to access it.



CLOVER BY 4-H: 4-H DISCOVER BOX: VEGGIE ADVENTURES

[Click here for more information and to claim your FREE Discover Box.](#)

Ready to dig into a new adventure? The 4-H Discover Box: Veggie Adventures is here! This box helps youth (grades 3-5) explore gardening with hands-on activities. Available until June 30 - claim yours today!



FREE MINECRAFT 4-H AI WEBINAR

[Click here to watch now.](#)

Interested in what AI is and how it works? 4-H has teamed up with Microsoft to help youth build AI skills through the blocky fun of Minecraft. Check out this on-demand webinar to explore AI and walk away with tips and resources perfect for educators and volunteers.



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Take Off!

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TAKEOFF!

Take-Off! is a dynamic and immersive 3-day event that we'll host on the campus of Virginia State University from May 30 to June 1, 2025. Together, we'll provide youth with the opportunity to connect, grow, and engage in meaningful hands-on learning through one of four exciting tracks:

-  Agriscience
-  STEM
-  Leadership
-  Healthy Living

Register Here 

Dates: May 30th-June 1st, 2025
Location: Virginia State University
Included: Housing, meals and other amenities

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WEBINAR



Marketing and SMART Goals

Wednesday, April 30, 3-4 PM Eastern

Dr. Theresa Nartea
Associate Professor & Extension Specialist
Small Farm Marketing and Agribusiness
Virginia State University

With over two decades in Cooperative Extension service, Dr. Theresa Nartea works directly with small-scale farmers and local foods communities. She is a tenured associate professor and statewide Cooperative Extension specialist with subject expertise in Marketing & Agribusiness. Join us for this webinar where Dr. Theresa Nartea will walk you through the basics of marketing and SMART goals for your farming business.

Please register for this virtual event:
<https://tinyurl.com/April30marketing>

For more information reach out to Katie Trozzo at ketrozzo@vt.edu

If you are a person with a disability and desire an accommodation, please contact Katie Trozzo at ketrozzo@vt.edu or (540) 232-2233 at least 10 days prior to the event.

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