



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



Upcoming Events

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 30 - 1st Time Junior 4-H Camper Parents' Meeting

Jul 12 - PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day #2

Jul 13-17 - PW/Stafford 4-H Junior Camp

Jul 28 - PW 4-H Tour of the US Capitol

Jul 30-Aug 3 - Southern Regionals 4-H Horse Championships

Aug 9 - VA 4-H Northern District Shoot

June 18, 2025

Prince William 4-H Fair Camp Counselor Training



[Click here to sign up for training dates and times.](#)

4-H Fair Camp Counselors, it's time to start preparing for a week of fun in your leadership roles at Prince William 4-H Fair Camp! All 4-H Fair Camp Counselors are required to take one session of Part 1 and one session of Part 2 training. These are hands-on, active training sessions to prepare you to lead and teach youth in a safe and supportive environment. Please click the link above and select the training dates that work with your schedule.

TRAINING OPTIONS

Part 1: Camp Core Training (choose 1 session)

Ages and Stages of campers, "What do I do?" scenarios, leadership training and much more!

- Tuesday, July 22 11am-1:30pm
- Tuesday, July 29 6pm - 8:30pm

Part 2: Camp Details Training (choose 1 session)

Work through the activities you will be teaching at Fair Camp.

- Wednesday, July 23, 6pm - 8:30pm
- Thursday, July 31, 10am - 12:30pm

Location for all training: 4-H Headquarters, 8033 Ashton Ave., McCoy Conference Room (upstairs)

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Prince William 4-H Fair Camp: Workday Wednesdays!



Dates: July 2, July 9, July 23, July 30

Time: 10 AM - 2 PM

Location: PW 4-H Headquarters, 8033 Ashton Ave., Suite 105, Manassas

Who Should Volunteer: PW 4-H'ers ages 13 - 19

What to Bring: lunch and a water bottle

Click here to sign up to volunteer!

Happy 40th Birthday Fair Camp! Sign up to volunteer for Workday

Wednesdays in July and help plan the PAR-TAY! We'll be planning and preparing our favoring 4-H activities of the last 40 years and need all 4-H teens to lend their helping hands to make 4-H Fair Camp an exciting celebration for our younger 4-H'ers. Workday Wednesdays are also key opportunities to earn up to 20 volunteer hours for schools and clubs.

SAVE THE DATE!

Workday Wednesday at the PWC Fair Grounds, August 6th, 10 AM -2 PM



NOKESVILLE 4-H CLUB CAMPING PROJECT

BY 4-H'ER MICHAEL DEROCHE



Dear Prince William 4-H,

This past weekend, I helped lead a 4-H camping trip at C.M. Crockett Park, right on Germantown Lake. The site was peaceful, with the lake just a few steps away from where we camped.

Saturday morning started when Ms. Shaelyn and Mr. Shawn arrived with Jax, Joie, and Alanyia. I introduced the group to the weekend goals - like practicing Leave No Trace, learning outdoor skills, and spending time in nature - and then we walked over to our campsite. We had a surprise ready for Ms. Shaelyn: a "Happy Birthday" sign stretched between two trees and a box of donuts. Everyone sang, and it set a great tone for the day.

Ms. Shaelyn showed us a rope activity that demonstrated how everything in nature is interconnected. After that, we did a quick trash pickup around the area as a community service project. Even though we weren't the ones who made the mess, it felt good to leave the area cleaner than we found it.



A little later, Ms. Kristin, Katie, and Nate arrived and jumped in to help. Ms. Kristin led a lesson on how to set up a tent - something everyone should know, even if they weren't staying overnight. It was a great hands-on learning moment.



Then Kaitlynn and her dad, Mr. Tommy, joined us, and we all went out on the lake for canoeing. Some kids were unsure at first, but everyone gave it a try, and it ended up being a fun way to see the lake from a different angle.

When we got back to camp, Kaitlynn and I gathered fire-starting materials and talked about the fire triangle - heat, oxygen, and fuel. We practiced striking sparks with flint and steel until one finally caught and the fire started to grow. Getting that first flame felt like a win.



For dinner, Kaitlynn cut baby potatoes and mixed them with olive oil, garlic, salt, and pepper. I made mine whole with my own seasoning and a sprig of dill. We wrapped them in foil and set them over the coals while we prepped the marinated meat. Everything cooked over the fire came out amazing - especially the potatoes, which were even better the next morning.



Later in the evening, Ms. Shaelyn's family came back with Ryan and his mom, Ms. Sydney. We sat around the fire, made s'mores, and the kids put on an impromptu bubble show. We took a short walk as a group through the woods at dusk. When we came back, our campsite was lit up with fireflies. The kids ran around trying to catch them while the adults hung back and watched. It was one of those moments you don't forget - it just felt calm and kind of unreal in the best way.





As the night went on, clouds rolled in and a storm started building. I had set up my own tarp and hammock earlier and was planning to sleep there. But I forgot to bring my sleeping bag, and when the temperature dropped, I decided to head into the tent with my mom and grandpa. We stayed up watching the lightning flash and listening to the rain. It was actually kind of perfect.

The next morning we slept in, and when we woke up, the lake was covered in mist. We made hot chocolate and coffee and had leftover potatoes and meat for breakfast. Everything tasted even better the next day.



Later on, Mr. Tommy, Ms. Jennifer, and Kaitlynn came back with cornbread for our potluck lunch. It drizzled a little, but we still grilled burgers and hot dogs, toasted the buns, and kept the fire going. Kaitlynn and I tried a bit more fishing, and before we packed up, I showed her a few goofy hammock tricks that got everyone laughing.



We didn't get to every part of our original plan, knot tying will have to wait for another opportunity, and some things didn't go how we expected. But that's part of what this trip taught me. You can't control the weather. You can't control who shows up or when things shift. But you can control your attitude. That's something I've learned through 4-H—being flexible, staying positive, and making the most of what you've got. Whether it was figuring out how to cook burgers with soggy wood or adjusting plans when people had to leave, we kept things going. It wasn't perfect, but it was meaningful - and I'm proud of what we made of it.



WE'RE PROUD OF YOU, TOO!
 You put all four 4-H Pillars into ACTION.
 How has Nokesville 4-H Club's Camping Project inspired you?
Citizenship • STEM • Healthy Living • Agriculture



Prince William 4-H



YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

at the Manassas Park Farmer's Market



Treat your family and friends to a morning of shopping and supporting 4-H youth!

Featuring Prince William 4-H'ers: John, Lee, Sophie, Stella, Thomas, Aaron, Adam, Zaynab, Alayjah, Michael, Aisling, Aspen, Koa, Xanthie, Lexi and Ayden

SATURDAY, 12 JULY | 8 AM - 1 PM

100 Park Central Plaza, Manassas Park

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TOUR OF THE US CAPITOL



PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

28TH OF JULY

4-H PILLAR OF CITIZENSHIP

JOIN US FOR A RARE OPPORTUNITY FOR A PRIVATE TOUR OF THE US CAPITOL, VISIT TO SENATOR WARNER'S OFFICE, AND IN-DEPTH Q&A WITH STAFFERS!

- Limited to 10 4-H youth
- Open to rising 8th - 12th Graders
- Transportation provided



Click here to register:
<https://forms.gle/vZvfxtvTekGRCBhv6>
Register by Friday, June 20th



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PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

Celebrating 40 Years of 4-H Fair Camp

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

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

AUGUST 2025

11-15

9 AM - 12:30 PM

DAILY THEMES!

Color Day Monday

Superhero Tuesday

Wacky Wednesday

4-H Thursday: Celebrating
40 Years

4-H Beach Day Friday

- Celebrate 40 Years of our favorite snacks, activities, & themes!
- 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, healthy snacks, & more!
- Engage with new friends and build confidence while exploring the Character Counts traits: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, & citizenship.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



Dates: Monday - Friday, August 11th - 15th

Time: 9 am - 12:30 pm

Location: 4-H Children's Barn at the PWC Fairgrounds

Who Should Attend: youth ages 5-12 residing in Prince William County, Manassas City, & Manassas Park

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

Register: www.pwcva.gov/department/virginia-cooperative-extension/4-h-camps

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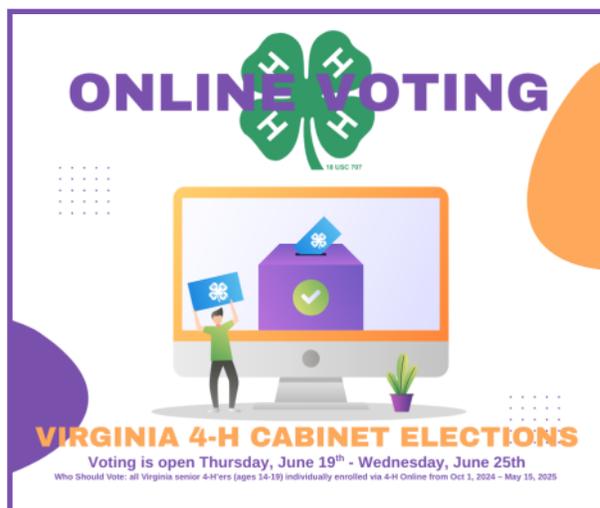
VA 4-H State Cabinet Town Halls - VOTE THURSDAY!

WHEN TO VOTE: Voting for the 2025-2026 State 4-H Cabinet will be open from Thursday, June 19th to Wednesday, June 25th.

WHO SHOULD VOTE: All Senior 4-H'ers (ages 14-19) individually enrolled via 4-H Online from October 1, 2024 – May 15, 2025 are eligible to vote in this year's Virginia 4-H Cabinet Elections.

WHO ARE YOU ELECTING: 4-H'ers from each district will vote on their own district's candidates for ambassador positions, and officers will be elected by the entire state. Officer positions include President, Vice President, Secretary, and Reporter/Historian. Candidates were featured in virtual VA 4-H Town Halls throughout the spring.

Look for an email from Virginia 4-H through 4-H Online with voting instructions!



Virginia 4-H All Star Updates

VIRGINIA 4-H ALL STAR TAPPING CEREMONY PRACTICE & CEREMONY

Date: Thursday, June 26th

Location: Squires Student Center – Commonwealth Ballroom, Virginia Tech

Schedule:

- 8:30 AM - 4-H All Star Ceremony Setup
- 9:45 AM - 11:15 AM - 4-H All Star Consecration (Tapping) Ceremony Practice
- 12:45 PM - Shuttle from the Coliseum Parking Lot to Squires begins
- 1 PM - 1:30 PM - 2025 4-H All Star Initiates Check-in
- 2 PM - 4-H All Star Consecration (Tapping) Ceremony
- 2:45 PM - 3:30 PM - Orientation for new 4-H All Stars following the Ceremony

Attire for Tappees: Black slacks or skirts, white modest tops, black shoes or sandals

Transportation:

- Parking on the Virginia Tech Campus - You must purchase a [Parking Permit](#) (ParkMobile App). All Day parking is \$8.00 per vehicle. Guests may stop by Parking Services, 505 Beamer Way (7 AM - 5 PM, M-F) to purchase a daily pass. Suggested Parking Areas include Coliseum Parking Lot F/S/V/C/G..
- Squires Student Center Parking; Squires Lot F/S/V/C/G with parking permit.
- Shuttle Service from/to the Coliseum Parking Lot to the Squires Student Center: The shuttle will begin running from the Coliseum Parking Lot to the Squires Student Center at 12:45 PM. Please tell the driver whether you will need to ride the shuttle back to the Coliseum Parking Lot after the Ceremony or after the Orientation Session. If needed, the shuttle will depart from the drop off location at Squires to the Coliseum Parking.



VIRGINIA 4-H ALL STAR SUMMER CONFERENCE

Dates: July 18th - 20th

Location: Radford, VA

Who Should Attend: All Virginia 4-H All Stars, including new June tappees!

[Click here to register.](#) **Register by July 1st.**

Hotel Accommodations: LaQuinta Inn by Wyndham Radford, 1450 Tyler Ave. Radford. \$72/night.

Reservations: (540) 633-6800

"Follow the River" to an Outstanding 2025 VA 4-H All Star Summer Conference! Opportunities for service projects, tour of the Glencoe Museum & Gallery and Mary Draper Ingles Statue, a narrated walking tour of the Radford University campus, business meetings, games, fellowship and fun!



2025 Virginia 4-H State Horse Show- Declarations Due July 1st



Dates: September 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

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 Compete](#)

2025 Qualifying Shows & Horsemanship Skills

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

DECLARATIONS ARE OPEN: ALL DECLARATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY JULY 1 AT 11:59 PM.

- ANY Horse or Pony that a youth MAY show at the State Show must be declared in 4HOnline in order to be eligible to show.
- Please be prepared when beginning your declarations with current photos of your animal, Coggins test date, and an accurate height measurement. The correct measurement is imperative, as it is tied to "Animal Type" and linked to specific classes within the entry system. If the height entered is incorrect, it will affect your ability to enter classes. If you notice your height is incorrect, you must re-add that animal as a new animal in order to input the correct measurement, the system will not allow changes.
- If you are declaring a Horse/Pony that you declared last year or in a previous year, you do have the option to re-declare a previously added animal. Please note, if your height/animal type is incorrect due to a previous entry error, you will need to add a new animal and provide all new information. There is no opportunity to change the Animal Type. Additionally, if using an animal from a previous year, please ensure that you upload a CURRENT Coggins Test and edit to reflect the updated Coggins Test date for 2025.
- [Click here for Tip Sheets for declarations.](#)

2025 State Fair of Virginia Youth Livestock Shows

VIRGINIA YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAMS



[Click here for State Fair of Virginia Youth Livestock Shows Website](#)

2025 SFVA Youth Livestock Dates:

October 1st – 5th, 2025; **Updated rules will be available the week of May 12th.**

Important Dates and Deadlines – NEW FOR 2025

July 1st – DEADLINE for Mailing/Postmark DNA Samples to VA Tech

July 1st – DEADLINE for completing Online Nomination Process via FairEntry

July 1st – Ownership Deadline for all REGISTERED Breeding Livestock

July 2nd – SFVA Youth Livestock Entry System will open via FairEntry

August 15th – Entry Deadline for ALL ANIMALS via the Fair Entry System

DNA PACKET ORDERING SYSTEM IS OPEN - DUE BY JUNE 24TH

Animal nomination is FREE - NOMINATE ANYTHING THAT YOU THINK YOU MIGHT BRING TO THE STATE FAIR. Nominations close July 1st. No late additions accepted.

[Click here to order DNA Envelopes and Nomination Packets.](#)

Livestock that Require Nomination and DNA Samples to Show

Market Beef (*registered and crossbred*) • Commercial/Crossbred Heifers • Commercial (*non-registered*) Does • Market Goats • Commercial (*non-registered*) Ewes • Market Lambs • Market Hogs (*registered and crossbred*) • Commercial Breeding Gilts

Livestock NOT Requiring Nomination and DNA Sample to Show: Registered Breeding Females of any species

2025 Virginia Lamb and Goat Symposium

Date: Saturday, June 21st

Location: New River Valley Fairgrounds, Dublin.

[Click here for show entry system.](#)

This comprehensive sheep/goat educational program includes a small ruminant focused Skillathon, Showmanship, as well as shows for Market Lambs, Commercial Ewes, Market Goats, and Commercial Does. The event is open to enrolled Virginia 4-H and FFA youth members between the ages of 9 years and 19 years (age determined as of September 30, 2025) and is a sanctioned Virginia Showmasters Circuit event. ***This VSC show is only open to VA youth and does NOT offer a Pee Wee Showmanship Division***



- Entry fee is \$25/head for entries submitted prior to 5 pm on Thursday, June 19th. Late entries will be accepted at \$40/head from Friday, June 20th – Saturday, June 21st.
- All exhibitors will automatically be entered in Showmanship. Showmanship heats and/or classes will be broken using exhibitor birth dates with division age as of Sep 30, 2025.
- No pre-entry is required for the Skillathon or Overall Shepherd Award.
- Premiums will be paid to the Grand and Reserve Champion Market and Commercial Female winners in both Sheep and Goats. Premiums and or awards will be provided to showmanship champions and those recognized in the Skillathon and Overall Shepherd events. We are required to collect W-9's for exhibitors receiving premiums and awards.

2025 Virginia 4-H Pork Challenge

Date: Saturday, August 9th - begins at 10 AM

Location: George Washington Carver Center, 9432 James Madison Highway, Rapidan

Who Should Participate: Prince William 4-H Food Challenge Teams

Registration opens July 1st and is limited to 10 teams.

[Click here for contest rules.](#)

This contest is being offered through grant funding received by the Virginia Pork Council. Similar to the 4-H Food Challenge and the Virginia 4-H Beef Challenge, this contest will allow participants to use their creativity to create a dish using pork as the main ingredient.



National 4-H: Save the Date for Ignite by 4-H 2026



Dates: March 25 - 29, 2026

Location: Washington Hylton, Washington, DC

Ignite by 4-H remains the premier experience where teens discover their spark, connect with peers from across the country (and even the world), explore traditional and emerging career paths, and develop career and life readiness skills to become Beyond Ready for the future.

In 2026, Ignite will offer six exciting programmatic tracks, allowing teens to focus on their passions, deepen their skills, and explore meaningful career pathways. Returning for 2026 are four core tracks: AgriScience, Community Accelerators, Healthy Living, and STEM. Based on feedback from 4-H educators and teens, we're excited to introduce two NEW tracks that expand the possibilities for learning and leadership: Animal Science and Citizenship Washington Focus (Civic Engagement).

[Register for the Ignite 2026 Kick-Off Webinar, JUNE 11th at 3 PM.](#)

[Click here for more information and to register.](#) **Early bird registration is July 17th - September 15th.**

[Click here to apply for scholarships.](#) **Applications due July 17th at 5 PM.**



Virginia 2025 Air Force 4-H Military Partnership

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



To be eligible for the 4-H Air Force scholarship to attend a Virginia 4-H camping event, a youth living in Virginia must have a parent/legal guardian currently serving in Active-Duty Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard or Space Force.

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.

Scholarships are limited. First Come, First Served!
Scholarships to be awarded based on available funds or through June 30, 2025.

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

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

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

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VSU College of Agriculture Workshops

HIGH DENSITY ORCHARD PRODUCTION

Date: Wednesday, June 25th

Time: 6PM - 7:30PM

Location: Cross Keys Farm, 3022 Cross Keys Rd, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

[Click here to register.](#)

Join Mary and Raul Godinez to learn about fruit tree production in their orchards at Cross Keys Farm. This twilight talk will showcase their apple and pear orchards and discuss the benefits of the high-density production system. Mary and Raul will also cover peach production including pruning and care of stone fruits as part of the talk. Enjoy a beautiful evening in the orchards learning and growing along with fellow producers.



VCE Carver Center Opportunities

BETTER PROCESS CONTROL SCHOOL

Dates: July 1-2

Time: 8 am - 5:30 pm each day

Location: Carver Center 4-H Room, 9432 N James Madison Hwy, Rapidan, VA

Cost: \$250 with lunch included

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

This course covers training requirements for food manufacturers producing shelf-stable acidified food products under 21 CFR Part 114 and in accordance with Virginia food regulations. To receive the certificate, you must be present for the entirety of the course and pass each exam with a score of 70% or greater. The certificate does not expire.

HOW TO START A FOOD TRUCK BUSINESS

Date: Virtual and self-paced beginning the 1st of each month

Cost: Free

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

Through this virtual series, work at your own pace to open the food truck of your dreams! Content includes 9 learning modules with must-do lists, templates for finances, Virginia specific regulations overview, and advice from folks in the field.

Join us for

BETTER PROCESS CONTROL SCHOOL TRAINING

Location:
Carver Center 4-H Room
9432 N James Madison Hwy
Rapidan, VA 22733

July 1-2, 2025
Live, in-person
8:00am - 5:30pm each day

This course is designed for producers of acidified foods

Email ahamilton@vt.edu with questions

Topics includes:

- Objectives of the School
- Microbiology of Thermally Processed Foods
- Sanitation for Retorts and Atmospheric Cookers
- Closures for Glass and Twist-Off Plastic Containers
- Introduction to Thermal Processing
- Mild Thermal Processes

LEARN MORE & REGISTER [HERE](#)

Upcoming Events in Occoquan



OCCOQUAN ARTWALK

Saturday, June 21, 11am- 6pm @ 310 Mill Street, Occoquan.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Get to know Occoquan, Virginia's diverse and dynamic art galleries and artists with the inaugural Occoquan ArtWalk! This quarterly events is jointly hosted by the town's galleries and will include demonstrations by local artists, studio tours, games, prizes, and refreshments.



CONCERT IN THE PARK: 257TH ARMY BAND

Saturday, July 12, 7-9pm @ 458 Mill Street, Occoquan.

[Click here for more information.](#)

FREE concert in River Mill Park from the 257th Army Band! "The Band of the Nation's Capital" is the official musical ambassador for the D.C. Army National Guard. This is an outdoor event. Bring camp chairs or blankets for seating.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

Friday, June 25. [Click here for more information.](#)

Head to historic Occoquan for a Christmas in July celebration all day long! Local businesses will host a variety of activities, refreshments, holiday deals, summer specials, and more.

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