



# Prince William 4-H

*Our Clubs, Our Community*



August 25, 2021

## Upcoming Events

- Sep 6 - 4-H Shooting Education Ambassador Application Due
- Sep 9-12 - [60th VA State Championship Horse & Pony Show](#)
- Sep 10-12 - State 4-H Shoot
- Sep 19 - 4-H Club Leader Kickoff
- Sep 30 - Project Records, Portfolios and Outstanding Member Forms Due
- Oct 1 - All Star Applications Due
- Oct 6-17 - TSC Paper Clover Campaign

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## New 4-H Website and Updated Links

Back in late spring, Prince William County completely revamped their website and related web pages, including our PWC 4-H website. We've been making updates and adjustments, and we hope that you'll be able to easily access information on PWC 4-H and on all of our partner programs at PWC Virginia Cooperative Extension.

**Update Your Shortcuts!** The new PWC 4-H website can be found at [www.pwcva.gov/4-H](http://www.pwcva.gov/4-H). We typically use the 4-H website for information that doesn't change often. You'll also find the weekly newsletter posted there. For the most up-to-date information, please refer to the weekly newsletter. And we post reminders on both Facebook and Instagram.

We've also learned how to better store documents and link important forms. The quirks in accessing the Project Record files should be worked out and can be accessed here:

- [Member Record](#)
- [Cloverbud Sheet](#)
- [Project Record Ages 9-10](#)
- [Project Record Ages 11-12](#)
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- [Project Record Ages 16-19](#)



**Good job getting started early!** September is always a busy month for our youth as school and activities kick into gear. Please let us know if there are other documents that would be helpful to have linked on the back page of the newsletter for easy access.

**And thanks for reading. We're super excited to launch a new 4-H year!**

## Employment Opportunities with PWC 4-H



### JOIN OUR TEAM!

It's not everyday that a **FANTASTIC** opportunity to work with the **AWESOME** staff at our PWC 4-H office becomes available. We might be slightly biased, but our **SPLENDID 4-H TEAM** is hiring a part-time (30-hours/week) Education/Outreach Program Specialist.

[Please click here to learn more about how you can empower young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime and join our PWC 4-H Team!](#)

## Updated Recommendations for 4-H In-Person Programming



**PLEASE REVIEW - Updated mask protocol for all in-person 4-H programming!**

[Please click here to review the complete recommendations](#) that PWC 4-H is following to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. (Guidelines as of August 10th, 2021.)



# Exploring with 4-H





# At the PWC Fair



2021 Prince William County Fair  
**4-H CHILDREN'S BARN, AG BARN & CAMP**



**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!**



2021 Prince William County Fair  
**4-H CHILDREN'S BARN**

# THANK YOU COMMUNITY PARTNERS!



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### Prince William Food Rescue

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Website: <https://pwfoodrescue.org/>  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pwfoodrescue>



### PWC Emergency Operations Center

Website: <https://www.pwcva.gov/department/office-emergency-management>



**PWC Recycles**  
You are the Key to Recycling

### PWC Solid Waste Management Recycling Program

5 County Complex Court  
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## Become a 4-H Shooting Education Ambassador

**Applications Deadline:** September 6th, 2021

[Please click here for application information, rules, and to apply.](#)

The Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Ambassador Program offers teens the opportunity to demonstrate and build upon their skills in citizenship, leadership, and public speaking as they travel around Virginia serving as advocates and spokespersons for 4-H Shooting Education. The function of this group is to help build the shooting education program in Virginia and to help its members increase their knowledge of the sport. This is a service organization for which it is an honor to be chosen and is only as strong as its participants. [Click here to learn more about VA 4-H Shooting Education Ambassadors.](#)

## Every Kid Outdoors Program from the National Park Service



With the school year beginning, and the new 4-H year right around the corner, it's a great time to take advantage of the **Every Kid Outdoors Program from the National Park Service**. The program was created in 2015 in an effort to get more children and families to visit our national parks, and it has been renewed and expanded over the years to now include a wide variety of public lands.

**Free Passes!** The program is very simple: every 4<sup>th</sup> grade student (*or home school equivalent*) in the United States is entitled to get one Every Kid Outdoors pass which is valid from September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022 (*so it is valid all the way through next summer*). The pass will admit that student, any other youth under the age of 16 in the party (*other youth do not have to be 4<sup>th</sup> graders*), and up to 3 adults free to any site which charges an entry fee. This does not cover other fees like parking fees, camping permits, etc. but covering the entry fees can represent a significant savings to families. Any eligible student/parent can visit <https://www.everykidoutdoors.gov> to print the free pass or to get more information.

**Opportunities for Club or In-School Programming!** Educators are also able to print out passes from the website for all of their 4<sup>th</sup> graders, plus there are activity guides that can be downloaded. **Extension Agents and club leaders ARE considered educators for the purposes of this program!** All you will need to do is visit <https://www.everykidoutdoors.gov/educators.htm>, download any activity guides you would like, and fill out the information to print out the passes. Enter "Virginia 4-H Program" in the box asking for a school or organization name.

The activity guides were developed by the National Park Service, and they are easily adaptable to in-school settings, or for clubs, etc. The four activity guides are: **Exploring Federal Lands & Waters, Environmental Stewardship, Our Nation's Native Peoples, and Citizen Science.**

**Where the Pass Can Be Used?** The pass can be used at most fee-based sites administered by the following federal agencies: National Park Service • Bureau of Land Management • Bureau of Reclamation • National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration • United States Fish & Wildlife Service • United States Forest Service • United States Army Corps of Engineers

With the ongoing effects of COVID, I know that many 4-H clubs plan outdoor programming, and many families are in search of outdoor weekend or school break trips. The beginning of the 4-H year is a great time to be thinking about visiting our national parks and recreation areas. Virginia alone has some 22 National Park Service sites which range from Revolutionary War battlefields and natural landmarks, to Civil Rights monuments and cultural heritage. You can find these online at <https://www.nps.gov/state/va/index.htm>.

Many parks also offer educational programming which support our 4-H pillar areas of Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living, and STEM. Some of these lessons are available online for educators to use at the Teaching With Historic Places website: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/teachingwithhistoricplaces/index.htm>.

Let's get **Every Kid Outdoors!**

## Labor Day Family Camp at the Northern Virginia 4-H Center



Registration is now LIVE for our 3rd Annual Labor Day Family Camp! Carve out some time for family bonding, or invite your extended family, friends, and neighbors too for the long holiday weekend. Either way, the schedule is designed to maximize what YOU need out of the weekend.

**NEW THIS YEAR** are staff-led adventure activities including Canoeing, Archery, and Climbing!

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

## Save the Date! Hokie Bug Fest



**Get ready for Hokie BugFest 2021!**

This year's event will include BOTH virtual and in-person learning opportunities. In-person field trips will take place during September. Hokie BugFest will again host an amazing VIRTUAL arthropod world from October 2nd through December 31st. The virtual program will host, bug-inspired online exhibits, performances, contests, challenges, and more!

Details are not currently available for Hokie BugFest 2021, but will be updated at [hokiebugfest.org](http://hokiebugfest.org) soon.

## National 4-H: 2021 4-H STEM CHALLENGE - GALACTIC QUEST



Designed by Clemson University, the 2021 4-H STEM Challenge, Galactic Quest, explores the history of humans in space, the technology and resources needed for missions and the obstacles humans encounter in orbit. Activities explore important STEM topics from physics and engineering to computer science and space agriculture. Join the webinar September 1 at 1:00 PM EST to learn more about the activities in this year's challenge. [Click here to register.](#)



### 2021 4-H STEM SUMMIT

The 2021 4-H STEM Summit: Galactic Quest will be conducted virtually September 17-19. Participants will have the opportunity to connect with peers from around the nation to learn and discover together. Participants will receive a summit box with materials to support experiential learning throughout the Summit. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

## Employment Opportunities with FFx VCE



Our friends at Fairfax County VCE have two opening for support staff in their office.

**Full-Time Administrative Assistant:** [Please click here for details and how to apply.](#)

**Part-Time Program Assistant, Horticulture and Family and Consumer Sciences Programs:** General responsibilities include meet and greet clients and visitors; answer telephones and transfer to appropriate staff member; prioritizing and managing time effectively to perform multiple tasks; proficient in Microsoft Office Suite, Google Apps, and Zoom; maintain hard copy and electronic filing system; perform general clerical duties to include but not limited to: photocopying, faxing, mailing, and filing; research, price, and purchase office supplies; setup and help coordinate workshops; support staff in assigned project-based work; other duties as assigned. Please send a resume and cover letter to [abordas@vt.edu](mailto:abordas@vt.edu).



**October 9, 2021**

**Harris Pavilion**  
9201 Center Street  
Manassas, Virginia

**11:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Free public admission!**  
**Get your tickets now**

<http://manassaslatinofestival.com>

**PRINCE WILLIAM  
COUNTY**

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**Click to Visit Online:**

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