

Prince William 4

Our Clubs, Our Community



November 8, 2023

Upcoming Events

Nov II - Cloverbud Club

Nov 14 - PW 4-H Association Meeting

Nov 25-29- National 4-H Congress

Nov 27 - Youth Officer & Leadership Training

Nov 30 - Engage Locally!

Dec 7 - <u>Homemade</u>
<u>Holiday Craft Night</u>,
Teen Club, and
Cloverbud Club

Dec 9 - Prince William
4-H Recognition Day

Dec 16 - Wreaths Across America Ceremonies

Jan 9 - Teen Club Meeting

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Register TODAY for Engage Locally!

More and more RSVP's from the movers and shakers in our community are received daily! **Why?**

Because these leaders want to meet **YOU!** Our youth have powerful voices. Prince William 4-H is providing a platform for you to be heard. Share your 4-H citizenship story at the 2nd annual *Engage Locally!* night. You will have a chance to speak with civic leaders involved in all levels of local, state, and federal government.

This year's important event will take place at the historic Manassas Courthouse! Display your club activities and special 4-H events at tables available throughout the room. Grow your citizenship skills by building relationships with officials that actually make the changes needed in our community. Make connections to promote your projects and ideas and SPARK new project ideas through conversations. This event is for ALL Prince William 4-H'ers!

Date: Thursday, November 30th, 6-9 pm (guests attend 6:30 - 8:30 pm)

Location: Historic Manassas Courthouse

Click here to register. See Page 5 for more information.

** If you have special photos that you would like to include in the evening's slide show, please send them to phardin@pwcgov.org.

Prince William 4-H Association Meeting



Date: Tuesday, November 14th

Time: 7-8:30 PM

Location: McCoy Conference Room, Prince William 4-H, Manassas

Who Should Attend: All 4-H families!

The Prince William 4-H Association is key to the success of our 4-H program. The association fundraises to provide scholarships, learning opportunities, and educational programing to our members and community. It's completely volunteer led, and provides an excellent opportunity for youth to hold leadership positions at the county level. These meetings are an opportunity to network, learn more about opportunities with 4-H, and provide input for 4-H activities and events. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm!

Each club should send a representative to report on their club as well as report back to their club.

























4-H Contest Training

Our 4-H'ers had so much fun at this interactive workshop and took home new ideas and tips and tricks for a successful 4-H Contest Day! A HUGE 4-H THANK YOU to 4-H alumnus Shelby, Evan and Kipp for sharing their 4-H knowledge.

























Register for PW 4-H Cloverbud Club

Date: November 11th Time: 10 am - noon

Location: 4-H Barn at the PWC Fairgrounds

Who Should Attend: Prince William youth ages 5-8 with an interest in 4-H

Click here to register. Registration is free, but required.

Learn about the 4-H Pillar of Citizenship from our very own military connected youth! This month's Cloverbud Club will feature special guests from Trigger Time 4-H Club who will lead us in hands-on crafts and activities about symbols that represent the USA and how/why to be a good citizen. Prince William 4-H provides kids with community, mentors, and learning opportunities to develop the skills they need to create positive change in their lives and communities. Our clubs participate in Wreaths Across America, Run for the Fallen, Honor Flights, service projects for Veterans' Parades, postcards to deployed military, 4-H camp scholarships for military connected youth, and more.



Register for PW 4-H Officer & Leadership Training

Date: Monday, November 27th

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Location: McCoart Building, I County Complex Court (Prince William Parkway),

Woodbridge

Who Should Attend: All Prince William 4-H club officers and any 4-H'er

interested in a leadership position in 4-H!

Click here to register.

This in-person, interactive meeting is for current youth officers, newly elected youth officers, anyone interested in becoming an officer, or anyone interested in learning about leadership opportunities in 4-H at the local, county, district, and state levels. All prince William 4-H Teen Club members are encouraged to attend to build your resume with 4-H!





PW 4-H Teen & Adult Volunteer Opportunity



Date: Friday, December 8th

Time: 5 PM

Location: SERVE, 10056 Dean Dr., Manassas, VA

Click here to sign up.

Please sign up by November 17th.

SERVE has requested 20 teen and adult volunteers (ages 14 & up) to assist with holiday activities for their families. SERVE is

providing the crafting supplies. Volunteers will facilitate the activities. All Prince William Teens are encouraged to sign up and SERVE our local community!



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PW 4-H Youth Entrepreneurship Opportunity

Many of our Prince William 4-H'ers are familiar with Thomas Bolles at VCE's Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) through his support of our Teen Club Ag Nights. He has an exciting opportunity for 4-H'ers with rabbits!

Prince William 4-H through VCE has the opportunity to have the Virginia State University (VSU) rabbit specialist visit and present on pasture raised rabbits. For example, in Michigan, some enterprising 4-Hers have been selling rabbit manure to offset their feed costs. 4-H'ers with rabbits, or considering rabbits, and are interested in entrepreneurship and potentially turning your rabbit manure into a business, should contact ANR Agent Thomas Bolles at tpbolles@vt.edu by November 15th.



VCE/Prince William 4-H Sock Drive

You're invited to participate in a friendly, sole-warming competition to benefit Prince William VCE and our 4-H program! Prince William 4-H, as part of the Virginia Cooperative Extension, is collecting new socks for a Community Sock Drive. The drive runs from now until November 30th.

YOUR MISSION - COLLECT NEW SOCKS! Socks may be dropped off directly to Prince William 4-H, or during one of our events in November, including Cloverbud Club, the Prince William 4-H Association Meeting, Officer & Leadership Training, and Engage Locally.

All socks collected by our Unit will be donated to Streetlight Ministries as well as English Meadows (for any slip resistant socks received). This is a terrific opportunity to support new community organizations and form new relationships for community service projects.

Please contact MaryBeth Lerch with questions. Thank you for your support!

Virginia 4-H All Star Committee Members Needed

The Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars is recruiting members to serve on a committee for the 2023-2024 program year! All Prince William 4-H All Stars are encouraged to volunteer to serve on a committee. Committees include: Audit, Budget, Membership, Ceremonial, Future Plans, Awards, Nominating, Younger Member, Resolutions, Policy and Bylaws, and Funds committees.

Additional opportunities to volunteer include:

- Assisting with the Virginia Star newsletter
- Serving on your local Chapter Executive Board
- Serving on the State Executive Board
- Assisting with planning a conference
- Assisting with the Summer Tapping Ceremony at Congress
- Serving as a Judge, Chaperone, or assisting with State 4-H Congress
- Promoting VA All Stars to your local 4-H clubs
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Click here for more information and to complete the VA 4-H All Star Committee Form by Friday, November 17th.

The All Stars will have an Executive Board meeting on November 21 to set up the committees.





ENGAGE LOCALLY

BY PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

ALL 4-H members are invited to attend this fantastic opportunity to plug in locally with our legislators, county and city government, and school officials. Help us promote YOU!

DATE

Thursday, November 30

TIME 6-9 PM

LOCATION

The Historic Manassas Courthouse

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Please register by November 20th.

Early registration will help us plan the event program tables.



OUR YOUTH HAVE POWERFUL VOICES!

Get plugged into the world of civic engagement by contributing to this important event! All Prince William 4-H'ers are encouraged to participate and share their experiences - including Cloverbuds! The list of VIP RSVP's is growing because they WANT to hear YOU.

WHY ATTEND?

- Engage with local government officials, build your citizenship skills, and increase your understanding of roles and responsibilities in the government
 - ★ Make connections to promote your projects and ideas and SPARK new project ideas through conversations
 - * Network for future internship and job opportunities
- Encourage continued support of Prince William 4-H by sharing your 4-H Story
 - ★ Grow your 4-H Story by participating in civic engagement activities including Engage Locally and 4-H State Capitol Day

ENGAGE LOCALLY WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS!

Over 65 local, state, and federal civic leaders from the greater Prince William area have been invited! Tell your 4-H Story, share your experiences and engage with more local movers and shakers (many confirmed to date!):

- Local Virginia Senators and Greater Prince William Area Virginia Delegates
- Prince William County Supervisors
- Commonwealth Attorney
- City of Manassas and Manassas Park Government Leaders
- Prince William, Manassas and Manassas Park School Board Officials
- Virginia Cooperative Extension Representatives





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Prince William 4-H Scholarships - Due November 24th

Prince William 4-H has four scholarships available to members. All scholarship applications and nominations are due by November 24th, 2023. Scholarships will be presented at the Prince William 4-H Recognition Day in December.



2023 Joanne Guhl Scholarship

Ioanne Guhl was a member of the Boots and Saddles 4-H Club who passed away in 1984. Her parents honor her memory by awarding a college scholarship to a PW 4-Her. Applicants must be enrolled the Prince William 4-H program and must have been accepted at an institution of higher learning. Preference is given to 4-Hers pursuing a career in animal science.

Please click here to apply for the 2023 Joanne Guhl Scholarship.



2023 Bernard Malo Scholarship

Bernard Malo was a past leader of the Trigger Time 4-H Shooting Education Club. Bernie, a 4-H All Star, was active at the local, district, and state level and gave much to the youth of Virginia. His family, who are all 4-H'ers and friends, started a scholarship fund to honor his memory. Trigger Time 4-H Club members have continued to help this scholarship fund grow. This scholarship is for higher education for those entering as a freshman into any four-year college, community college or vocational school. Trigger Time member applicants are given first consideration. The amount of scholarship may vary from year to year.

Please click here to apply for the 2023 Bernard Malo Scholarship.



2023 Outstanding 4-H Member Award (Youth)

The Outstanding 4-H Member Award was created to recognize individuals who demonstrate exemplary service to Prince William 4-H through participation in program planning, development, and implementation at the club level and beyond. This yearly award will be given to individuals who strengthen local 4-H clubs and county 4-H by encouraging and promoting youth members and volunteers, helping to recruit new members and leaders, and through leadership responsibility while promoting service through volunteerism.

Click here to apply for the 2023 Outstanding 4-H Member Award.



2023 Outstanding 4-H Volunteer Award (Adult)

The All Around 4-H Volunteer Award was created to recognize individuals who demonstrate exemplary service to Prince William 4-H through participation in program planning, development, and implementation at the club level and beyond. This yearly award will be given to individuals who strengthen local 4-H clubs and county 4-H by encouraging and promoting youth members and volunteers, helping to recruit new members and leaders, and through leadership responsibility while promoting service through volunteerism.

Contact MaryBeth Lerch to nominate an adult volunteer for the 2023 Outstanding 4-H Volunteer Award.



JOIN US FOR PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H'S

HOMEMADE HOLIDAY



ENJOY A FAMILY-FRIENDLY
EVENING MAKING HOLIDAY
CRAFTS WHILE SNACKING ON
PIZZA, COOKIES, AND SIPPING
HOT CHOCOLATE WITH YOUR 4-H
FRIENDS!

ALL PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H'ERS ARE INVITED!

Location:

THURSDAY

Time:

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL
10391 SUDLEY MANOR DR.
MANASSAS

DECEMBER 7th

6-8 PM



Support our 4-H teens volunteering at SERVE on the 8th by bringing a canned/boxed food item to donate!



CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

OR SCAN THE QR CODE.

PLEASE REGISTER BY DECEMBER 1ST.
REGISTRATION IS FREE, BUT REQUIRED. ALL
CRAFT SUPPLIES AND SNACKS PROVIDED
BY PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H.







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TRIGGER TIME 4-H'ERS ATTEND AMBASSADOR TRAINING AT GRAVES MOUNTAIN

Submitted by Samantha Erick, Youth 4-H Club Reporter

This past weekend, Trigger Time 4-H Club had three of their members and Ambassadors, Sam Seagle, Samantha Erick, and Lexi Strand, attend Ambassador Training at Graves Mountain Lodge, in Syria, VA. During the weekend, they practiced public speaking with speeches they had prepared before coming to training. They learned what a Shooting Education Ambassador represents and how to conduct themselves in a well manner. Team building games and activities were done and they had time for a beautiful hike for a break. They will have a second training in January.



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, to help its members increase their knowledge of the sport and to meet like minded youth.

This is a service organization for which it is an honor to be chosen and is only as strong as its participants. General expectations of the Ambassador program include but are not limited to the following. Ambassadors must:

- be 14 years of age, but not over the age of 19 as of January 1, 2024 (may finish term past 19th birthday)
- have a GPA of 2.5 or higher
- be enrolled in 4-H and actively participating in a 4-H Shooting Education Program for at least 1 year (preferred)
- attend and actively engage in the events as designated on the Ambassador schedule. Note: Limited funds are available to offset much of the costs. However, Ambassadors may have to bear the cost of these trainings (meals, lodging, travel,
- serve a two-year term (renewable if selected)
- be willing and able to take limited time off from school (three to five days per school year)
- be aware that only a limited number of teens from across the state will be selected to serve as Ambassadors





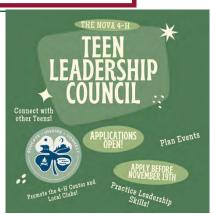


NOVA 4-H Teen Leadership Council

Our TLC applications for this year are finally here! The Northern Virginia Teen Leadership Council is open to teens who are between 14 and 18 (within the 4-H year) in the NOVA Camping District. Applications are open now through **November 19th, 2023** and our Kick-Off Meeting will take place **January 14th from 2-4pm** at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational and Conference Center.

Applications: https://forms.gle/yLbV6MQ2LvoxZ8eaA Expectations: https://docs.google.com/document/

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Virginia 4-H Specialty Camps

It is specialty camp season for the 4-H Centers! All Virginia 4-H'ers are invited to attend.



AIRFIELD 4-H CENTER, Wakefield, VA

Aerospace Camp: January 26th-28th Comic Book Camp: March 22nd-24th Contact: Joey Patterson - jpatt024@vt.edu



HOLIDAY LAKE 4-H CENTER, Appomattox, VA

Winter In the Woods: December 2nd-3rd, Ages 7-13 Food Frenzy: January 20th-21st, Ages 9-18 Click here for more information and to register.





JAMESTOWN 4-H CENTER, Williamsburg, VA Swifty Camp: December 12th-17th, Ages 8-14 Click here for more information and to register.



NORTHERN VIRGINIA 4-H CENTER, Front Royal, VA

Winter Cloverbuds Camp: December 8th-10th, Ages 5-8

Register by November 22nd.

Click here for more information and to register.



SOUTHWEST 4-H CENTER, Abingdon, VA

Christmas Camp: December 1st - 2nd, Ages 9-13

Register by November 17th.

Click here for more information and to register.



W.E. SKELTON 4-H CENTER, Wirtz, VA

Winter Cloverbud Camp: February 23rd-25th

Contact: J.T. Lawhorn, <u>itlawhorn@vt.edu</u>

Youth Must Be Enrolled in 4-H Online to Attend Camps

Need help enrolling?

Click here for 2023-24 4-H Online New Youth Enrollment Tip Sheet Click here for 2023-24 4-H Online Youth Re-Enrollment Tip Sheet Click here for 4-H Online.





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4-H DAY AT THE CAPITOL January 24, 2024

4-H Day at the Capitol provides an opportunity for youth to learn about governmental procedures and emphasizes the importance of citizen involvement in the governmental process. Participants visit with legislators sharing their 4-H experiences and learning about the role of legislators in government. They observe the legislative process in action, have opportunities to learn about the congressional aides and pages programs, and have an opportunity to tour the Capitol, museums, or other historical sites in the Richmond area.





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PW 4-H Teens - Apply for Virginia 4-H Youth in Action Awards

Click here for more information and to apply. Applications due November 17th.

The State 4-H Office is once again pleased to announce this exciting award opportunity for 4-H'ers across Virginia. To provide a similar system to the National 4-H Youth in Action Awards, and to encourage high quality applications for the national awards, the State 4-H Office established the Virginia 4-H Youth in Action Awards Program in 2019. The nomination process is now open for our Class of 2024 Youth in Action winners.

YOUTH NACTION VIRGINIA

Youth may recommend themselves for consideration in one of the pillar areas of Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living, and STEM. One pillar winner will be chosen from each area, as well as an overall state winner from the four pillar winners. Any 4-H member in Virginia ages 15-18 is eligible to be nominated.

Virginia 4-H Horse Program Save the Dates

Welcome to the New 4-H Year! Be sure to re-enroll early in 4-H Online to avoid complications later. Here are a few important dates:

- Block and Bridle Horse Judging Clinic Saturday, January 20th at Alphin-Stuart Arena on the campus of Virginia Tech
- Block and Bridle Horse Weekend Friday, February 9th and Saturday, February 10th at Alphin-Stuart Arena on the campus of Virginia Tech (Hippology on Friday, Judging and ALL Awards on Saturday)
- Equismartz State Educational Contests Weekend Friday, April 5th Sunday, April 7th at the Virginia Horse Center and Rockbridge County High School Schedule will be similar to last year (Hippology on Friday afternoon/evening; Horse Judging and judging portion of 4-H Hippology on Saturday; Communications and Horse Bowl on Sunday).



Save the Date! Volunteer Training

Virginia 4-H Youth Development Institute

Date: March 4th - 6th, 2024 **Location:** Blacksburg, VA

The focus of this year's institute will be centered around the critical theme of youth behavior and behavior management. A committee of agents, camping faculty, and specialists is working to deliver engaging sessions, share insights, and discuss strategies to enhance youth development and behavior management.

Please save the date on your calendar, as this event will provide invaluable knowledge and networking opportunities for all those working in the field of youth development. More details, including the event location, agenda, and registration information, will be sent to you in the coming weeks. Please share with others in your unit who also work with youth and may be interested in joining us.



Free Event 4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE CAREER NIGHT

Event offers a wide variety of animal science career exploration. These careers include Marine Biology, Zookeeping, K9 Unit Training, Veterinarian Science, and Dog Daycare Handler.



New Jersey Agricultural

Experiment Station COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Thursday

November 16th, 2023



6:00pm

8:00pm

Register for Zoom Link



Bridgewater NJ

Recruiting Host Families for the 2024 Japanese Summer Exchange

Virginia 4-H partners with States' 4-H to host young people from Japan for a month-long summertime exchange or homestay. We are recruiting host families across Virginia to host 18 young Japanese people and 2 chaperones for the summer of 2024.

Hosting Details and Requirements

- -Program runs July 21-23 through August 16-18, 2024
- -No previous 4-H experience is required
- -lapanese delegates are ages 12-18 (most are 12-14)
- -To host a delegate, a family must have a child who is 9+ years old.
- -Families without youth can host adult chaperones.
- -Families will be matched with a delegate of the same gender who is within 3 years of the host youth's age.
- -All Host families will be screened and interviews as part of our risk management protocol.
- -Host families receive no stipend to host a delegate.
- -Japanese delegates have a range of English language abilities.
- -Delegates are here to experience every day American life. No special activities need to be planned.
- -Host Families will receive support from the state coordinator and other host families before, during & after the exchange (not financial)

Host families should apply directly here and select Virginia as their state: https:// www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/

WE ASKED 2023 HOST FAMILIES

"WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO HOST?"



as a family."

"We hoped to introduce our children to different cultures in the world and allow them to see that they have much in common with others around the world. They could share their differences and it helps them understand why we may be different as

"It is a good experience for the whole family to learn about someone else's culture and lifestyle. We have relatives who

"This is our fifth time hosting an exchange student, and the fourth time doing so through 4H. We have loved each experience. It has made my children more aware that while we may be different from others, we are also very much the

STATES' 4-H

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PROGRAMS

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WE HOPE TO HAVE **YOU JOIN US THIS COMING SUMMER!**

Reach out to us or your State Coordinator for information on becoming a host family!

Summer Program FAQs: https://www.states4hexchange.org/host/summer/faq/ Please contact Wendy Herdman at wherdman@vt.edu or 804-493-8924 if you have questions or need assistance.

STEM Opportunity with the VA Space Grant Consortium

Dates: Summer 2024

Who Should Apply: Rising 9th and 10th Grade Virginia High School Students Applications open 12/1/2023 and close 2/1/2024.

Click here for more information.

Building Leaders for Advancing Science and Technology (BLAST) offers an exciting way for rising 9th and 10th grade students to spend three days of summer! Participating students get to stay in a college dorm and see what campus life is like on-site at one of our five partner universities: Old Dominion University, Radford University, the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, or William & Mary. No previous experience in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) is needed, and this program is FREE for participants. BLAST is designed to help students find their place in STEM.



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