

Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community

April 24, 2024

Upcoming Events

Apr 24-May 5 Paper Clover Campaign Apr 26-25 VA 4-H Healthy Living Summit

Apr 27 4-H NE District Food Challenge Contest

Apr 30 - PW 4-H Mid-Year Leaders' Meeting

May 8 - PW 4-H Fair Camp Counselor Planning Workshop

May II - PW 4-H Cloverbud Club

May 22 - PW 4-H Teen Club

Jun 15-17 - National 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus

Jun 18-21 - VA 4-H State Congress

Jun 19 - PW 4-H Workday Wednesday

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Prince William 4-H Young Entrepreneurs

Last week's Prince William 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Project information night was packed with 21 4-H'ers interested in learning how to start a business! The project aims to help youth formulate product ideas, create a business plan, develop product, and put the plan into action, transforming their ideas into sales at a local farmers' market. The youth have already begun sharing product ideas!

Some key take-aways for the 2024 Young Entrepreneurs Project:

Participants must be registered in 4-H Online.

• Participants must attend all 4 workshops to have a table at the market. This includes past participants. See <u>Page 4</u> for dates.

• Guest speakers, including vendors and VCE Financial Education professionals, will be invited to meetings to provide practical expertise and the do's and do not's of business planning and execution. Youth are encouraged to bring what they are working on and ask specific questions.

• Prince William 4-H'ers will be at a new market place this year - the Manassas Park Farmers' Market!

WORKSHOP #I

Date: Wednesday, May 1st Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM Location: McCoy Conference Room, 7987 Ashton Ave, Manassas <u>Click here to register for Young</u> Entrepreneurs Workshop #1. All participants must attend! If you have not turned in your application, it is due at this meeting. Workshop #1 will include setting goals and product/vendor guest speakers.

SAVE THE DATE! Prince William 4-H Mid-Year Leaders' Meeting



PRINCE WILLIAM

Date: Tuesday, April 30th Time: 7 PM

Who Should Attend: PW 4-H Club Leaders, project leaders/shooting sports instructors, any adult or teen in a leadership role with a club or committee Location: Zoom link coming soon!

It's time for our mid-year update! All adult and youth leaders are encouraged to attend this important touch-base meeting. We'll review the start of the year,

discuss current projects and events, and distribute information on upcoming events and activities. This is your opportunity to ask questions, share ideas, and provide feedback to ensure that 4-H is providing the resources necessary to your club's activities.

PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

Tree Planting Community Service Day



Prince William 4-Hers celebrated Earth Day and Arbor Day by planting buttonbush and crabapple trees on Saturday. Buttonbush trees are small trees that like moist soil and part shade and do well planted near water. These small trees do mighty work helping to prevent erosion and filtering water within the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Our 4-H'ers planted 20 crab apple seedlings along a wooded trail that opened into a small clearing they named Crab Apple Grove. Mature crab apple trees provide not only a beautiful spot but a food source for woodland animals.



Colgan HS planted buttonbush, crab apple and northern red oak near the outdoor classrooms and along a riparian zone (land located near streams, rivers and other water) on campus. These students and their teacher hope to monitor and improve the health of Powell's Creek by taking good care of these seedlings.

The Environmental Protection Club at Belmont ES is always searching for ways to take care of our planet. 15 students planted buttonbush, crab apple and northern red oak in the front yard of the school to create more shade and to improve the environment of their school.





Great landscape photos by 4-H'er Sydney Blocker!

Sign Up to Promote Your PW 4-H Club at TSC



SPRING 2024 PAPER CLOVER AT TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY IN MANASSAS

Paper Clover April 24 – May 5 <u>Click here for signup.</u> Tractor Supply will be holding their 2024 Spring Paper Clover Campaign along with National 4-H from April 24th to May 5th.



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. Prince William 4-H Clubs earn a percentage of the proceeds from this event to use towards camps, State Congress, and other leadership opportunities. Thank you for supporting your club and your community!

Please sign up your 4-H Club for a time slot and plan to bring your biggest 4-H smile!

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 your own water bottles and 4-H will provide a snack for each meeting.

PW 4-H'ers Taking Share the Fun Skills into the Community

Date: Saturday, May 11th Time: 2 PM (opening performance!) Location: Hylton Performing Arts Center Group Discounted Ticket Cost: \$20/person <u>Click here to join Prince William 4-H's group.</u> Must join the group by Monday, May 29th. Minimum of 10 people need to receive group discount.

Prince William 4-H'ers Grayson and Bailey Dove are taking their 4-H Share the Fun skills into the community by performing in *The Wizard of Oz*, presented by ARTfactory Pied Piper Theatre. Pam Hardin at 4-H Headquarters is organizing a group discount opportunity for 4-H families and friends. Join in the fun to support our Prince William 4-H'ers!

About the Show: L. Frank Baum's classic novel comes to life in The Wizard of Oz. This faithful adaptation by the Royal Shakespeare Company features all the most beloved songs and moments from the 1939 classic film, brought to life onstage. Young Dorothy Gale is swept away by a tornado from her Kansas farm to the magical land of Oz. There, she encounters a host of whimsical characters: good witches, bad witches, animals that talk, scarecrows that walk, and things magical to behold. To make it home safely, Dorothy must learn an important lesson: there's no place like home.







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!

APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 1STI Applications were distributed at the information night. Contact DeeAnn Strand at <u>dstrand@pwcva.gov</u> for the application and attend Workshop 1 on May 1st. Participants must attend all 4 Workshops to join the project.



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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 <u>www.pwcva.gov/4-H</u>.

*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 for more information and to join a club.













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Prince William 4-H

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

www.pwcva.gov/4-H

Reaching New Heights with 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.

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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. 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

Many Dreams One Love

5/12

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



CITIZENSHIP



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HEALTHY LIVING

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AGRICULTURE

Prince William 4-H

Reaching New Heights with 4-H

At the PWC Fair, August 9-17, 2024

www.pwcva.gov/4-H

4-H CHILDREN'S BARN

4-H AGRICULTURE BARN

4-H FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT THE SHOW 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!

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!

TBD, 5 PM

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

AGRICULTURE



MAKE CONNECTIONS



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PRINCE WILIAM 4-H FAIR CAMP

HEALTHY LIVING

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 <u>www.pwcva.gov/4-H</u> for more information and registration links.

Reach New Heights with Prince William 4-H!

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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-HOnline.

The mission of Virginia 4-H State Congress is to provide competitive and noncompetitive 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!



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!

<u>Click here for the 2024-2025 VA 4-H Cabinet Election Packet.</u> 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. <u>Click here to read the VA 4-H Cabinet Bylaws.</u>

Completed applications to the VA 4-H Cabinet are due by Friday, May 10th at 5 PM.



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

questions or need assistance.



2024 National 4-H Congress Applications Now Open

Who Should Apply: Prince William 4-H'ers ages 14-19 More information and the application is available through 4-HOnline. Applications due May 6th.

Click here for more information.

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.

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:

- 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 by May 6: <u>https://forms.gle/tnMcWsv9NbR7XLdk7</u>. Applicants should not send their application or portfolio to the State 4-H Office.

Virginia 4-H Animal Science Updates

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.

Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Competition Rule Changes

The Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Council is preparing for the upcoming District Shoots and the State Shoot in September. New rule changes need to be incorporated into ongoing training activities in order to prepare for these upcoming competitions. More detailed information will be available in the coming weeks,. Click here for the 2024 VA 4-H Shooting Sports Rule Changes Summary.







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Virginia 4-H Horse Program



THE GOLDEN HORSESHOE 4-H CLUB QUALFIER

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 <u>Click here for more information</u>. Entries due May 10th.



2024 EAST COAST AGGIE HORSE JUDGING CLINIC

Dates: June 8-9 Location: Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA <u>Click here to register.</u>

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 I and 2 for those riding or driving, Level I 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 <u>Click here for detailed information.</u>

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

Click here for link to documents and additional information.

There are several new documents available to provide clarity for club leaders, VCE Agents, and parents who are helping youth qualify for the State Show. While that information is soon to be released, youth will begin qualifying as early as next weekend. These documents and information should provide you with clarity on qualifying and requirements for entry.

4-H Youth can qualify at:

- District Qualifying Shows and Clinics: Youth can attend ANY 4-H District Approved Qualifying Show. These can be within or outside of the district a youth is enrolled in. No extra paperwork/fee is needed to attend another district's qualifying show.
- Outside Qualifying Form: This form is to be used prior to qualifying at a non-4-H approved horse show. The form and fee must be submitted and approved by the District Horse Council designee prior to the show.

Click here for qualifying shows.

National 4-H Updates



JOANN IN-STORE CAMPAIGN

Click here for more information and coupon. Campaign runs March 3rd - May 4th.

Join JOANN in supporting 4-H to help create kids who are ready to lead in their communities and take on life's greatest challenges. Shop and donate to support Prince William 4-H!



CLOVER BY 4-H: GOOGLE X 4-H COMPUTER SCIENCE CURRICULUM

<u>Click here to access FREE curriculum.</u> Grades 3-8

Level up your science class! In this curriculum, supported by Google.org, youth will learn all about coding, programming, and other computer science concepts through engaging, interactive, and innovative activities that foster creativity, problem-solving skills, and a deeper understanding of technology!



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.

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Virginia 4-H Camps



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.





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 <u>Click here to register.</u> 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 <u>Tatyana Yates</u>.



MILITARY TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP

Dates: June 17th - 21st Location: Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center, Appomattox, VA Who Should Attend: youth ages 13-18

<u>Click here for more information and to register</u>. **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) <u>Click here for more information and to register.</u>

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 <u>Click here for more information and to register.</u> 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.

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Virginia 4-H Events and Camps continued



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!



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

Daes: 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 EDUCATION CAMP Dates: July 28th -August 1st

Location: Holiday Lake 4-H Education

Center, Appomattox, VA <u>Click here for more information and to register</u>. **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 <u>Click here for more information and to register.</u> 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. <u>Click here for more information and to apply.</u>





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: <u>www.ext.vt.edu/offices</u> 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 <u>currently</u> 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.

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





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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.

Job Opportunity: Extension State Master Gardener Coordinator

Do you know someone who has:

- * A Master's degree in horticulture or related field (preferred)?
- * Extensive experience in program development, volunteer management, and outreach?
- * A strong commitment to environmental stewardship and public education?

If so, this is the opportunity for them! In this role, they will:

- Lead and collaborate with a dedicated team to expand VCE's EMG program across Virginia.
- * Provide support and guidance to a network of passionate EMG volunteers statewide.
- * Oversee program development, training opportunities, and resource distribution.
- * Advocate for environmentally sound gardening practices and community engagement.

Click here for more information and to apply. Review of applications begins May 12.

VBFRC April 2024 Newsletter

Click here to read the newsletter.

The Virginia Beginning Farmer & Rancher Coalition (VBFRC) aims to keep farmers and ranchers in Virginia informed about trainings and events happening throughout the commonwealth. Check out the many opportunities throughout the state to learn from experts - from series, to webinars, to events, farm tours, and more!



PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H'ERS - how many Ag fields can you find mentioned in the VBRC newsletter? There are many opportunities for you to consider as you explore the 4-H Pillar of Agriculture. Research some of these career opportunities or discover product ideas for your Prince William 4-H Young Entrepreneur Project!





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