

Prince William

Our Clubs, Our Community



July 2, 2025

Upcoming Events

Jul 2 - PW 4-H Workday Wednesday

Jul 9 - PW 4-H Workday Wednesday

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

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

Jul 23 - PW 4-H Workday Wednesday

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

Jul 30 - PW 4-H Workday Wednesday

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

Jul 31 - VA 4-H & FFA Youth Dairy Field Day

Aug 9 - VA 4-H Northern District Shoot

Aug 9 - VA 4-H Pork Challenge

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Prince William 4-H'ers Return from Virginia 4-H Congress



Thanks for the well wishes because we DID have the **BEST VIRGINIA 4-H CONGRESS EVER!**

We're back home safe and sound catching up, downloading photos, summarizing activities and awards, and tackling our post-event to-do's. With the short holiday week, we're saving our special 4-H State Congress edition for next week. We're so proud of our 4-H'ers and we know you will be, too!

Speaking of being back home safe...last week was a little precarious. Trigger Time 4-H Club members competing at CMP Nationals were greeted by twisters in Ohio! And Prince William 4-H'ers headed home from Congress through the Shenandoah Mountains drove straight

through a cloud at 1,500 feet! But our 4-H'ers and leaders were BEYOND READY for the curve balls Mother Nature threw our direction and all were safe and sound with new stories to tell.

Have a safe and wonderful 4th of July weekend!







WORKDAY WEDNESDAYS STARTED TODAY!



All Prince William 4-H'ers ages 13 - 19 are welcome to help us plan the celebration of 40 years of Prince William 4-H Fair Camp!

Click here to volunteer. See Page 4 for details.

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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 I 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 I: Camp Core Training (choose I session)

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

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

Part 2: Camp Details Training (choose I 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)

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

<u>Click here to sign up to volunteer!</u> 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 @ PWC Fair Grounds, Aug 6th, 10 AM -2 PM





Dates: September 6th - 7th

Location: Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center, Appomattox, VA

Click here for 4-H Club registration then click "Instructions." Register by August 4th.

Click here for the VA 4-H Shooting Education Website.

Click here for VA 4-H State Shoot 2025 Match & Registration Packet (numerous changes!)

Important Dates:

Registration Opens (website will not be active until then) July I

August 4 Registration Deadline August 4 Payment Deadline

August 21 Portfolio Certification Documents Deadline September 5 Range Setup (numerous volunteers needed)

September 6-7 State Shoot

The deadlines will be strictly adhered to so please register and pay early.



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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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

- 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, DAILY THEMES! responsibility, fairness, caring, & citizenship.

Color Day Monday Superhero Tuesday Wacky Wednesday 4-H Thursday: Celebrating 40 Years

4-H Beach Day Friday

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-

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2025 Virginia 4-H State Horse Show- ENTRIES DUE BY JULY 31ST



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

Click here for the Fair Entry System. Entries due July 31st.

Click here for the Virginia 4-H Horse Show website.

This year's show offers nearly 150 classes in over 9 divisions for youth to choose from, based on they and their equine partner's expertise. In addition to the open entry system: entries/nominations are being accepted for the Portfolio and Recordbook Contests, Senior Stampede, and Leg Up award.

STATE HORSE SHOW DETAILS

2025 Rulebook | 2025 Show Schedule | 2025 Rule Updates | Overview of Requirements to Compete List of District Approved Qualifying Shows (2 final qualifiers in July)

NON-MOUNTED ACTIVITY REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

- Senior Stampede: https://tinyurl.com/25Stampede. Due by Aug 31st
- Portfolio and Recordbook Contests: Record Book and Portfolio Rules.pdf. Enter by Sep 1st
- 2025 Connie Collier Scholarship Application. Due Aug 15th

This scholarship is made possible through contributions given in memory of Constance "Connie" Collier (1946-2010). Connie spent countless hours over her lifetime to improve and promote the equine industry in Virginia, but her biggest passion was supporting youth involved in the 4-H Horse Program. Among her good works, Connie served as a 4-H Horse Club leader in Henrico County, Treasurer of the Virginia State 4-H Championship Horse and Pony Show and also played a key role in the drill team division's growth and improvement. Connie was also a Virginia 4-H alumnus and was an exhibitor in the early years of the Virginia State 4-H Championship Horse and Pony Show. Through this scholarship, we hope that Connie's lifetime commitment to the 4-H Horse Program will live on and inspire current and past exhibitors to give back to the Virginia 4-H Horse Program.

The Connie Collier 4-H Scholarship Award will provide monies to Virginia 4-H Horse Program participants who have met the 4-H Horse Program requirements and pursue post-secondary education before the age of twenty-five. Applicants must be enrolled in 4-H at the Senior Level (14 – 19) and must be enrolled in their second year of the 4-H Horse Program. Recipients shall be chosen by the Virginia 4-H Horse Program Scholarship Fund Committee through a competitive process based on the information requested in the application guidelines. Top candidates may be invited to interview as deemed necessary by the awards committee.

Leg Up Award Nominations: https://tinyurl.com/LegUpAward. Nominations due by Aug 31st

2025 State Fair of Virginia Youth Livestock Shows

Click here for State Fair of Virginia Youth Livestock Shows Website
2025 SFVA Youth Livestock Dates: October 1st – 5th, 2025
Important Dates and Deadlines – NEW FOR 2025

July 2nd – SFVA Youth Livestock Entry System will open via FairEntry August 15th – Entry Deadline for ALL ANIMALS via the Fair Entry System

VIRGINIA YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAMS



"Don't limit your challenges, Dhallenge your limits" and

2025 Virginia 4-H Pork Challenge - REGISTRATION IS OPEN

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

Click here for contest rules and to register. REGISTRATION LIMITED TO 10 TEAMS

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.



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2025 Virginia 4-H & FFA Youth Dairy Field Day



Date: July 31st

Location: Rockingham County Fairgrounds, 4808 S Valley Pike, Harrisonburg Click here to enter. Entry Deadline is Thursday, July 24th at 5:00 pm. Click here for rules and more information.

The 2025 Virginia 4-H & FFA Youth Dairy Field Day is an annual event that includes the State 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest, FFA State Dairy Cattle Evaluation and Management CDE, and the FFA Dairy Handlers Activity.

Held at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds, this is an excellent opportunity for not only youth who are active in the Virginia 4-H and FFA Dairy Program, but also those youth who want to expand their experience and knowledge in other Youth Animal Science Educational Competition areas. Join us and "Learn by Doing"!

SCHEDULE

12:30 PM	Junior FFA check in
12:40 PM	General Knowledge Exam - Junior FFA and Senior FFA
1:00 PM	4-H Teams and FFA Dairy Handlers check-in
1:30 PM	All teams begin judging classes
3:00 PM	Oral reasons preparation and delivery
4:30 PM	Ice cream social
5:00 PM	Results announced (estimated)

NOTES

- Lunch will not be provided. All teams should eat before arrival at the fairgrounds.
- Check-in times are different for each contest.

July 2025 Virginia Youth Animal Science Newsletter



Click here for the July Newsletter. 4-H Highlights:

- VA 4-H Congress: Animal Science Competitions, Workshops (including canine training!), & More!
- State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest: Results
- 2025 Virginia Lamb and Goat Symposium Results

2025 Virginia 4-H Youth Delegation to National 4-H Congress



On behalf of the State 4-H Office, we are pleased to announce the youth that will be representing the Commonwealth of Virginia at the 2025 National 4-H Congress, November 28th - December 2nd! For over 100 years, National 4-H Congress has been the flagship national leadership event for the 4-H

program. While every Extension system is different, Virginia Cooperative Extension selects its delegation through a rigorous process including an application, 4-H resume, electronic portfolio presentation, and interview. The selection committee is comprised of representatives from the Virginia Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals, Virginia 4-H All Stars, and the Virginia 4-H State Cabinet. Congratulations to these young people who have worked hard for this achievement, and will be great representatives of Virginia!

- ★ Leah Johnson Roanoke
- ★ Pranav Kalidindi Loudoun
- ★ A.J. Kopp Bland
- ★ Payton Long Washington
- ★ Ella Miller Bland
- ★ Gabriel Cole Morgan Wise
- ★ Lily Newmark Henrico
- ★ Lorelei O'Neal Fauquier
- ★ Garima Patel Roanoke
- ★ Jaleah Pulliam Mecklenburg
- ★ Autumn Surber Washington

Prince William 4-H teens (14 &up) interested in attending National 4-H Congress, look for the application announcement in Spring 2026. Click here to review this year's application and start preparing today!

Goochland AG Fair - 4-H/FFA Livestock Show

Date: Sep 13, 2025 Location: 3140 River Rd. W.. Goochland, VA Who Should VA

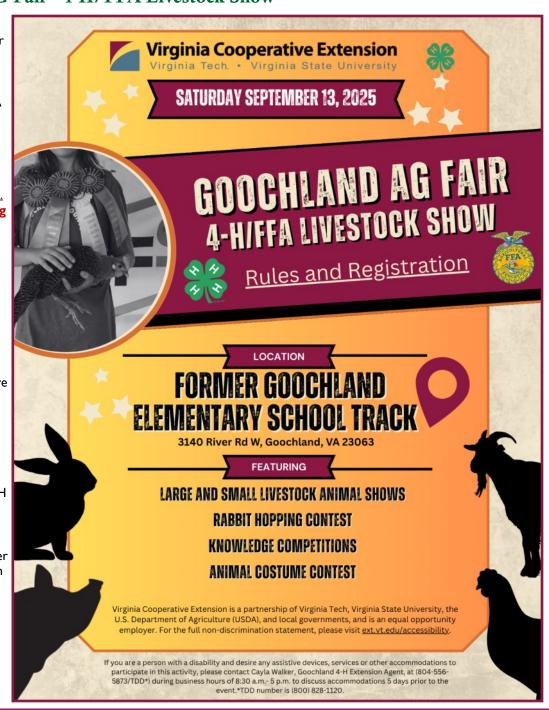
Attend: 4-H and FFA members

Click here for Schedule & Rule Book.

Click here to register.

Register by Aug lst.

- The Goochland Ag Fair is coming - and it's a fantastic opportunity for your youth!
- Both novice and experienced showmen are sure to love this fun. one-day, show!
- All registered youth receive a FREE t-shirt!
- All 4-H'ers must be enrolled in 4-H Online prior to August 1st.
- Skill-a-thon & **Educational Poster** Contest are open to Cloverbuds, too!



PRINCE WILLIAM

JOIN US FOR FRIDAYS AT 5 STARTING ON JULY 11TH!

Click here for details: https://pwcparks.info/fridaysat5 5-9 PM on select Fridays at Sean T. Connaughton Plaza, I County Complex Ct., Woodbridge

Kick off your weekend on select Friday evenings with live music, dancing, and fun for the whole family! Experience our FREE Outdoor Concert Series with your neighbors, family and friends while you enjoy delicious meals prepared by local food trucks and sip beer and wine (available for purchase for adults 21+). Bring a chair or picnic blanket and enjoy live performances, games and more!

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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).

Click here for more information and to register. Early bird registration is Jul 17th - Sep 15th. Click here to apply for scholarships. Applications due July 17th at 5 PM.

VSU Workshops



IRRIGATION AND SOIL MOISTURE MANAGEMENT

Date: Wednesday, Jul 9th, 9 - II:30 AM

Location: VSU Campus, 20712 4th Street, Ettrick, VA

Click here for more information and to register.

Growers should come to learn about Irrigation Methods, and Proper Soil Moisture Management to provide for maximum plant or crop growth, prevent erosion, prevent erosion or loss of nutrients, and to manage moisture swings that reduce plant growth and health. We will discuss economical ways that growers can utilize methods, keep records, have a healthy soil, and have plentiful crops!



Date: Wednesday, Jul 9th, 10 -11:30 AM

Location: Full Circle Bloom Farm, 1355 Afton Grove Road, Kenbridge, VA

Click here for more information and to register.

Are you interested in learning more about growing using hydroponics? Join us at Full Circle Bloom Farm to tour their facility to learn more about hydroponics and the newest methods to be successful, including aeroponics (growing plants in air). The farm strives to furnish the local communities with fresh nutritious produce. Join us with founder, Veteran Andrew Richardson to learn more about this alternative method of growing produce.





Location: VSU Randolph Farm, 4415 River Road, Petersburg, VA

Click here for more information and to register.

Come learn about one of the best composting methods that most farmers are unaware of. Bokashi composting, the Japanese word that means "fermented organic matter". Bokashi composting allows for more than just your traditional green and brown wastes. Bokashi allows meat, dairy, feces, and even bone. This workshop will discuss how to source, prepare, and use Bokashi composting to bring added value to your farm.







STEP BACK IN TIME WITH JULY'S HISTORIC ADVENTURES!

From lantern-lit hospital tours to guided battlefield walks and hands-on history camps, Prince William County Historic Preservation is bringing the past to life this July. Whether you're uncovering Civil War secrets, exploring historic Haymarket or enjoying family game day at Rippon Lodge, there's something fascinating (and fun!) for every age! Click here for events, dates, and tickets.

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