

Prince William 4

Our Clubs, Our Community

August 6, 2025

Upcoming Events

Aug 9 - VA 4-H Northern District Shoot

Aug 9 - VA 4-H Pork Challenge

Aug II-I5 - PW 4-H Fair Camp

Aug 23 - PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market **Day #3**

Sep 5-7 - VA 4-H Horse & Pony Championship

Sep 6-7 - VA 4-H State Shoot

Sep 13 - PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day #4

Sep 20 - VA 4-H Shotgun Championship

Sep 26-Oct 5 - State Fair of Virginia

Oct 1-5 - SFVA Livestock Shows

Oct 5-11 - National 4-H Week

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Countdown to Prince William 4-H Fair Camp









Prince William 4-H teens arrived early this morning to transform the camp space for a week packed with hands-on learning and fun, Celebrating 40 years of 4-H Fair Camp!

From decorating and prepping stations to organizing materials, these teens are putting in hundreds of volunteer hours to create a safe, exciting environment for younger campers. Their dedication proves once again that they are **BEYOND READY** to lead and inspire through the 4-H Pillars of Citizenship, STEM, Agriculture, and Healthy Living.

Enjoy today's newsletter! There will not be a newsletter next week while we're at camp. We have a busy day ahead of us so wish us well and we'll see YOU at Fair Camp.

Teens, lead the way!

More from PW 4-H'ers Tour of the U.S. Capitol



We have more to share from our tour last week of the U.S. Capitol!

Check out this incredible photo from talented 4-H'er Arian Miran. We love the perspective and the colors sure do pop!

The group was joined by Camden Littleton, a Field Marketing and Communications Coordinator from Virgina Tech. She sent us the photos you'll see on Page 4. Arian - maybe this is a career you can consider?

This special day had a tremendous impact on our youth. We're excited to see how they will implement their new understandings within the 4-H Pillar of Citizenship to grow their skills and become our future leaders!





SOUTHERN REGIONALS 4-H HORSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Prince William's Nokesville Equestrian 4-H Club sent 3 members to compete at Southern Regionals 4-H Horse Championships in Perry, Georgia, last week. Joining the Virginia 4-H Judging Team were Sierra Nicole Wimer and Lexi George. Sierra earned 7th Overall Individual, 4th Overall Team, and 9th Individual in Halter. As part of the Virginia 4-H team, Sierra Nicole and Lexi earned 2nd Team in Halter, 5th Team in Performance, and 3rd Team in Reasons.

In addition, Sierra Nicole and Elena Guallar Thompson competed in the riding contests. Sierra Nicole earned an impressive 2nd place in Hunter Showmanship out of 57 riders!

Congratulations to Sierra Nicole, Lexi, and Elena! You've proven that you are BEYOND READY!







NATIONAL 4-H







By Lexi Strand, National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador, Prince William's Trigger Time 4-H Club

July 29 - August 2, 2025. Last week, Virginia 4-H Shooting Ambassadors Lexi Strand and Jeremiah Clark traveled to the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho. They were both chosen to represent Virginia at the National 4-H Shooting Education Leadership training. There was a total of 32 youth, and they participated in leadership classes, public speaking classes, team building exercises and dinner etiquette. (Click here to watch a video of one of their team building activities.) They made friends from different states like Pennsylvania, Montana, Oregon, and Louisiana. Each youth brought an ice breaker to share and taught parts of the leadership class. The participants also brought pins from their state and traded pins with one another.

One of the activities they participated in was whitewater rafting on the Salmon River. The water was ice cold, but everyone had a great time going through the rapids and swimming in the river. They had to use their communication and listening skills in order to get through the rapids safely. The guide helped to teach commands and keep them safe while going through the really rocky areas. When the participants had down time, they explored the University campus and played games.

The last evening, the participants had a formal dinner with the board from the University of Idaho, and they got to use their etiquette skills. They finished the leadership training with a walk to downtown Moscow and enjoyed ice cream from a local shop.

The flights to Idaho were the first time most of the participants had flown.

Thanks to 4-H I've had so many different opportunities this summer! If not for this program, I would not have been to Ohio for CMP Nationals, Michigan for American Legion Nationals, Idaho for National Ambassador training, gone to summer camps, or built my own business through the entrepreneur program. Thanks to 4-H I've made so many different friends from across the country, most of whom I'm still in touch with today. I want to thank 4-H for giving me these opportunities and for helping me become the person I am today. I wouldn't have done any of these things without 4-H. My advice to fellow 4-Her's is to try everything, and to keep an eye on your newsletter to sign up for all opportunities 4-H has to offer!



















Prince William 4-H at the U.S. Capito



































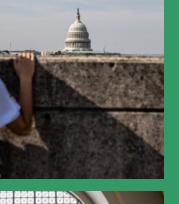




















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PW 4-H at The Great American Farmers Market - THURSDAY!



Representatives from Prince William 4-H have been invited to attend The Great American Farmers Market with our friends at Tractor Supply Company! We will be there tomorrow, August 7th from 4 PM - 8 PM. Stop by and say "Hi!" Or even better, email DeeAnn Strand TODAY and join us under the TSC tent to tell your 4-H STORY!

Building your 4-H
Ambassador or All Star
Application or need NHS
volunteer hours? Earn
credit for 4-H outreach
and promotion by
volunteering and telling
your 4-H Story!

THE GREAT AMERICAN FARMERS MARKET

August 3rd - 8th at The National Mall, Washington, DC

Click here for more information.

As we approach the 250th anniversary of America's founding, we have a golden chance to honor the heart of our nation: agriculture. The Great American Farmers Market, taking place on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., during National Farmers Market Week, will unite farmers, ranchers, and producers to showcase American agriculture, reinforce our shared commitments to "Make Agriculture Great Again" and "Make America Healthy Again," and pay tribute to our nation's growers.

2025 VA 4-H Shooting Education Ambassador



Who Should Apply: 4-H Shooting Education members ages 14-19
Click here for more information and application. Applications due August 25th
All applicants will be notified by Wednesday, September 3rd as to whether or not they have been selected for an interview. Interviews will take place in-person on the evening of Saturday, September 6th onsite at the Virginia 4-H State Shoot.

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. Ambassadors must:

- be 14 years of age, but not over the age of 19 as of January 1, 2026
- have a GPA of 2.5 or higher
- be enrolled in 4-H and actively participating in a 4-H Shooting Ed. Program for at least I year
- attend and actively engage in the events as designated on the Ambassador schedule
- 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)
- If selected, pay a \$100 acceptance fee to cover programmatic resources

2025 RL Harris Memorial Shotgun Championship



Date: September 20th

Location: Brushy Mountain Club 1813 Izaak Walton Road, Hurt, VA

Entry Fees: \$75 for Seniors; \$35 for Juniors.

Registration Deadline (including payment & T-shirt order): September 7

Documents: Match Program, Team Registration, Payments, Sponsor Form

200-Target for Seniors: 75 American Skeet, 50 American Trap and 75 Sporting Clays **100-Target Event for Juniors:** 25 American Skeet, 25 American Trap, and 50 Sporting Clays

* Top 15 eligible seniors invited to join the VA 4-H Shotgun Development Team

* Top 4 Development Team members invited to represent VA at the 2026 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships

PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

4-H Young Entrepreneurs

Manassas Park Farmer's Market



Manassas Park Farmer's Market 100 Park Central Terr. Manassas Park, VA



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



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4-H Clover Connections: Celebrating 4-H Youth Who Are Beyond Ready



Date: Thursday, August 14th

Time: 4:30 - 7 PM

Location: Rockingham County Fair, 4808 South Valley Pike, Harrisonburg, VA Cost: \$10 registration fee (includes a fair entry ticket, food, drinks, and a \$5

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donation to the Virginia 4-H Annual Fund). Click here to register.
Click here for information about the Rockingham County Fair.

This event is designed for Virginia 4-H Alumni and Friends to come together and celebrate the awesome opportunities created for youth through county fairs, youth animal projects, and more.

We will gather in the Grandstand area beginning at 4:30pm where guests will hear remarks about the Virginia 4-H program, as well as opportunities for connections with other Extension and 4-H leaders. Complimentary food and drinks will be provided. At 6pm, we will make our way to the Farm Credit Show Ring where National 4-H Council President, Jill Bramble, will be recognized as an honorary guest and will uplift the 4-H story of local youth member, Sarah Craun, prior to the start of the Sunshine Goat Show.

2025 Virginia 4-H State Horse Show

DATES: September 4th - 7th **LOCATION:** Lexington, VA

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

Entries are CLOSED.

NON-MOUNTED ACTIVITIES

- Senior Stampede: https://tinyurl.com/25Stampede. Due by Aug 31st
- Portfolio and Recordbook Contests: Entries are limited to ONE entry/category/age division/unit. Youth may enter a Recordbook OR Portfolio and each unit is limited to 1 JR Recordbook, 1 SR, Recordbook, 1 JR Portfolio, and 1 SR Portfolio. Entries MUST be made ONLINE by the 4-H Agent or a VCE Faculty/Staff member designated to make that entry. Unit agents and VCE Faculty/Staff are responsible for setting their own deadlines for judging of Recordbooks and Portfolios at the unit level. Entry Deadline for Online entry by VCE AGENT/Staff: Record Book and Portfolio Rules.pdf. Enter by Sep 1st
- Connie Collier Scholarship: 2025 Connie Collier Scholarship Application. Due Aug 15th

 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: To recognize an outstanding and inspirational 4-Hers int he horse project. https://tinyurl.com/LegUpAward. Nominations due by Aug 31st
- Art and Photography Contests: Entries must be delivered to the State 4-H Horse Show or can be delivered to Kim Mayo.
 Please see rules for dates/deadlines. No pre-entry is required. Art Contest Rules and Entry.pdf
 Photography Contest Rules and Entry.pdf
- **District Challenge:** Open to any enrolled 4-Her, not just those exhibiting horses at the state show. No pre-entry required. Come and go as you please style event. See the horse show schedule for time slots for Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Horse Judging!

HOSPITALITY: Hospitality room volunteers work diligently all weekend at the State Show to ensure that over 100 volunteers and show staff are well-fed with snacks and hot meals. Your support is greatly appreciated in providing snacks, drinks, and other items for our show staff! Click here to donate.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Click here for volunteer signup. No equine experience necessary!



2025 State Fair of Virginia Youth Livestock Shows

2025 SFVA Youth Livestock Dates: October 1st - 5th, 2025

Click here to enter using Fair Entry System. Entry deadline is Friday, August 22nd at midnight.

Click here for contest rules and schedule.

Click here for State Fair of Virginia Youth Livestock Shows Website

FAIR ENTRY OFFICE HOURS: Wednesday, August 6th, 7-8:30 PM

Zoom link: https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/6308818173

Callers will enter waiting room and brought out of the waiting room in turn. Bring any questions about the Entry Process and be prepared to share your screen with specific questions.

Notes:

- If you NOMINATED animals, please make sure you log-in for entries using the SAME method you used when you submitted your Online Nominations - this will be important if you want to "add an existing animal" when completing your entries.
- ALL 4-H youth should click on the GREEN "Sign in with 4HOnline" button do NOT enter your email and password, click on the Green button and you will be prompted for your 4HOnline login credentials.

VIRGINIA YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAMS

2025 State Fair of Virginia Junior Livestock Skillathon Contests

Two Youth Animal Science Educational Competition contests at the 2025 State Fair of Virginia are excellent opportunities to have non-exhibitor youth participate in and experience the State Fair of Virginia. Both events are open to Exhibitors and Non-Exhibitors.

While neither of these competitions have an associated entry fee, each contestant, coach, advisor, or volunteer must purchase a Student Competition Ticket unless they are already on-site as an SFVA exhibitor or participant. The link to purchase Student Competition Tickets will be shared as soon as it is live and available from the State Fair.



SFVA 4-H AND FFA JUNIOR DAIRYMEN'S CONTEST

Date: Friday, September 26th

Time: Check-in begins at 10 am; Contest Instructions at 10:45 am Location: State Fair of Virginia, The Meadow Event Park, Doswell, VA Click here to enter. Entries due by Monday, September 15th at 5 pm

Click here for rules, age divisions, and full contest information in the SFVA Junior Dairymen's Contest

Letter.



SFVA YOUTH LIVESTOCK (NON-EXHIBITOR) SPECIES-SPECIFIC SKILLATHONS

Date: Friday, October 3rd

Time: 9 am - 4 pm: Contest will be open and available during this time frame Location: State Fair of Virginia, The Meadow Event Park, Doswell, VA

Click here to enter. Entries due by Wednesday, September 24th at 5 pm.

Click here for rules, age divisions, and full contest information in the SFVA Youth Livestock Skillathon

Contest Letter.



The Great American State Fair

President Trump, alongside US Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins, launched The Great American State Fair on July 4th at the Iowa State Fair, kicking off a year-long Great American State Fair in celebration of America's 250th birthday. The Great American State Fair will travel across the country, including to the State Fair of Virginia as proclaimed by Governor Youngkin, and culminate with a festival on the National Mall on July 4, 2026 with exhibits from all 50 states.





76TH PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY FAIR

August 8th - 12th

www.princewilliamcountyfairgrounds.com

DAILY SCHEDULE of EVENTS

	Friday August 8th	Saturday August 9th	Sunday August 10th	Monday August 11th	Tuesday August 12th	Wednesday August 13th	Thursday August 14th	Friday August 15th	Saturday August 16th
Agriculture Barn									
Commercial Building	Local Crafters and Vendors	Local Crafters and Vendors	Local Crafters and Vendors	Local Crafters and Vendors	Local Crafters and Vendors	Local Crafters and Vendors	Local Crafters and Vendors	Local Crafters and Vendors	Local Crafters and Vendors
	Demolitian Derby	Tractor Pull	Rodeo	Touch a Truck	Demolitian Derby	Movie Night	FMX & Quad Wars	Monster Trucks	Monster Trucks
Heritage Barn	Farming Antiques/Tractors	Farming Antiques/Tractors	Farming Antiques/Tractors	Farming Antiques/Tractors	Farming Antiques/Tractors	Farming Antiques/Tractors	Farming Antiques/Tractors	Farming Antiques/Tractors	Farming Antiques/Tractors
Home Arts Building	Heritage Brewery Beer Garden & Wine Tasting	Heritage Brewery Bear Garden & Wine Tasting	Heritage Brewery Beer Garden & Wine Tasting	Heritage Brewery Beer Garden & Wine Tasting	Hertage Brewery Beer Garden & Wine Tasting	Heritage Brewery Beer Heritage Brewery Beer Garden & Wine Tasting Garden & Wine Tasting	Heritage Brewery Beer Garden & Wine Tasting	Herkage Brewery Beer Garden & Wine Tasting	Heritage Brewery Beer Garden & Wine Tasting
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Sheep/Hog Barn		Pigs 10am Sheep 2pm Boer Goats4pm		Livestock Auction 7pm			Sheep 5pm	Youth Dairy Goats 9am Dairy Cows 5pm	Dairy Goats 9am
Show Barn	Pageant Miss & Teen 6pm	Pageant Pre-Teen 2pm Little Miss 3pm Tiny Miss 4pm Leroy Burks Band 6-9pm	Dairy Cattle Toam Dairy Cattle Pageant Bashy, wee A Yeevy Baby Zpm Tom	Bull Run Cloggers 7pm		6-9 pm	DK Wolf Band 7pm	SoHo Down 7pm	Lionel Ward and New World Band 7 & 9 pm
	Monster Truck Rides	Monster Truck Rides	Monster Truck Rides	Monster Truck Rides	Monster Truck Rides	Monster Truck Rides	Monster Truck Rides	Monster Truck Rides	Monster Truck Rides
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Gate Admission

Child/SR	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$7.50	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15
Adult	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$12.50	\$15 id price	\$25	\$25	\$25
Open	5:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:00 PM	5:00 PM \$2 Seniors Free 55+	2 PM-5 PM 5PM-10PM	5:00 PM \$18 Everyone Child price	5:00 PM	S:00 PM	2:00 PM
Date	FRI Aug 8	SAT Aug 9	SUN Aug 10	MON Aug 11	TUE Aug 12	WED Aug 13	THUR Aug 14	FRI Aug 15	SAT Aug 16



ABOUT THE CHALLENGE

The **Presidential Al Challenge** is a national challenge where K-12 youth, educators, mentors, and community teams come together to solve real-world problems in their communities using Al-powered solutions — bringing to life a **New Spirit of American Innovation**.

Whether you're a coding whiz or brand new to Al, this is your opportunity to get involved in a fun, hands-on learning experience.

WHY SHOULD YOU PARTICIPATE?

- Ignite your imagination and bring your ideas to life with Al.
- Get early exposure to real Al skills that are shaping the future.
- Boost your college or scholarship applications with real-world experience.
- Choose to compete for prizes and national recognition.

TIMELINE

Registration Opens

State



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September 2025

January 2026 Submissions Due March - April 2026 Presentations

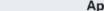
Regional

June 2026 In-Person Events in Washington, DC

March 2026

Champions Announced

Champions Announced



April 2026













LEARN MORE AND SIGN UP



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National 4-H: Ignite by 4-H 2026 - Register TODAY!



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.

From our Partners: VPOST - EDGE Free Training



Looking for an engaging STEM program for middle schoolers this fall? Environmental Design and Green Engineering (EDGE), created in conjunction with The Tech Interactive, provides fun hands-on engineering and resilience-building activities!

Programs receive free program leader training and eight (8) hours of engineering focused content for middle school youth!

To qualify for this fall programming, programs must serve at least six youth in grades 5-8, have internet access and one computer per two participants, and attend a training session in mid-September 2025. Brief surveys during and at the end of the program are required. For more information, contact Ariel Rivers.

Fill out this form by August 15th!



Select Small Farm Events at VSU



PROFITABLE ROOTS: SOLAR POSSIBILITIES

Learn the fundamentals of solar energy and how it can benefit your farming operation. Topics include solar panel installation, practical uses, regulations, incentive programs and emerging innovations. Led by Michael Carter Jr. (Carter Farms & Africulture) and engineers from R.A.S.T.A Farms, this session will dispel common myths and highlight real opportunities for integrating solar power on the farm.

Tues, Aug 12 • 6:30PM • Unionville, VA • Click here for more info and to register.



KUNEKUNE PIGS

Wed, Aug 13 • 9:30AM • VSU Randolph Farm • Click here for more info and to register.

A very docile, friendly-natured small breed of domesticated pig from New Zealand may be your missing link with introducing swine to your homestead. With their wide color range, hairy, rotund build, and a desire to turn the soil like an organic plow, the Kunekune (COO-nee COO-nee) naturally adds dung to the soil for fertility to support the next growing season.



INTERMEDIATE BEEKEEPING & INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

Fri, Aug 15 • 8:30AM • VSU Randolph Farm • Click here for more info and to register.

Join us for an in-person educational event focused on managing two major threats to honey bees in North America: the Varroa mite and the small hive beetle. Highlights Include: lecture by Keith Tignor, Virginia State Apiarist (VDACS); pest life cycles, identification, sampling, and IPM strategies; and live hive demonstration at VSU's beeyard.

4 The Soil: A Conversation's 100th Podcast Episode

Yesterday, Tuesday, August 5th, Jeff Ishee of On the Farm Radio, Mary Sketch Bryant of VT SPES and the Virginia Soil Health Coalition, and Dr. Eric Bendfeldt of VT Center for Food Systems and Community Transformation, published and released the 100th episode of the *4 The Soil: A Conversation* podcast.

The podcast began in October 2021, with the aim of the podcast is to be as conversational as possible interspersed with stories, while highlighting four(4) core soil health principles and the concept that we can all be for(4) the Soil.

The full set of podcast episodes can be accessed at https://www.4thesoil.org/podcast to listen to previous guests and conversations. Looking forward to another 100 podcasts!



VBFRC Select Ag Opportunities

Click here for the latest newsletter from the Virginia Beginner Farmer & Rancher Coalition,

FARMPRENEURS STRATEGIC SPRINT APPLICATION

Click here for more information. Click here to apply.

The FARMpreneurs Strategic Sprint is a week-long, off-the-farm workshop for community-based farmers to build bold goals, grow leadership skills, and connect with peers. If you know a producer who might be a good fit, keep this on your radar—over 100 farmers will participate in 2026. Learn more here! Applications are open! The application period ends August 31st for winter 2026 cohorts.

FARMpreneurs

VT FALL FORESTRY & WILDLIFE FIELD TOURS

Click here for more information.

Join landowners, natural resource professionals, and other outdoor lovers for day-long tours that explore a variety of sustainable forestry and wildlife management practices. Tours visit private, public, and industry-owned lands. Past tours have visited seedling nurseries, timber harvesting operations, sawmills, pine plantations, cooperages, hardwood forests, arboretums, Christmas tree farms, elk habitat, fisheries, hunting plantations, and more. Agendas and registration available in mid-August.

October 2, Henry County October 9, Wise County October 17, Frederick County October TBA, Virginia Beach



ALLEGHENY MOUNTAIN INSTITUTE: BASIC SKILLS FOR MEETING MUSHROOMS - A MUSHROOM ID CLASS & WALK

Aug 9 • 9AM - 12PM • Monterey, VA • Click here for more information and to register.

Learn the basics of how to identify and forage mushrooms safely! This class is highly approachable, with an emphasis on developing skills of observation that will assist you in identifying all kinds of interesting, edible, medicinal, and poisonous mushrooms and fungi. Gathering is at our starting point, discuss a simple framework for observing and contextualizing important identifying information about mushrooms you encounter, then go for an ID walk and seek out different fungal friends who can help us practice our skills. Along the way, we will discuss the biology and ecology of fungi and how to connect that with observations. Throughout the class, there will be working together to ID any interesting finds and discuss further steps and techniques to refine that identification.



BUILDING GOODNESS FOUNDATION BIRD BOX WORKSHOP

Aug 9 • 9AM - 12PM • Charlottesville, VA • Click here for more information and to register. Join Building Goodness Foundation to learn how to build a nest box and do your part to boost bluebird conservation efforts in Virginia. Attendees will be building the boxes to support the Piedmont Environmental Council's work to regrow grassland bird populations. All participants will also get to take one box home. No construction experience is necessary, and all tools and materials will be provided. PEC will explain the importance of grassland birds and demonstrate how to take care of your new bird box.



Join Building Goodness Foundation (BGF) to learn how to build a nest box and do your part to boost bluebird conservation efforts! We'll be building the boxes for Piedmont Environmental Council (PEC), and workshop participants will have the opportunity to take one box home.

No construction experience is necessary, and all tools and materials will be provided. Plus, PEC will give a presentation on the importance of grassland

Date: Saturday, August 9th, 2025 Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Location: The BGF Office

128 Carlton Road, Charlottesville, Virgini

Spots are limited, so reserve yours using

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Project Record Ages 11-12

Project Record Ages 13-15

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Outstanding Member Form

Prince William 4-H Member Record - President
Prince William 4-H Member Record - Vice President





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