



# Prince William 4-H

*Our Clubs, Our Community*



August 20, 2025

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- Sep 5-7** - VA 4-H Horse & Pony Championship
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## Prince William 4-H Fair Camp Celebrates 40 Years of Fun, Learning, & Character!

This summer marked a milestone for Prince William 4-H as we celebrated 40 incredible years of Fair Camp - a tradition filled with laughter, learning, and lifelong memories. Campers gathered each morning to sing classic 4-H songs and kick off the day with a focus on character development, guided by the 4-H Pillar of Citizenship and using the Six Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. Each camper received a colorful bracelet representing the day's trait, encouraging them to practice TRRFCC (terrific!) behavior throughout camp.



**AGRICULTURE ADVENTURES AT THE FAIR:** A daily highlight was visiting the animals at the fair, where campers connected with the 4-H Pillar of Agriculture. From cows and sheep to pigs, goats, chickens, and rabbits - plus a surprise visit from a kangaroo and zebra at the petting zoo - campers were immersed in the wonders of animal care. Special thanks to Fauquier 4-H for their engaging presentation on sheep, and to Becca from Stafford 4-H, who taught us all about rabbit care with her furry friend. Campers also learned why eggs come in different colors and were wowed by the agility of the talented dogs from Team Zoom.



**HEALTHY LIVING, THE 4-H WAY:** Fair Camp wouldn't be complete without delicious and nutritious snacks! Campers enjoyed watermelon, popcorn, and even crafted their own graham cracker fruit tarts. Of course, the camp favorite - dirt pudding with gummy worms - made snack time extra special. These treats were a fun way to reinforce the 4-H Pillar of Healthy Living.



**STEM, CREATIVITY, AND HANDS-ON FUN:** Campers explored solar cooking, creating "Bad Art," and participated in a Fair scavenger hunt. One of the most beloved activities was crafting corn husk figures, where campers used fabric, string, and rubber bands to design quirky characters. The ever-popular Potato Scenes returned, showcasing camper creativity and teamwork with dioramas ranging from SpongeBob to space aliens and roller coasters. Our counselors did a fantastic job incorporating the 4-H Pillar of STEM into every hands-on activity.



**A BIRTHDAY BASH TO REMEMBER:** We wrapped up the week with a spectacular 40th Birthday Celebration for Fair Camp! Campers enjoyed carnival games, face painting, popsicles, team skits, and more. It was a joyful tribute to four decades of 4-H spirit and community.



**A HUGE 4-H THANK YOU** to our amazing guests, dedicated volunteers, enthusiastic counselors, and the Prince William County Fairgrounds for hosting our favorite summer tradition. Here's to many more years of Fair Camp magic! (Check out the photos on this page by PW 4-H'er Jack Nohe! More photos coming next week!)

## PW 4-H Attends Great American Farmers Market



*Submitted by Prince William 4-H'er Lexi Strand*

**August 7, 2025.** 4-Her's Lexi and Ayden Strand traveled to DC to volunteer at the Great American Farmers Market. They helped out at the Tractor Supply Booth and handed out hats, cups, and fans to people at the market. They were able to share their 4-H stories with people that stop by their booth. Some of Prince William County 4-Her's were seen at the market and stopped by for a photo!



### ABOUT THE GREAT AMERICA FARMERS MARKET:

The market was held August 3rd - 8th at The National Mall in Washington, DC, to 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.

Click here to see photos and videos from the event: <https://www.facebook.com/USDA/>



## Apply TODAY! Virginia 4-H Healthy Living Ambassador

### Become a Healthy Living Ambassador!

Are you passionate about Healthy Living and would like to share about it with others?

If so, being a Healthy living Ambassador may be just right for you!

#### What we do

- Meet monthly
- Plan the annual state Healthy Living Summit
- Write the Buzz, Body and Bites for Teens newsletter
- Be a teen voice for Healthy Living
- Educate others about Healthy Lifestyles



#### Application Process

Written questions about your Healthy Living experience and leadership skills

Interview



[Click here to apply.](#) [Click here for reference form.](#)  
**Complete applications due September 12th.**

Teen 4-H members who have an interest in healthy living and are looking for an opportunity to develop and practice leadership skills in an environment where they can thrive and grow, are encouraged to apply to serve as a Virginia 4-H Healthy Living Ambassador!

#### Applicants must:

- Be a teen Virginia 4-H member (ages 14-18) and active in 4HOnline.
- Have a passion for and active engagement in 4-H Healthy Living.
- Have an interest in sharing knowledge to enhance youth educational experiences.
- Be willing to be a team player working with local, district, and state level professionals to share resources and opportunities.
- Be able to communicate effectively both written and verbally.

#### Benefits Include:

- Enhancing your 4-H Healthy Living understanding and skills.
- Networking with peers and healthy living leaders around the state and nation.
- Assisting in moving forward the 4-H Healthy Living mission.
- Enhancing your professional development opportunities.
- Increasing your knowledge and skills for implementing and managing 4-H Healthy Living programs.

The first meeting will be held on October 9th at 7 PM.



PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

THIS  
SATURDAY!

# 4-H Young Entrepreneurs



Manassas Park  
Farmer's Market

**AUG 23**  
8 AM - 1 PM

**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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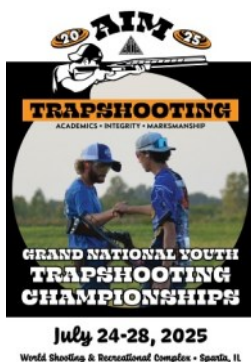
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## Prince William 4-H'er Invited to AIM Trapshooting Grand National Youth Championship

Submitted by Ben Stewart, Trigger Time 4-H Shooting Education Club



**August 6, 2025.** In late July, I had the opportunity to attend the AIM Grand in Sparta, Illinois with the Frederick County 4-H Shooting Team. The members of this team were Jeremiah Clark, Quinnlin Degraff, Emily Boswel, and Lukas Ferrell. In this 4 day event we shot 50 pairs of double trap, 100 targets of handicap trap, and 200 targets of singles trap. On the fun day before the trap shooting started you could shoot sporting clays, skeet, rifle, pistol, 3 gun target shooting, 28 gauge trap, and wobble trap. In vendor row there were more than 35 different vendors and some of which included Browning, Winchester, Remington, Kolar, Krieghoff, and White Flyer and much more. There are 140 trap fields, 24 skeet fields and 2 sporting clays courses making it the largest shotgun shooting range in the world. During this competition there were around 1 million targets thrown. This event was amazing and I loved every bit of it.

### Frederick County 4-H Team Scores (out of 57 teams):

- 19th in AIM Singles Championship, Junior D with a team score of 456
- 32nd in AIM Team Scores, Junior D with a team score of 898

[Click here for complete results.](#)



## Trigger Time 4-H Shooting Education Club Competes at the Virginia 4-H Northern District Shoot

**August 9, 2025.** Trigger Time 4-H Club proudly participated in the 2025 Virginia 4-H Northern District Match held at Cedar Mountain Shooting Range, just outside of Culpeper, VA.

They had 25 4-H'ers representing the club at the match, and they couldn't have asked for better weather! The day began with a safety briefing to ensure everyone was ready for a fun and responsible day on the range. Once the match kicked off, each member headed to their respective disciplines with focus and determination.

In between relays, there was no shortage of laughter, games, and good company. Members played cards, swapped stories, and cheered each other on throughout the day, making it not just a competition, but a memorable experience.

A big thank you goes out to Cedar Mountain Range for hosting the event, and to all the incredible volunteers who helped the day run smoothly. We also appreciate everyone who came out the day before to help set up the ranges - your efforts made a big difference!

We're proud of our 4-H'ers for their sportsmanship, teamwork, and positive attitude. Here's to another great match in the books!







# VIRGINIA 4-H NORTHERN DISTRICT SHOOT

August 9, 2025

## AIR PISTOL

### Basic Supported

- 2nd Lee Carter
- 3rd Valor Richter
- 6th JR Gaynor

### International Standing

- 1st Noble Richter
- 2nd Noah Richter
- 5th Kira Lorentz
- 6th Ben Stewart
- 7th Ayden Strand
- 9th Jolene Gaynor

**1st Place Supported Team:** Lee Carter, Valor Richter, JR Gaynor

**1st Place Standing Team:** Noble and Noah Richter, Kira Lorentz

## AIR RIFLE

- 1st Tanner Ridings
- 2nd Lexi Strand
- 4th Noah Richter
- 6th Ayden Strand
- 7th Samantha Holmes
- 9th Adam Grant
- 12th Koa Mintz
- 16th Sophie Carter
- 17th Aisling Mintz
- 18th Jubilee Richter
- 23rd Ben Stewart
- 24th Tim Hirshey
- 25th Alexander Wolpert
- 26th Stella Carter

**1st Place Senior Team:** Tanner Ridings, Lexi Strand, Noah Richter

## SMALLBORE

- 1st Lexi Strand
- 2nd Tanner Ridings
- 6th Ayden Strand
- 11th William McPherson
- 21st Sophie Carter
- 31st Stella Carter
- 38th Lee Carter

**1st Place Team:** Lexi Strand, Tanner Ridings and Ayden Strand

## BB

- 3rd Valor Richter
- 6th Lee Carter
- 7th Jubilee Richter
- 8th Jolene Gaynor
- 12th Alexander Wolpert
- 14th Sophie Carter
- 17th Aaron Grant

- 19th Xanthie Mintz
- 22nd Stella Carter
- 25th Thomas Carter
- 26th JR Gaynor

**2nd Place Team:** Valor Richter, Lee Carter and Jubilee Richter

## ARCHERY SENIOR TRADITIONAL

- 2nd Noah Richter
- 3rd Verity Teasley
- 7th Adam Grant
- 8th Nevin Theodore
- 11th Sophie Carter

**1st Place Team:** Noah Richter, Verity Teasley, Adam Grant

## ARCHERY SENIOR GENESIS

- 3rd Samantha Holmes
- 4th Tim Hirshey

**2nd Place Team:** Samantha Holmes, Tim Hirshey

## ARCHERY JUNIOR TRADITIONAL

- 2nd Valor Richter
- 5th Lee Carter
- 8th Chloe Beatty-Moy
- 10th Stella Carter
- 11th Thomas Carter

**1st Place Team:** Lee Carter, Aaron Grant, Valor Richter

**4th Place Team:** Chloe Beatty-Moy, Stella Carter, Thomas Carter

## MUZZLELOADER

- 1st Lexi Strand
- 2nd William McPherson

## SHOTGUN TRAP

**3rd Place Team:** Ben Stewart, Kira Lorentz, Kaden Zimmerman

## SHOTGUN SKEET

### Juniors

- 1st Valor Richter

### Seniors

- 1st Ben Stewart
- 3rd Kira Lorentz

**1st Place Senior Team:** Ben Stewart, Kira Lorentz, Johnathan Farr



## 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 1 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

## VA 4-H Shooting Education New Instructor Certification



**Dates:** October 11th - 12th

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

- [Click here for Registration.](#) **Due Friday, September 12th**
- [Click here for Payment Information.](#) **Due Friday, September 12th**
- [Click here for New Instructor Certification Fact Sheet.](#)
- [Click here for Online Session Info.](#) **Complete training by October 1st.**
- [Click here for Online Course Guide.](#)

The VA 4-H Shooting Education Council will be conducting an Instructor Certification session at the Holiday Lake 4-H Center on October 11-12. Volunteers registered in 4-H Online, with background checks, can register for the courses. This includes a provision for highly experienced teens 16 and older to become Apprentice Instructors. Please see the attached documents for complete information. We currently plan to hold classes in Archery, Coordinator, Hunting, Muzzleloader, Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun.



## 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.**

**NEW!** [Click here for State Horse Show Patterns.](#)

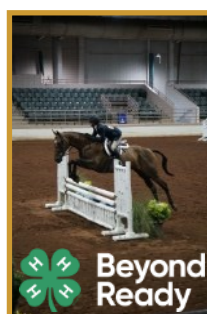
### NON-MOUNTED ACTIVITIES

- **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**
- **Leg Up Award Nominations:** To recognize an outstanding and inspirational 4-Hers in the 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](#). **Due Thursday, September 4th.**
- **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!

**Check out these photos of Prince William 4-H'er Elena Guallar Thompson competing at Southern Regionals 4-H Horse Championships earlier this month!** [Click here for complete event results.](#)



## 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](#)

**ALL ANIMALS MUST BE ENTERED USING THIS LINK <http://sfva-youth-livestock.fairentry.com/> EVEN ANIMALS THAT WERE NOMINATED. NOMINATION DOESN'T EQUAL ENTRY, YOU MUST ALSO ENTER THOSE ANIMALS, CHOOSE CLASSES, AND PAY YOUR ENTRY FEES.**

**FairEntry Office Hours: Thursday, Aug 21st, 5 pm-6:30 pm** via Zoom: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/6308818173>

### 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.



## 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.](#)



## VA 4-H Virtual Forest - Updated Tool for Club Leaders & Educators



[Click here to access Virginia 4-H Virtual Forest.](#)

We invite you to journey through Virginia's forests in this immersive, interactive storybook! Virginia 4-H Virtual Forest is an interactive, web-based experience that introduces forest management concepts to youth ages 9 to 13. The site features seven modules on key topics: land-use management, renewable resources, photosynthesis, tree identification, old-field succession, tree measurements, and timber harvesting. This award-winning tool will help students and teachers learn about Virginia's wonderful natural resources found in the forest while also reinforcing science and math SOLs in an interactive, engaged manner!

## Celebrating 250 Years of the United States Postal Service

Virginia 4-H is entering its second year of a partnership with the Smithsonian Institution's Stories 4-History project. Here are some ideas from Virginia 4-H to tap into the resources at the Smithsonian with 4-H Clubs!



- Highlight civic education and history using the USPS's 250th Anniversary page that includes a historical timeline, trivia, fun facts and more: <https://www.usps.com/250/>
- Watch videos and shorts with 4-H Cloverbuds featuring "Mr. ZIP," a 1960's character created to encourage the use of zip codes and revitalized for the 250th Anniversary: <https://www.youtube.com/@mailwithmrzip>
- Use curriculum guides, interactive exhibits and more, from the Smithsonian National Postal Museum: <https://postalmuseum.si.edu/usps-250th-celebration>
- Engage in voting! In celebration of the 250th, the Postal Service is going to reissue one of the stamps from its history. They've narrowed down a list of 25 of the most memorable stamps, and everyone is invited to vote for their favorite from now through September 30th: <https://www.stampsforever.com/posts/vote-to-see-your-favorite-stamp-return>



## 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.**

## 1st Annual Virginia Farm-to-Table Harvest Celebration

**Date:** Saturday, October 25th

**Time:** 4 PM - 8 PM

**Location:** Sunny Slope Farm, 1825 Sunny Slope Ln., Rockingham VA

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

The harvest celebration gathering will uplift the people and partnerships building a healthier food system from the soil up. This educational and celebratory evening will bring together farmers, food system leaders, educators, health professionals, and community members to enjoy a locally sourced farm-to-table dinner, share stories, highlight innovations in soil health, and cultivate joy and connection.



The Virginia Farm-to-Table Harvest Celebration will be hosted by Virginia Cooperative Extension, the Virginia Soil Health Coalition, the VT Center for Food Systems and Community Transformation, and community partners, and be held on the historic Sunny Slope Farm in Rockingham. The evening will include an optional farm tour and blend good food, music, farmer storytelling, and interactive displays to honor the collective work of Virginia's soil health and farm-to-table champions.

## Drone Workshop for Educators

[Click here for more information and to register.](#) **Register by October 1st.**

The program An Experiential and Data-driven Approach to Agricultural Education (ADVANCE) is a face-to-face professional workforce development opportunity that provides educators with the knowledge, experience, curriculum resources, supplies/equipment, and mentoring to support the implementation of drones and precision agriculture concepts in the classroom. This is a hands-on, field-based workshop. After completing the ADVANCE program, participants will be FAA remote pilot certified, knowledgeable, and experienced in implementing a complete drone-mapping workflow.



**Target Audience:** High school educators and/or 2-year college faculty teaching STEM related courses (agriculture, forestry, biology, environmental science, robotics, or related topics). Applications from CTE teachers are encouraged.

**When** (face-to-face workshop at Virginia Tech): June 1-4, 2026

**Topics:** Precision Agriculture / Mapping with Drones / Data-Driven Decisions / Collecting data with sensors / Remote Sensing / Workflows

## Select Upcoming Agriculture Workshops



### VSU WORKSHOP: DRIP IRRIGATION

**Saturday, August 23 • 10 AM • Virtual Teams Meeting • [Click here to register](#)**

Learn the fundamentals of drip irrigation with a focus on system design, installation, and maximizing efficiency in water and nutrient delivery directly to plant roots. Ideal for those involved in: Urban Agriculture, Vegetable, Fruit & Flower Production, Sustainable Farming Practices, High Tunnels & Greenhouse Systems. Gain practical knowledge to enhance crop performance and conserve resources.



### FUTURE HARVEST WORKSHOP: SMALL TOOLS & EQUIPMENT DEMO AT THE FARM AT KELLY MILLER

**August 23 • 10 AM - 1 PM • Washington, DC • [Click here for more info and to register](#)**

Join Farm Manager Autumn Herbert and Johnny's Seeds Territorial Representative Lauren Kendall Shane to learn all about small tools and equipment. They will conduct demonstrations of various tools, with plenty of time for questions and for you to try the tools yourself. This includes an intro to the BCS walk-behind tractor as well. This event is FREE. Lunch will be provided.



### APPALACHIAN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: GROW YOUR INTERMEDIATE CLASS: COTTAGE LAW

**August 25 • 6 - 8 PM • Virtual • [Click here for more info and to register](#)**

Learn about cottage food laws. This allows people to prepare food in their own homes or small kitchens (rather than commercial facilities) and sell it to the public. It encourages entrepreneurship for those who want to make food as a side business or hobby, such as baking, preserving, or making jams and jellies. This class is conducted virtually via Zoom.

### APPALACHIAN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: GROW YOUR OWN BEGINNER CLASS: COMPOSTING

**August 26 • 6 - 8 PM • Virtual • [Click here for more info and to register](#)**

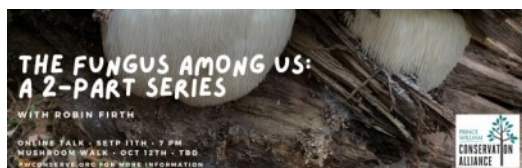
This lesson will explain why we compost, how to compost, and the many benefits of using your compost in your garden. This is a virtual class and will be held through Zoom.



### VSU WORKSHOP: INCREASING YOUR VALUE BY TELLING YOUR STORY

**August 26 • 6:30 - 8:30 PM • Virtual • [Click here for more info and to register](#)**

It's one thing every farming operation has, and that's a story. Michael Carter Jr. of Carter Farms and Africulture will take you on a creative storytelling journey to help you cultivate your story, perfect your elevator pitch, increase your market value, and stand out from the pack. This tailored workshop will work with each farming operation individually to customize and craft your farm story for greater interest, value, and profit. Your story should be your farm's best-selling commodity, and let us help you make that a reality.



### PWCA WORKSHOP: THE FUNGUS AMONG US: A 2-PART SERIES WITH ROBIN FIRTH

**September 11 • 7 PM • Virtual • [Click here to register](#)**

Did you know trees actually talk to each other? They do! Through an intricate underground network built and maintained by fungi! That's right. These fascinating organisms aren't just important food (chantarelles, yum!) and medicine

(turkey tail for immune support anyone?); they also provide the "telecommunication system" that keeps our ecosystems connected. All of this, and so much more, is happening right beneath our feet! Join us for a two-part mushroom program led by Robin Firth, Forest Pest Specialist and Environmental Analyst with the Mosquito & Forest Pest Management Branch.

#### Part 1: Webinar — Thursday, September 11th at 7 PM

We'll kick off virtually by exploring common mushrooms found right here in Prince William County. Discover their unique features and the crucial roles they play in our local ecosystems during the online session.

#### Part 2: Nature Walk — Sunday, October 12th (Location & time TBD)

Get hands-on experience as we take a guided walk in the "wild" to explore mushrooms in their natural habitat. Learn identification tips, ecological insights, and see firsthand the fascinating fungi growing around us.



# JOIN US FOR

## FOOD SAFETY SCHOOL

AN INTRO TO FOOD SAFETY



**THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 16,  
2025**



This **hybrid** training teaches the fundamentals of food safety and regulatory compliance for beginning, small, and growing value-added food businesses.

### IN-PERSON WORKSHOP

 **Virginia Department of Ag Laboratory**  
261 Mt. Clinton Pike  
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

**\$25**

### BEFORE THE WORKSHOP

View the online  
module at the link  
in the registration  
email

**Register here**

## PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

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## PWC 4-H Resources

### National 4-H

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