



# Prince William 4-H

*Our Clubs, Our Community*



## Upcoming Events

**Sep 20** - VA 4-H Shotgun Championship

**Sep 26-Oct 5** - State Fair of Virginia

**Sep 30** - 4-H Food Challenge Kick Off Training

**OCT 1** - **PORTFOLIOS, PROJECT RECORDS, & SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE!**

**Oct 1-5** - SFVA Livestock Shows

**Oct 5-11** - National 4-H Week

**Oct 11** - PW 4-H Cloverbud Club

**Oct 11-12** - VA 4-H Shooting ed New Instructor Training

**Oct 14** - PW 4-H Portfolio Training

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September 17, 2025

## Special Visit from a South Dakota 4-H'er

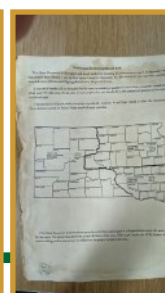
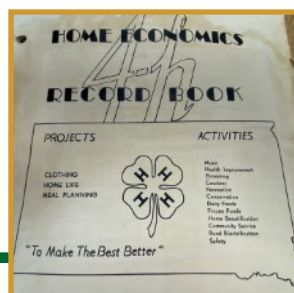
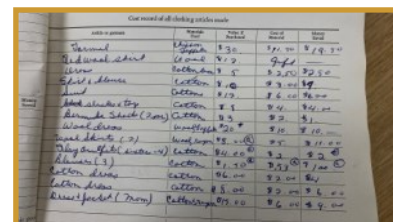


**By Pam Hardin, Prince William 4-H Youth Educator**

When Ardeen Nickisch thought about who might need a collection of fabric and sewing notions, 4-H came immediately to mind. Miss Ardeen learned to make her own clothes as a young 4-H member in South Dakota. She shared her busy 4-H story with Mrs. Lerch, Mrs. Strand and Mrs. Hardin last week. She even brought her 4-H portfolio to show us what life was like in 4-H during the 1950s and 1960s.

Ardeen Holt joined the 4-H Clover Club as an eight-year-old and learned sewing, cooking, gardening and canning. She also raised and sold a cow that helped to pay for her first semester at college. Her favorite part of 4-H was the social aspect of attending 4-H meetings, 4-H camp and visiting the campus of South Dakota State University for 4-H State Congress. Visiting South Dakota State and living in the dorms and eating in the cafeteria inspired her to become the first person in her family to attend college. She used her 4-H knowledge to earn a degree in Home Economics and was able to teach at schools all over the United States as she moved with her army husband.

Miss Ardeen had many positive things to say about her experiences in 4-H. Her recollections of making friends and learning the impact of youth achievement and leadership are powerful. "I helped younger members with sewing problems and writing up their projects." She says she did not enjoy writing her own project records but is grateful for the time spent with friends and working together. Her 4-H book is a document to treasure sixty years later and an inspiration for all 4-H members today.







Beyond  
Ready



# Virginia 4-H State Horse Show

September 4-7, 2025



Lexington, Virginia

**PEYTON BARBOUR WITH MR. REVOLUTIONARY**

4th Walk/Trot Hunter Pleasure Pony (1st Go)

Participation: Senior Hunter Showmanship

**CHLOE CANYON WITH PAINTED BY LUCK**

9th Walk/Trot Hunter Pleasure Horse (1st Go)

Participation: Senior Hunter Showmanship

**KAILEE CHARLES WITH CHIEF**

Participated in Walk/Trot Hunter Pleasure (1st Go), Walk/Trot Hunter Pleasure (2nd Go), Walk/Trot Hunter Equestrian

**CAROLINE COAKLEY WITH PEPTO SPLASH DR**

1st Walk/Trot Hunter Pleasure Pony (1st Go)

7th Introductory Dressage Test A

Participation: Jr Photography, Junior Hunter Showmanship

**SARAH FOX WITH LITTLE MISS MAG PIE**

Participation: Walk/Trot Hunter Pleasure Horse (1st Go), Walk/Trot Hunter Pleasure Horse (2nd Go), Hunter Equestrian-On the Flat, Junior Hunter Showmanship

**LEXIE GEORGE WITH SESAME STREET**

3rd Small Hunter Pleasure Horse SR Rider (1st Go)

Participation: Small Hunter Pleasure Horse SR Riders (2nd Go), Senior Hunter Showmanship, Hunter Trail Sr Rider

**ELENA GUALLAR THOMPSON WITH PILOTS ERROR**

4th Regular Working Hunter (Course B)

7th Reg Working Hunter Horse-Under Saddle-On the Flat

8th Equitation Over Fences, Sr Horse

**KENDRA HERNANDEZ WITH WIND SONG**

2nd Regular Working Hunter (Course B)

3rd Reg Working Hunter Horse-Under Saddle-On the Flat

5th Equitation Over Fences, Sr Horse

Participation: Senior Dressage Tests Level 1, Large Hunter Pleasure Horse SR Rider (1st Go), Senior Hunter Showmanship, Hunter Trail Sr Rider, Regular Working Hunter (Course A)







#### AUDREY KATZENBERGER WITH DRIZZLE

1st Introductory Dressage Test B  
2nd Introductory Dressage Test A  
Participation: Walk/Trot Hunter Pleasure Horse (1st Go), Junior Hunter Showmanship

#### JULIANNA MADDEN ON ROMEO

4th Dressage  
9th Pleasure (1st Go)  
10th Pleasure (2nd Go)  
Participation: Hunter Equestrian Trail

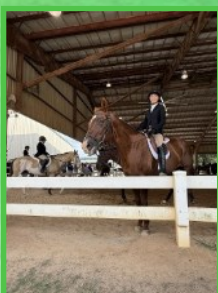


#### ANNA NICELY WITH DADDY'S MONEY

6th Large Hunter Pleasure Pony SR Riders (2nd Go)  
10th Large Hunter Pleasure Pony Sr Rider (1st Go)  
Participation: Senior Dressage Tests Level 2, Hunter Trail Sr Rider, Limit Hunter (Course A), Limit Hunter (Course B), Limit-Under Saddle-On the Flat-Sr Riders

#### HALEY SCHRANTZ WITH GLENHAVEN DANNY BOY "ROCKY"

5th Small Hunter Pleasure Horse SR Rider (1st Go)  
7th Equitation Over Fences, Sr Horse  
7th Intermediate Working Hunter (Course A)  
7th Intermediate Working Hunter (Course B)  
7th Int Hunter Horse-Under Saddle  
8th Senior Dressage Tests Level 1  
Participation: Small Hunter Pleasure Horse SR Riders (2nd Go)



#### HALEY SCHRANTZ WITH CARNIVAL

9th Hunter Trail Sr Rider  
Participation: Senior Hunter Showmanship

#### WILLIAM SCHRANTZ WITH SHIMMER

1st Adaptive Western Trail Sr Rider  
2nd Western Adaptive Stockseat



#### ABIGAIL TUMELTY WITH TRIX ARE FOR KIDS

8th Dressage Test - Jr Rider  
9th Small/Medium Hunter Pleasure Pony JR Rider (1st Go)  
Participation: Small/Medium Hunter Pleasure Pony Jr Rider (2nd Go)

#### SIERRA-NICOLE WIMER WITH DARE U

1st Hunter Pleasure Pony Classics  
2nd Equitation Over Fences, Sr Large Pony  
2nd Senior Hunter Showmanship  
2nd Large Pony Working Hunter (Course A)  
2nd Large Hunter Pony-Under Saddle  
3rd Large Pony Working Hunter (Course B)  
4th Large Hunter Pleasure Pony Sr Rider (1st Go)  
5th Hunt Seat Equitation Classics  
Reserve Champion Senior Showmanship  
Reserve Champion Large Pony Hunter  
Reserve Champion Hunter Pleasure Large Pony (Qualified for Classics!)

#### SIERRA-NICOLE WIMER WITH TINARIWEN

1st Dressage Equitation Classic  
1st Senior Dressage Tests Level 2  
1st Large Hunter Pleasure Pony SR Riders (2nd Go)  
1st Dressage Seat Equitation Classics  
6th Senior Dressage Tests Level 3  
10th Dressage Equitation (Qualified for Classics!)  
Participation: Large Hunter Pleasure Horse SR Rider (1st Go)  
Perpetual Trophy Hunter Pleasure Pony Classics  
Perpetual Plaque Dressage Seat Equitation  
Perpetual Trophy Dressage High Score



Sierra is on the Virginia 4-H State Judging Team and volunteered to assist the team coach with judging the Alumni Showmanship Class.



[Click here for complete show results featuring 325 horse and rider combinations!](#)





## PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs September Market Day



Prince William 4-H Young Entrepreneurs couldn't have asked for a better Market Day! The weather was perfect to bring out the crowds and we enjoyed talking to customers about our products, business, and sharing our 4-H Story. There is only one Market Day left for our SPIN Project, so be sure to come out and support our local youth and their growing businesses! *(It's never too early to start holiday shopping!)*

### OCTOBER MARKET DAY - FINAL MARKET DAY!

**Date:** Saturday, October 4th

**Time:** 9 am - 1 pm

**Location:** Manassas Park Farmers Market

**Featured 4-H'ers:** Aaron, Adam, Zay, Alayjah, Charley, Michael, Aisling, Aspen, Koa, Xanthie, Jackelyn and Josephine, Cora, and Lexi



## It's Portfolio Time! Get Ready to Showcase Your Year!

### DUE TO PW 4-H OFFICE BY OCTOBER 1ST!

It's time to gather your memories, achievements, and leadership experiences! Every year, 4-H members across the country compile their experiences into a 4-H Portfolio, a creative and personalized way to document your journey. Whether you're just starting out or have years of projects under your belt, this is your chance to shine!

**What's a 4-H Portfolio?** Think of it as a cherished scrapbook meets career resume. It's a summary of your 4-H career, filled with your projects, leadership roles, and community service. You'll use age-appropriate Project Record Forms and follow the 4-H Portfolio rubric to make sure everything's in tip-top shape.

### Who Needs to Submit?

- All Prince William 4-H'ers should submit individual project records or a full portfolio.
- Club Officers and Association Officers must turn in an Officer Project Record Form to get credit for their year of service.
- Dreaming of becoming a Virginia 4-H Ambassador or joining the Virginia 4-H All Stars? You'll need portfolios from several years - so start now!

**Need Help?** Don't worry - Prince William 4-H has your back! Whether you need help organizing, supplies like binders and scrapbook paper, or just have questions, stop by, call, or email.

**Why It Matters:** 4-H Portfolios aren't just for fun - they're powerful tools that help build your resume for college, careers, and future leadership roles. Plus, they're a great way to reflect on everything you've learned through 4-H's motto: "Learn by Doing."

So grab your photos, notes, and creativity - your 4-H story deserves to be told! [Click here for the PW 4-H online document center for forms and scoring rubrics.](#)





# Beyond Ready

# Green & Growing



## Prince William 4-H 2025 Recognition Day

Let's celebrate a year of learning, leadership, and growth at our annual Prince William 4-H Recognition Day! This special evening honors YOU - our incredible youth members and dedicated adult volunteers.

This isn't just a party — it's a celebration of how far you've come and all the ways you've grown through 4-H. Whether you led a project, volunteered, or tried something new, this is your moment to shine!



### Ice Cream Social

Chill out and reconnect with friends



### Annual Slide Show

Relive your favorite 4-H memories



### Senior Speeches

Be inspired by our graduating 4-H'ers



### Recognitions & Awards

Celebrate achievements, scholarships, and the Outstanding Member Awards

All Prince William 4-H families are invited — and yes, that includes YOU!

Bring a friend to share the 4-H experience. The more, the merrier!

## Event Details:



Monday, October 27



6:30 - 8:30 PM



Windy Knolls Farm

### What to Bring:

- Cookies or brownies to pair with ice cream (optional)
- 4-H Club posters to showcase your club's awesome work.
- Wear your green gear to show off your 4-H pride!



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**CLICK HERE TO RSVP  
BY OCTOBER 20TH**





## Calling All Teen Foodies: 4-H Food Challenge Workshop

If you're between 9 and 18 and love cooking, teamwork, or just want to learn more about healthy living, mark your calendar for the 4-H Food Challenge Contest Workshop on Tuesday, September 30th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. This hands-on event is a must for any Prince William 4-H'er interested in competing in food contests this school year.



Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned competitor, you'll learn kitchen safety, time-saving tips, and culinary techniques from a professional chef. The workshop also covers contest rules for county, district, and state levels. Plus, it's a great chance to build skills in nutrition, teamwork, public speaking, and even explore food-related careers. Don't miss out - come ready to learn, cook, and have fun with fellow 4-H'ers!

### PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H FOOD CHALLENGE WORKSHOP

**Date:** Tuesday, September 30th

**Time:** 6:30 - 8:30 PM

**Location:** Conf. Room 107, Developmental Services Building, 5 County Complex Ct., Suite 120, Woodbridge

**Who Should Attend:** all Prince William 4-H'ers ages 9-18 with an interest in the 4-H Pillar of Healthy Living and learning about food, nutrition, and cooking skills. All youth interested in participating in 4-H Food Contests this school year are **REQUIRED** to attend the workshop.

**LEARN BY DOING!** [Click here to register.](#) Registration is required and FREE.



**EARN VOLUNTEER HOURS!** Prince William 4-H is looking for teens to help teach middle school students the basics of cooking in the libraries this fall. We will be making oatmeal pancakes and turkey bacon. If you are interested in helping lead this project, please [click here to see dates & locations and SIGN UP!](#)

## Prince William 4-H Gears Up for National 4-H Week



Get ready to show your 4-H pride, Prince William 4-H'ers!

**National 4-H Week is coming up from October 5–11**, and there are tons of ways to get involved and kick off the new 4-H year with energy and excitement. On Tuesday, October 7, wear your best 4-H green to celebrate and join fellow members at the Prince William Board of County Supervisors Meeting at 2 PM at the McCoart Building in Woodbridge. There, you'll witness the official proclamation of National 4-H Week and can even share your 4-H story with the Board!

To start the 2025–2026 4-H year strong, make sure to:

- Submit your portfolios, project records, and scholarship applications by October 1
- Enroll or re-enroll in [4HOnline](#) starting October 1 (deadline: October 31)
- Begin club meetings and elect your officers
- Mark your calendar with key events
- And don't miss **[Green & Growing: Prince William 4-H Recognition Day on October 27](#)** - open to both new and returning members!

Ready to represent and celebrate all things 4-H? Email MaryBeth Lerch to confirm your attendance or to volunteer to speak at the meeting. Let's make this 4-H Week unforgettable!

## Prince William 4-H Scholarships - Applications Due Oct 1st

Prince William 4-H has four scholarships available to members. All scholarship applications and nominations are due by **October 1st, 2025**. Scholarships will be presented at the Prince William 4-H Recognition Day on October 27th.



### 2025 Joanne Guhl Scholarship

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

[Please click here to apply for the 2025 Joanne Guhl Scholarship.](#)

### 2025 Bernard Malo Scholarship

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

[Please click here to apply for the 2025 Bernard Malo Scholarship.](#)

### 2025 Outstanding 4-H Member Award (Youth)

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

[Please click here to apply for the 2025 Outstanding 4-H Member Award.](#)

### 2025 Outstanding 4-H Volunteer Award (Adult)

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

[Please click here to apply/nominate for the 2025 Outstanding 4-H Volunteer Award.](#)

Celebrating YOU!



# Prince William 4-H Food Challenge Workshop

with guest chef!

**Tuesday,  
September 30**

**6:30-  
8:30  
PM**

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**Kitchen Safety • Time-saving Tips  
Culinary Techniques • Contest Rules  
Nutrition • Teamwork  
Public Speaking • Careers  
Exciting fun with friends!**  
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All PW 4-H'ers ages 9-18 with an interest in the 4-H Pillar of Healthy Living and learning about food, nutrition, and cooking skills are invited! All youth interested in participating in 4-H Food Contests this school year are required to attend the workshop.

**Location: Development Services Building, 5 County Complex Ct.,  
Suite 120, Conf Rm 107, Woodbridge**

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.**

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## Green & Growing: A 4-H Year-End Celebration and Kickoff

**Date:** Monday, October 27th

**Time:** 6:30 - 8:30 PM

**Location:** Windy Knoll Farm

[Click here to RSVP](#). Be sure to fill out the [Outstanding Member Form-Youth](#) (participation survey) and [Outstanding Member Form-Adult](#), too!

Get ready to celebrate a year of learning, leadership, and growth at Prince William 4-H Recognition Day—our annual celebration of YOU, our amazing youth members and dedicated adult volunteers! We have an exciting evening planned:

- Ice Cream Social – Cool off and catch up with friends!
- Annual Slide Show – Relive the best moments of the year.
- Senior Speeches – Hear inspiring stories from our graduating 4-H'ers.
- Recognitions & Awards – Applaud achievements, scholarships, and the Prince William 4-H Outstanding Member Awards.
- Portfolio & Ribbon Pickup – Grab your hard-earned rewards!

All Prince William 4-H families are invited - and yes, that includes YOU! And bring a friend to introduce them to the 4-H experience. The more, the merrier!

### What to Bring:

- Cookies or brownies (that compliment ice cream) to share with the group.
- 4-H Club posters to showcase your club's awesome work.
- Wear your green gear to show off your 4-H pride!

This event is more than just a party - it's a celebration of how much you've grown through 4-H. Whether you led a project, volunteered, or tried something new, this is your moment to shine. So mark your calendar, gather your goodies, and get ready to celebrate everything that makes 4-H "Green & Growing"!



## Save the Dates! Upcoming PW 4-H Events & Activities



### PW 4-H TEENS TO BLOOM – BEYOND LEADERSHIP: OUTREACH, OPTIMISM & MINDSET

**Date:** October 16th

**Who Should Attend:** senior PW 4-H'ers 14 & up

PW 4-H's BLOOM group is a monthly social and educational opportunity for teens to explore leadership, social-emotional awareness, critical thinking and service learning. There will be 8 scheduled meetings (October - May), including Officer Training in November and a Boxes of Basics service project. We'll kickoff our year with Project Linus service project. Camp counselors must attend at least 4 BLOOM opportunities in order to be considered to attend camp. *More info coming soon!*



### PW 4-H ADULT LEADER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - VIRTUAL

**Dates:** October 21, December 4, February 5, and April 14

**Who Should Attend:** all PW 4-H adult leaders and volunteers

Led by PW 4-H Extension Agent MaryBeth Lerch, the 1-hour virtual meetings will discuss positive youth development (PYD) with social-emotional learning (SEL), emotional intelligence, and problem-solving within 4-H project work. Additional topics may be added to address the needs and concerns of clubs. Attend these sessions to network, grow in understanding youth development, and help guide the next generation of leaders. *More info coming soon!*



### PW 4-H RABBIT SPIN PROJECT AND PW 4-H DOG SPIN PROJECT

**Rabbit Project Dates:** February 10, 11, 18, 19, 26, 27

**Dog Project Dates:** March 3, 4, 19, 20, 25, 26

**Who Should Attend:** all PW 4-H'ers with an interest in rabbits or dogs

Join one or both of these SPIN projects to gain life skills by learning about the care and raising of rabbits and dogs. During the project, 4-H'ers will learn about different rabbit/dog breeds, housing, feed, and general care. The project will also review showmanship for those interested in showing small animals. *More info coming soon!*





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PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H



# CLOVERBUD CLUB

Meets the 2nd Saturday of the Month from October to May from 10am-Noon



## OCTOBER 11TH



TIME: 10 AM - NOON



LOCATION: PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H HEADQUARTERS, 8033 ASHTON AVE., MANASSAS

All Greater Prince William Area youth ages 5-8 that are interested in 4-H and would like to explore the 4-H Pillar of STEM are invited! Cloverbuds will begin the 4-H Year reviewing the 4-H Pillars, pledge, and by making new friends. Speaking of friends, our STEM activity will focus on our friendly pollinators...BATS!

**Who Should Attend:** Greater Prince William youth ages 5-8 that are interested in learning more about 4-H.\*

Cloverbuds complete short-term, hands-on, adult-led, exploratory projects in the 4-H Pillars of civic engagement, STEM, healthy living and agriculture. All 4-H projects are research and curriculum based. We lay the foundation of knowledge to help develop our future community leaders.



Learn more about 4-H at [www.pwcva.gov/4-H](http://www.pwcva.gov/4-H).

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.** Registration is free, but required.

**Come grow with us!**

\* A parent or guardian must be present.



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# WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

## SPONSOR A WREATH - HONOR A HERO

As the anniversary of September 11th approaches, we pause to remember the lives lost and the heroes who stood in the face of unimaginable tragedy. That day changed our nation forever and reminded us of the true cost of freedom.

In the midst of sorrow, we witnessed courage, resilience, and unity. First responders, service members, and ordinary citizens stepped forward to protect and help. Their bravery continues to inspire us.

This solemn anniversary reminds us why the Wreaths Across America mission matters more than ever. To Remember, Honor, and Teach is not just a motto—it's a call to action.

### JOIN PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H IN HONORING OUR VETERANS THROUGH WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

We are selling wreaths to be placed on the graves of our nation's heroes during National Wreaths Across America Day on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Your sponsorship helps us:



**Remember those who served**  
**Honor their sacrifice with a wreath**  
**Teach youth about citizenship and service**

Volunteers from Prince William 4-H will attend a local wreath-laying ceremony to participate in this meaningful tradition. Support this important mission by sponsoring a wreath today through your local 4-H club.



**Together, we ensure that no hero is ever forgotten.**

**CLICK HERE TO SPONSOR A WREATH.**

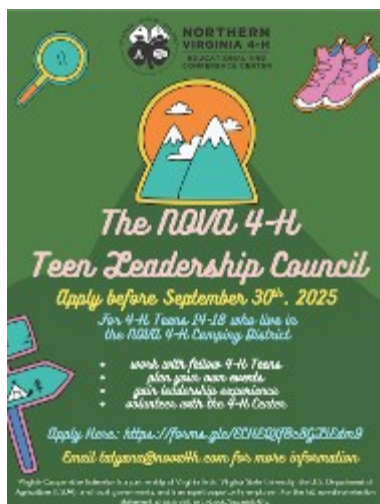
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## NOVA Teen Leadership Council



**Who Should Apply:** 4-H teens ages 14-18 interested in working with the NOVA 4-H Center

[Click here to apply.](#) **Applications due September 30th.**

Applications for the NOVA Teen Leadership Council are now open! The Teen Leadership Council is a group of 4-Hers that are interested in working with the NOVA Center and fellow 4-Hers who camp at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center in Front Royal. The council is teen led with opportunities for the group to make decisions about how they want to spend their time at camp. This past year TLC members helped plan and lead the first night of TALT, created promotional videos for camp, and planned and facilitated an Open House at the center to introduce new families to 4-H camping.

The TLC Kickoff will take place in October, and the 2025-2026 TLC in-person and zoom meetings will be scheduled at that time.

The new NOVA TLC is part of a statewide initiative to form teen councils at all six 4-H centers.

## 2025 State Fair of Virginia Shows & Contests Updates

### VIRGINIA YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAMS



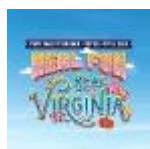
### YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOWS

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

[Click here for contest rules and schedule.](#)

[Click here for State Fair of Virginia Youth Livestock Shows Website](#)

**ENTRIES ARE CLOSED.**



### JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON CONTESTS

**All contestants, coaches, advisors, and volunteers MUST purchase a SFVA Competition Ticket at this link:** <https://tinyurl.com/SFVA-Comp-Tickets>

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

### 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

**Entries are CLOSED.**

[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 STATE FAIR OF VIRGINIA HIPPOLOGY CONTEST

**Date:** Friday, October 3rd

**Time:** 10 AM Check In; 10:30 AM Start; Awards will follow the event and include ribbons and premiums.

[Click here for 2025 Hippology Rules & Information.](#)

[Click here to enter.](#) **Entries due September 18th at 5 PM.**

Student Competition Tickets are available and must be pre-purchased. Leaders must purchase tickets for daily entry into the fair. You must pre-order tickets or you will be required to pay general admission at the gate. General admission gates do not open until 10 AM.

## Hokie BugFest



**Date:** Saturday, October 18

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a pre-opening at 9 a.m. for anyone that may benefit from a quieter, less crowded environment.

**Location:** Squires Student Center, 290 College Avenue, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg  
**Free admission!**

Celebrate the exciting science of entomology with STEAM-inspired (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) activities for all ages! Festival favorites include:

- Virginia Tech's LIVE BugZoo
- Hundreds of pinned insects from around the world
- Jr. Entomologist Certificate Program
- Bug Carnival
- The Bug Library
- 4-H Insect Collection Contest - Entry forms due by September 26th!

Visit [www.hokiebugfest.org](http://www.hokiebugfest.org) for the FULL LIST of exhibitors. You can also follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/hokiebugfest/](https://www.facebook.com/hokiebugfest/).

### INSECT COLLECTION CONTEST

Hokie BugFest celebrates the fun and exciting science of entomology, and the Virginia Tech tradition of learning and discovery, through outreach and engagement. This event highlights an ongoing youth education program hosted by the Virginia Tech Department of Entomology, Virginia Tech College of Agriculture & Life Sciences, Virginia Cooperative Extension's 4-H program, and the department's student-run professional organization, the W. B. Alwood Entomological Society.

**Prince William 4-H Clubs: consider entering the Insect Collection Contest!** Each entry will receive a participation ribbon and a bug-themed goodie bag. The top collections will be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each age category, and an overall Best in Show will also be awarded. [4-H Insect Collection Contest Guidelines](#) | [4-H Insect Collection Contest Entry Form](#)

# 4-H Insect Collection Contest - Hokie BugFest

## READY, SET, COLLECT!

- Hokie BugFest is on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at Squires Student Center in Blacksburg, Virginia.
- Collections may be submitted individually or as teams (drop-off/pick-up information posted online). Pre-registration is required. Entry forms must be submitted by September 26th.
- Collections will be awarded based on scoring guidelines. Visit [hokiebugfest.org](http://hokiebugfest.org) for further information.







## STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS 2026 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS

COSTA RICA · JAPAN · TAIWAN · SOUTH KOREA · ARGENTINA



**OUR MISSION:** Enhancing world understanding and global citizenship through high-quality 4-H international cultural immersion and exchange programs for 4-H aged youth.

### Program Details:

States' 4-H Summer Outbound programs provide American 4-H youth with the opportunity to travel to foreign countries for a cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life. Delegates experience aspects of daily life that allow them to more deeply understand both their host culture and their own culture. Our network of like-minded international partners recruits host families and plans enrichment activities.

#### 2026 PROGRAM DATES\*

**Costa Rica:** June 25-July 24  
**Japan 5-Week:** June 10-August 7  
**Japan 4-Week:** July 8-August 7  
**Taiwan:** July 8-August 7  
**South Korea:** July 15-August 14  
**Argentina:** July 11-August 3

\*Program dates subject to slight change or modification.

#### 4-H YOUTH ELIGIBILITY

- ➔ 12-18 years old for Japan 4-Week & Taiwan
- ➔ 12-18 years old for South Korea
- ➔ 15-18 years old for Costa Rica, Argentina, and Japan 8-Week

Applicant must not be in college

#### APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Contact your State Coordinator and/or reach out to States' 4-H to learn more
- Applications open in Fall 2025

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## 2026 COSTA RICA EXCHANGE



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### STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM DETAILS:

#### 4 WEEK HOMESTAY PROGRAM

Dates\*: June 25-July 24, 2026

Cost: \$2,500\*\* + airfare (estimated \$800-\$1,200)\*\*\*

Ages: 15-18

In-State Fees may apply.

Delegates arrive in San José for orientation, which includes sightseeing and cultural activities. Afterwards, they meet their Costa Rican host families and begin their homestay experience. They also come together for a mid-program excursion to a national park.

#### Program Cost Includes:

- Orientations in gateway city and Costa Rica
- Sightseeing and cultural excursions
- In-Costa Rica expenses: lodging, meals, transportation
- Orientation materials and States' 4-H t-shirts
- Accident & Sickness Insurance

Spanish language knowledge recommended (but not required)

Applications open in Fall 2025 for our 2026 Outbound programs!  
Contact your 4-H coordinator to learn about your local deadlines.

\*Program dates subject to slight change or modification.

\*\*Program cost does NOT include airfare. Airfare estimate is for international airfare. Participant is responsible for purchasing domestic airfare to/from US gateway city.

\*\*\*Airfare estimates are based on ticket prices from the past few years plus the potential for increased prices in 2026.



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## 2026 JAPAN 4 WEEK EXCHANGE



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### STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM DETAILS:

#### 4 WEEK HOMESTAY PROGRAM

Dates\*: July 8-August 7, 2026

Cost: \$3,600\*\* + airfare (estimated \$1,600-\$2,000)\*\*\*

Ages: 12-18

In-State Fees may apply

Live with a Japanese host family for the month and experience daily life. You will be placed with a host sibling of similar age to share your experience and learn about Japanese culture. A group camp is offered. No prior Japanese language study is required, but it is certainly helpful.

#### Program Cost Includes:

- Orientations in gateway city and Tokyo
- In-Japan expenses: lodging, meals, transportation
- Camp, sightseeing, and cultural excursions
- Orientation materials and States' 4-H t-shirts
- Accident & Sickness Insurance

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\*\*Program cost does NOT include airfare. Airfare estimate is for international airfare. Participant is responsible for purchasing domestic airfare to/from US gateway city. The expected gateway city for Japan is Seattle, WA.

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## 2026 JAPAN 8 WEEK EXCHANGE



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### STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM DETAILS:

#### 8 WEEK HOMESTAY PROGRAM

Dates\*: June 10-August 7, 2026

Cost: \$5,500\*\* + airfare (estimated \$2,000-\$2,400)\*\*\*

Ages: 15-18

In-State Fees may apply

For the first 4 weeks, stay with a host family in the Tokyo area, while attending an intensive Japanese language program. This program is for youth that are interested in a Japanese classroom experience. In the second 4 weeks, you will be placed with a new host family outside of Tokyo with a host sibling of similar age. Japanese language knowledge recommended (but not required).

#### Program Cost Includes:

- Orientations in gateway city and Tokyo
- Sightseeing and cultural excursions in Tokyo
- 4-week Japanese language program
- In-Japan expenses: lodging, meals, transportation
- Orientation materials and States' 4-H t-shirts
- Accident & Sickness Insurance

Lunch not included on weekdays during language classes

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Contact your 4-H coordinator to learn about your local deadlines.

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\*\*Program cost does NOT include airfare. Airfare estimate is for international airfare. Participant is responsible for purchasing domestic airfare to/from US gateway city. The expected gateway city for Japan is Seattle, WA.

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## 2026 SOUTH KOREA EXCHANGE



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### STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM DETAILS:

#### 4 WEEK HOMESTAY PROGRAM

Dates\*: July 15-August 14, 2026

Cost: \$3,200\*\* + airfare (estimated \$1,600-\$2,000)\*\*\*

Ages: 12-18

In-State Fees may apply

Delegates arrive in Seoul for a one-night arrival orientation led by Korea 4-H, which includes an introduction to Korean culture and basic language phrases. Afterwards, delegates meet their Korea 4-H host family and begin their homestay. Delegates may have 2 different host families during the program. The program concludes with sightseeing in Seoul.

#### Program Cost Includes:

- Orientations in gateway city and Seoul
- In-South Korea expenses: lodging, meals, transportation
- Sightseeing and cultural excursions in Seoul
- Orientation materials and States' 4-H t-shirts
- Accident & Sickness Insurance

No prior language study is required, but it is certainly helpful!

Applications open in Fall 2025 for our 2026 Outbound programs!  
Contact your 4-H coordinator to learn about your local deadlines.

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\*\*Program cost does NOT include airfare. Airfare estimate is for international airfare. Participant is responsible for purchasing domestic airfare to/from US gateway city. The expected gateway city for South Korea is Seattle, WA.

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## 2026 TAIWAN EXCHANGE



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### STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM DETAILS:

#### 4 WEEK HOMESTAY PROGRAM

Dates\*: July 8-August 7, 2026

Cost: \$3,200\*\* + airfare (estimated \$1,400-\$1,800)\*\*\*

Ages: 12-18

In-State Fees may apply

Delegates arrive in Taipei for an orientation led by Taiwan 4-H, which includes an introduction to Taiwanese culture and basic language phrases. Afterwards, delegates meet their host family and begin their homestay. Delegates may have 2 different host families during the program. The program concludes with sightseeing and cultural excursions in Taipei.

#### Program Cost Includes:

- Orientations in gateway city and Taipei
- In-Taiwan expenses: lodging, meals, transportation
- Sightseeing and cultural excursions in Taipei
- Orientation materials and States' 4-H t-shirts
- Accident & Sickness Insurance

No prior language study is required, but it is certainly helpful!

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\*Program dates subject to slight change or modification.

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## 2026 ARGENTINA EXCHANGE



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### STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM DETAILS:

#### 3 WEEK HOMESTAY PROGRAM

Dates\*: July 11-August 3

Cost: \$2,500\*\* + airfare (estimated \$1,600-\$2,400)\*\*\*

Ages: 15-18

In-State Fees may apply

Delegates will live with a host family in and around Córdoba, experiencing daily life firsthand. They will also take part in a variety of structured group activities, including cultural excursions, Spanish language sessions, and local 4-H events. Particular emphasis will be placed on soccer and orchestra, two of Argentina 4-H's primary youth programs.

#### Program Cost Includes:

- Arrival orientation in Argentina
- In-Argentina expenses: lodging, meals, transportation
- Sightseeing and cultural excursions
- Orientation materials and States' 4-H t-shirts
- Accident & Sickness Insurance

Spanish language knowledge recommended  
(but not required)

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### STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

## CHAPERONES NEEDED!

Live in a homestay setting and support  
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SUMMER 2026 PROGRAMS

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### 2026 Program Locations & Dates\*

Costa Rica: June 25-July 24

Argentina: July 11-August 3

Taiwan: July 8-August 7

South Korea: July 15-August 14

Japan 4-Week: July 8-August 7

Japan 8-Week:\*\*\* June 10-August 7

\*Program dates subject to slight change or modification.

\*\*Option to chaperone for the first 4 weeks only.

### REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Age 21+ at exchange start
- ✓ Current or former 4-H involvement
- ✓ Experience working with youth
- ✓ International travel/living abroad experience

### FEES Inclusive of international & domestic flights

• Costa Rica	\$1,200
• Argentina	\$1,200
• Taiwan	\$1,500
• South Korea	\$1,500
• Japan 4-Week	\$1,000
• Japan 8-Week	\$2,200

Scholarships available

### HOW TO JOIN US

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- Now accepting applications!

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## Calling All Young Witches, Wizards & Muggles!

**Dates:** November 7-9

**Location:** W.E. Skelton 4-H Center, Smith Mountain Lake

**Who Should Attend:** Youth ages 9-14

**Fee:** \$125/camper

[Click here to register.](#)

Registration is OPEN for the W.E. Skelton Wizards Weekend Camp—Virginia's biggest Harry Potter-themed 4-H camp!

Expect magical adventures, spellbinding activities, and campers from all over the state! We're also looking for trained teen counselors & adult volunteers - if you worked at 4-H camp in 2025, you can attend for FREE in a leadership role!

Let's make Wizards Weekend 2025 the most enchanted one yet!

## National 4-H Updates



### IGNITE BY 4-H

**Dates:** March 25 - 29, 2026

**Location:** Washington Hilton, Washington, DC

**SOLD OUT**

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).



### CLOVER BY 4-H: ENTREPRENEURSHIP

[Click here for FREE activities.](#)

Discover what it takes to think like an entrepreneur! You'll start by exploring your talents and interests, then see how your personal traits line up with those of successful business leaders. To wrap up, you'll test your skills by weighing risks and rewards and pitching your own idea to a mock investor. Grades 7-12



### NATIONAL 4-H 2026 YOUTH IN ACTION WINNERS

We're thrilled to introduce the 2026 Youth in Action Award Winners! These four remarkable 4-H'ers are leading with purpose, passion, and impact. Each of these young leaders has demonstrated outstanding commitment to their communities, tackling challenges, and inspiring peers across the country to make a difference.

- Antonio Becker — Minnesota
- Esther Bonney — Maryland
- Owen Brosanders — Arizona
- Graycie Montfort — Texas

From creating innovative projects to driving change on important issues, these winners represent the best of what it means to be a 4-H'er. Over the coming months, we'll be sharing more about their journeys, their achievements, and how they are shaping the future.

## The Fungus Among Us with Robin Firth

### PART 1: THE FUNGUS AMONG US TALK

[Click here to watch The Fungus Among Us.](#)

Learn about the mushrooms that grow right here in Prince William County, including some fun edible species that you can toss into your next stir fry. Stay tuned for details for the upcoming mushroom walk!

### PART 2: NATURE WALK — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

(Location & time TBD)

[Click here to pre-register and receive notification of details.](#)

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.



Whether you're a beginner or a mushroom enthusiast, this series offers something for everyone eager to uncover the hidden wonders of our forests. Don't miss out!

## VT Food Safety School for Virginia Producers

**Date:** October 16th

**Time:** 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

**Location:** Virginia Department of Agriculture Library, 261 Mt Clinton Pike, Harrisonburg, VA

**Cost:** \$25

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

This course is currently being developed as part of a USDA NIFA funded Food Safety Outreach Program project. The course is designed to help beginning, small, and growing value-added food businesses learn the basics of food safety by addressing Virginia food safety regulations, factors the impact microbial growth, methods for producing safe food, food safety system development, and next steps for growing your food business. This course will also include an online course component that must be completed prior to the in-person event.



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## Become a 4-H Club Leader

**Want to make a positive, lasting change in our community?**

We invite you to become a 4-H Club Leader and help us provide safe, enriching programs where young people can explore a universe of interests, make new friends, develop leadership skills and gain life skills. 4-H clubs belong to the families within our community and focus on curriculum-based programs in the areas of citizenship, health living, STEM and agriculture. We "learn-by-doing." Our volunteers bring their unique knowledge, experiences, and skills to the 4-H program. You don't need to be an expert. You do need to be enthusiastic about learning and have a desire to work with youth.



### We Provide the Content

- New Leader Training
- On-going Support and Training
- Annual Leader Kick-Off Meetings
- Volunteer Manuals
- Curriculum-Based Project Resources
- Networking with 4-H Club Leaders
- Special Activities and Camps at the county, district, state and national levels



### You Provide YOU

- Tap into your unique talents and perspectives
- Share your knowledge and interests
- Engage youth as a mentor, advisor, teacher, role model, and more
- Create a community club or specialized club for project work
- Participate in community service



### We Grow Together

- Guide youth in hands-on learning experiences that build skills and confidence
- Accomplish more with 4-H resources
- Meet new people and network
- Work with youth on key, relevant issues
- Build strong families and communities in our area
- Discover something new about yourself and others
- Have fun while you share your talents, skills and knowledge
- Increase your interpersonal, parenting and professional skills
- Be a positive, committed adult role model that is truly making a difference

### 4-H GROWS HERE

What are you waiting for? Prince William youth need YOU to help THEM find their own special talents, build confidence and gain life skills. Volunteering in 4-H doesn't depend on the amount of knowledge you have about a project. It relies on your willingness to help youth learn.

For more information, contact



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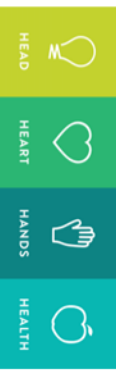
# 2025 - 2026



## PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H EVENT CALENDAR

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
5-11 National 4-H Week 7 Proclamation at PWC/BOCS 11 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club 11-12 VA 4-H Shooting Ed New Instructor Certification 14 PW 4-H Portfolio Training 19-25 National Character Counts Week 21 PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Professional Dev 23 PW 4-H Presentation Training 24 Green & Growing: PW 4-H Recognition Day & Open House	1 VA 4-H Shooting Ed Instructor Re-Certification 3-4 PW 4-H No School November Sewing SPIN Club 6 PW 4-H Engage Locally 8 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club 12 PW 4-H Association Meeting 24 PW 4-H Officer Training & Teen Club 28-Dec 2 National 4-H Congress 28-Dec 14 TSC & 4-H Paper Clover Campaign TBD PW 4-H Hike: 4-H Outdoor Challenge	1 PW 4-H Embryology Registration Opens 3 PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Professional Dev 4 PW 4-H Homemade Holiday Craft Night: Teen Club, Cloverbud Club 13 Wreaths Across America Day 10 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club 13 PW 4-H Association Meeting 20 Virginia 4-H Day at the Capitol 21 An Evening with Virginia 4-H at VT 23 PW 4-H Share the Fun Dress Rehearsal 30 PW 4-H Share the Fun TBD PW 4-H Tree Seedling Orders Due TBD PW 4-H Shooting Ed Instructor Recertification	5 PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Professional Dev 14 PW 4-H Contest Day: Presentations, Table Setting, Fashion Review 1 PW 4-H Junior Camp Reg Opens 6-7 TALT Weekend - Junior Camp Counselor Training 10 PW 4-H Leaders' Mid-Year Mtg & 4-H Association Mtg 14-15 VA 4-H Spring Air Championships 21 PW 4-H Food Challenge Contest 25-29 National 4-H IGNITE TBD VA 4-H Teen Summit TBD PW 4-H Association BINGO TBD PW 4-H Chick Drop-Off TBD VA 4-H and FFA Meats Evaluation	1 PW 4-H Junior Camp Reg 6-7 TALT Weekend - Junior Camp Counselor Training 10 PW 4-H Leaders' Mid-Year Mtg & 4-H Association Mtg 14-15 VA 4-H Spring Air Championships 21 PW 4-H Food Challenge Contest 25-29 National 4-H IGNITE TBD VA 4-H Teen Summit TBD PW 4-H Association BINGO TBD PW 4-H Chick Drop-Off TBD VA 4-H and FFA Meats Evaluation	1 PW 4-H Junior Camp Reg 6-7 TALT Weekend - Junior Camp Counselor Training 10 PW 4-H Leaders' Mid-Year Mtg & 4-H Association Mtg 14-15 VA 4-H Spring Air Championships 21 PW 4-H Food Challenge Contest 25-29 National 4-H IGNITE TBD VA 4-H Teen Summit TBD PW 4-H Association BINGO TBD PW 4-H Chick Drop-Off TBD VA 4-H and FFA Meats Evaluation
APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
11 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club 14 PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Professional Dev TBD National 4-H Conference TBD VA 4-H Equismartz TBD VA 4-H Shooting Ed New Instructor Certification TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Interest Mtg TBD PW 4-H Tree Planting TBD VA 4-H/FFA Beef Challenge, Beef Roundup, Tractor Operators Contest TBD VA 4-H State WHEP Contest TBD TSC & 4-H Paper Clover Campaign TBD VA 4-H/FFA State Poultry Evaluation Contest TBD VA 4-H Healthy Living Summit TBD VA 4-H Northeast District Contest	10 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club 12 PW 4-H Association Board & Leader Year-End Meeting TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Workshops TBD PW 4-H Outdoor Challenge SPIN Project TBD 4-H Northeast District Food Challenge Contest TBD VA 4-H State WHEP Contest TBD TSC & 4-H Paper Clover Campaign TBD VA 4-H/FFA State Poultry Evaluation Contest TBD VA 4-H Healthy Living Summit TBD VA 4-H Northeast District Contest	16-29 Virginia 4-H Congress 21-26 National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship 30 1st Time Junior 4-H Camper Parents' Meeting TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day TBD VA Dept of Forestry Camp Woods & Wildlife TBD VA 4-H Livestock Judging Contests	TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day TBD State of Virginia's NRA Youth Education Summit TBD Prince William/Stafford 4-H Junior Camp TBD Southern Regionals 4-H Horse Championships TBD VA 4-H Youth Daily Field Day	TBD VA 4-H Northern District Shoot TBD VA 4-H Pork Challenge TBD PW 4-H Fair Camp TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day TBD VA 4-H Shotgun Championship TBD State Fair of Virginia TBD SEVA Youth Livestock Shows, Livestock Skillathon, Dairymen's Contest, Dairy Goat Contest,	4-6 VA 4-H State Horse and Pony Championship 5-6 VA 4-H State Shoot TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day TBD VA 4-H Shotgun Championship TBD State Fair of Virginia TBD SEVA Youth Livestock Shows, Livestock Skillathon, Dairymen's Contest, Dairy Goat Contest,

For more detailed information as events approach, see the newsletter at [www.pwcv4.gov/4-H](http://www.pwcv4.gov/4-H).



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Ryan Nguyen, Treasurer

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