



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



Upcoming Events

- Oct 15** - PW 4-H Food Challenge Training
- Oct 16** - PW 4-H BLOOM Teen Group
- Oct 19-25** - National Character Counts Week
- Oct 21** - PW 4-H Adult Professional Dev. (Virtual)
- Oct 23** - PW 4-H Presentation Training
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October 15, 2025

Prince William 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Wrap it UP



Four educational workshops, five market days, and an exciting summer of strategizing and growing our businesses with friends and mentors...an opportunity that will forever change us! Prince William 4-H is growing the next generation of **BEYOND READY** business leaders in our popular Young Entrepreneurs program.

During Thursday's debrief session, the young entrepreneurs turned in their completed 4-H Project Records. We reflected on the overall experience and discussed several key areas:

- **What went well:** Participants highlighted positive aspects of the program, including successful product development, teamwork, and improved communication skills.

- **Challenges:** We explored areas that didn't go as smoothly, such as time management, unexpected expenses, and marketing difficulties.
- **Goal Achievement:** Each participant evaluated whether they met their personal and business goals set at the beginning of the program.
- **Budget Review:** The group reviewed their budgets to determine whether they stayed within limits or went over.
- **Improvements for Next Year:** The Young Entrepreneurs shared thoughtful suggestions for how the program could be improved next year.

We hope you'll consider joining the 2026 PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs SPIN project!



PW 4-H Engage Locally - Sign Up Today!



Date: Thursday, November 6th

Time: 6-8 PM

Location: McCoart Atrium, I County Complex Ct., Woodbridge

Who Should Attend: ALL PW 4-H'ers from Cloverbud to 19!

[Click here to register.](#)

Engage Locally is an amazing opportunity for our youth to share their 4-H story with local leaders in Prince William. Please review the available slots and sign up!



Business is BOOMING!

PW 4-H Young Entrepreneur Adam Grant continues to take his business on the road, looking for opportunities to increase sales and share how 4-H is preparing him to be BEYOND READY as a future community business leader.



Adam has increased his market presence by also participating in the Children's Entrepreneur Market program. Last Saturday, he set up shop in Manassas and gained even more new customers. Although the PW 4-H Young Entrepreneur SPIN program has ended for the year, he's looking for more business opportunities and will be at the Children's Entrepreneur Market in Springfield this Saturday, October 18th, with a projected 3,000 - 5,000 patrons expected.



It's never too early for a little holiday shopping! Come out, support our young entrepreneur, and hear how much his 4-H Story has grown! [Click here for more information.](#)

Buzzing with Excitement: Cloverbuds Dive into the World of Pollinators!



The Prince William 4-H Cloverbuds had a pollinator-packed October meeting that was anything but ordinary! With the help of their amazing teen leaders, Samantha and Bella, these curious young minds explored the fascinating world of creatures that help plants grow - and discovered some surprising facts along the way.



After kicking things off with the Pledge of Allegiance and learning the 4-H Pledge, the Cloverbuds got hands-on with nature by dissecting a mammoth sunflower head - originally planted by last year's Cloverbud crew. The result? Hundreds of seeds ready to be planted next spring!

But the surprises didn't stop there...Did you know bats are pollinators too? That's right! The Cloverbuds read the heartwarming story *Stellaluna*, explored a real bat house, and even crafted their own bat masks. Now they're bat experts - just ask them!



Beyond Ready

Whether you're into nature, crafts, or just love learning cool new things, you won't want to miss the next adventure. **Join us for our next meeting on November 8 at 10 AM** - we promise it'll be a blast!

PS - Budding photographer Smith, age 5, was so interested in Mrs. Hardin's camera that he did a quick takeover and shot the photo of fellow Cloverbud Estella!

Tell Your 4-H Story with a Portfolio



Prince William 4-H'ers met last night to learn how to tell their 4-H stories with a 4-H Portfolio. A 4-H portfolio is like a scrapbook-meets-resume that shows off everything you've done in 4-H. It highlights your growth, leadership, and community service over time. Through games and exploring sample portfolios, our 4-H'ers are ready to get creative!

4-H Portfolios are an important part of the 4-H experience. They show your progress, can be used for big opportunities such as applying for scholarships and leadership roles, and cover all of your 4-H stuff from projects to volunteering. Start your 4-H portfolio today! **4-H project records and portfolios are due each year on October 1st.**



MEET NOKESVILLE 4-H CLUB

ON OCTOBER 19TH 4 - 6 P.M.

NOKESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT
12826 MARSTELLAR DRIVE
NOKESVILLE, VA



Curious about 4-H?

Join us for a fun, hands-on meeting where you'll meet new friends, explore exciting projects, and discover how 4-H helps kids grow as leaders.

Ages 5-18 welcome with a parent/guardian.

CONTACT US:
LEADERS
SHEALYN CLINGER &
KATE POROKH

SIGN UP TO
ATTEND:
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Nokesville 4-H Club



PW 4-H Association Fundraising Committee Updates

The Prince William 4-H Association FUNdraising committee met last week to launch their initiatives for the new 4-H year. Their efforts are critical in proving reduced 4-H event and activity fees and scholarships for local youth. This meeting discussed two key initiatives:

- **BINGO:** committees were established for decorating, donations, advertising, and concessions. New, innovative ideas were proposed and they're excited to begin focusing their efforts. More hands are needed! Please attend the next Association meeting on November 12th join the fun!
- **Wreaths Across America:** The FUNdraising committee leaders are going to have a follow-up meeting specifically to focus on strategies for this activity. WWA is an opportunity for 4-H'ers to be civically engaged and helps earn funds for 4-H programming. Look for more details of their efforts soon!

PW 4-H Presentation Training



Date: October 23rd

Time: 6:30 - 8 PM

Location: PW 4-H Headquarters, 8033 Ashton Ave., McCoy Conference Room (upstairs)

Who Should Attend: All Prince William 4-H'ers (Junior & Senior 4-H'ers)

[Click here to register.](#)

Featuring special guests from Toastmaster's International who will talk to us about building our presentations skills and becoming confident public speakers! 4-H presentations are important because they build essential life skills in youth, including public speaking, communication, research, and organization, fostering confidence, poise, and self-esteem. Learn tips and tricks and find out about the opportunities to practice your skills at county contests and beyond!

PW 4-H Adult Leader Series Begins Oct 21st



Date: Tuesday, October 21st

Time: 7-8 PM

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

Zoom Link: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/89323912839>

Join PW 4-H Extension Agent MaryBeth Lerch for a dynamic, one-hour virtual sessions designed for all 4-H adult leaders and volunteers. This session focuses on 4-H Positive Youth Development. See

[Page 9](#) for more information!

Get Updates from Virginia Cooperative Extension

Virginia Cooperative Extension, the parent organization of Prince William 4-H, works in communities across the commonwealth to share knowledge, support businesses, and implement research that advances the wellbeing of all Virginians.

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PW 4-H Club Reporters - It's Time to Send in Your Monthly Reports



Hey Prince William 4-H Clubs — it's that time again! Your monthly club reports are due each month. We've set up a schedule to help with newsletter space and to provide due dates - so don't forget to send yours in to PW 4-H Headquarters!

WAIT... WHAT REPORTS? Yep, you heard right! Every club has officers - and one of them (*usually the Club Reporter*) needs to send a quick email with:

- A short summary of what your club did this month (think: cool projects, community service, awards, shoutouts, etc.)
- 1 to 6 photos with captions showing off your club in action!

BUT WHY THOUGH?

Because your club is awesome - and people should know about it! These reports:

- Help track your club's journey all year long
- Keep parents and the community in the loop
- Show off your skills and teamwork
- Might even help bring in new members or support!

Plus, if you're the 4-H Club Reporter, you're building real-world skills like writing, time management, and leadership!

HOW TO DO IT:

On the 1st of each month, write up a short recap (even just a few sentences is fine!). Include:

- What your club did
- Any shoutouts or thank-yous to community supporters
- Up to 6 photos with captions
- Then sign your name, officer role (like "Club Reporter"), and your club name.
- Email it to: chelmmlinger@pwcva.gov and don't forget to CC your adult club leader!

REPORT DUE DATES

1st Monday of Month (Oct 6)
Nokesville Equestrian 4-H Club

2nd Monday (Oct 13)
Kettle Run 4-H Club and
Benton Middle School Club

3rd Monday (Oct 20)
Trigger Time 4-H Club

4th Monday (Oct 27)
Nokesville 4-H Club and
Linton Hall School Club

Put Into Action: The 4-H Pillar of Citizenship



What does it mean to be a good citizen? For 4-H youth in Prince William County, it means stepping up, speaking out, and showing up for your community - and that's exactly what happened on October 7th, when the Prince William County Board of Supervisors officially proclaimed National 4-H Week (October 5–11, 2025)! See Page 6 to read the proclamation.

Two of our very own youth leaders, **Michael and Jacklyn**, represented Prince William 4-H at the proclamation ceremony. They didn't just stand in front of county officials - they spoke up about how 4-H has helped them grow as leaders, learners, and active citizens. Their voices were heard, and their message was clear: 4-H matters.

You might be wondering—what's the big deal about a proclamation? While it's not a law, it's a powerful symbol. Here's why:

- **It raises awareness.** When the government publicly supports a cause, more people pay attention.
- **It celebrates achievements.** Proclamations honor the hard work of 4-H members, volunteers, and leaders.
- **It attracts media attention.** That means more people hear about 4-H and what it stands for.
- **It shows official support.** When your county backs your program, it adds credibility and opens doors.
- **It inspires action.** Recognition can motivate others to join, volunteer, or start new clubs.

This proclamation is more than just a piece of paper - it's a reminder that **citizenship starts with YOU**. Whether you're testifying at a county meeting, organizing a community clean-up, or helping a neighbor, you're living out one of the core 4-H values.

So, what can you do next?

- **Get involved.** Join a 4-H club or start one at your school.
- **Speak up.** Share your story with local leaders. Attend **Engage Locally!** on November 6th! [Click here for details.](#)
- **Take action.** Find a cause you care about and rally your friends.

Let's keep the momentum going. Because when youth lead, communities thrive!



PROCLAMATION

National 4-H Week

October 5 – October 11, 2025

WHEREAS, the National 4-H Week theme, "Beyond Ready," reflects our commitment to preparing the next generation for a rapidly changing world by helping youth develop into resilient, adaptable, and lifelong learners who are prepared for any challenge; and

WHEREAS, for over 120 years, 4-H has served America's youth with the mission to "make the best better," and is now the Nation's largest youth development organization; and

WHEREAS, 4-H programs are delivered by Cooperative Extension, a network of over 100 public universities across the Nation, offering hands-on learning experiences that empower young people to learn by doing; and

WHEREAS, 4-H connects youth and adults to their communities, preparing them for work and life through experiential, inquiry-based learning, while fostering positive youth development through emerging research; and

WHEREAS, the four H's—Head, Heart, Hands, and Health—represent the core values of 4-H and guide youth in becoming engaged citizens and lifelong learners; and

WHEREAS, 4-H prepares youth for careers in STEM, agriculture, public service, and entrepreneurship, contributing to a skilled and future-ready workforce; and

WHEREAS, 4-H youth consistently report increased confidence, leadership skills, and a sense of belonging through their participation in clubs, camps, and service projects; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025, Prince William 4-H served 636 youth through clubs and camping programs, and engaged 16,790 youth in special interest programs, helping them become confident, independent, resilient, and compassionate leaders; and

WHEREAS, Prince William 4-H youth contributed 13,664 volunteer hours, supported by 624 adult volunteers, and participated in 676 competitive events and programs at the county, district, state, and regional levels; and

WHEREAS, Prince William 4-H volunteers provided an estimated 7.01 full-time equivalent (FTE) value in service to the community, and 4-H hosted 142 events with nearly 1,500 attendees, demonstrating the program's reach and impact;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby proclaims October 5–11, 2025, as National 4-H Week in Prince William County, and urges the community to learn more about 4-H. We join in celebrating and recognizing the unique partnership between our County, Virginia Cooperative Extension, and our State University System, as 4-H equips youth with future-ready skills while meeting them where they are today, through their commitment to the 4-H pledge of "Head, Heart, Hands, and Health," and living by the motto, "Make the Best Better."

BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS

Deshundra Jefferson, Chair





Contests

Poster & Daily Photo



Poster Contest

Submit a poster for Prince William 4-H Character Counts Week about the 6 Pillars of Character. Poster due by Monday, October 13th. Winning poster will be in the October 15th weekly newsletter and the 4-H'er will be recognized at Green & Growing on October 27th. [Click here to email photo of poster](#) or drop off at PW 4-H Headquarters.



Daily Photo Contest

Submit a photo of you wearing the Character Counts color of the day and 1 sentence stating what that trait means to you. Photos due by 8 pm each day. Winners will be announced and recognized at Green & Growing on October 27th. [Click here to email.](#)

CHARACTER COUNTS

**October
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Monday: Trustworthiness (Blue)

Be honest. Don't deceive, cheat, or steal. Have integrity. Do what you say you'll do. Keep your promises. Be loyal. Stand by your values.

**October
21**

Tuesday: Respect (Yellow)

Follow the Golden Rule. Be accepting of differences. Be courteous to others. Deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements. Be considerate of others' feelings.

**October
22**

Wednesday: Responsibility (Green)

Do what you are supposed to do. Try your best. Keep on trying. Be self-disciplined. Think before you act. Consider the consequences. Be accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes.

**October
23**

Thursday: Fairness & Caring (Orange & Red)

Play by the rules. Take turns and share. Be open-minded. Listen to others. Don't take advantage of others. Be kind & compassionate. Express gratitude. Forgive others. Be considerate of others' feelings.

**October
24**

Friday: Citizenship (Purple)

Do your share to make your home, school, and community better. Cooperate. Stay informed. Vote. Be a good neighbor. Make choices that protect the safety and rights of others. Protect the environment.

**CLICK HERE
TO EMAIL
POSTER & PHOTOS**



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BEYOND LEADERSHIP: OUTREACH, OPTIMISM & MINDSET



PW 4-H's BLOOM group is a monthly social and educational opportunity for teens (ages 14-19) 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.

OCTOBER MEETING

- Thursday, October 16th
- 6:30-8 PM
- PW 4-H Headquarters - McCoy Rm
- All PW 4-H Teens Ages 14-19 are invited

OCTOBER FOCUS

- Introduce 4-H Service Learning Projects
- Project Linus Community Service

Blankets will be donated to Inova Hospital Pediatrics Unit in Leesburg.



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Click here to register.



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4-H ADULT LEADER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Join PW 4-H Extension Agent MaryBeth Lerch for dynamic, one-hour virtual sessions designed for all 4-H adult leaders and volunteers. These interactive meetings dive into key topics like positive youth development (PYD), social-emotional learning (SEL), emotional intelligence, and problem-solving—all within the context of 4-H project work. Plus, we'll explore additional subjects based on your club's unique needs and interests. Whether you're looking to connect with fellow volunteers, deepen your understanding of youth development, or inspire tomorrow's leaders, these sessions are a valuable opportunity to grow and make a lasting impact.



4-H Positive Youth Development (PYD)

Learn how to empower young people by fostering critical life skills like leadership, problem-solving, and community engagement through hands-on projects in a safe, nurturing, and inclusive environment.

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Youth Social Emotional Learning

Understand how to use the 4-H Thriving Model to emphasize high-quality, safe, and caring environments to help youth thrive, reach essential life goals, and achieve academic and social success.

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Youth Emotional Intelligence

Understand a holistic approach that addresses mental health, education, employability, and character development, promoting healthy lifestyles and self-esteem in 4-H projects and activities.

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Youth Problem Solving

By focusing on youth strengths and providing opportunities, relationships, and support, the 4-H PYD model helps young people thrive and reach their fullest potential, ultimately benefiting themselves, their families, and their communities.

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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 11-13 year old
4-H ers!



SEW MUCH 4-H FUN!

Come join us for a fun, hands-on workshop where you'll learn
to create something unique and totally handmade by you!

* 3 & 4 NOVEMBER 2025 *

9:30-3:30 4-H Headquarters

4-H provides
all materials

Make a pillow
and string bag

Learn by Doing

[Sign up here:](#)



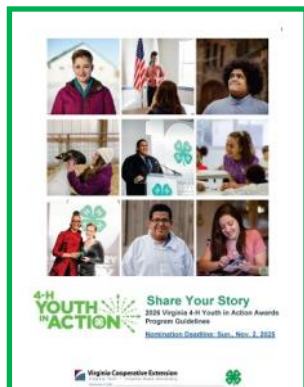
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Virginia 4-H 2026 Youth in Action



[Click here for the VA 4-H 2026 Youth in Action Guidelines.](#)

[Click here for online application.](#) **Applications due by Sunday, November 2nd.**

Who Should Apply: ALL Prince William 4-H'ers ages 15-18 with exceptional participation in 4-H

The State 4-H Office is once again pleased to announce this exciting award opportunity for 4-H'ers across Virginia. To provide a similar system to the National 4-H Youth in Action Awards, and to encourage high quality applications for the national awards, the State 4-H Office established the Virginia 4-H Youth in Action Awards Program in 2019. The nomination process is now open for our Class of 2026 Youth in Action winners.

This year's process is similar to last year in that the youth themselves may apply directly for the award. However, they are still required to obtain a letter of reference from their Extension Agent (or the VCE professional responsible for 4-H in their Unit). We hope that this will increase participation in the program, while still ensuring that youth interact with their Extension Office.

Youth may recommend themselves for consideration in one or more of the pillar areas of Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living, and STEM. One pillar winner will be chosen from each area. In keeping with the national award system, there will no long be an overall winner chosen from the pillar winners. Any 4-H member in Virginia ages 15-18 is eligible to be nominated. Previous winners are not eligible, but a nominee that was not selected in a previous year may apply again (and they are encouraged to do so).

Each of the four winners will receive:

- A \$500 mini-grant to their Unit to develop a significant community project.
- Recognition at An Evening with Virginia 4-H on January 21, 2026
- A full scholarship to attend Virginia 4-H State Congress June 16-19, 2026, in Blacksburg, VA.
- An opportunity to be featured as the Virginia 4-H Youth Spokesperson for their pillar area.
- An opportunity to represent Virginia 4-H at one or more national events for their pillar area.
- Support and mentorship to apply for the 2027 National 4-H Youth in Action Awards.

Please note that all of the questions that are asked on the online submission form are contained in the guidelines.



Prince William 4-H
2021 VA 4-H YIA Winner
2021 National YIA Finalist

Virginia 4-H 2026 All Stars Applications are OPEN



Who Should Apply: Virginia 4-H'ers ages 15 and up (as of January 1, 2025)

Virginia 4-H Northeast Chapter Advisor: Carly Wright carlymg@vt.edu

[Click here for the Virginia 4-H All Stars Youth Nomination Form.](#)

Virginia 4-H All Stars is the highest honor a Virginia 4-H'er can achieve. It is a service-based, volunteer-run group that gives back to 4-H and the community for life. [Click here to learn more about Virginia 4-H All Stars.](#)

Dates to Remember

Nov. 1, 2025 – Nominations Due

Various Dates by Chapter – Chapter Review in locations near Camping Centers

Early Jan. 2026 – State Review (in Goochland + virtual option)

Feb. 8, 2026 – Voting at Midwinters Conference

June 18, 2026 – Tapping Ceremony at 4-H Congress

Record Keeping - A Critical Life Skill

4-H'ers working towards becoming a Virginia 4-H All Star, record keeping is critical to success! Completing 4-H Project Records and annual 4-H Portfolios will help keep you on track. Documenting your 4-H Story takes time and attention to detail to ensure you receive full credit for your 4-H participation. If you aren't ready to apply this year, be sure to review the application, start gathering documentation, and increase your participation in 4-H. The only thing keeping you from earning this recognition is YOU. How strong is your 4-H resume?

VA 4-H Shooting Education - 7-Year Instructor Recertification

Date: November 1st

Location: Holiday Lake 4-H Center

Register through your 4-H Club. **Registration due October 18th.**

Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Instructors must be recertified every seven years. The recertification program is set up to accommodate each instructor being able to recertify in two or three disciplines on the same day. Instructors that fail to recertify will be decertified and removed from the program.



2026 Friends of the NRA (FONRA) Grant - Due Oct 20th

[Click here for Virginia 4-H Shooting Education NRA Grant Application Tip Sheet.](#)

Applications due to Crystal Graham by October 20th at noon.

Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Clubs are invited to apply for the 2026 FONA Grant to support clubs with necessary equipment to participate in shooting education. All clubs should follow the guidelines in the tip sheet linked above.



Virginia Youth Livestock Awards Zoom

Date: Monday, October 20th

Time: 7 PM

Zoom Link: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/88577465832>

Gather your friends for an exciting watch party and cheer for your fellow 4-H'ers! The State Fair of Virginia Youth Livestock Awards will be presented Monday and includes a review of the promotional contests, Skillathons, Premier Exhibitor announcements, review of our Champion Market Animal Carcasses, and other special recognitions and announcements.



VA 4-H Horse Ambassadors - Apply by October 31st!



[Click here for more information and application link.](#) **Applications due Oct 31st.**

The Virginia 4-H Horse Ambassador Program application for the 2025-2026 cohort is now open. The Horse Ambassador Program utilizes senior youth who are enrolled members of 4-

H to grow in their leadership skills, assist with state level events, and publicly represent the Virginia 4-H Horse Program at industry level events. This year, ambassadors attended 4-H Day at the Capitol, where they saw legislation in action and were able to visit with the VA 4-H Youth Livestock Ambassadors. They also had a visit to the Meadow Event Park for a tour of Secretariat's birthplace. Ambassadors assisted at the Block and Bridle Horse Weekend, Equismartz, State 4-H Congress, and the Rockingham Coop Equine Expo. Furthermore, youth in this program must secure volunteer hours within their unit or district in providing assistance at local events, helping to create or produce programs with their 4-H agent, or more.

Applicants must submit an application and have ONE reference ([click here for reference form](#)) submitted by email to [Hunter Liles](mailto:Hunter.Liles) prior to the deadline to be considered.

Virginia 4-H Youth Livestock Ambassador Program

Developing Young Leaders in Agriculture



About the Program

The Virginia 4-H Youth Livestock Ambassador program empowers youth to grow as leaders and advocates for the agriculture industry through hands-on, experiential learning. The program offers leadership development, collegiate-level animal science education, and opportunities to give back to communities.

2026 Term: December 1st, 2025 - November 30th, 2026

Applications Due: October 29th, 2025

Application Link: <https://forms.gle/1chD8taYBCKN63Ua6>

Who Can Apply?

- Active Virginia 4-H members who are 15+ as of January 1st of the current year and who are in good standing with their 4-H club and unit

Ambassador Requirements

- Submit an application by the deadline
- Attend trainings, meetings, and check-in's
- Complete 40 hours of agriculture/livestock-related service hours
- Develop and complete a project addressing a need in their community/district/state
- Be a positive role model and follow the Virginia 4-H Code of Conduct at all times

Program Leadership

Katherine Carter, Virginia Youth Animal Science Extension Specialist
carterke@vt.edu

Emmalee Edwards, Augusta County 4-H Extension Agent
eaedwards@vt.edu



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: VT Squires Student Center, 290 College Avenue, 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 for the FULL LIST of exhibitors.

You can also follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/hokiebugfest/.

Virginia 4-H is Hiring!



VIRGINIA

The State 4-H Office is currently recruiting for two new positions that will help us continue to strengthen and expand 4-H programming across the Commonwealth. Both positions are open until filled.

Associate Specialist, Leadership and Teen Program Development

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

Virginia 4-H is seeking a visionary and collaborative professional to serve as the Associate Specialist for Leadership and Teen Program Development. This role will focus on developing and coordinating statewide leadership initiatives, including the Virginia 4-H Ambassador programs, to empower youth as confident, capable leaders. The successful candidate will design innovative experiences that foster civic engagement, personal growth, and leadership development among youth.

Associate Specialist, 4-H Program Development – Work and Life Readiness

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

Virginia 4-H is seeking an Associate Specialist to lead the strategic development, implementation, and integration of innovative youth programs that equip young people with the skills needed for success in life, work, and leadership. This position will play a central role in expanding the Beyond Ready initiative by designing comprehensive, research-informed program components that address career readiness, life skills, and personal development. The specialist will collaborate with Extension professionals and community partners to embed work and life readiness principles across the 4-H system, ensuring alignment with existing programs while fostering new, scalable models that meet the evolving needs of Virginia's youth.



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 8-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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2025 - 2026



PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H EVENT CALENDAR

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
4 PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day 5-11 National 4-H Week Proclamation at PWVC BOCs 8 PW 4-H Association Fundraising Committee Mtg 11 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club 11-12 VA 4-H Shooting Ed New Instructor Certification 14 PW 4-H Portfolio Training 16 PW 4-H Teens to BLOOM 19-25 National Character Counts Week 21 PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Professional Dev 23 PW 4-H Presentation Training 27 PW 4-H Green & Growing	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 Hiike: 4-H Outdoor Challenge	1 PW 4-H Embryology Registration Opens PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Professional Dev 3 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 4-H Shooting Sports National Quiz Bowl TBD VA 4-H Stockman's & Livestock Judging TBD VA 4-H Shooting Ed Instructor Recertification	5 PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Professional Dev 10 PW 4-H Rabbit Project Kickoff 14 PW 4-H Contest Day: Presentations, Table Setting, Fashion Review 10 PW 4-H Leaders' Mid-Year Mtg & 4-H Association Mtg 14-15 VA 4-H Spring Air Champs 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 Opens 3 PW 4-H Dog Project Kickoff 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 Champs 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 Opens 3 PW 4-H Dog Project Kickoff 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 Champs 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 Equinartz 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 PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day TBD VA 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day TBD VA Dept of Forestry Camp Woods & Wildlife TBD VA 4-H Livestock Judging Contests	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 PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day TBD VA 4-H Youth Daily Field Day TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day TBD VA 4-H Youth Daily Field Day	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.



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