



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



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October 22, 2025

Get Ready to Celebrate...



PW 4-H RECOGNITION DAY IS ALMOST HERE!

Date: Monday, October 27

Time: 6:30–8:30 PM

Location: Windy Knolls Farm

We're wrapping up an amazing year of learning, leadership, and growth with a celebration you won't want to miss - Prince William 4-H Recognition Day: Green and Growing. The RSVP list is booming, and we're excited to celebrate YOU - our awesome youth members and dedicated volunteers!

Here's what's in store:

- Ice Cream Social – Chill out and reconnect with friends
- Annual Slide Show – Relive your favorite 4-H moments
- Senior Speeches – Be inspired by our graduating 4-H'ers
- Recognitions & Awards – Celebrate achievements, scholarships, and Outstanding Member Awards

What to Bring:

- Cookies or brownies (optional, but delicious with ice cream!)
- 4-H Club posters to show off your club's amazing work
- Wear your green gear to show off your 4-H pride!

We know your 4-H journey is helping you become **BEYOND READY** to lead the future - and we can't wait to see how far you've come!

If you haven't already done so, please enroll/re-enroll in 4-H Online prior to attending. This is a Virginia 4-H requirement. Thank you!



It's YOUR Time to Shine at *Engage Locally!*



Date: Thursday, November 6th

Time: 6-8 PM

Location: McCoart Atrium, 1 County Complex Ct., Woodbridge

Who Should Attend: ALL PW 4-H'ers from Cloverbud to I9!

[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. We know how AWESOME you are...sign up and SHINE as our next generation of community leaders!



Prince William 4-H CLUB REPORT



Trigger Time 4-H Club

By Rebecca Ahrens, Trigger Time 4-H Club Reporter

October 20, 2025. In the Scopos National Air Rifle League, teams from all over the country are randomly matched up each week with another team to compete in a virtual match. Scores are posted on the Rezults website by the end of the week. Earlier this month, Trigger Time faced Northridge MCJROTC from Greeley, CO. After the scores were uploaded, Trigger Time prevailed with a team score of 1099.9, 37 points over Northridge's 1062.8 and advancing their record to 1-0. Contributing to Trigger Time's team aggregate were Rebecca Ahrens (294.7), Lexi Strand (291.7), Tanner Ridings (278.4), and Koa Mintz (235.1). The rest of the Trigger Time members that participated were Charley Murphy, who was only 0.8 points behind Koa, Steven Ahrens, Aisling Mintz, Adam Grant, and Alexander Wolpert. In the standing position, Lexi scored 98.1, the highest standing score in the match.



In the second match in the national league, Trigger Time competed against Lumen Christi High School out of Anchorage, AK. Representing the team were Lexi Strand (293.3), Rebecca Ahrens (292.8), Tanner Ridings (285.9), and Steven Ahrens (230.8), totaling a score of 1102.8. This was a season record for the team and earned their second win in the league. In addition, Lexi Strand and Tanner Ridings also scored personal records.

Facing Palm Bay MCJROTC from Melbourne, FL, Trigger Time once again posted a season-high, with 1109.8. The contributing team members were Lexi Strand (289.6), Rebecca Ahrens (287.3), Tanner Ridings (280.9), and Ayden Strand (252.0). Unfortunately, Trigger Time still lost to Palm Bay 1109.8 to 1154.9. The team's record now stands at 2-1.

This coming week, Trigger Time is competing against their local rival, Lafayette Gunclub out of Yorktown, VA. At their practice this Monday, the team welcomed Peter Newsham, Prince William County Chief of Police. It was an honor to have him visit and express interest in the club's activities.





Prince William 4-H CLUB REPORT



Nokesville 4-H Club

By Michael DeRoche, Nokesville 4-H Club President

October 20, 2025. Our Open House was a big success! Many people stopped by to learn what 4-H and the Nokesville 4-H Club are all about. Everyone worked hard getting ready, and it really showed. The displays looked great, and guests were welcomed with friendly smiles. We started with showcase stations where members shared their 4-H projects and experiences:

- Kaitlynn made a poster and led an origami activity about her exchange guest from Japan.
- Maria talked about her years in 4-H and showed her project portfolios.
- Allie shared about her archery project.
- Jacklyn and Joie brought their chicken McDoubs and bunny Lilly.
- I shared my handmade soap business project and led a seed bomb activity to help monarch butterflies.
- Charlotte taught everyone a fun camp song.
- Ewan ran a fun icebreaker activity that got everyone talking and laughing.
- Ms. Jamie talked about the Food Challenge project.



We were glad to have Ms. DeeAnn and Lexi Strand from the Prince William 4-H Association join us and support our event. After the showcases, Ms. Shea gave a presentation about 4-H and our club. She explained how things work and answered lots of good questions. Then members led our October business meeting, showing great teamwork and leadership. We ended the evening with a visit from Mr. Jay Yankey, who brought a surprise - two adorable calves! Everyone loved meeting them. Afterward, everyone enjoyed some delicious potluck food before saying their goodbyes.

It was a really good day filled with learning, teamwork, and fun. We hope our visitors enjoyed it and that some will join us for this new 4-H year!



Thank you for your reports! The next 4-H club report is due **Monday, October 27th** featuring **Linton Hall School 4-H Club**.
[See Page 10](#) for details. We look forward to learning about your club activities!

PW 4-H Teens to Bloom Kick Off SLPs with Heart and Leadership



October's kickoff meeting was more than just an introduction - it was a launchpad for leadership! PW 4-H teens dove into Service Learning Projects (SLPs), a next-level way to give back. Unlike traditional community service, SLPs empower teens to plan, lead, recruit, complete, and evaluate their own projects. It's all about stepping up and making a real impact.

Leading an SLP doesn't just help the community - it builds leadership skills that open doors to opportunities like Virginia 4-H leadership roles, 4-H All Stars, and even 4-H Youth in Action at the state and national level.

To kick things off, our 4-H'ers made cozy blankets for Project Linus, which will be delivered to the INOVA Hospital Pediatrics Unit in Leesburg. It's a warm start to what promises to be a powerful year of service. We can't wait to see what inspiring project they'll take on next!



[Click here for more info on how to lead your own SLP.](#)

UP NEXT:
Teens to Bloom
November 24th
Leadership Focus

Sharpening Skills & Slicing into Spring: PW 4-H'ers Get Cooking!



Prince William 4-H members kicked off their journey to the spring Food Challenge with a hands-on workshop on October 15th - and it was anything but ordinary. With chef coats on and cutting boards ready, these young culinary enthusiasts welcomed a special guest: Chef April Tanner, a market chef from US Foods and a graduate of The Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts.



Chef April brought the heat (and the knives!) with a dynamic class focused on knife safety and precision cutting techniques. From dice to julienne, brunoise to chiffonade, participants learned the art - and the French vocabulary - behind the cuts that make dishes pop. Ever wondered why chefs use fancy terms for slicing veggies? Chef April broke it down with a mini history lesson on culinary language and traditions.

But the highlight? Learning to craft a bell pepper garnish that's sure to wow judges, friends, and family alike. Each 4-H'er got personalized instruction and the chance to ask all their burning cooking questions.



With their skills sharpened and their confidence boosted, these teens are fired up and ready to take on the Prince William 4-H Food Challenge this spring. Districts and states - watch out, the next generation of culinary stars is on the rise!

Save the Date! PW 4-H Food Challenge: March 21st



Contests

Poster & Daily Photo

PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H



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
20

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 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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PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H CLOVERBUD CLUB



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



NOVEMBER 8TH

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 Citizenship are invited! We'll have fun, hands-on activities focusing on our roles in the community, the importance of following rules, and how we can contribute to Veteran's Day (with a special guest!).



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.

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

Come grow with us!

* A parent or guardian must be present.



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Participate in the National 4-H challenge with Prince William 4-H! All 4-H'ers, family and friends are invited to meet us on November 16th at 2 PM at the updated Nokesville Park for a 2 mile hike along a beautiful nature trail. All ages and skill levels welcome! [Click here for more details.](#)

4-H OUTDOOR CHALLENGE

NOVEMBER 14-16

PRINCE WILLIAM

EXPLORE NATURE WITH 4-H!

Challenge yourself and others to spend the weekend outdoors! Pledge outdoor hours and follow along online for your chance to win prizes! Come by the Extension office for registration details or scan the follow the registration link below.

REGISTER ONLINE



<https://tinyurl.com/4-HOutdoorChallenge2025>

[Click here for details on Prince William 4-H's hike on Nov 16th!](#)



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[4houtdoorchallenge](#)



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!



SAVE THE DATE! 2026 NORTHEAST DISTRICT 4-H CONTEST DAY

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2026

Location: Bell Creek Middle School, Mechanicsville, VA

This event is open to 4-H youth ages 9–18, offering a fun and supportive environment for young people to showcase their talents, creativity, and communication skills. Participants will have the opportunity to compete in a wide variety of contests, including:

- Public Speaking & Extemporaneous Speaking
- Visual Arts & Photography
- Fashion Revue & Table Setting
- Share-the-Fun (Performing Arts)
- Science Fair (*NEW this year!*)

High scores may lead to participation in Virginia 4-H state competitions! *Details coming soon!*

Monthly Youth Reports for PW 4-H Clubs



Youth 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: chelmliinger@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

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 EXTENDED: due by Thursday, Oct 23 at 6 PM**



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.

VA 4-H Horse Ambassadors - Due Oct 31st!



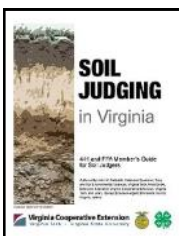
[Click here for more information and application link.](#) **Applications due Oct 31st.**

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](#) prior to the deadline to be considered.

VA 4-H State/FFA Soils Judging Contest



Date: Tuesday, November 4th

Location: Rockingham County

Time: 10:00 AM - Registration

10:30 AM - Contest Begins

12:00 PM - Lunch and Awards

Fees: \$50/team, \$15/alternate (Lunch is included for team members and coach registration fee in registration fee. Additional adults are \$15.)

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

[Click here for the 2025 Soil Judging Guide.](#)

[Click here for the Virginia Soil Judging Score Card.](#)

Soil is one of Virginia's basic natural resources. Students will be given 20 to 30 minutes per site to complete their score sheets, demonstrating their knowledge of soil features, landscape factors, inferred features, agricultural management, and land use interpretations.

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



VA Assoc of Fairs Ag It Up! Youth Poster Contest



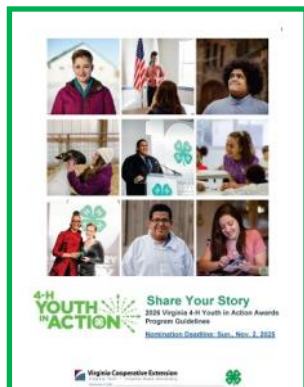
Who can participate: youth age 9 - 13 as of Jan 1, 2025

Contest Goal: Create an eye appealing, educational poster that showcases how agriculture

is displayed and shared at your fair.

[Click here for more information and to enter.](#) **Entry form is due by Nov 1st.** CASH PRIZES awarded to THE TOP 3 POSTERS and will be recognized during the VAF Gala!

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?

National 4-H AI Challenge



The 4-H AI in Agriculture Challenge invites youth to explore how artificial intelligence can solve real-world agricultural problems. Participants will identify a challenge within the agriculture industry and design an

innovative AI-based solution. Students will showcase how technology can enhance the future of farming. This challenge empowers youth to think critically, apply STEM concepts, and imagine a better agricultural future powered by AI.

This fall's theme is "How can AI help solve problems in agriculture?" From improving crop yields and reducing food waste to supporting sustainability and innovation, youth can explore how artificial intelligence can help grow a better future for agriculture.

This AI challenge is a great opportunity to prepare for the Presidential AI Challenge which is currently accepting submissions.

IMPORTANT DATES

Challenge Opens: October 1, 2025

Deadline to Submit Projects: November 15, 2025

Awards Announced: During Computer Science Education Week (Dec 8–14)

Presidential AI Challenge: January 20th, 2026

AGE CATEGORIES & AWARDS

Ages 13–15 and 16–18

National winners receive \$500 (1st), \$400 (2nd), and \$300 (3rd) in each category.

Projects may build on previous AI challenge work if updates or enhancements are included.

LEARN MORE AND SUBMIT PROJECTS

<https://events.projectboard.world/4HAIinAg>

You're Invited!
to

**Northern Virginia 4-H Center's
Enchanted Forest Gala**

October 25, 2025 | 6-10pm
600 4H Center Drive in Front Royal, VA

The Northern Virginia 4-H Educational and Conference Center educates, inspires, and connects youth and those young at heart! Partner alongside us to raise funds to further our mission.

Wear your Sunday best and join us for a catered BBQ dinner, gourmet s'mores, silent auction, presentations, and guest speakers.

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit we rely on the generosity of our community and supporters to continue to "make the best better!". Thank you in advance for joining us to help raise funds for some amazing projects we have in store!

**Click link in email
for tickets**

VCE Prince William is Hiring: Environmental & Natural Resources Educator

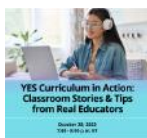


[Click here for more information and to apply.](#) **Apply by November 6th.**

Are you passionate about protecting water quality, promoting sustainable land use, and engaging the community in science-based education? Join Virginia Cooperative Extension – Prince William as our Environmental and Natural Resources Educator. This position supports the Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) program and advances the County's environmental goals through education, outreach, and stewardship. *(Minimum Requirements: High school diploma or GED and 2 years of experience in agriculture, natural resources, environmental science, public education, or community engagement.)*

As an Education and Outreach Specialist, you will:

- Lead the BEST Lawns/Urban Nutrient Management Plan (UNMP) program, including participant recruitment, site visits, plan development, and volunteer training.
- Lead the annual well water sampling program.
- Collaborate with the Master Gardener Coordinator to train, schedule, and evaluate volunteers.
- Design and deliver educational programs on agriculture, natural resources, and environmental topics for youth, adults, and municipal staff.
- Support school and community gardens and stormwater education events.
- Respond to public inquiries on horticulture, native/invasive plants, wildlife conflicts, and sustainable practices.
- Contribute to outreach strategy, digital resource development, and grant-supported programming.



For Educators & 4-H Club Leaders from VPOST

[Click here to learn more about VPOST and sign up for their newsletter.](#)

STEM GRANTS

[Click here for more information.](#) **Applications due November 3rd.**

Apply for a \$250 - \$1,000 grant to fund your event or activity during Engineers Week or Girl Day 2026! DiscoverE's Engineers Week and Girl Day Outreach Grants support volunteers and educators who are sparking curiosity and creativity in the next generation of innovators.

YES CURRICULUM IN ACTION: CLASSROOM STORIES & TIPS FROM REAL EDUCATORS

Date: October 28, 2025

Time: 7 - 8 PM

Facilitator: Museum of Science Boston

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

Want real-world advice on implementing YES engineering units? Join YES for a fast-paced, story-rich webinar with classroom educators who've run YES in their schools. They'll share which units they chose, how they prepped and organized materials, what facilitation moves kept students engaged, and the impact they saw in student collaboration, confidence, and problem-solving.

STEM NEXT'S COMMUNITY IN NATURE PRIZE CHALLENGE

[Click here for more information.](#) **Final project plans due by Nov 25.** Winners announced in Dec.

The Challenge is ON! Afterschool programs are encouraged to join STEM Next's Community in Nature Prize Challenge. The challenge helps youth lead hands-on projects that improve the environment and build STEM skills. Programs across the country can win up to \$3,500 by guiding youth to identify a local issue in nature, create an action plan, and take action for positive change.



NASA PLANETS CURRICULUM UNITS GRADES 3 - 8

[Click here for free curriculum.](#)

NASA PLANETS Curriculum Units for grades 3-8 are now available for free. PLANETS (Planetary Learning that Advances the Nexus of Engineering, Technology, and Science) provides STEM learning resources with a focus on NASA planetary science and engineering. Educators and youth can explore units on Space Hazards for grades 3-5, and Water in Extreme Environments and Remote Sensing for grades 6-8.



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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Halloween Fun at Occoquan - Oct 25th



OCOCOQUAN COSTUME PARADE & CONTEST

10am | [Click here for more info](#)

It's the annual Town of Occoquan Costume Parade & Contest! Starting at 10:00am, Judging categories include: cutest, scariest, funniest, most original, and family/group.



HALLOWEEN SPIRIT CONTEST

All Day | [Click here for more info](#)

Make your way through town for trick-or-treating at select businesses, PLUS a chance to win a Halloween themed gift basket when you vote for your favorite decor and staff costume.



MOVIE IN THE PARK: HOCUS POCUS

7pm | [Click here to get tickets](#)

Watch your favorite Halloween flick under the stars in River Mill Park! Concessions & bar available. BYO chair or blanket.

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 4 VA 4-H Soil Judging Contest 6 PW 4-H Engage Locally 8 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club 12 PW 4-H Association Meeting 16 PW 4-H Hike: 4-H Outdoor Challenge 24 PW 4-H Officer Training & Teen Club 28-Dec 2 National 4-H Congress 28-Dec 14 TSC & 4-H Paper Clover Campaign	1 PW 4-H Embryology Registration Opens 3 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 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	10 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club 13 PW 4-H Association Meeting 20 Virginia 4-H Day at the Capitol 21 PW 4-H Share the Fun 23 PW 4-H Share the Fun 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 14-15 VA 4-H Spring Air Champs Mtg & 4-H Association Mtg 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 18 VA 4-H Northeast District Contest Day TBD National 4-H Conference TBD VA 4-H Equismart 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	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 VA 4-H Northeast District Food Challenge Contest TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs SPIN Project 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 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.pwcvta.gov/4-H.



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