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to BLOOM
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Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



November 19, 2025

Prince William 4-H Hits the Trails!



This past Saturday was all about fresh air, fun, and friendship! Our 4-H crew took on a 2-mile nature hike at Nokesville Park, and it was amazing. The breeze kept things cool, the trails were perfect, and the vibes were even better. We loved meeting new 4-H members and catching up with our regulars.

The hike was part of the National 4-H Outdoor Challenge, where members pledge outdoor hours and spend time enjoying nature. Big

shoutout to everyone who's already started their wellness journey - you're crushing it!

Want to keep the momentum going? Sign up for the PW 4-H Wellness SPIN Project and keep movin' and groovin' with us. Let's make wellness a lifestyle, not just a weekend thing!

JOIN THE PW 4-H WELLNESS SPIN PROJECT!

Who Should Participate: PW 4-H'ers ages 9-18

[Click here to complete the interest survey.](#) **Please respond by December 1st.**

Ready to boost your energy, confidence, and leadership skills? Join the Prince William 4-H Wellness SPIN Project and discover how healthy living can transform your life!

This program is all about the 4-H Pillar of Healthy Living - helping you take care of your body and mind while building skills that last a lifetime. When you feel good inside and out, you're ready to tackle challenges, make smart choices, and lead in your community.

Here's what you'll gain:

- **Healthy Habits:** Learn how your choices impact you, your family, and your community.
- **Confidence & Leadership:** Build social-emotional skills that make you a strong, caring leader.
- **Fun & Fitness:** From Zumba to yoga to exciting games, we'll keep you moving!

We'll meet twice a month for:

- **Classroom Sessions:** Explore nutrition, fitness, and self-care.
- **Activity Sessions:** Get active with fun workouts and games!

This is also a perfect add-on if you participated in the Prince William-National 4-H Outdoor Challenge or the Prince William 4-H Food Challenge (*although youth are not required to participate in these*).

Learn. Move. Thrive.

Make healthy living a lifelong habit with Prince William 4-H!



Prince William 4-H CLUB REPORT



Trigger Time 4-H Club

By Rebecca Ahrens, Trigger Time 4-H Club Reporter

November 19, 2025. Over the past month, Trigger Time has continued strong in the National Sporter Air Rifle League facing three more tough matchups: Lafayette Gun Club (Yorktown, VA), Pace NJROTC (Pace, FL), and Pascagoula NJROTC (Pascagoula, MS). In the match against Lafayette Gun Club, Trigger Time claimed the victory 1131.0 to 1096.9. Ten members of the club participated. The team, led by Lexi Strand (287.4) posted a season high. Scoring personal league records were Adam Grant, Alexander Wolpert, and Aisling Mintz.

In the fifth match of the season, Trigger Time was once again victorious, holding a nearly 75-point lead over Pace NJROTC. The team was led by Rebecca Ahrens with 289.2. Ayden Strand and Steven Ahrens scored personal records.

Trigger Time faced defeat by Pascagoula NJROTC in the 6th match by 22 points. The team was led by Tanner Ridings who scored a personal record of 289.1. For all three matches the scoring members of the team were Ayden Strand, Lexi Strand, Rebecca Ahrens, and Tanner Ridings. Trigger Time now stands at 4-2. Next week the club will compete against Picayune NJROTC from Picayune, Mississippi.

In the first weekend in November Trigger Time held a fundraiser at the Virginia Gun Collectors Association gun show in Manassas. Members of the club helped with ticket sales and collected donations for the Bernie Malo scholarship fund to assist in sending 4-H youth to shooting camp. After the show, Trigger Time helped members of the VGCA clean up their displays. Thank you to VGCA for their continuous support of Trigger Time.

This weekend, Trigger Time members competed in the LGC Sporter Cup hosted by Lafayette Gun Club from Yorktown, Virginia. The 3x20 match was a sectional qualifier for the 2026 Junior AirNats competition in Ohio and was one of several matches across the nation. Five members of the club participated in this event: Rebecca Ahrens, Lexi Strand, Tanner Ridings, Samantha Holmes, and Ayden Strand. Awards were presented to competitors in the Under 15, Under 17, and Overall Individual Categories. Team awards were also given to the top three teams. In the U15 division, Ayden Strand placed 2nd with a score of 499-11 and was awarded a silver medal. Rebecca Ahrens placed 2nd in U17 with 552-18 and 2nd overall. Subsequently, Lexi Strand took 3rd place overall with 543-13. Trigger Time won 1st place in the match in is currently ranked 4th in the nation in the Junior AirNats qualifier.



Thank you for your FANTASTIC report, Becca! Trigger Time 4-H Club is one of Prince William 4-H's largest and most active clubs. We love to watch you GROW WITH 4-H!



UP NEXT: Nokesville 4-H Club & Linton Hall 4-H Club

PW 4-H Club Officers - We want to hear MORE from you! Each month, club reporters, historians, or secretaries send a quick summary of your club's activities (*cool projects, service, awards, shoutouts*), about 6 photos, and any thank-yous to community supporters. Don't forget to sign your name, officer role, and club name, then email it to chelminger@pwcva.gov and CC your adult club leader. These reports help track your club's journey, keep families and the community in the loop, and might even attract new members! Plus, if you're the Club Reporter, you're building real-world skills - try using AI to turn your report into a newsletter article! See the due dates to the right...

Prince William 4-H CLUB REPORT DUE DATES

1st Monday (Nov 3)

Nokesville Equestrian 4-H Club
PHS Ruri-Teen 4-H Club

2nd Monday (Nov 10)

Kettle Run 4-H Club
Benton Middle School Club

3rd Monday (Nov 17)

Trigger Time 4-H Club

4th Monday (Nov 24)

Nokesville 4-H Club
Linton Hall 4-H Club

PW 4-H Association Meeting

The Prince William 4-H Association is actively working to support our county youth! Here are some quick notes from the November 12th meeting:

RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

The Association is in search of 4-H members to join the Recognition Committee. Please reach out to [Susan Wolf](#) if you are interested in helping to celebrate our outstanding 4-H'ers and volunteers.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The next Fundraising Committee Meeting is December 18th at 7 pm. Please reach out to [Susan Wolf](#) if you are interested in sharing your ideas or joining the committee.

BINGO LOCATION

The Association is in search of a venue to host the annual 4-H Family BINGO night. Please contact [Susan Wolf](#) if you have a location, location contact, or idea for a venue that:

- Can fit about 200 people (*or more*)
- Costs less than \$300 to rent for 4 hours
- Has ample parking

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The Association has crated custom flyers for each 4-H club with a QR code that links directly to sponsoring a wreath through that club. Please distribute to family, friends, share on social media, and more!

This is the Prince William 4-H page that lists all clubs: [Click here to Sponsor a Wreath.](#)

Kettle Run 4-H Club is in the lead with 31 wreaths sponsored! Be sure to get your sponsorships in by December 1st.

Both the Association and the individual clubs benefit from wreath sales. Here's the breakdown:

First 25 wreaths sold:

- \$2.50/wreath to the club
- \$2.50/wreath to the Association

26-50 wreaths sold:

- \$3/wreath to the club
- \$2/wreath to the Association

For every wreath over 50 sold:

- \$5/wreath to the club

Wreaths Across America is a wonderful program to honor our fallen soldiers as well as support the youth in our local community. Please consider sponsoring a wreath.

VOLUNTEER FOR WREATH LAYING!

Actively engage your head, heart, hands, and health in the 4-H Pillar of Citizenship! [Click here to Volunteer for Wreath Laying.](#)



Wreaths Across America



Remember Honor Teach

Wreaths Across America helps us honor our fallen soldiers who bravely defended our country. Prince William 4-H has a proud tradition of supporting and participating in this meaningful event.

You can show your support for both 4-H and Wreaths Across America by, sponsoring a wreath to be placed on a veteran's grave. You can also volunteer to help lay wreaths at Quantico National Cemetery.

Together, we can remember, honor, and teach the value of service and sacrifice.

Where: Quantico National Cemetery When:
December 13th, 2025 (Time TBD)



PW 4-H Officer & Leadership Training: Build, Lead, Grow!



Date: Monday, November 24th

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM

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

Who Should Attend: all PW 4-H youth club officers, 4-H youth interested in officer/leadership opportunities, teens interested in counselor positions, and Teens to BLOOM members (counts towards 4 meeting requirement)

[Click here to register.](#) All participants must be registered in 4-H Online prior to attending.

Ready to level up your leadership skills and have a blast doing it? Join us for a hands-on, high-energy training designed to empower youth leaders through fun, teamwork, and real-world skills!

- ★ **Start with a Game:** Kick off with an interactive role-playing adventure that sets the stage for leadership challenges and creative problem-solving.
- ★ **Trail Mix & Teamwork:** Ever built the perfect trail mix using parliamentary procedure? You will now! Participate in mock meetings that teach you how to lead, collaborate, and make decisions - while snacking smart!
- ★ **Grow Your Mindset:** Discover what makes a great leader through engaging discussions on leadership qualities, responsibilities, and the power of a growth mindset. Learn how 4-H's "learn-by-doing" approach turns challenges into opportunities.
- ★ **Set Goals & Solve Problems:** Practice goal-setting, budgeting resources, and keeping records - all essential skills for life and career success. Work in teams to tackle challenges and build confidence in your leadership journey.
- ★ **Skills for Life:** This training isn't just about today—it's about your future. Develop habits of mind like adaptability, self-reflection, and strategic thinking that prepare you for academic achievement, career readiness, and personal happiness.
- ★ **Connect & Lead:** Meet other youth leaders, share ideas, and build lasting connections. Whether you're a current officer or aspiring to be one, this training will help you shine in your role and beyond.

Represent Your 4-H Club at Tractor Supply Co.!



Dates: November 28th - December 14th

Location: Tractor Supply Co., 10870 Balls Ford Rd., Manassas

All PW 4-H Clubs should sign up for a slot!

[Click here for signup.](#)

Hey Prince William 4-H Clubs! Want to show off your club spirit, connect with the community, and help raise funds for awesome opportunities like camp and State Congress? Now's your chance!

Sign up for a time slot to promote your club during the Fall 4-H Paper Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply Co. in Manassas. When 4-Hers are present, donations go up - and your club earns a percentage of the proceeds!

Bonus idea: Host a bake sale or fun activity while you're there to raise even more for your club!

Did you know? The Spring 2025 campaign raised over \$1 million nationwide, with Virginia contributing nearly \$35,000 - ranking in the top 12 states! Let's keep the momentum going!

Bring your biggest 4-H smile, wear your club gear, and let's show Manassas what 4-H is all about!

PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

THURSDAY

TEENS TO BLOOM



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). Prospective PW 4-H Camp counselors must attend at least 4 BLOOM opportunities in order to be considered to attend camp.

NOVEMBER MEETING

- Thursday, November 20th
- 6-8 PM
- **Boxes of Basics**, 9239 Mike Garcia Dr, Manassas (*outreach*)
- All PW 4-H Teens Ages 14-19 should attend!

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

- **Nov 6 (*outreach*)**: attend Engaged Locally!
- **Nov 12 (*outreach*)**: PW 4-H Association Meeting
- **Nov 16 (*optimism*)**: PW 4-H Outdoor Challenge
- **Nov 24 (*mindset*)**: Leadership & Officer Training



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**Click here to
register.**



PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H



Bring Science to Life with the Embryology Project

Are you looking for a hands-on, unforgettable way to teach science and spark curiosity in your students or club members? The Prince William 4-H "Beginning of Life" Embryology Project is the perfect opportunity!

This project gives youth a front-row seat to one of nature's most amazing processes - watching a chick develop and hatch from an egg. Over 21 days, participants care for fertilized eggs in an incubator, observe growth, record data, and learn problem-solving skills. It's science in action, and it's FUN!

WHY PARTICIPATE?

- Meets Virginia SOLs in math, science, English, life science, and computer technology.
- Builds responsibility, respect for life, and critical thinking.
- Includes step-by-step 4-H educational materials guiding students from incubation to brooder building.
- Supported by Prince William 4-H staff every step of the way.

WHO CAN JOIN?

- Prince William 4-H Clubs
- Prince William County Schools
- Manassas City Schools
- Manassas Park Schools
- Homeschool Groups

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Fertilized eggs
- Training and guidance
- Support during the hatch
- Chick collection and transport to a local farm

Don't miss this chance to make science come alive in your classroom or club! Spots fill quickly, so sign up Dec 1st and give your students an experience they'll never forget.



IMPORTANT DATES*

Dec 1 - Registration Opens

Jan 5 - Registration Closes

EDUCATOR TRAINING OPTIONS

Feb 4 - 6-7:30 PM @ PW 4-H

Feb 11 - Time & Location TBD

INCUBATOR PICKUP @ PW 4-H

Feb 5 - 1-4 PM

Feb 9 - 10 AM - 2 PM

EGG PICKUP @ PW 4-H

Feb 16 - 4-6 PM

Feb 17 - 9 AM - 12 PM

HATCH DAYS

Mar 9 - 13

CHICK DROP OFF @ PW 4-H

Mar 20 - 2-6 PM

Mar 26 - 12-3 PM

*Dates subject to change

Registration Opens Dec 1st!



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JOIN US FOR
PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H'S

HOMEMADE HOLIDAY CRAFT NIGHT

DECEMBER 3RD, 2025
6-8 PM

Arbor Terrace - Sudley Manor
7750 Garner Dr., Manassas, VA 20109

Join Prince William 4-H for a FREE night of holiday fun at Arbor Terrace! All 4-H'ers are invited to bring a friend and spread some cheer with hands-on activities for all ages - no prep needed, 4-H provides everything! Just show up with your best 4-H smile and help light up the night with joy, laughter, and holiday spirit!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

PW 4-H Teens (14 & Up): Click here to volunteer to run an activity table.

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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.



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.



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.



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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**CLICK HERE TO JOIN
ZOOM MEETING FROM
7-8 PM**

Prince William 4-H SPIN Project Leading by Speaking



Who

The 4-H Youth Leadership SPIN Club, in partnership with Toastmasters International Youth Leadership Program, is an 8-session hands-on program designed for 4-H'ers ages 9-18.

What

Learn to speak with confidence, deliver powerful speeches, think on your feet, use your voice and body language effectively, and give and receive feedback like a pro!

Where & When

Session Dates*: December 10, 17, January 7, 14, 21, 28, & February 4

*please commit to all sessions!

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Location: PW 4-H Headquarters

Why

Public speaking is a cornerstone skill in 4-H because it builds confidence, leadership, and communication abilities that youth can use throughout life. Lead your club, challenge yourself in 4-H competitions, and grow your voice as a leader.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Participation is free, sponsored by PW 4-H.
Space is limited. Register by Dec 5th.
Enroll in 4-H Online prior to registering.



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Learn Canning with Prince William 4-H



READY TO CAN? LEARN A SKILL THAT LASTS A LIFETIME!

Date: Thursday, December 11

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: St. Benedict Monastery Kitchen, 9535 Linton Hall Rd, Bristow

Who should Attend: Youth ages 13-19

[Click here to register.](#)

Looking for a fun, hands-on way to level up your kitchen skills and impress your friends and family? Prince William 4-H is hosting an Introduction to Safe Canning class - just in time for holiday gift giving!

This isn't just about putting food in jars - it's about learning a skill that promotes food safety, self-sufficiency, and healthy living. Plus, you'll walk away with something you made yourself...**cranberry orange chutney!**

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- **Food Safety Basics:** Why cleanliness matters and how to prevent contamination. Learn about botulism and other foodborne risks (and how to avoid them!).
- **Tools of the Trade:** How to use canners, jars, lids, and other essential equipment the right way. Tips for keeping your gear in top shape.
- **Step-by-Step Canning Process:** From washing and prepping produce to filling jars and sealing lids. Master processing times and altitude adjustments.
- **Labeling & Storage:** How to date jars, organize your pantry, and spot spoilage before it's a problem.
- **Nutrition & Sustainability:** Preserve seasonal produce for year-round enjoyment. Reduce food waste and save money while eating healthy.
- **Hands-On Practice:** You'll actually can a product yourself—because learning by doing is the best way!

LIFE SKILLS YOU'LL GAIN

- Responsibility and attention to detail
- Problem-solving and critical thinking
- Confidence in preparing safe, homemade food

Don't miss out - spots are limited!

Speaking of the Holidays and Food...

PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H FOOD CHALLENGE CONTEST DATE UPDATE

The county **4-H Food Challenge Contest** has been moved to **February 28** at the Development Services Building, 5 County Complex, Suite 120, Prince William.

LEARN NAPKIN FOLDING

One of the best and most healthy ways to use social media is to learn a new skill! [Check out Table Scape Designs on Instagram](#) and get inspired to decorate a beautiful holiday table and watch the reel to learn to [fold napkins into Christmas trees](#). Practice your new skills and level up by challenging yourself at PW 4-H Contest Day in the Table Setting Competition. [Click here for the contest guide.](#)

STRETCH YOUR FOOD BUDGET

The holiday season with family and friends doesn't need to be a budget buster! Read this article by VCE Eat Smart Move More for tips on how to get the most out of your grocery purchases while eating healthy foods on a budget. [Click here for the article.](#)



CALLING ALL 4-H ERS 4TH GRADE AND UP

PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE JANUARY 5



4-H DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL

Experience 4-H in Richmond: meet
Prince William legislators, explore the
Capitol, and much more!



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026

CHECK OUT STATE LAW § 22.1-207.7

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JOIN US FOR

HOKIE DAIRY DAY

DECEMBER 6 AT 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM



EXPERIENCE THE DAIRY INDUSTRY FROM COW TO CAREER!

Topics include calf care, milking, nutrition, judging and dairy foods

Start the day at the Virginia Tech Dairy Complex at Kentland Farm at 5279 Whitethorne Rd., Blacksburg, VA 24060
For the second half of the day, we will meet at William M. Etgen Large Animal Learning Center at 700 Plantation Rd.
Lunch provided by Southland Dairy Farmers!

The Hokie mens basketball team will be playing George Mason at 3pm. Tickets are available at hokiesports.com and are priced at \$14-\$17. Hokie Dairy Day Participants will receive a coupon for a milkshake if they attend the game.

COMPLETE YOUR 2025 HOKIE DAIRY DAY REGISTRATION BY DECEMBER 1 AT [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/2025HOKIEDAIRYDAY](https://tinyurl.com/2025HOKIEDAIRYDAY)

Hokie Dairy Day: Sponsored by the VT Dairy Club

EXPERIENCE THE DAIRY INDUSTRY FROM COW TO CAREER!

Date: Saturday, December 6th

Time: 10 AM - 2:30 PM

Location: VT Dairy Complex at Kentland Farm and Etgen Learning Center, Blacksburg

[Click here for FREE registration.](#)

Register by Monday, December 2nd at noon.

Topics will include: calf care, milking nutrition, judging, and dairy foods. Participants are encouraged to stay after HOKIE Dairy Day and attend the [VT Men's Basketball Game](#). HOKIE Dairy Day participants staying for the game will receive a coupon for a FREE VT Dairy Club Milk Shake during the game!

VIRGINIA 4-H DAIRY QUIZ BOWL: SAVE THE DATE

Date: Saturday, March 14th, 2026. Details regarding location and

registration link coming soon! [Click here for study guides.](#)

Great opportunity for new participants and experienced youth alike to test their knowledge in all things Dairy!

VIRGINIA 4-H YOUTH ANIMAL SCIENCE NEWSLETTER

[Click here to read the November 2025 issue.](#)

The November edition highlights a recent YAS Alumni and YAS State Fair recognitions and more!

Holiday Lake 4-H Food Frenzy

Dates: February 27th - March 1st

Location: Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center

Who Should Attend: Virginia 4-H'ers ages 9-18

Camp Fee: \$135/participant; \$50/teen & adult volunteers

* Trained teen and adult volunteers needed!

[Click here for more information and to register.](#) **Register by Feb 13.**

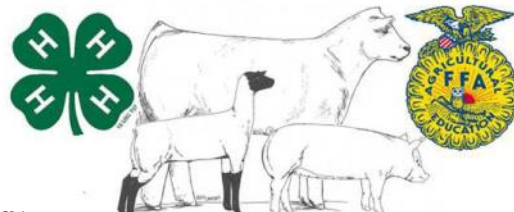
Youth have the opportunity to learn and practice food safety and cooking skills. Campers will explore different cooking techniques and work with professionals in the food service industry. Whether you're new to the kitchen or looking into careers in the industry, this is the camp for you!



2026 "Corey Childs Memorial" Stockmen's Contest

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Virginia Livestock, LLC



SAVE THE DATE

Where: Virginia Livestock, LLC

2796 Rivermont Drive Front Royal, VA 22630

When: February 14th, 2026

Tentative Schedule:

Registration 8:00-9:00am

Stockmen's Judging 9:00 am

Lunch will be served at end of the contest (around noon)

Stockmen's contest results following the YQCA Program

Registration is \$5.00 per person lunch is included.

Please Register by February 6th, 2026

Be on the lookout for online registration information coming in the near future.

Spots fill quickly, be sure to register early!

*** YQCA will only be offered to contest participants. Watch for YQCA registration coming in the near future. ***

If you are a person with a disability and desire assistance or accommodation to participate in this activity, please notify the Warren County Office of Virginia Cooperative Extension at (540) 635-4549 during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please contact us by Friday, February 6th, 2026.

2025 Winter Cloverbud Camp - A Few Spots Left for YOU

Date: December 5th - 7th

Location: Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal

Who Should Attend: Youth ages 5-8 with an accompanying adult

Cost: \$160/person

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

This year's theme is video games and participants will be involved in classic camp activities and classes like tie-dye, arts and crafts, evening activities, campfire and more with a gamer twist!

Cloverbuds is a 2-night residential camp designed to give younger children an opportunity to spend a night away from home and experience what 4-H camp has to offer while sharing the experience with a parent, grandparent, or trusted adult.



Scholarship Alert! We Know Some PW 4-H'ers that MUST Apply!

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

Applications are due February 6th by 5 PM.

Each year, the Prince William Chamber Foundation, in partnership with the Prince William Chamber of Commerce, awards \$2,500 scholarships to outstanding local graduating high school seniors. For 2026, the Chamber will award 5 (five) scholarships. Four of the scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors, and one will be directed to alternative schooling/adult education.

This year, the Chamber Foundation will award 5 scholarships in the following categories:

- ★ Workforce Development & Certification ★ Higher Education ★ Military & Public Service
- ★ Entrepreneurship ★ Adult Education Eligibility Requirements!



Happy World Kindness Day! Let's Create a Wave of Good

[Click here to learn more and join.](#)

There's no better time to join the 4-H For Good Challenge than today! As the nonprofit partner of Wicked: For Good, 4-H is helping spread kindness across the internet - one act of good at a time.

HERE'S HOW TO JOIN IN:

- Do an act of good
- Share it using #4HForGood
- Tag your partner in kindness to keep the ripple going!

NEED INSPIRATION?

[Find ideas](#) or host a Wicked viewing party to get ready for the release of Wicked: For Good on November 21!

READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Start your challenge today and be part of a movement that's changing communities—one good deed at a time.



Select VSU Workshops



START SMART: BUILDING YOUR AGRI-BUSINESS

Tuesday, December 2 • 5:30 - 7:30PM • Shenandoah Valley Small Business Development Center
220 University Blvd., Harrisonburg

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

Join the Shenandoah Valley Small Business Development Center for an evening session to jump start your agri-business. This workshop is designed to help beginning farmers build and develop a business and marketing plan. Learn about the SBDC's advising resources and Financial Wellness Center. This workshop will be geared to agricultural producers to address the specific areas of concern and growth related to farm enterprises.



NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Wednesday, December 17 • 2-4 PM • VSU Randolph Farm 4415 River Rd., Petersburg

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

Join us as we navigate through interpreting the results and recommendations of a soil test. Also, learn how to properly collect and prepare soil samples. Understanding the nutrients that are deficient and excessive in your soil will help you develop healthier soils and increase production.

Occoquan Holiday Artisan Market



December 6th, 12-8pm • December 7th, 11am-4pm

Get ready for a festive weekend of great shopping! The Holiday Artisan Market is back this year with 85 curated makers & artisans, 40+ in-town shops! & galleries, fire pits with marshmallow roasting, a visit from Santa, the community gingerbread contest, plus the all the small-town holiday vibes you can find. Shop late on Dec. 6 - until 8pm or later!

Santa Comes to Occoquan

Dec 6 at 11:30am

Fireside with Friends

(and free marshmallows!)

Dec 6, 5-8pm • Dec 7, 1-4pm

Gingerbread Contest

Dec 6, 12-8pm • Dec 7, 11am-4pm

Support a Food Pantry for Pets

City of Manassas Animal Control and Shelter Pet Food Pantry Needs Your Help! Our pantry is running dangerously low, and we urgently need dog and cat food donations to help families keep their pets at home instead of surrendering them. We take both dry and canned food.

The pantry supports all of Prince William, not just Manassas City residents. These food donations go directly to our public pet food pantry. Every donation makes a huge difference.

The shelter itself can also use paper towels, disinfectant wipes, bleach, and liquid laundry detergent.

If you can donate, please drop items off at the shelter.

CITY OF MANASSAS ANIMAL CONTROL AND SHELTER

FOOD PANTRY

HELP US KEEP PETS WITH THEIR FAMILIES!

WE ACCEPT

- ➔ Any dog/cat food, dry/canned, etc
- ➔ The shelter itself can use paper towels, disinfectant wipes, bleach, and liquid laundry detergent

Hours of Operation:
Monday ~ 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM & 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday ~ 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM & 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday ~ 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Thursday ~ 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM & 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Friday ~ 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM & 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Saturday ~ 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Sunday ~ CLOSED

Address:
10039 Dean Dr., Manassas, VA, 20110

The pantry is for all of Prince William County, not just the Manassas City residents.

2025 - 2026 PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H EVENT CALENDAR

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
4 PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day	1 VA 4-H Shooting Ed Instructor Re-Certification	1 PW 4-H Embryology Registration Opens	10 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club	5 PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Professional Dev	1 PW 4-H Junior Camp Reg Opens
5-11 National 4-H Week Proclamation at PWVC BOCs	3-4 PW 4-H Sewing SPIN Club	3 PW 4-H Homemade Holiday Craft Night	13 PW 4-H Association Meeting	10 PW 4-H Rabbit Project Kickoff	3 PW 4-H Dog Project Kickoff
8 PW 4-H Association Fundraising Committee Mtg	4 VA 4-H Soil Judging Contest	4 PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Professional Dev	20 Virginia 4-H Day at the Capitol	14 PW 4-H Contest Day: Presentations, Table Setting, Fashion Review	6-7 PW 4-H TALT - Junior Camp Counselor Training
11 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club	8 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club	21 An Evening with Virginia 4-H at VT		14 VA 4-H Contest Day: Presentations, Table Setting, Fashion Review	10 PW 4-H Leaders' Mid-Year Mtg & 4-H Association Mtg
11-12 VA 4-H Shooting Ed New Instructor Certification	12 PW 4-H Association Meeting	10 PW 4-H Leading by Speaking SPIN Project	23 PW 4-H Share the Fun Dress Rehearsal	14 VA 4-H Stockman's & Livestock Judging	14 VA 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl
14 PW 4-H Portfolio Training	16 PW 4-H Hike: 4-H Outdoor Challenge	11 PW 4-H Canning Class		28 PW 4-H Food Challenge	14-15 VA 4-H Spring Air Champs
16 PW 4-H Teens to BLOOM	20 PW 4-H Teens to BLOOM	13 Wreaths Across America Day	30 PW 4-H Share the Fun		25-29 National 4-H IGNITE
19-25 National Character Counts Week	24 PW 4-H Officer & Leadership Training			TBD VA 4-H Hipology & Horse Judging	TBD VA 4-H Teen Summit
21 PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Professional Dev	28-Dec 2 National 4-H Congress	TBD PW 4-H Tree Seedling Orders Due		TBD 4-H Shooting Sports National Quiz Bowl	TBD PW 4-H Association BINGO
23 PW 4-H Presentation Training	28-Dec 14 TSC & 4-H Paper Clover Campaign			TBD VA 4-H Shooting Ed Instructor Recertification	TBD VA 4-H and FFA Meats Evaluation
27 PW 4-H Green & Growing					

APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
11 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club	10 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club	16-29 Virginia 4-H Congress	TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day	TBD VA 4-H Northern District Shoot	4-6 VA 4-H State Horse and Pony Championship
14 PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Professional Dev	12 PW 4-H Association Board & Leader Year-End Meeting	21-26 National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship	TBD State of Virginia's NRA Youth Education Summit	TBD VA 4-H Pork Challenge	5-6 VA 4-H State Shoot
18 VA 4-H Northeast District Contest Day		30 1st Time Junior 4-H Camper Parents' Meeting	TBD Prince William/Stafford 4-H Junior Camp	TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day	
TBD National 4-H Conference	TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Workshops				TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day
TBD VA 4-H Equismartz					
TBD VA 4-H Shooting Ed New Instructor Certification	TBD PW 4-H Outdoor Challenge SPIN Project	TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day	TBD Southern Regionals 4-H Horse Championships		TBD VA 4-H Shotgun Championship
TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Interest Mtg	TBD VA 4-H Northeast District Food Challenge Contest	TBD VA Dept of Forestry Camp Woods & Wildlife	TBD VA 4-H Youth Dairy Field Day		TBD State Fair of Virginia
TBD VA 4-H/FFA Tree Planting					TBD SFVA Youth Livestock Shows, Livestock Skillathon, Dairymen's Contest, Dairy Goat Contest,
TBD VA 4-H/FFA Beef Challenge, Beef Roundup, Tractor Operators Contest		TBD VA 4-H Livestock Judging Contests			
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					

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For more detailed information as events approach.

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PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

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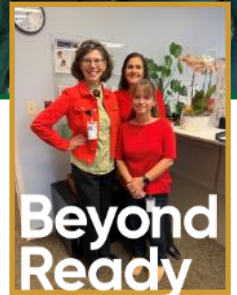


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