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# Prince William 4-H

## *Our Clubs, Our Community*

January 7, 2026



### PW 4-H Association FUNdraising/BINGO Meeting



**Date:** Thursday, January 8th

**Time:** 7 PM

**Who Should Attend:** All committee members and 4-H'ers interested in planning the annual BINGO event

**Zoom Link:** <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/85636304291>

Calling all committee members and 4-H'ers with big ideas - it's time to plan one of our most exciting traditions: Prince William 4-H Association's Annual BINGO

Family Night! This isn't just any event - it's a FUNdraiser that powers the programs, activities, and scholarships that make 4-H amazing. We need your Head, Heart, Hands, and Health to make this family favorite a huge success!

#### What's on the agenda?

- Set the date and location for BINGO Night
- Brainstorm ways to make it bigger and better than ever
- Share your creative ideas for prizes, themes, and fun surprises

**Your voice matters!** Whether you're a seasoned planner or just curious about helping, join us and be part of something impactful. Let's make this year's BINGO Night unforgettable!

### Registration is OPEN for PW 4-H Share the Fun!

**Rehearsal:** Friday, January 23rd from 5:30-7 PM

**Show:** Friday, January 30th at 7 PM

**Location:** The Nokesville School, 12375 Aiden Rd., Nokesville

**Who Should Participate:** **ALL PW 4-H'ers!**

#### PERFORMERS

[Click here to register. Register by Monday, January 19th.](#)

Share the Fun is our annual performing arts talent show where 4-H'ers gain skills and confidence performing in front of an audience. As part of the learning competition, 4-H'ers are provided feedback from judges and have the opportunity to move on to the state show. Share the Fun acts include: Combination, Dance, Drama, Instrumental, Variety, Vocal, Tech, and more! [Click here to learn more about Share the Fun from Virginia 4-H](#) and how acts are scored.



#### VOLUNTEERS

[Click here to volunteer. Signup by Monday, January 19th.](#)

Share the Fun depends on many youth and adult volunteers to ensure success. Positions include: emcee, rehearsal snacks, setup (Jan 30 @ 5PM), bake sale, clean-up, performer wrangler, publicity, and judges. **Many volunteer positions count towards your PW 4-H Outstanding Member or VA 4-H All Star applications!**

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# Prince William 4-H



# CLUB REPORT



## Nokesville Equestrian 4-H Club

By Lexie George, Secretary, Nokesville Equestrian 4-H Club  
January 4, 2026



From serving breakfast to police officers and children at Santa Cops, to hosting a bake sale outside of Tractor Supply to raise money for the club, to Christmas caroling on horseback, the 4-H Nokesville Equestrian Club had a very busy December.

On December 13th, Bea, Peyton, Lexie, Sarah, and Naomi participated in Santa Cops. Santa Cops is an event where police officers take children with financial needs shopping for Christmas presents at the Manassas Mall. After shopping, the children and officers came to receive breakfast, wrap gifts, and take photos with Santa and the Grinch. Members of the 4-H Nokesville Equestrian Club helped set up tables and food, serve breakfast, and clean up decorations and trash afterward. The club has helped with Santa Cops for multiple years, as it is a great way for members to support families in need while also promoting 4-H in the community.

To raise money for Nokesville Equestrian 4-H Club, members held a bake sale in front of Tractor Supply. A group of girls, including Audrey and Naomi, sold homemade pastries, cookies, and dog and horse treats. After a full day of hard work, the bake sale earned approximately \$300 for the club. This money will go toward the Virginia State Horse Show in Lexington, Virginia, which the club attends every year.

The final event of the month was Christmas caroling on horseback. Club members rode their horses from house to house while singing Christmas carols and wishing people a Merry Christmas. This event was a fun way to celebrate both Christmas and the New Year. At the end of the day, members participated in a white elephant gift exchange.

Overall, December was a fun and active month for the 4-H Nokesville Equestrian Club. From serving breakfast to police officers and children, to raising money through a bake sale, to celebrating the holidays with Christmas caroling, the club stayed busy giving back to the community.



# Prince William 4-H



# CLUB REPORT



## Patriot High School 4-H Club



By Azadeh Hill, Reporter, PHS Ruri-Teen 4-H Club  
January 3, 2026

The Patriot High School 4-H club has been very busy this month! It has started the process of establishing its hydroponics garden by itemizing what items it already has, and what it will need to succeed. It also participated in its first fund raiser ever!

The Paper Clover Foundation fund raiser went very well with Patriot bringing in around \$100. They came up with the idea to sell mix and match cookie bags as well as hot chocolate cashing in on the winter spirit! The club found the experience especially gratifying. Overall, they look forward to participating in future 4-H events.

This 4-H club cannot wait to continue improving and helping its community!



## WHY 4-H IS YOUR LAUNCHPAD TO SUCCESS

Are you ready to take on the world? Whether you dream of becoming a scientist, an entrepreneur, or a community leader, 4-H is here to help you level up. It's not just about projects and meetings - it's about building the skills and confidence you need to crush your goals and thrive in life after high school.

### What's in it for YOU?

4-H programs are designed to make you Beyond Ready - ready for work, ready for life, and ready for whatever comes next. Here's how:

- **Learn Cool Stuff:** Dive into hands-on projects in STEM, agriculture, health, and more. You'll gain real knowledge and skills that matter.
- **Get Career-Ready:** Build professionalism, work ethic, and organizational skills. Explore college and career options so you can plan your future with confidence.
- **Lead Like a Boss:** Practice leadership through decision-making, communication, and teamwork. These skills will set you apart in school, jobs, and life.
- **Experience the Real World:** Internships, apprenticeships, and summer jobs? Yes, please! 4-H connects you with opportunities that give you a head start.
- **Find Your Purpose:** Discover what drives you. 4-H helps you set goals, stay motivated, and develop a growth mindset so you can tackle challenges head-on.

### Why It Matters

Life after high school can feel overwhelming - but you don't have to figure it out alone. 4-H gives you mentors, friends, and a community that cares. You'll learn responsibility, kindness, and how to make choices that lead to a healthy, productive, and engaged life.



### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CLUB REPORTS!

We're incredibly impressed by the youth in the PW 4-H program! Thank you for submitting your club reports and sharing how you're thriving in 4-H. Please continue to submit reports and photos to [chelmlinger@pwcvva.gov](mailto:chelmlinger@pwcvva.gov) and CC your adult club leader.

BE BEYOND READY WITH 4-H!



Beyond  
Ready

### Prince William 4-H CLUB REPORT DUE DATES

1st Monday (Feb 2)  
Nokesville Equestrian 4-H Club  
Patriot High School 4-H Club

2nd Monday (Jan 12)  
Kettle Run 4-H Club  
Benton Middle School Club

3rd Monday (Jan 19)  
Trigger Time 4-H Club

4th Monday (Jan 26)  
Nokesville 4-H Club  
Linton Hall 4-H Club

PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H



# 2026 SHARE THE FUN

The Nokesville School | Nokesville, VA



**SHOW: FRIDAY, JAN. 30 @ 7 PM**

Rehearsal: Friday, Jan. 23, 5:30 - 7 PM

**Performers Click Here**

**Volunteers Click Here**

## SHOW OFF YOUR SKILLS WITH SHARE THE FUN!

Got talent? Love to perform? Share the Fun is your chance to shine! Whether you're into music, dance, comedy, or any creative act, this program gives 4-H youth the spotlight to show what they've got. It's all about expressing yourself, building confidence, and having a blast in front of an audience.

Judges look for creativity, showmanship, audience energy, and how you use costumes or props - so bring your A-game! The goal? Help you grow your talents in a fun, positive way while learning presentation skills that stick with you for life.

Ready to wow the crowd? Share the Fun is where your creativity takes center stage!

### TYPES OF ACTS

**Combination:** Any combination of vocal, instrumental, and/or dance

**Dance:** Includes tap, modern, acrobatic, ballet, jazz, folk, and interpretive forms of dance

**Drama:** Includes mime, monologue, or acting out a short skit or scene from a play

**Instrumental:** May also sing or dance but judged solely on instrumental performance

**Variety:** Includes clowning, gymnastics/tumbling, magic acts, or puppetry

**Vocal:** Singing which may include dance or instrument, but judged solely on vocal performance



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## PW 4-H Embryology Program Important Dates

### EDUCATOR TRAINING OPTIONS (CHOOSE 1):

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

Feb 11 6-7:30 PM @ McCoart, Woodbridge

### INCUBATOR PICKUP @ PW 4-H

Feb 5 1-4 PM

Feb 11 10 AM - 2 PM

### EGG PICKUP @ PW 4-H

Feb 16 4-6 PM

Feb 17 9 AM - 12 PM

### HATCH DAYS: MARCH 9-13

Registration is **CLOSED**. Please contact [DeeAnn Strand](#) for program support.



## Save the Date: PW 4-H 2026 Tree Planting Day!

**Date:** Saturday, April 18

**Time:** 9 AM – Noon

**Location:** Meadow Planting Project TBD

Ready to get your hands dirty for a good cause? Join Prince William 4-H for an epic environmental service day with County Arborist Will Shoup! We're planting 250 trees - including bottlebrush, apple trees, and northern red oaks - to help reforest our community.

### Why you'll love it:

- ♥ Dig in the dirt and make a real impact
- ♥ Learn pro tips on tree planting from an expert
- ♥ Celebrate Earth Day early with friends and nature vibes

This is your chance to give back, learn something cool, and have fun outdoors. Plus, if you're part of a 4-H club or school group, you can even host your own planting day!



**Interested in hosting?** Contact [Pam Hardin](#) by January 23 to reserve seedlings for your group.

### LET'S MAKE PRINCE WILLIAM GREENER—ONE TREE AT A TIME!

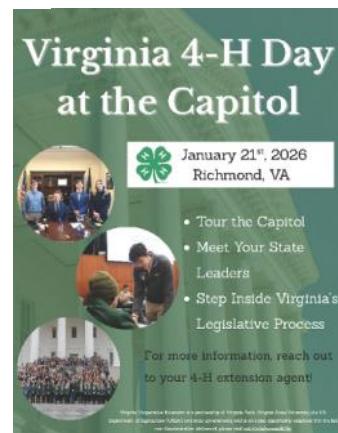
## PW 4-H Delegation to Virginia 4-H Day at the Capitol

Mark your calendars - January 21, 2026 is your chance to step inside Virginia's state government and make your voice heard! 4-H Day at the Capitol gives teens a behind-the-scenes look at how laws are made, lets you meet legislators, and shows how your ideas can shape your community.

This year is extra exciting - it's right after the inauguration of a new governor! You'll explore Capitol Square, take part in Voice Your Choice, join the 4-H Rally at the Bell Tower, and even deliver clover plants to legislators as a symbol of 4-H pride. Plus, you'll build leadership and public speaking skills while connecting with other 4-H'ers from across the state.

Don't miss this chance to represent youth, share your ideas, and see government in action. Wear comfy shoes, bring your curiosity, and get ready to make an impact!

**IMPORTANT: Prince William 4-H'ers - registration has closed. Please contact [Pam Hardin](#) for questions or to join the waitlist.**



# 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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PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

# CLOVERBUD CLUB

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

## JANUARY 10TH



**TIME:** 10 AM - Noon

**LOCATION:** Prince William 4-H Headquarters, 8033 Ashton Ave., Manassas

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Greater Prince William youth ages 5-8, with a parent or guardian, who are interested in exploring 4-H

Calling all Greater Prince William Area youth ages 5-8! Join us for an exciting January Cloverbud Club meeting where the theme is Winter Fun and Wellness. Get ready for a day packed with creativity, learning, and laughter:

- ✿ “Cook” a Frozen Yogurt Parfait – a tasty, healthy treat!
- ✿ Craft Your Own Snow Globe – a winter wonder you can take home.
- ✿ Play Indoor Winter Games – including the ultimate Freeze Dance challenge!

Cloverbuds explore short-term, hands-on projects led by caring adults in the 4-H Pillars: civic engagement, STEM, healthy living, and agriculture. Every activity is research-based and designed to spark curiosity while building skills for life.

Come discover, create, and play while laying the foundation to become tomorrow's community leaders!



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

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

Come grow with us!



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## Exclusive 4-H Citizenship Opportunity for PW 4-H Teens

Prince William 4-H has received an exclusive invitation for teens to apply to Congressman Vindman's Youth Mentorship Program!

The VA-07 Congressional Youth Mentorship Program gives participating youth the opportunity to receive mentorship from Congressman Vindman, community leaders, public servants, and private sector professionals. The cohort will meet 5-6 times a year, concluding with a mock congress or town hall. Cohort members will receive hands on experience on public service and federal processes, while receiving mentorship across different sectors. This program is open to all high school senior students in Virginia's Seventh District.

**PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H'ERS:** Please contact [Pam Hardin](#) when you submit your application for priority consideration. [Click here for the Youth Mentorship Program application.](#)

## Upcoming VA 4-H Youth Animal Science Events

### Blue Ridge Stockmans Contest Monday January 19, 2026

**Registration**  
Cost is \$10/person to include lunch.  
[Link to registration form.](#)

**Contest Details**

- Breed - 10 with breed description for Sr.
- Equipment - 10 items for Jr. 20 items for Sr.
- Feed - 10 with feed usage for Sr.
- Meat - 10 cuts: Species/primal/retail

General knowledge Quiz
 

- 25 multiple choice questions
- Junior and Senior versions

Judging Classes
 

- 3 - Live animal classes
- 1 - Meats class with questions
- 1 - Hay class with questions

Quality Assurance
 

- Junior and Senior team activity



**Schedule**  
8:45 AM - Contest instructions  
9:00 AM - Contest begins  
Noon - Lunch  
2:00 - Results

**Contest Format**  
Contest is open to all 4-H and FFA members and will consist of 2 divisions. All ages will be as of the contest date.

#### Junior division

- 4-H members ages 8 - 13
- FFA members grade 6-8

#### Senior Division

- 4-H members ages 14-19
- FFA members grade 9-12

**Where**  
The Blue Ridge Stockmans Contest will be held at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds and will utilize both outside and indoor facilities. Contestants should dress appropriately!

### BLUE RIDGE STOCKMAN'S CONTEST

**Monday, January 19th • Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg**  
\$10/person. Lunch is provided.  
[Click here to register.](#)

Please forward any questions to [Herb Hoffeditz](#).

### VT B & B MEAT SCIENCE CAREER AND EVALUATION DAY

**Saturday, January 24th • 9 AM - 3:30 PM • Virginia Tech**

\$15/person. Lunch is provided.

Available to 4-H & FFA youth ages 13-19

**Registration is FULL.** Questions: [Katherine Carter](#) or [Katie Powell](#).

### VT B & B HORSE WEEKEND: HIPPOLOGY & HORSE JUDGING

**February 6 & 7 • Virginia Tech**

Hippology Contest - Friday, February 6th

Horse Judging Contest - Saturday, February 7th

[Click here for details.](#) [Click here to enter.](#) **Enter Friday, January 23rd.**

Note: no Jr/Sr Team Problem in Hippology.

### GORE'S INVITATIONAL MEATS JUDGING CONTEST

**Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> • Gore's Meats in Edinburg**

**Cost:** \$20 per team or \$5 per individual; Adults \$5 (includes lunch)

[Click here to register.](#) **Register by January 31**

Clinic/Contest for those preparing for the State 4-H/FFA Meats Evaluation Contests or anyone hoping to learn more about Meats Evaluation. Please direct any questions to [saeishman@shenandoah.k12.va.us](mailto:saeishman@shenandoah.k12.va.us) or [dbrittenour@shenandoah.k12.va.us](mailto:dbrittenour@shenandoah.k12.va.us)

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EVALUATION CLINIC**

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★ Live Animal Evaluation  
★ Country Ham Processing  
★ Marketing  
★ Judging & Identification

GET INSPIRED. GET INVOLVED.  
GET A TASTE OF THE FUTURE.

**\$15  
Registration  
(includes  
lunch!)**

**Register Now & Secure Your Spot!**




## Upcoming VA 4-H Youth Animal Science Events

2026 "Corey Childs Memorial" Stockmen's Contest  
Virginia Livestock, LLC



### COREY CHILDS MEMORIAL STOCKMAN'S CONTEST

**Saturday, February 14th • Virginia Livestock, Front Royal**

**Schedule:** registration 8-9 AM; stockmen's judging 9 AM

**Cost:** \$5 per person (includes lunch)

[Click here to register.](#) **Register by February 6th.**

Please forward any questions to [Emily Shultz](#) or [Ken Mathews](#)

### VT B & B LIVESTOCK WEEKEND - STOCKMAN'S & LIVESTOCK JUDGING

**February 20 & 21 • Virginia Tech**

Junior Stockman's Contest - Friday, February 20 (AM - Juniors; PM - Seniors)

Livestock Judging Contest – Saturday, February 21 (AM - Advanced Contest/Reasons; PM - Regular Contest/No Reasons)

[Click here for more information.](#) [Click here to enter.](#) **Enter by Monday, February 2nd.**

Note: no Jr/Sr Team Problem in the Stockman's Contest

### STATE 4-H/FFA MEATS EVALUATION CONTEST

**March 1st • Virginia Tech**

Official State Contest for both 4-H and FFA (dual entry allowed).

Registration link, rules, and details coming soon.



### Let's Raise the Steaks

### VT BEEF LEADERSHIP COUNCIL BEEF BOOT CAMP

**Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> • 8 AM - 4 PM • Alphin-Stuart Arena, Virginia Tech**

**Cost:** \$15/person

[Click here to register.](#) **Register by February 27th.**

Please direct questions to Megan Mallory at [mmegan22@vt.edu](mailto:mmegan22@vt.edu)

"Lets Raise the Steaks" – Hands-on Stations that focus on Nutrition, Reproduction, Cattle Handling, Food Preparation and Handling. Perfect opportunity for youth who are new to cattle or seasoned show/beef industry kids. Stations will be fun and educational, led by VT students and Beef Industry Leaders.

## 2026 VA 4-H Dominican Republic Program - Apply Today!

**Who Should Apply:** Virginia 4-H'ers in 9th - 12th grades

**Program Fees:** \$2,600, with \$1,000 of that due as a deposit on March 16

[Click here for the Youth Application.](#)

[Click here for the Adult Volunteer Application.](#)

**Applications due February 16th.**

The Virginia 4-H Program in the Dominican Republic is now accepting applications from Virginia 4-H teens, agents and 4-H volunteers! This program started as a grassroots, county based program, which is now in its 18th year. Since one main focus of our program in the Dominican Republic is conducting a 4-H Day Camp for Dominican children, this program may especially appeal to 4-H Camp Counselors.

Interested 4-H'ers can learn more about the program through annual blogs and photos shared by participants:

**2024 Blogs:** [Group 1](#) | [Group 2](#)

**2025 Blogs:** [Group 1](#) | [Group 2](#)

[Click here for previous years' blogs and click on Dominican Republic.](#)

**SERVICE BEYOND BORDERS**

**VIRGINIA 4-H DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SERVICE TRIP**

**SERVE. LEARN. GROW**

**WHO. WHEN. & WHERE?**

**READY TO APPLY?**

Immerse yourself in the local culture, engage in meaningful service projects, and help facilitate day camps for local children. This is a unique opportunity to make a positive impact, take on exciting challenges, and create unforgettable memories.

This trip is open to all Virginia 4-H youth in grades 9-12. Participants can join one of two sessions: July 15-21, 2026 or July 27-August 4, 2026. The adventure takes place in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

The total cost of the trip is \$2,600, which includes airfare, lodging, and most meals. Applications are due by February 16, 2026 and will be accepted through <https://forms.gle/Qan1d59ptq7JnF2>. A \$1,000 deposit is due by March 16, with the final balance due July 1. Don't miss your chance to join this unforgettable Virginia 4-H service experience!

#### CONTACT US:

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# OPEN TO PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H'ERS!

PW 4-H are encouraged to attend Jumpstart: Career Exploration to learn about career opportunities in the 4-H Pillars of Agriculture, STEM, Healthy Living, and Civic Engagement! **Prior to registering**, please contact PW 4-H Extension Agent MaryBeth Lerch at [mblerch@vt.edu](mailto:mblerch@vt.edu).

Conference

## Jumpstart: Career Exploration for 7-9<sup>th</sup> Graders

Friday-Sunday  
February 6-8, 2026  
W.E. Skelton  
4-H Educational  
Conference Center

Where Curiosity Meets Career Exploration



**W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center**  
775 Hermitage Road, Wirtz, Virginia 24184

Spend the weekend exploring new career paths, meeting inspiring professionals, and connecting with other students at [Jumpstart!](#)

Through hands-on workshops, interactive panels, and team activities, participants will discover opportunities in one of four tracks: **Agriculture, STEM, Healthy Living, and Civic Engagement**.

From leadership sessions and an etiquette dinner to evening activities and reflection groups, the conference offers a mix of learning, networking, and fun.

*Scholarships may be available!*

**Prior to registering, please contact PW 4-H Extension Agent MaryBeth Lerch at [mblerch@vt.edu](mailto:mblerch@vt.edu).**

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Price: \$110

**Includes:** Lodging (2 nights), 5 meals, T-shirt

To Learn More Contact: [smithkd7@vt.edu](mailto:smithkd7@vt.edu)  
or [alisonks@vt.edu](mailto:alisonks@vt.edu)

**Registration:**

Opens: December 2, 2025  
Closes: January 16, 2026



*This conference is held in  
partnership with:* Virginia 4-H,  
Virginia DECA, Virginia FFA, Virginia  
HOSA, and Virginia SkillsUSA.

## VA 4-H Shooting Education Recertification

**Date:** February 21

**Location:** Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center, 1267 4-H Camp Rd, Appomattox

See your 4-H club leader for registration. **Payment/registration must be received by Feb 9.**

Virginia 4-H Shooting education instructors are required to attend recertification sessions every seven years. More than 120 instructors need to be recertified this year. There will be one session on February 21 and the other on November 7, 2026. Failure to attend will result in decertification for each discipline involved. *This training is NOT for new discipline certification.*



## 2026 VA 4-H All Star Midwinters Conference

**Dates:** February 6-8

**Location:** Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA

[Click here to register.](#)

This conference will feature a variety of different activities for everyone including a tour of VSU's Randolph Farm, a working farm located on VSU's campus that promotes hands-on learning and research in the agriculture field. There will also be an option to experience food security through a game developed by VSU's youth specialist and VSU Students. Need another reason to come? Explore Petersburg's History, VSU Campus, and enjoy family fun at Swader's Sports Park in Prince George.

**Virginia 4-H All Stars**  
**“Roots to Boots”**  
**2026**  
**MIDWINTERS**  
*Conference*  
*Honoring Our Past, Stepping Into the Future.*

Join us for a weekend of service, fellowship, and fun!

**NEW THIS YEAR:**  
 Saturday Luncheon @ Keystone Tractor Museum!  
 Reduced pricing for first-time attendees!

Randolph Farm Pavilion • Virginia State University  
 4415 River Rd, Petersburg, VA 23803

**FEB | 6-8 | 2026**

## Invention Convention Expo for VA 4-H'ers

**Dates:** March 13-14

**Location:** Virginia State University

**Virtual Info Session:** January 8 @ 2:30 PM

Registration coming soon!

Invention Convention is a youth-centered experience that engages young people in problem solving, creativity, and design thinking as they develop and showcase original inventions. The event will include innovation sessions, professional development opportunities, and a culminating youth expo.

Additional information and registration details will be shared in the coming weeks. To learn more about Invention Convention in Virginia, [check out the affiliate website.](#)

**iNVENTION CONVENTION**  
**WORLDWIDE**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
 Invention Convention Virginia State Expo  
 March 13-14, 2026 | Virginia State University

MARCH	MARCH	MARCH
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JOIN US FOR TWO DAYS OF INNOVATION, CREATIVITY, AND YOUTH-DRIVEN PROBLEM SOLVING AS YOUNG INVENTORS FROM ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH SHOWCASE THEIR IDEAS, PROTOTYPES, AND INGENUITY.

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW, INCLUDING REGISTRATION, SCHEDULE, AND PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES.

## Scholarships Applications OPEN!

[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



## National 4-H



### YOUTH IN ACTION APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

[Click here for more information and to apply. Applications due April 13th.](#)

[Click here for March 4th - Youth & Parents Application Webinar Info](#)

The 4-H Youth in Action (YIA) program celebrates young people who are creating real change in their communities. This national program amplifies the stories and leadership of 4-H youth, showcasing how 4-H has shaped their lives and equipped them to impact others.

Four Award Winners will receive a(n):

- \$5,000 scholarship for higher education, paid directly to the institution, including two-year and four-year colleges, trade schools, or other advanced learning opportunities.
- Year of professional and media development, training, networking, and national opportunities to serve as a spokesperson and thought leader.
- All expenses paid trips for each award winner and a chaperone to attend national events.
- Official reference letter from a National 4-H Council leader for educational or career purposes.

Apply today and share your story with a national audience!



### YOUNG ALUMNI ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

[Click here for more information and to apply. Apply/Nominate by February 5th.](#)

National 4-H Council needs your help to identify and nominate dynamic, proven leaders to serve on the Young Alumni Advisory Committee (YAAC). The YAAC brings together young 4-H alumni to help shape the future of youth programming and strengthen connections between alumni and the 4-H system.

This group serves as a bridge to the young alum community, informing Council's Board of Trustees and working closely with associates to provide counsel and serve as 4-H ambassadors by elevating youth voice, engaging partners, and representing 4-H at events and through digital and media channels.

## Exclusive PW 4-H Teen Volunteer Opportunity at PWC VCE



**Location:** VCE-PW, 8033 Ashton Ave., Suite 105, Manassas

**Volunteer Hours:** flexible - after school until 5 PM in January

**Apply:** Send your resume to Ms. Jocelyn Hanly at [JHanly@pwgov.org](mailto:JHanly@pwgov.org) and copy [Pam Hardin](#)

Looking for a way to earn volunteer hours, build your resume, and gain real-world office experience? This is your chance! The Virginia Cooperative Extension-Prince William Unit is seeking motivated PW 4-H teens to assist the Financial Education and Housing Counseling Program. This team provides free financial education classes to county residents, both in-person and virtually via Zoom.

#### WHAT YOU'LL DO:

- Help with administrative tasks like making copies, sorting, and collating course materials
- Ensure winter classes are fully stocked and ready to go
- Support a team that makes a real impact in your community
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#### WHY VOLUNTEER?

- Earn official 4-H volunteer hours (PW 4-H will sign your paperwork!)
- Develop valuable administrative skills
- Boost your resume for future internships and jobs

Don't miss this opportunity to learn, grow, and give back!

## PW 4-H ALUMNI: Applications Are Open for the PWC Government 2026 Internship Program!

Do you know a student who's looking for a summer internship that offers more than just course credit? Prince William County's paid internship program gives participants the chance to do meaningful work, gain real-world experience and make a positive impact in the community. It's a hands-on opportunity to learn, grow and see how local government works to serve the community. [Click here to learn more and apply.](#)



## Virginia KidWind Challenge: Student Expo

### STUDENT EXPO

**Date:** February 7th, 10 AM - 3 PM

**Location:** Virginia Tech, Blacksburg

[Click here to register. Register by January 23rd.](#)

[Click here to learn more about Virginia KidWind Project.](#)

The Virginia Kid Wind Renewable Energy Challenge Student Expo is an opportunity for students to take ownership of their learning and give their coaches a little break. The Expos will feature the following:

- Industry tables to learn about careers
- Hands-on workshops for students on advanced topics (gearboxes, airfoils, microcontrollers, advanced solar circuits)
- Sessions for coaches on preparing for the Challenge event
- FREE Lunch
- Panel discussion with experienced students
- Open testing time in the wind tunnel and solar environment
- Technical advisors

### NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL CHALLENGE

**Date:** Tuesday, March 17th, 8 AM - 4 PM

**Location:** Potomac Science Center (GMU), Woodbridge

[Click here to register.](#) Space is limited!

Teams will compete in the wind and/or solar challenge. Please note: Schools are limited to 3 teams in each division (wind and solar).

### TEACHERS & CLUB LEADER RESOURCES

Check out the Virtual 101 Workshops and other resources

KidWind has for preparing for a Challenge! [Click here to learn more.](#)

## Virginia KidWind: 2026 Energy Art Challenge

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

**Due by noon on March 2nd.**

**Calling on all K-12 students to create artwork on the theme: Solar POWERED.**

KidWind is excited to launch our 3rd Annual Energy Art Challenge - this year focused on Solar Energy! Six entries from each grade division - Elementary (K-5), Middle School (6-8), and High School (9-12) - will receive an award and have their work displayed on the KidWind website.



## VIRTUAL 101 WORKSHOPS



KidWind offers a variety of one-day virtual workshops covering renewable energy topics. These workshops are geared towards middle and high school teachers. Attendees will receive ~\$150 worth of classroom materials. Find more information [here](#), or scan the QR code. Registration for each workshop closes two weeks before the workshop occurs.

### Solar Energy 101

December 6, 2025 - 11am-2pm EST

### Wind Energy 101

January 10, 2026 - 11am-2pm EST

### Battery 101

February 28, 2026 - 11am-2pm EST

### Power Grid 101

March 7, 2026 - 11am-2pm EST

### Marine & Hydropower 101

April 11, 2026 - 11am-2pm EDT

Use code **VWKS101CREATE** to reduce the cost to just \$50. That's \$200 off! Please note that only STEM educators who teach students in grades 6th and above who have not taken this workshop before are eligible for this discount.

Huge thank you to our partner **CREATE!**



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