



Upcoming Events

Jan 22-PW4-H Association Fundraising Committee Meeting

Jan 23 - PW 4-H Share the Fun Dress Rehearsal

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Feb 5 - [PW 4-H Club Leader Professional Development Zoom](#)

Feb 10 - PW 4-H Rabbit Project Kickoff

Feb 14 - [PW 4-H Contest Day](#)

Feb 21 - VA 4-H Shooting Ed Recertification

Feb 28 - PW 4-H Food Challenge

Mar 1 - VA 4-H Meats Evaluation

Mar 3 - PW 4-H Dog Project Kickoff

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Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



January 21, 2026

PW 4-H Association FUNdraising/BINGO Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 22nd **Time:** 7 PM

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

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



The Countdown is On for PW 4-H Share the Fun!



Volunteers & Teens to BLOOM: Click here to fill the [remaining volunteer slots](#)

Performers: Click here to learn [how acts are scored](#).

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

Show: Friday, January 30th at 7 PM - **INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**

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

PW 4-H Leading by Speaking SPIN Project: Meeting Recap!

Last week, 4-H Leading by Speaking SPIN Project powered up the energy as members put their brand-new oratory skills to the test! With Toastmasters as our partners, the room was buzzing with confidence, creativity, and a few brave butterflies.

Special Guests in the House

We were thrilled to welcome two distinguished Toastmasters District Directors—Mr. Earl and Ms. Vicki! Not only did they drop some major public-speaking wisdom, but they also delivered quick speeches and then handed the mic over to the 4-H'ers to evaluate them. Talk about flipping the script! Our members stepped up like pros, giving thoughtful, constructive feedback.

Youth Board Elections

4-H'ers also showcased what they've been practicing by preparing and delivering campaign speeches to run for the SPIN Project Youth Board. After some strong and passionate oratory, votes were cast and counted. **Meet Your Newly Elected Leaders!**

President: **Charlotte**, Vice President: **Tasneem**, Secretary: **Bruce**, Sergeant-at-Arms: **Jim**

Huge congratulations to all our new officers - we can't wait to see what you'll accomplish!



Important Schedule Update

Please note: The January 21st meeting has been canceled due to 4-H Day at the Capitol.

We'll see everyone back for our next SPIN Project meeting on January 28th, 6-8 PM, at PW 4-H Headquarters.

Get ready for more speaking challenges, leadership fun, and growth!

Prince William 4-H



CLUB REPORT



Trigger Time 4-H Club

By **Rebecca Ahrens, Club Reporter, Trigger Time 4-H Club**

January 21, 2026

In the final match of the National Sporter Air Rifle League Post-Season Invitational Tournament, Trigger Time faced Lafayette Gun Club of Yorktown, Virginia, with the Invitational Championship on the line. Four team members competed: Tanner (573.4), Rebecca (569.7), Lexi (554.8), and Ayden (528.9). Trigger Time posted a total team score of 2226.8, finishing just 8.6 points behind Lafayette's winning score of 2235.4. The match concluded the 2025 season, with Trigger Time earning a 7-3 record, placing 7th in the Champions Division and 3rd in the Junior Rifle Club Conference.



In December, the team competed in the CMP 3PAR National Postal Competition, which allows teams from across the country to qualify for CMP Regionals in April. Nine Trigger Time athletes participated, with the top four scores recorded by Rebecca (277-8), Lexi (274-7), Ayden (264-10), and Tanner (264-8). Additional competitors included Samantha, Steven, Sophie, Lee, and Stella. National results have not yet been released.

This month, Trigger Time also competed in Round 1 of the American Legion Postal Championship at American Legion Post 10 in Manassas. Junior teams must be sponsored by a local American Legion Post to participate. Athletes scoring 530 or higher advance to Round 2, and from there, the top 15 individuals earn invitations to the American Legion Nationals in July at Hillsdale College in Michigan. The team's top four scores were recorded by Rebecca (562-17), Lexi (557-21), Tanner (538-10), and Ayden (520-9). With scores above the qualifying minimum, Rebecca, Lexi, and Tanner advanced to the second round. Samantha, Sophie, Lee, and Stella also represented the team in the match.

Trigger Time extends its sincere thanks to American Legion Post 10 for its sponsorship and continued support, which made participation in this event possible.



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 and CC your adult club leader.



BE BEYOND READY WITH 4-H!

Prince William 4-H CLUB REPORT DUE DATES

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

2nd Monday (Feb 9)
Kettle Run 4-H Club
Benton Middle School Club

3rd Monday (Feb 16)
Trigger Time 4-H Club

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



Small Animal Project

Prince William 4-H



WHAT'S A 4-H DOG OR RABBIT PROJECT?

The 4-H Dog and Rabbit Projects teach you how to be an awesome and responsible pet owner while building real-life skills. You learn how to care for your pet, train them in obedience, agility, rally, and showmanship, and keep track of everything you accomplish. You also set goals, record your progress, and can even compete in dog or rabbit events. It's all about learning by doing – and becoming a confident leader while bonding with your furry friend.

JOIN US FOR THE PW 4-H SMALL ANIMAL SPIN PROJECT INTEREST MEETING

January 27th 

6-7:30 PM 

PW 4-H Headquarters 

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Make a Difference with PW4-H at WAA Wreath Cleanup



Date: January 24th

Time: 10 AM until all wreaths are collected

Location: Section 98 (back of the cemetery), National Memorial Cemetery at Quantico

No registration necessary. All PW 4-H'ers and families are encouraged to attend!

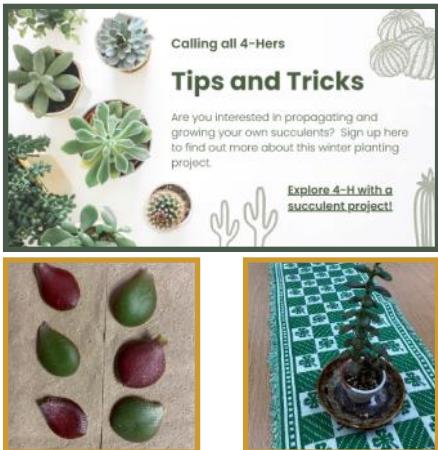
Join us for the WAA Wreath Cleanup and help honor our heroes! In December, we honored those laid to rest with beautiful wreaths. Now it's time to retire over 13,000 wreaths, and we need your help! This is a great chance to show your 4-H Citizenship spirit and earn volunteer hours. We'll work together to get wreaths to the road, load them onto trucks, and unload them into dumpsters.

What to bring:

- Tools like rakes, brooms, hockey sticks, or wagons to move wreaths
- Trucks or trailers if you have them
- Warm clothes and work gloves (it's chilly and hands-on!)

Let's show up big and make an impact!

PW 4-H Succulent Project – Coming This March!



Who can join? All PW 4-H'ers!

Led by: Master Gardener Linda Bresler

[Click here to join the project.](#)

Ready to dig into the 4-H Agriculture pillar? Join us for a hands-on workshop where you'll design your very own succulent dish garden!

Supplies will be provided, but here's a cool bonus: PW 4-H Youth Educator Pam Hardin is sharing leaves from her jade plant so you can start propagating your own succulents before the workshop! Limited leaves, soil, and instructions are available at Headquarters - **grab them while they last!**

If you're curious about succulents and want to learn how to grow and design with them, sign up today and join the project!

PW 4-H Winter Sowing Challenge



It's time to kick off winter sowing with Virginia native seeds - and you can do it with a simple milk jug! Thanks to Prince William Master Gardeners, we've got FREE Virginia native seeds and potting soil for PW 4-H'ers who want to try (or level up) their skills in milk jug gardening. It's your turn to rock this project as part of the 4-H Agriculture Pillar!

Here's how to start:

- Step 1: Grab a clean milk jug
- Step 2: Cut it in half & punch/drill drainage holes in the bottom
- Step 3: Fill with moist potting soil & plant your seeds
- Step 4: Tape it shut, label it, and place in a sunny spot

When the weather warms up, remove the lid and transplant your plants into your home garden—or **team up with your 4-H Club to grow flowers for the Prince William Fairgrounds!**

FREE SUPPLIES at PW 4-H Headquarters! PW 4-H Youth Educator Pam Hardin has limited soil and flower seeds ready for you - just bring a jug! Contact her to set up a time to pick up your supplies. *Check out Mrs. Helmlinger's winter sowing that she's trying this year!*

Need help? [Click here for a quick how-to video!](#) Don't miss out - start your winter sowing today!

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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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**

PW 4-H Cloverbud Club Meeting Dates - UPDATED

This time of year is busy with county-level contests at Prince William 4-H. While all 4-H'ers from cloverbud to senior are encouraged to participate, we understand if you're new and unsure of what to expect. **Good news - our events are FREE to come, watch, learn, and gain an understanding for how to prepare to participate next year!** Make sure you have these Prince William 4-H opportunities on your calendars:

JAN 30 2026 Prince William 4-H [Share the Fun Show](#)

FEB 14 2026 Prince William 4-H [Contest Day](#)

Click here for more [information about contests](#). [Click here to register](#). Register by Feb 6.
NOTE: no February Cloverbud Club meeting. Please attend Contest Day!

MAR 21 Cloverbud Club Meeting @ PW 4-H Headquarters. *Info coming soon!*



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!



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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4-H CONTEST DAY

February 14th | 10 AM | McCoart Building, Woodbridge

All Prince William 4-H'ers are Encouraged to Participate!

Learning competitions aren't just about winning - they're about growing your skills and confidence! Each year, the goal is to improve your own score against the standard rubric, so you can see how far you've come.

It's totally normal to feel nervous, but remember - this is a safe, supportive space to try something new. Every attempt helps you learn, and every challenge makes you stronger.

So go for it! Step up, give it your best, and discover what you're capable of.

4-H Contests Include: Presentation, Extemporaneous Speech, Public Speech, Dramatic Reading, Fashion Review, Table Setting, and Vocal, Instrumental, or Combo

START PREPARING TODAY!

Look up information on the contests, tip sheets and scoring aids:
<https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/competitions.html>.

This event is also the final session for all PW 4-H'ers participating in the Leading by Speaking SPIN Project led by Toastmasters.



CLICK HERE TO REGISTER. Register by February 6th



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Upcoming VA 4-H Youth Animal Science Events

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 by Friday, January 23rd.**

Note: no Jr/Sr Team Problem in Hippology.

GORE'S INVITATIONAL MEATS JUDGING CONTEST

Saturday, February 7th • 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 saheishman@shenandoah.k12.va.us or dbrittenour@shenandoah.k12.va.us

COREY CHILDS MEMORIAL STOCKMAN'S CONTEST

Saturday, February 14th • Virginia Livestock, Front Royal

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

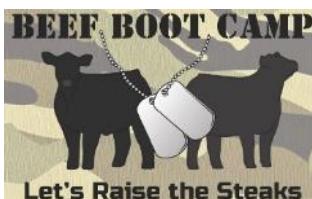
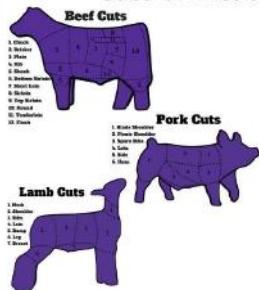
Cost: \$5 per person (includes lunch)

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

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



KNOW YOUR Cuts of Meat



2026 VIRGINIA STATE 4-H/FFA MEATS EVALUATION CONTEST

February 28 • Virginia Tech Food Science & Technology Building

Entry Fee: \$15/contestant or \$20/contestant for Dual-Entered youth (includes lunch)

[Click here for more info and to register.](#) **Register by February 17th @ 5 PM.**

[Click here for the 2026 Meats Evaluation and Technology Handbook.](#)

Official State Contest for both 4-H and FFA (dual entry allowed). The winning senior teams from each organization's contest will represent Virginia at their respective National events. All contestants must provide their own frock, hair net, and hard hat.

VT BEEF LEADERSHIP COUNCIL BEEF BOOT CAMP

Friday, March 6th • 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

“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.

VT POULTRY SCHOLARSHIP FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

[Click here for the application.](#) **Applications with references due by March 2nd.**

Each year the Virginia Poultry Federation and the School of Animal Sciences at Virginia Tech offer scholarships to assist with the academic careers of students demonstrating an interest in poultry and its related industries. Last year approximately \$10,000 was awarded to current and incoming students with a poultry interest in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

VA 4-H Shooting Education Updates

VA 4-H SHOOTING ED 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. Failure to attend will result in decertification for each discipline involved. *This training is NOT for new discipline certification.*

VIRGINIA 4-H SPRING AIR

[Click here for the Match Program.](#) Please see your club leader to register and pay registration fees.

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 17 @ 8 PM All registrations & payments must be received by VA 4-H Shooting Ed Council
 Feb 24 @ 8 PM [Portfolio Certification Document](#) Deadline
 Feb 25 Draft squadding document sent out for review. Corrections due by Feb 28.
 Mar 3 Volunteer deadline to identify who is coming to help set up ranges
 Mar 13 @ 3 PM Range setup
 March 14-15 Spring Air @ W.E. Skelton Educational Center, Wirtz, VA

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Public Speaking and Presentation contests are only held on Saturday
- Air Pistol International Standing is only held on Saturday
- Air Rifle, Air Pistol, and BB have limited capacity on Sunday
- If a competitor is in Air Rifle on Sunday, they cannot be in BB or Air Pistol
- If a competitor is in Air Pistol on Sunday, they cannot be in Air Rifle
- If a competitor is in Air Pistol on Sunday, they may or may not be able to compete in BB on Sunday

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?





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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.

PWCC Scholarship Applications Are 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 Requirements!

PW 4-H Alumni: Internship Opportunity

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.](#)

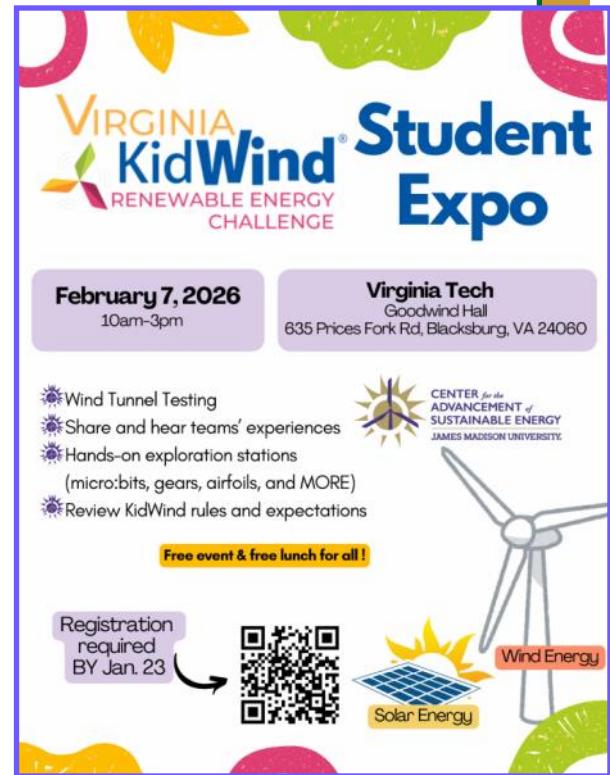
Virginia KidWind: 2026 Energy Art Challenge

[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.

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