



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



February 18, 2026

Upcoming Events

- 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
- Mar 6-7** - PW 4-H TALT Weekend
- Mar 6-8** - VA 4-H Healthy Living Summit
- Mar 10** - PW 4-H Leaders' Mid-Year Meeting
- Mar 14** - VA 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl
- Mar 14-15** - VA 4-H Spring Air Champs
- Mar 21** - VA 4-H WHEP Contest

Inside this issue:

- [Prince William 4-H Updates](#) 2
- [Virginia 4-H Updates](#) 10
- [Contacts & Recourses](#) 16

Click to Visit



PW 4-H'er Adam Grant Lands BIG Donations!

The BINGO fundraising committee is well on it's way to securing prizes and raffles for the 2026 PW 4-H Association BINGO night. In particular, Adam Grant of Trigger Time 4-H Club has used his connections to encourage fantastic prize donations. Our creative and clever 4-H'ers and adult volunteers are organizing the BEST BINGO night yet! Be sure to get your tickets before they sell out! [See Pages 6 & 7 for details.](#)

A word of advice from Adam, "I can recommend that everyone who can, get involved in 4-H in any way possible. I volunteered to help with the Bingo Night donations, and it has been very rewarding. I have received experience that will likely help me for the rest of my life. I have been able to acquire some very nice donations from local and fairly distant businesses and organizations, which is just an incredible feeling. It does help that I am homeschooled and have a good amount of time when I can send out emails. But even if you aren't homeschooled, I think everyone should try volunteering to help with something. Even if you cant do it alone, even if you are worried you aren't qualified, I think you should try. People are always willing to help, especially our dedicated 4-H office staff. And keep in mind, no matter how small, no matter how well, no matter how historic, any impact is still impact. It is better to try, add little and be content than to not try at all and add nothing. Trying is what matters, no matter who says otherwise."

In addition, Adam's piano teacher passed on a concert flyer. Adam is encouraging any PW 4-H'er interested in music and performing arts to consider attending. We know a few Share the Fun participants that would enjoy this!

MANASSAS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
JAMES VILLANI
MUSIC DIRECTOR

MELANIE YOUNG
SOLOIST

SONIC AMERICA
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026 | 7:30 PM

William Grant Still - Ennanga
Edward MacDowell - Suite No. 2
Ferde Grofé - Grand Canyon Suite

TICKETS: \$35 (includes all fees)
Discounts for groups of 10+ | Children and students are FREE

EVERY KID, EVERY CONCERT, ALWAYS FREE

HYLTON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

ManassasSymphony.org
BOX OFFICE: 10960 GEORGE MASON CIRCLE | MANASSAS, VA 20110
HOURS: TUES-SAT 10am-6pm

PARTIALLY FUNDED & SUPPORTED BY

support
HOKIES
givingday.vt.edu

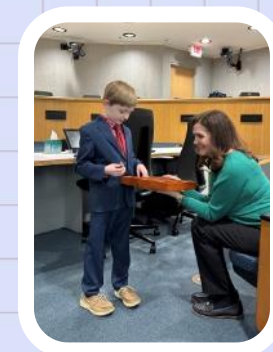
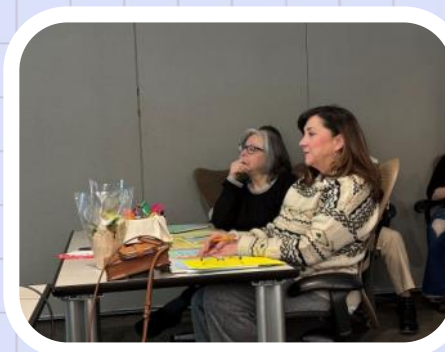
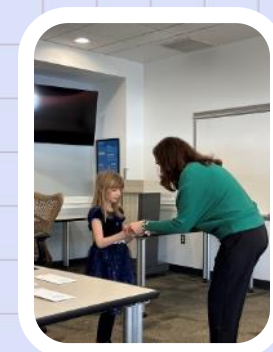
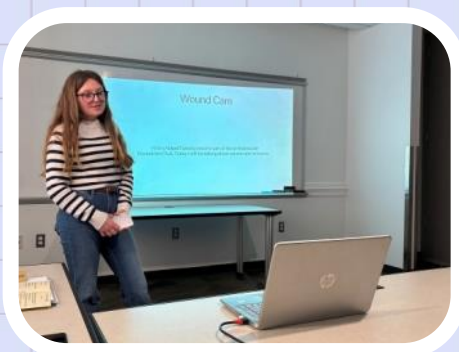
GIVING DAY
VIRGINIA TECH

February 18 & 19
Noon - Noon
<https://givingday.vt.edu/>



Prince William 4-H

4-H CONTEST DAY 2026



Beyond Ready



Prince William 4-H celebrated another outstanding Contest Day this year, bringing together talented youth from across the county to demonstrate their skills, confidence, and dedication. Participants took part in a wide range of contests - from presentations and public speaking to dramatic reading, performing arts, and more - and their enthusiasm shone brightly throughout the event.

This year's success was made possible thanks to the generosity and expertise of our volunteer judges: Carol Apelt, MaryEllen Stone, Linda Walker, and Margaret O'Leary. We also extend special appreciation to Katie Canyon, who served as the Extemporaneous Room Proctor and helped ensure the competition ran smoothly.

Most importantly, thank you to all the competitors for showing up, working hard, and presenting themselves with professionalism and pride. Your sportsmanship, preparation, and commitment to representing your clubs speak volumes about the strength and spirit of Prince William 4-H. We are proud of every one of you and look forward to seeing your continued growth and achievements.



Prince William 4-H CLUB REPORT



Trigger Time 4-H Club

By Rebecca Ahrens, Club Reporter, Trigger Time 4-H Club
February 16, 2026

The final results have been posted for the CMP National 3PAR Postal competition. A total of 1,319 individuals participated, representing 274 teams from across the country. Trigger Time placed 9th overall and 3rd in the Northeast Region. Team scoring members were Rebecca Ahrens (277-7), Lexi Strand (274-7), Ayden Strand (264-10), and Tanner Ridings (264-8). All four athletes ranked in the top 10% of competitors in the nation. Trigger Time will compete in the Northeast Regional Championships Camp Perry in April.

In the first round of the American Legion Postal competition, 82 teams from 25 states participated. Trigger Time finished 3rd overall and 1st in the state of Virginia. Rebecca Ahrens placed 1st in the nation and earned the title of Virginia State Champion, while Lexi finished 4th overall. The team will compete in Round 2 in March. Rebecca, Lexi, and Tanner will also compete in the Round 2 individual match. The top 15 individuals from Round 2 will be invited to the American Legion National Championship in Michigan this summer.

Coming up next month is the annual Virginia 4-H Spring Air Competition, which will be held at the Skelton 4-H Conference Center. Twenty-three members of Trigger Time are registered to attend and compete in a variety of disciplines, including air rifle, air pistol, BB gun, archery, and silhouette events. Results will be announced in March.



at



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CLUB REPORTS!

We're incredibly impressed by the youth in the PWV 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 chellmlinger@pwcva.gov and CC your adult club leader.

BE BEYOND READY WITH 4-H!

Prince William 4-H CLUB REPORT DUE DATES

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

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

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

4th Monday (Feb 23)
Nokesville 4-H Club
Linton Hall 4-H Club

NOKESVILLE 4-H CLUB in support of LOCAL COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY



FOOD DRIVE

Drop Off Locations March 2 – 27

PWC 4-H Office

8033 Ashton Ave Ste 105
Manassas, VA 20109

March 20 6–9 pm

Manassas Church of the Brethren

10047 Nokesville Rd,
Manassas, VA 20110



**March 21 / March 28
10 AM – 2 PM**

GIANT FOOD

10100 Dumfries Rd
Manassas, VA 20110

BRING 5 ITEMS OR MORE

- Maseca
- Rice
- Beans (Dried and Canned)
- Flour
- Sugar
- Vegetable Oil
- Tuna
- Lentils
- Cereal
- Mac & Cheese
- Pasta and Pasta Sauce
- Oatmeal
- Jell-o Mix
- Applesauce
- Crackers
- Cookies
- Kid's Snacks
- Ramen
- Coffee
- Bread

**Gifts Cards
WELCOME**

**TOGETHER
WE CAN
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

Many children rely on school meals, and during **SPRING Break**, that support disappears.

**Help us bridge the gap by
donating non-perishable food
items!**

Questions? 4HNColead@gmail.com



2026 PW 4-H FOOD CHALLENGE TEAMS

JUNIOR TEAMS

We're Cooked!

Sylvie (captain),
Rylie, Jason, Jair

Pink Fluffy Unicorns

Isabel, Hattie,
Leena, Ben

SENIOR TEAMS

The Snackrafice

Tim (captain), Eva,
Grace, Bailey

Holy Smoker

Simon (captain),
Gio, Stella

MIXED TEAM

The Goofy Goobers

Owen (captain),
Malcolm, Grayson,
Desmond, Watson



Prince William 4-H Food Challenge

FEBRUARY 28 | 8:30 AM
5 COUNTY COMPLEX, RM 107,
PRINCE WILLIAM

Get ready to bring the energy – because the PW 4-H Food Challenge is where teamwork, creativity, and serious kitchen skills collide! Teens from across the county have been training hard since October, learning from professional market Chef April Tanner of US Foods and sharpening their cooking, nutrition, and food safety know-how. Now they're fired up and ready to prove themselves in a fast-paced culinary showdown. Come cheer on your friends, soak up the excitement, and get inspired—because next year, you could be the one stepping up to the cutting board and representing Prince William on the district and state stage!



Virginia Cooperative Extension
Virginia Tech. • Virginia State University



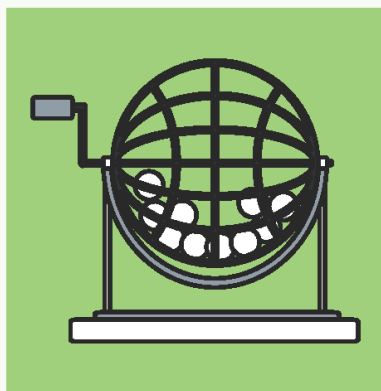
If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Prince William 4-H, Virginia Cooperative Extension at (703-792-6000/TDD*) during business hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. *TDD number is (800) 828-1120. Virginia Cooperative Extension is a partnership of Virginia Tech, Virginia State University, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and local governments, and is an equal opportunity employer. For the full non-discrimination statement, please visit ext.vt.edu/accessibility.

PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H ASSOCIATION

6 PM -
9:00 PM
\$20 CASH



4-H BINGO NIGHT



MARCH
20TH
2026

MANASSAS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

10047 Nokesville Rd, Manassas, VA
20110

[CLICK HERE TO
PURCHASE TICKETS.](#)

*Please note that
Please note, this link is
a two-step process,
reservation and then
pre-pay.*

\$20 WILL GET YOU 9 GAMES AND 5 EXPERIENCE TICKETS
KIDS UNDER 6 ARE FREE



Virginia Cooperative Extension
Virginia Tech. • Virginia State University



If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Prince William 4-H, Virginia Cooperative Extension at (703-792-6000/TDD*) during business hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. *TDD number is (800) 828-1120. Virginia Cooperative Extension is a partnership of Virginia Tech, Virginia State University, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and local governments, and is an equal opportunity employer. For the full non-discrimination statement, please visit ext.vt.edu/accessibility.

Get Ready for PW 4-H Association BINGO!

Calling All 4-H'ers, Volunteers, and Club Leaders - We Need YOU!

BINGO Night is one of our biggest and most exciting 4-H events of the year - and this spring, we're going BIG. Whether you love planning, promoting, competing for fun prizes, or helping your club earn money, there's a place for you in this year's BINGO crew! Here's everything you need to know (and why you'll definitely want to be involved):



TICKETS: YOUR CLUB'S SUPERPOWER

This year, clubs will keep 50% of all ticket profits, so selling tickets directly supports your club's projects, trips, and activities. Let's make this a win-win for everyone!

Why Pre-Selling Matters

We have 175 tickets total, and pre-selling is critical for success - especially because we'll have Domino's Pizza available at the event. The more tickets we sell ahead of time, the better we can plan for food, seating, and supplies.



How Ticket Sales Work

Buying tickets is a two-step system:

1. Reserve a ticket through Zeffy: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-spring-bingo>
2. Pay either through the PayPal link generated at reservation or bring cash to the door (Virginia Tech financial policy limits the electronic payment options we can accept)



Each \$20 ticket includes: ✓ 9 Bingo games ✓ 5 raffle tickets ✓ 1 reusable Bingo card
Additional Bingo cards will be available at the door (cash encouraged!).
Raffle tickets, concessions, and extra Bingo cards will all be available cash-only the night of the event.

DONATIONS: HELP US BUILD AMAZING PRIZES!

We're asking each club to gather 3-4 donations or themed baskets valued at \$50-\$75. These go directly toward our raffle and Bingo prizes - and the better the prizes, the more excited the crowd will be!



Need Inspiration?

[Click here for the SharePoint spreadsheet](#) with prize ideas, and it's super important to log your donations there so we don't duplicate business outreach. A donation letter is available on the SharePoint site to help you communicate with businesses. We could also use grocery store or Walmart gift cards to help us purchase concessions.

Donation deadline: March 6



RAFFLE: LOOK AT THESE AWESOME PRIZES!

We are officially ready to start advertising some of the standout prizes we already have lined up, including:
★ Two Washington Nationals ticket vouchers (worth up to \$150!) ★ Gift certificates to Seven Oaks Lavender Farm ★ Passes to Mount Vernon ★ Skate and Fun gift cards ★ Monticello passes ★ Dabble experience vouchers
...and more coming in every week! These are BIG attractions—and the more hype we build now, the more tickets we sell later!

WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH

This event isn't just about BINGO (though that part is pretty great). We're also aiming for:

- ♥ Fundraising for 4-H leadership programs, activities, and camps
- ♥ Ticket revenue helps keep our county 4-H strong - and your club benefits directly, too
- ♥ Community outreach

Invite friends, neighbors, teachers, coworkers, and family members. The more people know about 4-H, the more our impact grows!

MEETING THIS THURSDAY - HELP US KICK THINGS OFF!

We're holding a **BINGO Committee Meeting on Thursday at 7pm via Zoom**, and we need at least one representative from each club. We'll go over ticket sales, donation collection, and everything you need to help make this event a success. (If we don't have a rep from your club, expect a friendly follow-up!) [Click here to join the Zoom Meeting.](#)



LET'S MAKE 4-H BINGO 2026 THE BEST ONE YET!

Whether you're selling tickets, gathering donations, or spreading the word, YOU make this event unforgettable. 4-H'ers, volunteers, parents, leaders - everyone has a role, and together we can create an amazing night for our whole community. **Ready to get involved? Let's do this!**



**Beyond
Ready**

Save the Dates for PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H Summer Camps!

✓ Outdoor Exploration

✓ Creative Arts & Crafts

✓ Sports & Games

✓ Campfire Nights

4-H SUMMER CAMPS

JUNIOR CAMP: AGES 9-14

FAIR CAMP: AGES 5-12

Explore 4-H at summer camp!

PRINCE WILLIAM-STAFFORD 4-H JUNIOR CAMP

Ages 9-14 July 19 - 23

Camp Fee: \$395

Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center

Preference is given to residents of Prince William and Stafford Counties and the cities of Manassas, Manassas Park, and Fredericksburg, for Prince William-Stafford Junior Camp.

PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H FAIR CAMP

Ages 5-12 August 3-7, 9 AM-12:30 PM

Camp Fee: \$60

Prince William County Fairgrounds

All greater Prince William area youth are encouraged to attend an unforgettable week of summer camp. More details coming soon!

**Registration Opens
March 1st!**



Virginia Cooperative Extension
Virginia Tech. • Virginia State University



If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Prince William 4-H, Virginia Cooperative Extension at (703-792-6000/TDD*) during business hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. *TDD number is (800) 828-1120. Virginia Cooperative Extension is a partnership of Virginia Tech, Virginia State University, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and local governments, and is an equal opportunity employer. For the full non-discrimination statement, please visit ext.vt.edu/accessibility.

CALLING PRINCE WILLIAM
4-H TEENS!

TOUR THE RENWICK
MUSEUM AND THE
EXHIBITION

VISIT THE WHITE HOUSE
VISITOR CENTER

STATE FAIRS: GROWING AMERICAN CRAFT



4/6/2026

MEET AT THE 4-H OFFICE AT 8:30
RETURN TO THE OFFICE BY 4PM

[SIGN UP HERE](#)



Virginia Cooperative Extension

Virginia Tech • Virginia State University



If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Prince William 4-H, Virginia Cooperative Extension at (703-792-6000/TDD*) during business hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. *TDD number is (800) 828-1120. Virginia Cooperative Extension is a partnership of Virginia Tech, Virginia State University, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and local governments, and is an equal opportunity employer. For the full non-discrimination statement, please visit ext.vt.edu/accessibility.

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!

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

PW 4-H Embryology Program Important Dates



EGG PICKUP @ PW 4-H

Feb 16 4-6 PM

Feb 17 9 AM - 12 PM

HATCH DAYS: MARCH 9-13

CHICK DROP-OFF DATES

Mar 19 TBD

Mar 26 TBD

Please contact [DeeAnn Strand](#) for program support.



Preston R. Willson VA 4-H Summer Camp Scholarships

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

Ready for an Epic Summer? Nominate Someone for a 2026 4-H Camp Scholarship! If you - or someone you know - dream of spending a week making friends, trying new adventures, and exploring the outdoors, here's your chance to make it happen! The 5th annual Preston R. Willson Virginia Statewide 4-H Summer Camp Scholarships are now open for 2026, and 48 lucky campers will earn a full scholarship to one of Virginia's awesome 4-H summer camps.

Who Can Be Nominated? Youth ages 9-13 can be nominated to attend one of six Virginia 4-H Centers: Airfield, Holiday Lake, Jamestown, Northern Virginia, Southwest Virginia, and W.E. Skelton. Each center will host eight scholarship recipients - and you could be one of them!

The Cool Part? Anyone can nominate a camper. Yep - parents, friends, teachers, 4-H agents... even you can nominate someone who deserves an unforgettable week outdoors. All selections are random, but nominations connected to certain forestry organizations listed on the form get priority - so spread the word if you know folks in the forestry community!

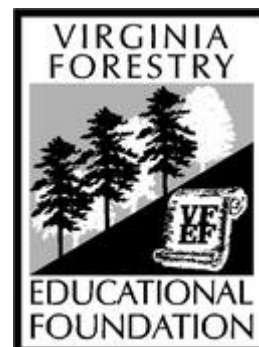
Important Dates

Applications open: February 13, 2026

Deadline to submit: April 1, 2026

Winners announced: Mid-April

4-H camps are all about learning by doing - ziplines, canoeing, arts, sports, nature adventures, leadership skills, and more. It's a place where you can explore new things, be yourself, and have a summer you'll never forget. **Apply today!**



Virginia 4-H Healthy Living Summit

Dates: March 6-8

Location: W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Center,

Who Should Attend: Virginia 4-H teens ages 14-19

Registration Fee: \$85 - includes lodging, meals, snacks, and supplies. [Click here to pay the fee.](#)

[Register through 4-H Online.](#) **Registration closes February 20th.**

The Virginia 4-H Healthy Living Summit will bring together teens who share an interest in learning more about topics related to nutrition education, physical fitness, wellness, and emotional well-being. The overall goal of the summit is to equip teens with the tools and resources to not only help improve their own personal health and wellness, but to help others as well.



Virginia 4-H Northeast District Contest Day

Date: April 18

Location: Bell Creek Middle School (Hanover County)

Time: 8:30 AM – 1 PM

Who Should Participate: All PW 4-H'ers that participated in PW 4-H Contest Day - *this is your opportunity to move on to States!*

[Click here to register.](#) **Register by April 3rd.**

[Click here for the VA 4-H Northeast District Contest Website.](#)

Level up your confidence, experience, and 4-H resume by participating in Districts! All PW 4-H'ers that participate in PW 4-H Contest Day on February 14th are invited to continue to improve their skills at Northeast District Contest Day. Top scores will have the opportunity to present at Virginia 4-H State competitions this spring!



VA 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) Contest



Date: Saturday, March 21st

Location: James Monroe's Highland, 2050 James Monroe Parkway, Charlottesville

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

[Click here for team registration.](#) [Click here for individual registration.](#)

Register by March 2nd.

[Click here for more information about WHEP and the WHEP Contest.](#)

The State contest region will be Virginia species in the Southeast Mixed and Outer Coastal Plain Forest, and the Urban and Wetlands regions.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

9 AM	Registration for Senior Teams competing for National Contest.
9:15 AM	Management plan for Senior Teams competing for National Contest.
10 AM	Registration for anyone not competing for National Contest
10:15 AM	Beginner/Junior Wildlife Challenge and Reasons for Senior Management Plan
11 AM	Guided plan/Senior Wildlife Challenge
Noon	Lunch (Pack your own)
12:30 PM	Training
2 PM	Awards

The Wildlife Challenge combines wildlife identification and general knowledge. Participants visit stations where they may be presented with a wildlife specimen and questions related to the species. Participants may be asked to identify an animal by specimen or portion of specimen, photo, animal sign, or sound. Questions for the Wildlife Challenge may be from information within Concepts and Terms, Ecoregions, Wildlife Species, Wildlife Management Practices, and the Glossary. Wildlife food items and questions pertaining to wildlife foods also may be included. Appendix B provides definitions of various wildlife foods. Refer to species descriptions to learn what various species eat.

SENIOR DIVISION: Full competition for youth ages 14-19 (must be 14 and not 19 as of January 1, 2026). Youth must have a team of 3 or 4 members to be eligible to compete in the full contest and qualify for the national competition. Individual seniors may compete; however, they will only be eligible for the individual awards. This division will include: Wildlife Challenge, Written Management Plan, and Oral Defense of Written Plan.



Save the Date! NOVA 4-H Teen Weekend

Dates: May 23-24

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

Who Should Attend: all PV 4-H teens

More information and registration coming soon!

The Northern Virginia 4-H Teen Leadership Council is hosting a Teen Weekend! The weekend is for teens interested in advancing their leadership skills, networking with 4-H'ers from across Northern Virginia, and having an exciting weekend of 4-H FUN.

Stay an extra night for the TLC Open House on Monday, May 25th, and learn what it takes to join the council! *More info coming soon!*



VA 4-H Shooting Education New Instructor Certification

Dates: April 11-12 (This is NOT the 7-year recertification on Feb 21.)

Location: Holiday Lake 4-H Center

See your club leader for more information and to register. **Register by March 16th.**

Volunteers registered in 4-H Online, with background checks, can register for the courses. This includes a provision for highly experienced teens 16 and older to become Apprentice Instructors.

First-time candidates will need to complete the online course by March 31st.

Current Classes: Archery, Coordinator, Muzzleloader, Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun.

Upcoming VA 4-H Youth Animal Science Events

STATE FAIR OF VIRGINIA APPLIED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

[Click here to apply.](#) **Applications due March 1st.**

Who Should Apply: 4-H/FFA youth who participated in the 2025 State Fair of Virginia & Youth Livestock Shows (Beef Cattle, Sheep, Swine, and Meat Goats).

The scholarship program is administered by the State Fair of Virginia. Direct questions to scholarship@statefairva.org.



VT BEEF LEADERSHIP COUNCIL BEEF BOOT CAMP

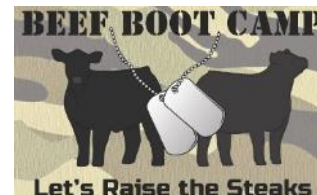
Friday, March 6 • 8 AM - 4 PM • Alphin-Stuart Arena, Virginia Tech

Cost: \$15/person

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

Please direct questions to Megan Mallory at mmegan22@vt.edu

“Let's 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 Virginia Tech's School of Animal Sciences award scholarships—totaling about \$10,000 last year—to current and incoming College of Agriculture and Life Sciences students who show an interest in poultry and related industries.



2026 VIRGINIA 4-H DAIRY QUIZ BOWL

Saturday, March 14 • 9 AM - 3 PM • Turner Ashby High School, Bridgewater

[Click here to enter.](#) **Enter by Friday, March 6th at 5 PM**

[Click here for contest rules.](#) [Click here for study materials.](#)

The Virginia 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl is open to all enrolled, eligible Virginia 4-H members with two divisions: Juniors (ages 9-13, as of 09/30/26) and Seniors (ages 14-19, as of 09/30/26). Teams should consist of four members.

Please direct questions to: carterke@vt.edu, huntl97@vt.edu, or lkopp@vt.edu



HOKIE DAIRY DAY - RESCHEDULED

Saturday, March 21 • Virginia Tech

Additional details and registration link coming soon!

Please direct questions to Kaydan Shomaker at kaydans24@vt.edu.

MC STOCKMAN LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Saturday, March 21 • Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg, VA

Additional details and registration link coming soon!

Please direct questions to Tom or Sarah McCall at mclivestock@gmail.com.



STATE 4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON

Wednesday, March 25 • Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg, VA

Additional details and registration link coming soon!

Please direct questions to: carterke@vt.edu, huntl97@vt.edu, or lkopp@vt.edu



VA 4-H Horse Program



2026 EDUCATION EVENTS

Feb 21 Communications Event - Gloucester County
 Feb 21 Horse Bowl Scrimmage Event - Gloucester County
 TBD Horse Bowl - Prince William
 Mar 14 District Hippology - Colonial Heights
 TBD Horsemanship Skills Evaluator/Measurement Certification

2026 SHOW SEASON

Mar 14 MHPC (Skills 1/2)
 Apr 11 VRS (skills 2)
 May 16 VRS (skills 1/2) May 23 TEC (Skills 2) May 30 - NNPC
 Jun 13-14 Region I Junior Teams Dressage Show (skills)
 Jun 13-14 Silver Star Farm
 Jun 13 - VRS (skills 2)
 Jul 11 VRS (Skills 2) Jul 17-19 SSF (Skills) Jul 26 Northumberland (Skills)

VIRGINIA 4-H STATE HORSE SHOW

Dates: September 4th - 6th

Location: Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA

[Click here for show details](#) including important dates, rulebook, qualifying requirements, events and more. 2026 info will be added as updated.



4-H Citizenship: States 4-H Inbound Exchange

INBOUND EXCHANGE DATES: July 22 - August 15

[Click here for the 2026 Hosting Application.](#)

Virginia 4-H partners with States' 4-H to offer an inbound exchange experience. This summer our goal is to host 20 young people and 2 adult chaperones from Japan.

- * To host youth, you must have a child within 4 years of age of the Japanese delegate.
- * To host an adult chaperone, you do not need to have children in your home.

PROGRAM NOTES

- No previous 4-H experience is required. Host Families will receive support from the state coordinator before, during, and after the exchange. There is no financial stipend.
- Host family must be available to pick up and drop off delegate in Richmond.
- Delegate Host Families must have youth host sibling to match to a same gender Japanese delegate. Host siblings should be 10+ years old. Japanese delegates are ages ~13-16
- Chaperone Host Families do not have to have a youth in the family
- All applying Host Families will be screened and interviewed as part of our risk management protocol. Agents will conduct the home visits that are part of the screening with guidance from Inbound Coordinator (Wendy). Only after passing all screenings, do families enroll in 4-H Online.
- Families hosting youth delegates must provide adult supervision during the time of the exchange/homestay. Adults cannot both work outside the home all day without another adult present.
- Japanese delegates have a range of English language abilities.
- Delegates are here to experience every day American life. No special activities need to be planned.

National 4-H: Youth in Action Application



[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.

PWC Parks & Rec Camp Scholarships

[Click here to apply.](#) **Applications due February 20th.**

The Count Me In Scholarship Program, provided by the Prince William County Parks Foundation and Prince William County Parks & Recreation, helps eligible Prince William County families access recreation opportunities. Families whose income meets the Federal Poverty Guidelines (at or below 130% of the poverty level) may qualify. If approved, a scholarship of \$200 will be allocated for each age-appropriate child in the household. Scholarships will be limited to one per dependent in the household.



A limited number of Count Me In Scholarships are available for:

- **Leisure** - Please note that Preschool, B/A school, Year- Round Intermediate Dance and Dance Academy are excluded from scholarship use.
- **2026 Summer Camps** - Registration opens on March 3. The Summer Camp Guide online preview will be available February 24.

Scholarships will be awarded no later than February 27, 2026.

Questions? E-mail us or call (703) 792-4285 (8am - 5pm, M-F except holidays)

PW 4-H Alumni: PWC Government Internship Opportunity



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

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.

APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be actively enrolled in an accredited two - or four-year college, university, community/junior college, professional/technical school, vocational/trade school or other qualifying institution throughout the program.
- Be at least 18 years old during the program dates.
- Have a legal right to work in the United States.
- Provide their own transportation.
- Submit one letter of reference.
- Be able to commit to all program dates.

Interns will work up to 37.5 hours per week at \$18 an hour in a department aligned with their field of study or interests.


CENTER FOR RURAL EDUCATION
 VIRGINIA TECH

Summer ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCE *at Virginia Tech*

Residential camp for rising
7th and 8th grade gifted
students from rural
communities




-  June 14 - 19, 2026
-  Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
-  Place-based academic enrichment
-  STEM & arts-based humanities courses
-  Campus life, social activities, field trips, & more!
-  FREE for accepted students

If you can see it, you can be it!

 seevt@vt.edu
 www.rural.edu/see-vt/



Apply by March 18th





PRINCIPAL MANAGEMENT
COLLEGE ACCESS COLLABORATIVE
VIRGINIA TECH



PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

8033 Ashton Ave, #105,
Manassas, VA 20109

Click to Visit Online:

[Prince William 4-H](#)
[Virginia State 4-H](#)
[National 4-H](#)

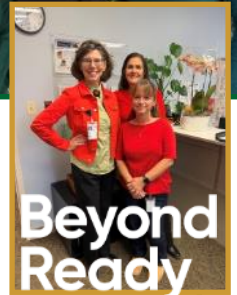


Your Dedicated PWC 4-H Staff

MaryBeth Lerch
Extension Agent, 4-H
mblerch@vt.edu
703-792-4536



Pam Hardin
4-H Youth Educator
phardin@pwcva.gov
DeeAnn Strand
4-H Youth Educator
dstrand@pwcva.gov
Candi Helmlinger
4-H Program Specialist,
Newsletter
chelmlinger@pwcva.gov



**Beyond
Ready**

PWC 4-H Resources

National 4-H

[National 4-H Homepage](#)

Virginia 4-H

[VCE 4-H](#)
[4-H Online Information](#)
[The 4-H Foundation](#)
[4-H All Stars](#)
[STEM in Virginia 4-H](#)

Prince William 4-H

[PW 4-H Homepage](#)
[PW 4-H Programs](#)
[PW 4-H Camps](#)
[PW 4-H Events & Calendar](#)
[PW 4-H Document Center](#)

Portfolio Records

[Member Record](#)
[Cloverbud Sheet](#)
[Project Record Ages 9-10](#)
[Project Record Ages 11-12](#)
[Project Record Ages 13-18](#)

[Prince William 4-H Member Record - President](#)
[Prince William 4-H Member Record - Vice President](#)
[Prince William 4-H Member Record - Officer](#)

[Prince William 4-H Documents & Resources](#)



2025-2026 PWC 4-H Association Officers

Youth Officers

Lexi Strand, President
Tim Hirshey, Vice President
Sarah Fox, Secretary
Samantha Holmes, Treasurer
Ayden Strand, Jr Fundraising Committee Chair

Adult Officers

Susan Wolf, President
Alan Lerch, Vice President
Shelby Kohn, Secretary
Sydney Nguyen, Treasurer

Committee Chairs

Fundraising Committee - Shawn Clinger & Sarah Fox
Recognition Committee - Alan Lerch
Membership Committee - 4-H Staff



**Beyond
Ready**



Virginia Cooperative Extension
Virginia Tech. • Virginia State University



If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Prince William 4-H, Virginia Cooperative Extension at (703-792-6000/TDD*) during business hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. *TDD number is (800) 828-1120. Virginia Cooperative Extension is a partnership of Virginia Tech, Virginia State University, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and local governments, and is an equal opportunity employer. For the full non-discrimination statement, please visit ext.vt.edu/accessibility.