



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



March 18, 2026

Upcoming Events

- Mar 18** - PW 4-H Fair
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- Mar 21** - VA 4-H WHEP
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Day
- Mar 25** - VA 4-H
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- Mar 28** - PW 4-H
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- Apr 5** - VA 4-H Lumber
Cup
- Apr 6** - PW 4-H Tour of
Renwick Museum
- Apr 10-11** - VA 4-H
Equismartz
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Conference
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Get Ready to Win BIG at 4-H BINGO!



PW 4-H Association BINGO is the annual event you don't want to miss. Doors open at **6 PM on Friday, March 20**, and we're kicking off nine high-energy rounds of number-blotting, prize-snagging excitement. Grab your tickets now and get ready for classic 4-H fun - pizza, prizes, friends, and plenty of BINGO bragging rights. Want a sneak peek at what you could win? Check out this year's prize showcase on [Page 3](#) and start plotting your strategy to take home something awesome.

Best part? Every dollar raised helps Prince William 4-H youth attend leadership events and activities. When you play, you're supporting the **Beyond Ready** generation.

IMPORTANT LINKS:

- Fill the BINGO Volunteer signup! [Click here to sign up.](#)
- Reserve your tickets: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-spring-bingo>

PW 4-H Cloverbuds Explore Small Animals at March Meeting

Prince William 4-H Cloverbuds had an exciting, hands-on learning day at Saturday's club meeting, thanks to the leadership of our amazing teen counselors, Bella and Samantha. A special 4-H thank you also goes to member Lilia Hashem-Kepple, who introduced everyone to her hamster Maple and shared fun facts about caring for a Syrian hamster.

The room got even livelier when 19 fluffy baby chicks joined the meeting. Cloverbuds used their senses to observe how soft, curious, and active young chicks can be while learning about proper care, health, and nutrition for small animals like rabbits, hamsters, and poultry. Through hands-on exploration and animal-themed crafts, members practiced early skills in responsibility, decision-making, and communication - key goals of the 4-H Small Animals Project. Cloverbuds are encouraged to complete their project record and add it to their 2025-2026 4-H Portfolio.

Next up: PW 4-H Tree Planting on April 18! See [Page 6](#) for more information and to register.

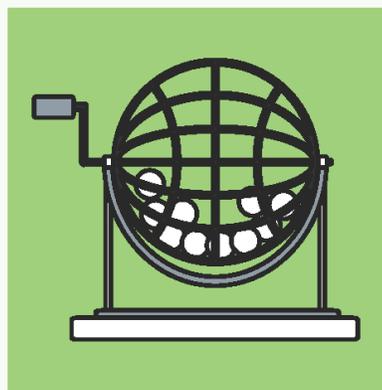


PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H ASSOCIATION

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.*

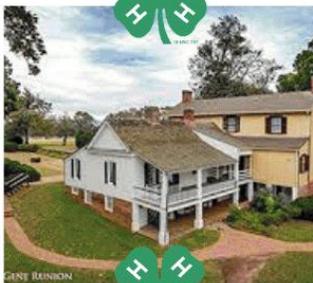
\$20 WILL GET YOU 9 GAMES AND 5 EXPERIENCE TICKETS
KIDS UNDER 6 ARE FREE



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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 (703-792-8000/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.



BINGO GAME PRIZES

- Game 1 - Nokesville Equestrian Basket
Sweet Dreams
- Game 2 - Trigger Time Club Basket
Movie Night
- Game 3 - Trigger Time Club Basket
Chocolate, Coffee & Cozy
- Game 4 - Kettle Run Club Basket
\$50 Nokesville Meats
- Game 5 - Nokesville Equestrian Basket
Pets
- Game 6 - Nokesville Club Basket
Outdoor Fun
- Game 7 - Patriot High School Club Basket
Gardening
- Game 8 - Kettle Run Club Basket
Book Lover
- Game 9- Trigger Time Club Basket
Dinner Date

\$10 RAFFLE

- Signed Philadelphia Eagles Football
- Signed Philadelphia Eagles Jersey
- 2 Washington Nationals Tickets (\$150 voucher)
- 4 Tickets to Monticello (\$168 value)
- 4 Mount Vernon Tickets (\$120 value)
- Nokesville Club "Self Care" Basket
- Nokesville Club Basket - Garden Consultation

\$5 Raffle

- 4 Jefferson's Poplar Forest Tickets (\$104 value)
- 4 James Monroe's Highland Tickets (\$80 value)
- Merrifield Garden Center Gift Card (\$50)
- Best Lawn Care Package from VCE (\$40 value)
- Admission for 6 to Seven Oaks Lavender Farm (plus lavender) (\$36 value)
- Nando's Gift Card
- Popcorn Monkey Gift Set
- Erin's Elderberries Basket
- Texas Roadhouse Basket
- Kettle Run Club "Summer Fun" Basket

\$1 Raffle

- Skate and Fun Zone Gift Cards (\$10 value each)
- Family Night Games
- Dabble Gift Card for "Fill the Bag"

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**BINGO
Prize!**

Open to all
residents of
Prince William
County, City of
Manassas, and
Manassas Park

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Building Environmentally Sustainable Turf Lawns and Landscapes

Together, we can protect water quality, be environmentally responsible, and maintain a healthy landscape



OUR PROGRAM

Enrollment in BEST Lawns and Landscapes (\$40 fee) includes a site evaluation from a Virginia Master Gardener, one soil analysis, and a customized nutrient management plan that includes fertilizer/lime recommendations for your landscape. Additional soil samples can be requested for \$15 each.



Questions?
Email us: BestLawns
@pwcgov.org
Call us: 703-792-4037
Visit: pwcva.gov/bestlawns



Join Prince William 4-H

**CELEBRATE
ARBOR DAY
AND PLANT TREES
WITH 4-H**

**FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEIGHBORS
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Saturday, April 18 at 9am

7074 CURRIE FARM DR

HAYMARKET, VA 20169

[Sign up here](#)

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TONIGHT! PW 4-H Fair Camp Counselor Planning & Pizza Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 18th

Time: 6 PM

Location: PW 4-H Headquarters

Who Should Attend: All PW 4-H 2026 Fair Camp Counselors

[Click here to RSVP.](#)

Calling all Prince William 4-H Fair Camp Teen Counselors! It's time to kick off our planning for an unforgettable 2026 4-H Fair Camp, and we want your creativity at the center of it. Join the 4-H staff for a pizza-powered brainstorming session as we dream up this year's camp theme and map out exciting outdoor activities for our campers ages 5-12.



Your leadership, ideas, and enthusiasm help make Fair Camp the highlight of every summer. Bring your best ideas, your love for camp, and your appetite - we can't wait to build another amazing season of 4-H memories together!

PW 4-H 2026 Tree Planting Day - REGISTER TODAY!



Date: Saturday, April 18

Time: 9 AM – Noon

Location: Woodlawn, 7074 Currie Farm Dr., Haymarket, VA

[Click here to register.](#)

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 indigo bush, 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 Chick Drop-Off Dates

Dates: March 19th, 2 - 6 PM

March 25th, 11 AM - 3 PM

Location: PWC Fairgrounds – Red Children's Barn, 10624 Dumfries Rd, Manassas

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



PW 4-H Clubs - Claim Your Spot for TSC Paper Clover!

TSC Paper Clover Shopping Dates: April 17-May 3

[Click here for Club Signup for Table Space.](#)

Prince William 4-H clubs are invited to sign up for a day to host a table at TSC. It's a great chance to share what your club does, meet new people, and show off what 4-H is all about. Clubs can also run bake sales or similar activities to raise extra money directly for their group.

Point of Woods Stream Project **CLEAN UP DAY**

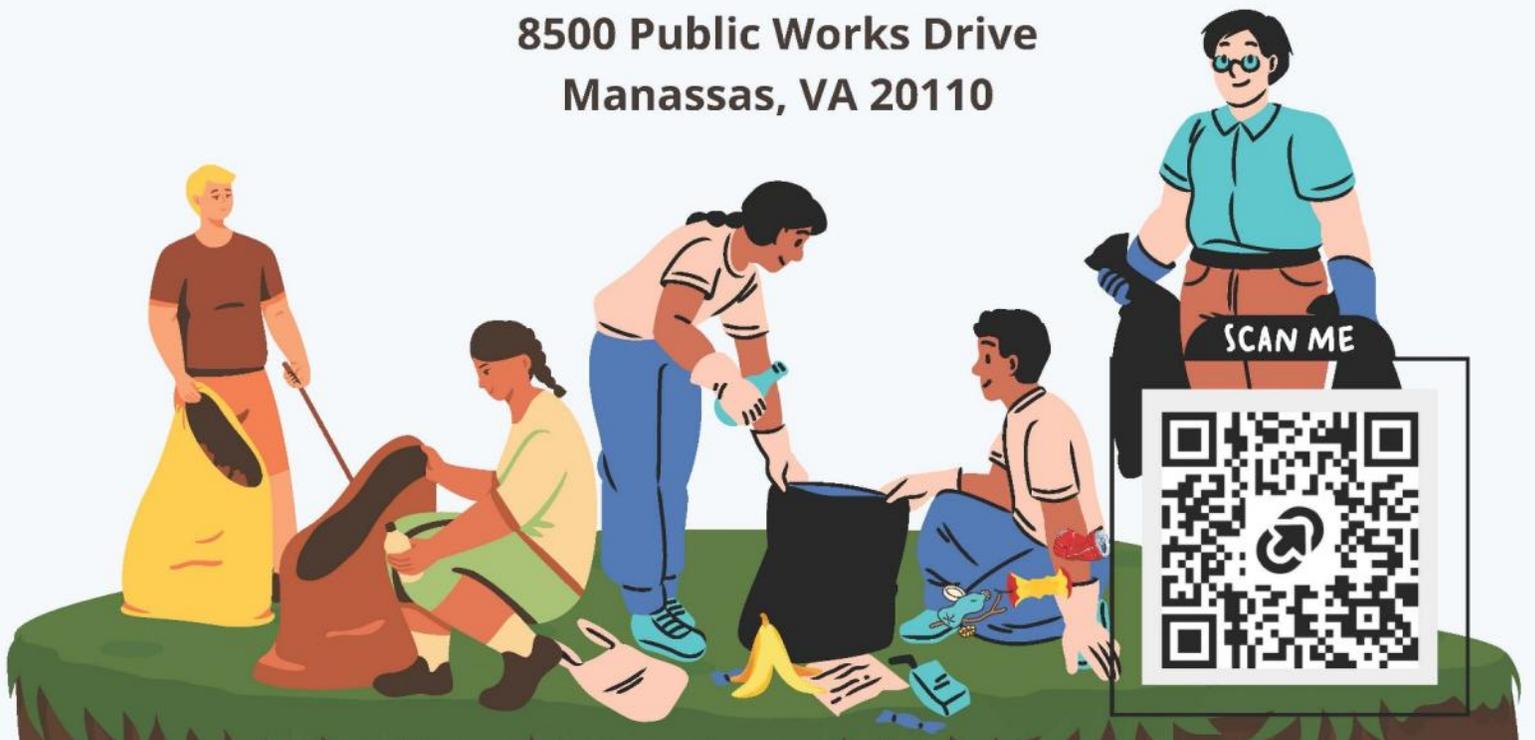
One morning. One stream. Real impact.

Join a group of volunteers to pick up plastic, bottles, tires and other litter that can leach dangerous chemicals, harm wildlife and contaminate water. Small actions in local streams help the whole watershed, all the way to the Potomac and Chesapeake Bay.
Sign up to volunteer: <https://tinyurl.com/PointOfWoods>

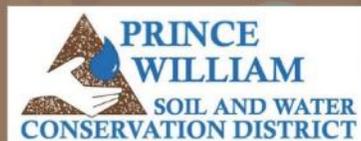
**SATURDAY,
MARCH 28, 2026
9 - 11 AM**

**MONDAY,
APRIL 20, 2026
9 - 11 AM**

8500 Public Works Drive
Manassas, VA 20110



This youth-led event is organized by SAVE Ambassador Michael DeRoche as part of the Youth Conservation Leadership Institute, with support from:





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!**



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Prince William 4-H Camp Registrations are OPEN

PRINCE WILLIAM-STAFFORD 4-H JUNIOR CAMP

Dates: July 19 - 23

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

Who Should Attend: Youth ages 9-14 with preference given to residents of Prince William and Stafford Counties and the cities of Manassas, Manassas Park, and Fredericksburg.

Camp Fee: \$395

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

4-H Junior Camp is a five-day, four-night camp for youth ages 9-14 held at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center in Front Royal, Virginia. Youth explore new interests, enjoy swimming and recreation and participate in evening activities and campfires.

Save the Date: First Time Camper & Parent Orientation Meeting: July 6th, 7:00 pm, via Zoom. Returning counselors are invited/encouraged to join in to share insights with new camper families.



PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H FAIR CAMP

Dates: August 3-7th - *Please note this is one week earlier than previous years!*

Time: 9 AM - 12:30 PM, Monday - Friday

Location: Prince William County Fairgrounds

Who Should Attend: greater Prince William area youth ages 5-12

Camp Fee: \$60 (includes activities, snack, and t-shirt)

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

4-H Fair Camp is a day camp for youth ages 5-12 held during the week of the annual County Fair at the Prince William County Fairground. Youth learn and grow in a safe and exciting environment through creating arts projects, exploring fair exhibits, and enjoying team games and activities.



PW 4-H Succulent Project with Master Gardner

Date: Saturday, March 28th

Time: 10 - 11:30 AM

Location: PW 4-H Headquarters, 8033 Ashton Ave., #105, Manassas

Who Should Participate: All PW 4-H'ers!

[Click here to register.](#) *Project is limited to 12 youth.*

Prince William Master Gardener and succulent expert, Linda Bresler, will lead a ninety-minute hands-on workshop on Saturday, March 28 at 10am in the 4-H office. 4-H participants will learn how to care for succulents and how to design a small, indoor succulent garden. Come get your hands dirty and be inspired by these amazing plants. Space is limited to 12 youth. **Check out the beautiful succulents that Ms. Bresler has started for our project!**



Healthy Living-Food Challenge Opportunity for PW 4-H'ers

VIRGINIA 4-H AND FFA BEEF CHALLENGE

Date: Wednesday, April 16th

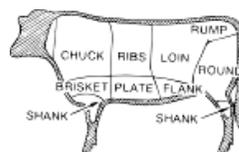
Time: 4:15 PM Check-in (school early dismissal letter available)

Location: Virginia Beef Expo, Rockingham

[Click here to register your team.](#) **Entries due April 9th.**

[Click here for contest information.](#)

We are pleased to once again offer the Virginia Beef Challenge for 4-H and FFA youth! Similar to the 4-H Food Challenge, Beef Challenge allows youth to showcase beef as part of a healthy diet. This combination cooking and communications contest is sponsored by the Virginia Beef Council and, therefore, is no cost to teams.



Keep the 4-H Club Reports Coming In!

Don't let spring fever keep you from documenting your club's 4-H Story! We're so impressed by all you do and want to support your club and promote your efforts to the community. Help your club shine by keeping up with your monthly club report to PW 4-H. by submitting reports and photos to chelmlinger@pwcva.gov and CC your adult club leader.

Prince William 4-H CLUB REPORT DUE DATES

1st Monday (Apr 6)
Nokesville Equest. 4-H Club
Patriot High School 4-H Club

2nd Monday (Apr 13)
Kettle Run 4-H Club
Benton Middle School Club

3rd Monday (Apr 20)
Trigger Time 4-H Club

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

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](#)



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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!



Prince William-Fairfax Farm Bureau Scholarship

[Click here for application.](#) **Applications due by 4 PM on May 1.**

The Prince William-Fairfax Farm Bureau is offering two \$1500 scholarships! The scholarship supports high school seniors or enrolled college students pursuing studies in agriculture, forestry, or natural resources, with selection based on academic performance, involvement in outside activities, and work experience—especially agriculturally related jobs. Applicants must submit a completed application, transcript, recommendation letter, and a statement explaining financial need, along with details about the school they plan to attend, their chosen field of study, and their long-term career goals such as becoming an agriculture teacher, researcher, veterinarian, or other agricultural professional.

The Prince William-Fairfax County Farm Bureau, established in 1966 is a free, independent, non-governmental voluntary organization of persons, firms and corporations interested in agriculture united for the purpose of analyzing their problems and formulating actions to achieve educational improvements, economic opportunity, and social advancement. It is one of 88 county Farm Bureaus in Virginia. It has a central governing body, located in Richmond, Virginia and is member of the American Farm Bureau.



Citizenship Opportunity for PW 4-H'ers

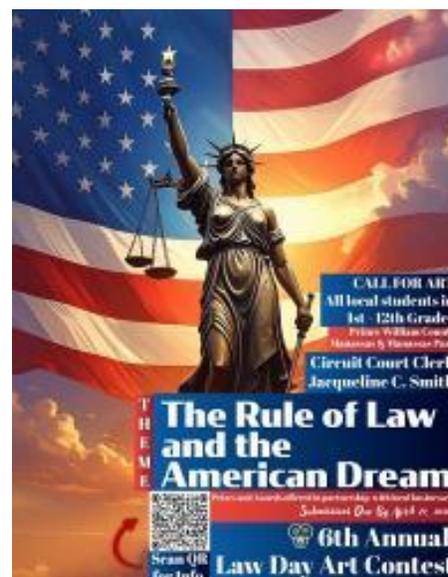
PWC CIRCUIT COURT 6TH ANNUAL LAW DAY ART CONTEST

[Click here for contest details and to enter.](#) **Entries due April 24th.**

Who Should Participate: all PW 4-H'ers grades 1–12 enrolled in private, home, or public schools in Prince William County, and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park.

Prince William 4-H'ers have a personal invitation to be a part of this community-wide event! The contest offers an exciting and educational opportunity for students to celebrate Law Day (May 1) and expand their understanding of justice within the framework of the Constitution. It also encourages civil discourse about the common good and the foundation of our democracy. With a focus on the theme **“The Rule of Law and the American Dream,”** students are invited to express their interpretations illustrated through art.

Prizes include gift cards and more! For updates, please follow us on social media @PWCCircuitCourt on Facebook, Instagram, X (Twitter), and YouTube.



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!**

2026 Virginia 4-H State Congress

Dates: June 16-19

Location: Virginia Tech, Blacksburg VA

Who Should Attend: PW 4-H'ers ages 14-18

Cost: \$310/person

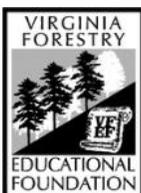
[Click here for registration information.](#) **Register by May 15.**

[Click here for information packet.](#)

Virginia 4-H State Congress is the ultimate teen leadership experience - four unforgettable days packed with hands-on workshops, statewide competitions, campus adventures, dances, games, and opportunities to meet 4-H'ers from every corner of Virginia. Delegates ages 14-18 get to build real-world skills, explore careers, celebrate diversity, and grow as leaders while enjoying activities they can't find at the local level, from the high-energy Welcome Mixer and Color Run to the inspiring All-Star tapping ceremony and closing awards celebration. Whether you're competing, learning, making new friends, or discovering your next big opportunity, Congress empowers you to step up, stand out, and shape your future - don't miss your chance to be part of it in 2026!



Preston R. Willson VA 4-H Summer Camp Scholarships



[Click here for more info and to apply.](#) **Apply by April 1st.** Scholarships announced mid-April.

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!

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!**

2026 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest

Submit entries to Sam Fisher at safishe3@vt.edu with subject line "VA 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest." **Entries due April 18th.** State winners announced May 1st.

Virginia 4-H members are invited to participate in the **2026 Honey Bee Essay Contest**, sponsored by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. This year's theme is "**The Power of Pollen.**" Students will explore questions about pollen's role in honey bee health, how changing landscapes may be affecting pollen sources, and how pollen availability influences colony behavior and productivity.

Who Can Enter: Active 4-H members (previous national 1st-3rd place winners are not eligible).

Essay Requirements:

- 750-1,000 words, double-spaced, 12-pt font
- Microsoft Word-compatible file
- Endnotes for all factual statements
- A separate biographical sketch
- Must include the statement: "I verify that AI was not used to create this essay."

Awards:

State prizes: \$100 (1st), \$50 (2nd), \$25 (3rd)

National prizes: \$750 (1st), \$500 (2nd), \$250 (3rd)



**FOUNDATION FOR
THE PRESERVATION
OF HONEY BEES, INC.**

Virginia 4-H Horse Program



2026 EDUCATION EVENTS

[Click here for additional local competitive opportunities.](#)

March 28th [Blue Ridge Classic Horse Judging Contest](#) - Waynesboro, VA

2026 VIRGINIA 4-H NORTHEAST DISTRICT HORSE BOWL

Date: Saturday, March 21st

Time: 9:30 AM - 2 PM

Location: Meridian High School, 121 Mustang Alley Room 205, Falls Church

Who Should Attend: 4-H'ers from Cloverbuds to Seniors are welcome.

Juniors & Seniors can qualify for Equismartz.

[Click here to register.](#)

Join us for an educational clinic offering opportunities for teams and individuals to participate and qualify for Equismartz. The event will follow all 4H Horse Bowl Rules

2026 VIRGINIA EQUISMARTZ 4-H/FFA HIPPOLOGY & HORSE JUDGING CONTESTS

Dates: April 10th - 11th

Location: Meadow Event Park, Doswell, VA

Entry Fee: \$15/contestant entered in Horse Judging; \$12/contestant entered in Hippology

[Click here to enter.](#) **Enter by 5 PM on Friday, March 27th.**

[Click here for contest schedule and contest information..](#)

This contest will serve as the State 4-H Hippology Contest - where the high senior team will be eligible to represent Virginia at the National 4-H Hippology Contest in Louisville.

This contest will also serve as the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest - where the high senior individuals will be invited to travel with the State 4-H All-Star Horse Judging Team in the upcoming year.

Additionally, this event serves as Day 1 for the State FFA Equine Evaluation CDE for Junior and Senior FFA Teams - the top 5 FFA Senior Teams will be invited to compete at Day 2 during the State FFA Convention in June.

2026 VIRGINIA 4-H STATE HORSE BOWL & COMMUNICATIONS CONTESTS

Date: April 25th

Location: Blue Ridge Community College, Weyers Cave, VA

Entry Fee: \$15/contestant entered

Entry Link Communications: <https://tinyurl.com/26Communications>

Entry Link Horse Bowl: <https://tinyurl.com/26HorseBowl>

Enter by 5 PM on Monday, April 13th.

[Click here for local competitive opportunities to prepare,](#) including:

March 7th - Northwest District 4-H Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest - Rapidan

March 14th - Northeast District 4-H/FFA Hippology Contest - Colonial Heights

March 28th - Blue Ridge Classic Horse Judging Contest - Waynesboro

The 2026 VA 4-H State Horse Bowl and Communications Contests serve as the State events - the Champion Senior Horse Bowl Team and Champion Seniors in the Communications contests will be eligible to represent Virginia at the Eastern National 4-H Round Up in Louisville, KY in the fall.

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.

Upcoming VA 4-H Youth Animal Science Events

THE VIRGINIA JUNIOR BEEF ROUNDUP CATTLE SHOWS

April 17th - 18th • Virginia Beef Expo

[Click here to enter cattle.](#) **Enter by 5 PM on April 9th.**

Entry Fee: \$35/head

[Click here for event details,](#) including schedules and contests rules. [Click here for Expo info.](#)

Everyone is automatically entered in Showmanship – Showmanship is an “opt out” and you must do so prior to Friday, April 17th at 10 AM.

- **Youth Beef Challenge**
Thursday, April 16th. [Click here to register.](#) **Register by April 9th.**
- **VA State Tractor Driving Contest**
Thursday, April 16th
- **Youth Cattle Fitting Contest**
Friday, April 17th at 11 AM. [Click here to register.](#) **Register by 9AM on April 17th.**
- **VA State Cattle Working Contest**
Wednesday, April 15th



JUDGE LIKE A CHAMPION LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP

Friday, May 29 • Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg, VA

Cost: \$175 - does not include lodging

[Click here to register.](#) **Register by May 15th.** Camp limited to 75 participants.

2026 Lead Coach: Jacob Klautt, North Dakota State University

For questions, contact Shirley at sjkaufman@augusta.k12.va.us.

Don't miss this opportunity to work with outstanding coaches from across the country as you learn evaluation skills, develop efficient note-taking abilities, obtain new terminology, and become proficient and accurate in your reasons delivery.



JUDGE LIKE A CHAMPION COACHES CLINIC

Saturday, May 30 • Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg, VA

Cost: \$75 - includes lunch, dinner, and manual

[Click here to register.](#) **Register by May 15th.** Clinic is limited to 50 participants.

For questions, contact Shirley at sjkaufman@augusta.k12.va.us.

Led by: Matt Claeys, Indiana – Judging Coach and Cattle Breeder

Providing the opportunity to work with successful coaches and further develop evaluation skills, tips and techniques for coaching youth of all ages and experience levels, update your knowledge of current selection preferences and reasons terminology.



PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITES TO VIEW ALL CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES!

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<https://www.youth.dasc.vt.edu/>

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 PW 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!*



Project Learning Tree & Project WILD Joint Early Childhood Education Workshop



ADULT CLUB LEADER & EDUCATOR TRAINING

Date: Friday, April 3rd

Time: 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

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

Cost: \$11

[Click here to register.](#) Limited to 30 participants.

Join us for a hands-on professional development event designed for both 4-H Club Leaders and educators! Participants will become certified early childhood educators for both [Project Learning Tree \(PLT\)](#) and [Project WILD](#), exploring environmental topics through interactive indoor and outdoor activities. Attendees will receive the PLT Trees & Me guide - featuring 12 activities and 250+ learning experiences for ages 1-6 - and the Growing Up WILD guide, a nationally recognized curriculum with 27 thematic units and 400+ activities that build children's sense of wonder while supporting academic, social, and developmental growth.

This workshop equips educators, childcare providers, and caregivers with rich, ready-to-use, standards-aligned resources that help young learners connect with nature, explore wildlife, and build lifelong learning skills. It's an excellent opportunity to expand your toolbox, enhance your teaching practice, and bring high-quality environmental education to the children you serve.

PW 4-H Alumni - Apply NOW for Internships



PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIP

[Click here to learn more and apply.](#) **Apply by March 29th.**

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.

National 4-H Youth in Action Application



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

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.

National 4-H Congress - Applications are OPEN

[Click here to submit application and resume.](#) **Applications are due by May 10th.**

For more than 100 years, National 4-H Congress has served as the premiere educational and recognition event for senior 4-H members. National 4-H Congress is held in Atlanta, Georgia, November 27 – December 1, 2026. National Congress provides participants an exciting opportunity to explore careers, engage in a variety of quality learning experiences, and have great fun by getting to know other 4-H members from across the country. Outstanding 4-H members will be selected to represent Virginia at National 4-H Congress. Candidates for selection must be senior 4-H members in the current 4-H year who are able to demonstrate outstanding achievement as a 4-H member in the areas of leadership, citizenship, and personal development.

During this submission process, applicants will be asked to submit their cover letter, resume, three letters of recommendation, and a photo.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Virginia 4-H values the life skills that members develop through personal record keeping. An electronic 4-H portfolio, which replaced the 4-H Achievement Record, will serve as the foundation for a 4-H member's application to participate in National 4-H Congress, if selected for an interview. The formal process includes two steps, which are intended to provide the 4-H member learning exercises that reflect an employment application and interview procedure:

1. The submission of a written personal resume; and
2. For those selected to interview, a presentation of an electronic personal portfolio (detailed information on the electronic portfolio will be provided to all youth selected to be interviewed)

Applications are due by May 10, 2026. Applicants should not send their application or portfolio to the State 4-H Office. A flyer describing the National 4-H Congress application process was distributed to senior 4-H members through 4-H Online.



National 4-H Congress

For over 100 years, National 4-H Congress has served as the premiere educational and recognition event for senior 4-H members. It is held each year in Atlanta, Georgia, in late November or early December. National 4-H Congress offers participants an exciting opportunity to explore careers, engage in a variety of quality learning experiences, and have great fun by getting to know other 4-H members from across the country.

Outstanding 4-H members will be selected to represent Virginia at National 4-H Congress. Candidates for selection must be current-year senior 4-H members who are able to demonstrate outstanding achievement as a 4-H member in the areas of leadership, citizenship, and personal development.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Virginia 4-H values the life skills that members develop through personal record keeping. The 4-H electronic portfolio, which replaced the 4-H Achievement Record, will serve as the foundation for a 4-H member's interview to participate in National 4-H Congress, if selected to move past the application stage.

The formal process includes two steps, which are intended to provide the 4-H member learning exercises that reflect an employment application and interview procedure:

- 1) The submission of a written personal resume and
- 2) Those selected for an interview will conduct a presentation of an electronic personal portfolio.

Personal Resume:

The personal resume is intended to give the 4-H member the opportunity to succinctly communicate his or her participation in the 4-H program, as well as to demonstrate service and involvement outside of 4-H. The 4-H member should utilize the portfolio as the source of the information for the resume and should creatively organize the resume to demonstrate outstanding achievement.

The resume, which should be accompanied by a candidate's letter stating why he or she wishes to represent Virginia at National 4-H Congress, must include (but need not be limited to) the following information:

- I. **Personal:** Name, address, telephone number, and birthdate.
- II. **Education:** Chronological list of the schools attended and diplomas and honors/recognition received.
- III. **4-H Participation:** List of club membership(s), projects, conferences, camps, and special activities (demonstrations, talks, judging events in which the member participated). Include dates of each project/activity and, when appropriate, what was gained from participation.
- IV. **4-H Citizenship/Leadership:** List significant leadership and citizenship/community service experiences carried out as a 4-H member. Activities that should be included are: offices held at the club, county, district, or state level; activities or events for which the member provided leadership; and any 4-H community service projects. Be sure to include dates, the role played, and what was accomplished.

- V. **Leadership, Citizenship, Scholarship Outside 4-H:** List, in chronological order, other significant citizenship or leadership experiences had outside of 4-H such as school, church, or other organization. Again, include date, the role played, and what was accomplished.
- VI. **Letters of Reference:** Attach three letters of reference from individuals who can attest to the member's personal attributes. One must be from your local 4-H Agent.

Resumes must be submitted in Google Forms by May 10, 2026.
<https://forms.gle/FaiEckx6SBrJrxH7>

Application Review:

The State 4-H Program Leader will appoint an application review committee, which will evaluate personal resumes on the following weighted criteria:

Growth through 4-H participation:	25 percent
Growth through 4-H leadership/citizenship:	50 percent
Growth through leadership, citizenship, and scholarship outside 4-H:	10 percent
Letters of Reference:	5 percent
Organization and presentation:	10 percent

Interview Selection:

Finalists will be interviewed during the week of State 4-H Congress. The interview process will afford the candidates the opportunity to gain additional presentation skills and orally communicate their 4-H experiences. Candidates will be encouraged to creatively utilize the resources they have included in their electronic 4-H portfolio to enhance their presentations. If selected for an interview, detailed portfolio directions will be provided to each finalist.

Those selected for an interview will need a working Gmail account, as portfolios will be submitted through Google Classroom.

The interview teams will include: the State 4-H Program Leader and representatives from VSU, VAE4-HYDP, the State 4-H Cabinet, and the Virginia 4-H All Stars. Interviews will take place during Virginia 4-H State Congress.

Timeline:

May 10, 2026	Applications/Resumes Due via Google Form
June 1, 2026	Finalists Announced
June 17, 2026	Interviews Conducted
June 19, 2026	Announcement of Virginia delegation
Nov. 27 - Dec. 1, 2026	National 4-H Congress

Submission Instructions:

All applications and resumes should be submitted in Google Forms by May 10:
<https://forms.gle/FaiEckx6SBrJrxH7>

**Do not mail /email any information directly to the State 4-H Office.
 If you are selected for a National Congress Interview, you will be contacted with further**



States' 4-H Summer Hosting

HOST a Japanese youth and bring the richness of the world to your home!

Host a Japanese Youth in Summer 2026 with States' 4-H International & VA 4-H

"It's like having a sister I always wanted and a best friend" -States' 4-H Host Sibling

Open your home to an exchange student and open your lives to the world!



Hosting Details

July 22 - August 15, 2026

Host a youth aged 12-18 (majority are 12-14) or an adult chaperone

Youth have a range of English language abilities, so host families should be prepared to communicate imaginatively

This is a voluntary program; no stipends will be provided

Host Family Requirements

You must have a child of the same gender who is within 4 years of the hosted youth (children aged 9+ are eligible to host)

Families without children of the appropriate age may host an adult chaperone

No special activities need to be planned since these youth want to experience American culture, make new friends, and improve their English by staying with your family

To apply, please visit: <https://states4h.org/host-a-student/> then select month long visit and Virginia.

If you have questions, please reach out to VA inbound coordinator, Wendy Herdman at wherdman@vt.edu.

Please note: Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

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2025 - 2026



PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H EVENT CALENDAR

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

APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
5 VA 4-H Lumber Cup	1 VA 4-H/FFA Dairy Skillathon	15 VA 4-H Livestock Judging Contest	19-23 Prince William/Storford 4-H Junior Camp	3-7 PW 4-H Fair Camp	4-6 VA 4-H State Horse and Pony Championship
6 PW 4-H Tour of Renwick Museum	10 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club	16-29 Virginia 4-H Congress	28-Aug 1 Southern Regionals 4-H Horse Championships	TBD VA 4-H Northern District Shoot	5-6 VA 4-H State Shoot
10-11 VA 4-H Equismartz	12 PW 4-H Association Board & Leader Year-End Meeting	21-26 National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship		TBD VA 4-H Pork Challenge	24-27 SFVA Youth Livestock Shows, Livestock Skillathon, Dairyman's Contest, Dairy Goat Contest
10-15 National 4-H Conference	11 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club	26-27 VA 4-H Lamb & Goat Symposium		TBD VA 4-H Dairy Judging Contest	25-Oct 4 State Fair of Virginia
11-12 VA 4-H Shooting Ed New Instructor Certification	23-24 NOVA 4-H TLC Teen Leadership Weekend				
14 PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Professional Dev		30 1st Time Junior 4-H Camper Parents Meeting			
15-17 VA 4-H/FFA Beef Challenge, Beef Roundup, Tractor Skillathon	TBD PW 4-H Outdoor Challenge SPIN Project		TBD State of Virginia's NRA Youth Education Summit		TBD VA 4-H Shotgun Championship
18 VA 4-H Northeast District Contest Day	TBD VA 4-H Northeast District Food Challenge Contest		TBD VA 4-H Youth Dairy Field Day		
18 PW 4-H Tree Planting Project					
24 VA 4-H/FFA State Poultry Evaluation Contest					
25 VA 4-H Horse Bowl & Communications Contests					

TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Interest Mtg
TBD TSC & 4-H Paper Clover Campaign

For more detailed information as events approach, see the newsletter at www.pwcv4h.gov/4H.



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