



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



Upcoming Events

- Sep 5-7 - VA 4-H Horse & Pony Championship
- Sep 6-7 - VA 4-H State Shoot
- Sep 13 - PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day #4
- Sep 16 - PW 4-H Association Mtg & Leader Kickoff
- Sep 20 - VA 4-H Shotgun Championship
- Sep 26-Oct 5 - State Fair of Virginia
- Sep 30 - 4-H Food Challenge Kick Off Training
- OCT 1 - PORTFOLIOS, PROJECT RECORDS, & SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE!**
- Oct 1-5 - SFVA Livestock Shows

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September 3, 2025

Prince William 4-H Association Annual Kick-Off Meeting



Date: Tuesday, September 16th

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Location: PW 4-H Headquarters - McCoy Conference Room

Who Should Attend: ALL Prince William 4-H families - adults & youth!

All Prince William 4-H families are encouraged to attend the PW 4-H Association Annual Kick-Off Meeting! President Susan Wolf will begin with a quick year recap of association sponsored activities and events, launch this year's initiatives, answer questions, and more. The meeting is a terrific opportunity to reconnect with 4-H families, learn about our 4-H community, and support local youth!

Important Topics Include:

- **Voting for the 2025-2026 PW 4-H Association Officers for Board and Junior Board.** Please email Susan Wolf if you are interested in running for a leadership position. Youth 4-H'ers - this is an excellent opportunity to build your 4-H resume and develop leadership skills! In particular, the Association has a need for candidates for the Junior Fundraising Chair.
- **BINGO planning starts in September!** The Association is in need of senior 4-H'ers interested in assisting with BINGO planning.
- **Wreaths Across America wreath sponsorship is underway.** The Association is in need of senior 4-H'ers interested in leading this initiative.



PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H LEADER MEETING

Date: Tuesday, September 16th

Time: 5:30 - 6:30 PM

(prior to the Association meeting)

Location: PW 4-H Headquarters - McCoy Conference Room

All adult 4-H Club leader volunteers should plan on attending the PW 4-H Leader Meeting prior to the PW 4-H Association Meeting. PW 4-H Extension Agent MaryBeth Lerch will review key activities and events for the new 4-H year, convey important program updates, and answer questions.

pop on over
AND CHILL WITH US



Celebrate Fair Camp Counselors!

SEPTEMBER 11

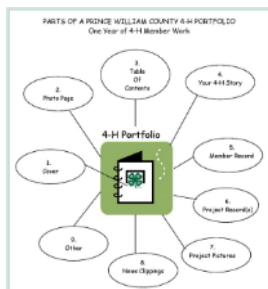


6-7:30 PM

4-H Office

RSVP to Pam Hardin

It's Portfolio Time! Get Ready to Showcase Your Year!



DUE TO PW 4-H OFFICE BY OCTOBER 1ST!

It's time to gather your memories, achievements, and leadership experiences! Every year, 4-H members across the country compile their experiences into a 4-H Portfolio, a creative and personalized way to document your journey. Whether you're just starting out or have years of projects under your belt, this is your chance to shine!

What's a 4-H Portfolio? Think of it as a cherished scrapbook meets career resume. It's a summary of your 4-H career, filled with your projects, leadership roles, and community service. You'll use age-appropriate Project Record Forms and follow the 4-H Portfolio rubric to make sure everything's in tip-top shape.

Who Needs to Submit?

- All Prince William 4-H'ers should submit individual project records or a full portfolio.
- Club Officers and Association Officers must turn in an Officer Project Record Form to get credit for their year of service.
- Dreaming of becoming a Virginia 4-H Ambassador or joining the Virginia 4-H All Stars? You'll need portfolios from several years - so start now!

Need Help? Don't worry - Prince William 4-H has your back! Join the **Portfolio Support Office Hours from Monday, September 8th to Friday, September 12th, 10 AM to 5 PM.** Whether you need help organizing, supplies like binders and scrapbook paper, or just have questions, stop by, call, or email.

Why It Matters: 4-H Portfolios aren't just for fun - they're powerful tools that help build your resume for college, careers, and future leadership roles. Plus, they're a great way to reflect on everything you've learned through 4-H's motto: "Learn by Doing."

So grab your photos, notes, and creativity - your 4-H story deserves to be told! [Click here for the PW 4-H online document center for forms and scoring rubrics.](#)

Green & Growing: A 4-H Year-End Celebration and Kickoff



Date: Monday, October 27th

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Location: Windy Knoll Farm

[Click here to RSVP.](#) Be sure to fill out the [Outstanding Member Form-Youth](#) (participation survey) and [Outstanding Member Form-Adult](#), too!

Get ready to celebrate a year of learning, leadership, and growth at Prince William 4-H Recognition Day—our annual celebration of YOU, our amazing youth members and dedicated adult volunteers! We have an exciting evening planned:

- Ice Cream Social – Cool off and catch up with friends!
- Annual Slide Show – Relive the best moments of the year.
- Senior Speeches – Hear inspiring stories from our graduating 4-H'ers.
- Recognitions & Awards – Applaud achievements, scholarships, and the Prince William 4-H Outstanding Member Awards.
- Portfolio & Ribbon Pickup – Grab your hard-earned rewards!

All Prince William 4-H families are invited - and yes, that includes YOU! And bring a friend to introduce them to the 4-H experience. The more, the merrier!



What to Bring:

- Cookies or brownies (that compliment ice cream) to share with the group.
- 4-H Club posters to showcase your club's awesome work.
- Wear your green gear to show off your 4-H pride!



This event is more than just a party - it's a celebration of how much you've grown through 4-H. Whether you led a project, volunteered, or tried something new, this is your moment to shine. So mark your calendar, gather your goodies, and get ready to celebrate everything that makes 4-H "Green & Growing"!



Beyond Ready

Green & Growing



Prince William 4-H 2025 Recognition Day


Let's celebrate a year of learning, leadership, and growth at our annual Prince William 4-H Recognition Day! This special evening honors YOU - our incredible youth members and dedicated adult volunteers.

This isn't just a party – it's a celebration of how far you've come and all the ways you've grown through 4-H. Whether you led a project, volunteered, or tried something new, this is your moment to shine!

- ✓ **Ice Cream Social**
Chill out and reconnect with friends
- ✓ **Annual Slide Show**
Relive your favorite 4-H memories
- ✓ **Senior Speeches**
Be inspired by our graduating 4-H'ers
- ✓ **Recognitions & Awards**
Celebrate achievements, scholarships, and the Outstanding Member Awards

All Prince William 4-H families are invited – and yes, that includes YOU! Bring a friend to share the 4-H experience. The more, the merrier!

Event Details:

-  Monday, October 27
-  6:30 - 8:30 PM
-  Windy Knolls Farm

What to Bring:

- Cookies or brownies to pair with ice cream (optional)
- 4-H Club posters to showcase your club's awesome work.
- Wear your green gear to show off your 4-H pride!

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**CLICK HERE TO RSVP
BY OCTOBER 20TH**



Prince William 4-H Scholarships - Applications Due Oct 1st

Prince William 4-H has four scholarships available to members. All scholarship applications and nominations are due by **October 1st, 2025**. Scholarships will be presented at the Prince William 4-H Recognition Day on October 27th.



2025 Joanne Guhl Scholarship

Joanne Guhl was a member of the Boots and Saddles 4-H Club who passed away in 1984. Her parents honor her memory by awarding a college scholarship to a PW 4-Her. Applicants must be enrolled in the Prince William 4-H program and must have been accepted at an institution of higher learning. Preference is given to 4-Hers pursuing a career in animal science.

[Please click here to apply for the 2025 Joanne Guhl Scholarship.](#)



2025 Bernard Malo Scholarship

Bernard Malo was a past leader of the Trigger Time 4-H Shooting Education Club. Bernie, a 4-H All Star, was active at the local, district, and state level and gave much to the youth of Virginia. His family, who are all 4-H'ers and friends, started a scholarship fund to honor his memory. Trigger Time 4-H Club members have continued to help this scholarship fund grow. This scholarship is for higher education for those entering as a freshman into any four-year college, community college or vocational school. Trigger Time member applicants are given first consideration. The amount of scholarship may vary from year to year.

[Please click here to apply for the 2025 Bernard Malo Scholarship.](#)



2025 Outstanding 4-H Member Award (Youth)

The Outstanding 4-H Member Award was created to recognize individuals who demonstrate exemplary service to Prince William 4-H through participation in program planning, development, and implementation at the club level and beyond. This yearly award will be given to individuals who strengthen local 4-H clubs and county 4-H by encouraging and promoting youth members and volunteers, helping to recruit new members and leaders, and through leadership responsibility while promoting service through volunteerism.

[Please click here to apply for the 2025 Outstanding 4-H Member Award.](#)



2025 Outstanding 4-H Volunteer Award (Adult)

The All Around 4-H Volunteer Award was created to recognize individuals who demonstrate exemplary service to Prince William 4-H through participation in program planning, development, and implementation at the club level and beyond. This yearly award will be given to individuals who strengthen local 4-H clubs and county 4-H by encouraging and promoting youth members and volunteers, helping to recruit new members and leaders, and through leadership responsibility while promoting service through volunteerism.

[Please click here to apply/nominate for the 2025 Outstanding 4-H Volunteer Award.](#)

Celebrating YOU!

4-H PROJECTS & PORTFOLIOS

A creative method for youth to document their experiences



Prince William 4-H

LEARN BY DOING



HEAD

Prince William 4-H'ers document their experiences and work each year by using age-appropriate 4-H Project Record Forms. These records are submitted to Prince William 4-H for review and are eligible to compete at the Prince William County Fair and county and state 4-H competitions. Projects begin October 1st and 4-H Project Records are due by the following September 30th. 4-H'ers may choose to submit a record of an individual project (Project Record) or their entire life history (Portfolio).



HEART

Ultimately, your 4-H Project Records will form an excellent summary of your 4-H career. You will use information in the 4-H records to complete 4-H resumé, Virginia 4-H All Star forms and in making application for jobs, scholarships and honors. Your 4-H Portfolio may become a personal scrapbook which will be cherished for many years.

STEPS FOR A 4-H PROJECT

1. Select at least one annual project based on interests.
2. Complete at least 6 learning experiences/activities (*typically found in published 4-H project books*).
3. Record and analyze your learning experience by tracing your progress and emphasizing life skills gained by using the 4-H Project Record form.
4. Submit the completed Project Record to Prince William 4-H for review and scoring against a rubric to see how much you've grown!

WHAT IS A 4-H PORTFOLIO?

Portfolios are a record of the life achievement of a 4-H'er. They create a record of accomplishments which can be very helpful when youth are applying for college and scholarship opportunities. They may include material not directly related to 4-H and should be organized by year. Portfolios consist of multiple years of work (*except for first time submissions*).

Some projects, such as animal projects, shooting education, and archery, have specialized 4-H Project Books that must be completed and submitted prior to participating in 4-H contests for those activities in order to establish basic knowledge, level of experience, and safety.



HANDS



HEALTH



Gain Life Skills



Develop Your Resumé



Grow Your 4-H Story

CITIZENSHIP



HEALTHY LIVING



STEM



AGRICULTURE



4-H GROWS HERE

Learn more at www.pwcva.gov/4-H





PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H



YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

Manassas Park Farmers Market

Featuring Prince William 4-H'ers John, Lee, Sophie, Stella, Thomas, Aaron and Adam, Alayjah, Charley, Michael, Aisling, Aspen, Koa and Xanthie, Ayden, Lexi and Cora!



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8 AM - 1 PM

Bring Your Bags

Bring Your Appetite

Bring Your Friends!

Manassas Park Farmers Market
100 Park Central Terr.
Manassas Park, VA



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PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H

REMEMBER HONOR TEACH



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

SPONSOR A WREATH - HONOR A HERO

As the anniversary of September 11th approaches, we pause to remember the lives lost and the heroes who stood in the face of unimaginable tragedy. That day changed our nation forever and reminded us of the true cost of freedom.

In the midst of sorrow, we witnessed courage, resilience, and unity. First responders, service members, and ordinary citizens stepped forward to protect and help. Their bravery continues to inspire us.

This solemn anniversary reminds us why the Wreaths Across America mission matters more than ever. To Remember, Honor, and Teach is not just a motto—it's a call to action.

JOIN PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H IN HONORING OUR VETERANS THROUGH WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

We are selling wreaths to be placed on the graves of our nation's heroes during National Wreaths Across America Day on December 13th. Your sponsorship helps us:



- Remember those who served**
- Honor their sacrifice with a wreath**
- Teach youth about citizenship and service**

Volunteers from Prince William 4-H will attend a local wreath-laying ceremony to participate in this meaningful tradition. Support this important mission by sponsoring a wreath today through your local 4-H club.



Together, we ensure that no hero is ever forgotten.

CLICK HERE TO SPONSOR A WREATH.

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Apply TODAY! Virginia 4-H Healthy Living Ambassador

Become a Healthy Living Ambassador!

Are you passionate about Healthy Living and would like to share about it with others?

If so, being a Healthy living Ambassador may be just right for you!

What we do

- Meet monthly
- Plan the annual state Healthy Living Summit
- Write the Buzz, Body and Bites for Teens newsletter
- Be a teen voice for Healthy Living
- Educate others about Healthy Lifestyles

Application Process

Written questions about your Healthy Living experience and leadership skills

Interview




[Click here to apply.](#) [Click here for reference form.](#)

Complete applications due September 12th.

Teen 4-H members who have an interest in healthy living and are looking for an opportunity to develop and practice leadership skills in an environment where they can thrive and grow, are encouraged to apply to serve as a Virginia 4-H Healthy Living Ambassador!



Applicants must:

- Be a teen Virginia 4-H member (ages 14-18) and active in 4HOnline.
- Have a passion for and active engagement in 4-H Healthy Living.
- Have an interest in sharing knowledge to enhance youth educational experiences.
- Be willing to be a team player working with local, district, and state level professionals to share resources and opportunities.
- Be able to communicate effectively both written and verbally.



Benefits Include:

- Enhancing your 4-H Healthy Living understanding and skills.
- Networking with peers and healthy living leaders around the state and nation.
- Assisting in moving forward the 4-H Healthy Living mission.
- Enhancing your professional development opportunities.
- Increasing your knowledge and skills for implementing and managing 4-H Healthy Living programs.

The first meeting will be held on October 9th at 7 PM.

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**The NOVA 4-H
Teen Leadership Council**


Apply before September 30th, 2025

For 4-H Teens 14-18 who live in the NOVA 4-H Camping District

- work with fellow 4-H Teens
- plan your own events
- gain leadership experience
- volunteer with the 4-H Center

Apply Here: <https://forms.gle/ECH6QXf8c8Gz2iEdm8>

Email tatyana@nova4h.com for more information



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NOVA Teen Leadership Council

Who Should Apply: 4-H teens ages 14-18 interested in working with the NOVA 4-H Center

[Click here to apply.](#)

Applications due September 30th.

Applications for the NOVA Teen Leadership Council are now open! The Teen Leadership Council is a group of 4-Hers that are interested in working with the NOVA Center and fellow 4-Hers who camp at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center in Front Royal. The council is teen led with opportunities for the group to make decisions about how they want to spend their time at camp. This past year TLC members helped plan and lead the first night of TALT, created promotional videos for camp, and planned and facilitated an Open House at the center to introduce new families to 4-H camping.

The TLC Kickoff will take place in October, and the 2025-2026 TLC in-person and zoom meetings will be scheduled at that time.

The new NOVA TLC is part of a statewide initiative to form teen councils at all six 4-H centers.

2025 RL Harris Memorial Shotgun Championship

Date: September 20th

Location: Brushy Mountain Club 1813 Izaak Walton Road, Hurt, VA

Entry Fees: \$75 for Seniors; \$35 for Juniors.

Registration Deadline (including payment & T-shirt order): September 7

Documents: [Match Program](#), [Team Registration](#), [Payments](#), [Sponsor Form](#)

200-Target for Seniors: 75 American Skeet, 50 American Trap and 75 Sporting Clays

100-Target Event for Juniors: 25 American Skeet, 25 American Trap, and 50 Sporting Clays

* Top 15 eligible seniors invited to join the VA 4-H Shotgun Development Team

* Top 4 Development Team members invited to represent VA at the 2026 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships



VA 4-H Shooting Education New Instructor Certification

Dates: October 11th - 12th

Location: Holiday Lake 4-H Center, Appomattox, VA

- [Click here for Registration](#). **Due Friday, September 12th**
- [Click here for Payment Information](#). **Due Friday, September 12th**
- [Click here for New Instructor Certification Fact Sheet](#).
- [Click here for Online Session Info](#). **Complete training by October 1st.**
- [Click here for Online Course Guide](#).

The VA 4-H Shooting Education Council will be conducting an Instructor Certification session at the Holiday Lake 4-H Center on October 11-12. 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. Please see the attached documents for complete information. We currently plan to hold classes in Archery, Coordinator, Hunting, Muzzleloader, Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun.



2025 Virginia 4-H State Horse Show

DATES: September 4th - 7th

LOCATION: Lexington, VA

Entries are CLOSED.

[Click here for the Virginia 4-H Horse Show website.](#)

Visit the website for updated information: Virtual Exhibitor Meeting Video, Class Lists updates as of 8.28, Miniature Division Pattern Updates, Updated Check In Procedures, and Barn Changes.



NON-MOUNTED ACTIVITIES

- **Art and Photography Contests:** [Art Contest Rules and Entry.pdf](#) [Photography Contest Rules and Entry.pdf](#). **Due Thursday, September 4th.**
- **District Challenge:** Open to any enrolled 4-Her, not just those exhibiting horses at the state show. No pre-entry required. Come and go as you please style event. See the horse show schedule for time slots for Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Horse Judging!

HOSPITALITY: [Click here to donate.](#)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! [Click here for volunteer signup.](#) No equine experience necessary!

HORSE SHOW SILENT AUCTION: Please email horsemomrose@yahoo.com if you have questions or donations to make to the silent auction. [Click here to learn more about the auction.](#)

VIRGINIA YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAMS



2025 State Fair of Virginia Livestock Show & Contests

YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOWS

2025 SFVA Youth Livestock Dates: October 1st – 5th, 2025

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

[Click here for State Fair of Virginia Youth Livestock Shows Website](#)

ENTRIES ARE CLOSED.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON CONTESTS

All contestants, coaches, advisors, and volunteers MUST purchase a SFVA Competition Ticket at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/SFVA-Comp-Tickets>

Two Youth Animal Science Educational Competition contests at the 2025 State Fair of Virginia are excellent opportunities to have non-exhibitor youth participate in and experience the State Fair of Virginia. Both events are open to Exhibitors and Non-Exhibitors.



SFVA 4-H AND FFA JUNIOR DAIRYMEN'S CONTEST

Date: Friday, September 26th

Time: Check-in begins at 10 am; Contest Instructions at 10:45 am

Location: State Fair of Virginia, The Meadow Event Park, Doswell, VA

[Click here to enter.](#) **Entries due by Monday, September 15th at 5 pm**

[Click here for rules, age divisions, and full contest information in the SFVA Junior Dairymen's Contest Letter.](#)

SFVA YOUTH LIVESTOCK (NON-EXHIBITOR) SPECIES-SPECIFIC SKILLATHONS

Date: Friday, October 3rd

Time: 9 am - 4 pm: Contest will be open and available during this time frame

Location: State Fair of Virginia, The Meadow Event Park, Doswell, VA

[Click here to enter.](#) **Entries due by Wednesday, September 24th at 5 pm.**

[Click here for rules, age divisions, and full contest information in the SFVA Youth Livestock Skillathon Contest Letter.](#)

Appalachian Classic
LIVESTOCK JUDGING

September 9, 2025

Washington County Fairgrounds
Livestock Barn
17046 Fairground Dr
Abingdon, VA 24210

Prizes for top teams and individuals

Registration Deadline: September 2nd

Registration

Register using the QR code or feel free to contact Aaron or Kelsey

10am-12:30pm: Livestock Judging Contest and Questions
12:30pm: Lunch (Pizza Provided)
1:30pm: Optional Jackpot Reasons
**\$10 additional entry with payback

For more information:
Aaron Scyphers
276-608-7520

Kelsey Davidson
276-698-7313

Rockbridge Regional Fair 4-H Poultry Show



Date: September 12th - 13th

Location: Virginia Horse Center, 487 Maury River Rd., Lexington

[Click here for rules, schedule, and to enter.](#)

Entries due Friday, September 3rd

Bird Check-in: Friday, 8-10 AM

Bird Check-out: Saturday, 8 PM

- Open to all actively enrolled Virginia 4-H members
- Exhibitors are welcome to bring up to twelve individual birds, no more than two per class
- Showmanship optional but encouraged!
- Prizes! Ribbons & cash premiums



[Click here for more information about the Rockbridge Regional Fair.](#)

National 4-H: Ignite by 4-H 2026 - Register TODAY!

Dates: March 25 - 29, 2026

Location: Washington Hylton, Washington, DC

Ignite by 4-H remains the premier experience where teens discover their spark, connect with peers from across the country (and even the world), explore traditional and emerging career paths, and develop career and life readiness skills to become Beyond Ready for the future.



In 2026, Ignite will offer six exciting programmatic tracks, allowing teens to focus on their passions, deepen their skills, and explore meaningful career pathways. Returning for 2026 are four core tracks: AgriScience, Community Accelerators, Healthy Living, and STEM. Based on feedback from 4-H educators and teens, we're excited to introduce two NEW tracks that expand the possibilities for learning and leadership: Animal Science and Citizenship Washington Focus (Civic Engagement).

[Click here for more information and to register.](#) **Early bird registration is Jul 17th - Sep 15th.**

Hokie BugFest

Date: Saturday, October 18th

Location: Squires Student Center, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg

[Click here for information on Hokie BugFest.](#)

Hokie BugFest celebrates the fun and exciting science of entomology, and the Virginia Tech tradition of learning and discovery, through outreach and engagement. This event highlights an ongoing youth education program hosted by the Virginia Tech Department of Entomology, Virginia Tech College of Agriculture & Life Sciences, Virginia Cooperative Extension's 4-H program, and the department's student-run professional organization, the W. B. Alwood Entomological Society.

Prince William 4-H Clubs: consider entering the Insect Collection Contest! Each entry will receive a participation ribbon and a bug-themed goodie bag. The top collections will be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each age category, and an overall Best in Show will also be awarded. [4-H Insect Collection Contest Guidelines](#) | [4-H Insect Collection Contest Entry Form](#)

4-H Insect Collection Contest - Hokie BugFest

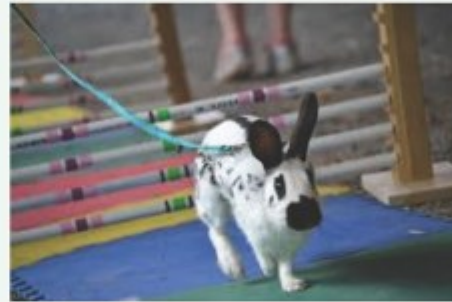
READY, SET, COLLECT!

- Hokie BugFest is on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at Squires Student Center in Blacksburg, Virginia.
- Collections may be submitted individually or as teams (drop-off/pick-up information posted online). Pre-registration is required. Entry forms must be submitted by September 26th.
- Collections will be awarded based on scoring guidelines. Visit hokiebugfest.org for further information.



RABBIT HOPPING & SHOWMANSHIP AT THE BLUE RIDGE RABBIT & CAVY SHOW!

SPONSORED BY THE LOUDOUN COUNTY 4-H
RABBIT & CAVY CLUB



Curly Jo coming thru the Window Jump

CLASSES OFFERED:

- Youth Showmanship
- Beginner Straight A
- Beginner Straight B
- Intermediate Straight
- Beginner Agility

SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

Day-of registration until 10:00 am
Show starts at 10:30 am

** All hopping participants must provide their own H-style harness for their rabbits!**

All classes cost \$3 each, payable on the day of the show

More Information :
loco4hrabbit@gmail.com



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SAVE THE DATE

WINTER CLOVERBUDS CAMP

DECEMBER 5TH - 7TH, 2025

A WEEKEND 4-H
CAMP FOR YOUTH 5
TO 8 YEARS OLD
AND A TRUSTED
ADULT!

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Virginia Tech Storm Chasers



Interested in meteorology? Want to chase storms? Check out this Instagram post by WTOP!

August 29th: Most university syllabuses lay out exactly when and where a topic will be covered - not so for the Hokie Storm Chase class at Virginia Tech. Students in the advanced meteorology field course, in the Department of Geography, climb into three specially outfitted vans, and take the mobile classrooms on the road as severe storms develop. Each of the six has a job as they try to position themselves to safely observe the extreme weather. [Click here to see the post](#) and watch the incredible video that will get your heart pounding! [Click here to learn more about VT Department of Natural Resources and Environment.](#)



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

From Prince William Emergency Services

Hurricane Season lasts until November 30th – is your family ready?

It's important to take some time now to make sure your family is prepared to weather the storm, and any related utility / communication disruptions. Make sure your family's [emergency kit](#) is up-to-date, and review your [family emergency plan](#), to include a meeting place away from home if local authorities ask you to evacuate, or if you cannot safely return home.

For additional preparedness tips and links, visit <https://www.pwcva.gov/ready> and <https://www.pwcva.gov/department/office-emergency-management/hurricanes/>. The National Hurricane Center and NWS Baltimore/Washington Forecast Office are the only authoritative sources used locally for public information on tropical storm and hurricane watches, warnings, advisories, or forecasts.

Ready Prince William

ARE YOU PREPARED?

Build a kit | Make a plan | Stay Informed

Office of Emergency Management

Are you and your family prepared to survive if a disaster strikes?

Show me the list!

Build a Kit

The Essentials

- 1 gallon of water per person, per day for 3 days for drinking and hygiene
- 3 days of food that won't spoil and doesn't need electricity to prepare
- A written family emergency plan
- A battery powered and/or hand-crank radio and extra batteries
- A change of clothes for each person

If you have to evacuate, take your kit.

Keep it in an easily portable container, in an easily accessible place.

Once you have collected the essentials, complete your kit with additional items listed below.

For Individuals & Families

- | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Can opener | <input type="checkbox"/> Snacks | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal hygiene products | <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trash bags | <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable Gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra batteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blankets | <input type="checkbox"/> Food for pets | <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle | <input type="checkbox"/> Tools to turn off water & gas services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dust mask | <input type="checkbox"/> Glasses or contact lenses | <input type="checkbox"/> Backpack | <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription medications |

For Infants

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby food | <input type="checkbox"/> Hygiene products | <input type="checkbox"/> Powder milk & formula | <input type="checkbox"/> Toys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-aid kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Trash bags | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby wipes | <input type="checkbox"/> Diaper bag or back pack |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shot records | | | |

For Pets

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Name tags & leash | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet food & treats | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet carrier | <input type="checkbox"/> Litter box |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toys | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet waste bags | <input type="checkbox"/> Medications & pet first-aid kit | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon of water per pet per day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vet contact info / shot records | | | |

Check your kit at least every six months. Replace expired items and consider the changing needs of your family.

Make a Plan | Stay Informed

For additional information:

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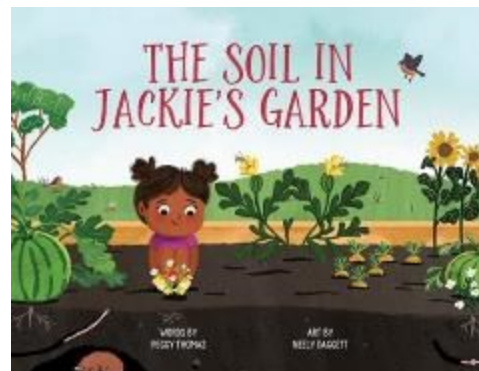
For Educators: Grow Curious Minds from the Ground Up



[Click here for more information on "The Soil in Jackie's Garden."](#)

Resources: [Educator's Guide](#) | [Coloring Sheet](#) | [Sample Lesson](#)

Join Jackie and her garden friends in this charming picture book as they discover the wonders of gardening, soil secrets, and the magic of composting. Jackie and her garden friends embrace the joys of planting a garden, nurturing and harvesting their own food, and recycling scraps to compost, ensuring that the magical cycle of growth and sustainability continues anew. Science facts about soil, plants, pollinators, decomposers, and more are included on every spread. A fantastic book to engage young readers in becoming environmental stewards, learning how to care for a garden, understanding a plant life cycle, discovering the power of pollinators and the importance of composting. Written in the cumulative style of "The House that Jack Built," this playful celebration of how things grow, return to the earth, and grow again will inspire young readers to try their hands at gardening and composting. Back matter includes information on the soil cycle and how to make a compost pile.



Upcoming Series from VA Beginning Farmer & Rancher Coalition



FIFTEEN MINUTES IN THE FOREST

[Free virtual series! Click here for more information.](#)

The award-winning Fifteen Minutes in the Forest video series covers a wide range of topics and is broadcast on the 4th Friday of each month at 12:15 PM on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube Premier](#).

September 26: Creating Vernal Pools

October 24: Tree Growth

November 28: After the Storm: Disaster Response

December 26-January 6: The Twelve Shorts of Christmas

Watch 150+ Fifteen Minutes in the Forest videos on the [Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program YouTube Channel](#).



VIRGINIA TREE FARM FOUNDATION LUNCH TOURS

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

The Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program partners with the Virginia Tree Farm Foundation to offer an annual series of Tree Farm Tours. These tours bring woodland owners together to visit an active Tree Farm, learn about the Virginia Tree Farm Foundation, and provide fellowship among those who care about healthy woods and active woodland management. You do not need to be a Tree Farmer to attend.

September 4 - Raccoon Creek Pinelands, Sussex County – 2025 Tree Farm of the Year!

September 15 – Demeter Tree Farm, Bland County – 2024 Tree Farm of the Year!

September 19 - C. Furnace Lutheran Camp, Shenandoah County

September 26 - Sowder Tree Farm, Montgomery County



FALL FORESTRY & WILDLIFE FIELD TOURS

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

Join landowners, natural resource professionals, and other outdoor lovers for day-long tours that explore a variety of sustainable forestry and wildlife management practices. Tours visit private, public, and industry-owned lands. Past tours have visited seedling nurseries, timber harvesting operations, sawmills, pine plantations, cooperages, hardwood forests, arboretums, Christmas tree farms, elk habitat, fisheries, hunting plantations, and more.

October 2, Henry County

October 9, Wise County

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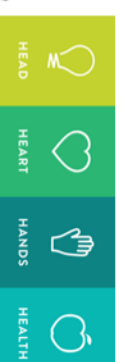
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2025 - 2026 PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H EVENT CALENDAR



OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
5-11 National 4-H Week	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
7 Proclamation at PWC/BOCS	3-4 PW 4-H No School November Sewing SPIN Club	3 PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Professional Dev	13 PW 4-H Association Meeting	14 PW 4-H Contest Day: Presentations, Table Setting, Fashion Review	6-7 TALT Weekend - Junior Camp Counselor Training
11 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club	6 PW 4-H Engage Locally	4 PW 4-H Homemade Holiday Craft Night Teen Club, Cloverbud Club	20 Virginia 4-H Day at the Capitol	10 PW 4-H Leaders' Mid-Year Mtg & 4-H Association Mtg	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	13 Wreaths Across America Day	21 An Evening with Virginia 4-H at VT	TBD PW 4-H Embryology Project Leader Training & Egg Pickup	14-15 VA 4-H Spring Air Championships
14 PW 4-H Portfolio Training	12 PW 4-H Association Meeting	23 PW 4-H Share the Fun Dress Rehearsal	23 PW 4-H Share the Fun	TBD VA 4-H Hippology & Horse Judging	21 PW 4-H Food Challenge Contest
19-25 National Character Counts Week	24 PW 4-H Officer Training & Teen Club	30 PW 4-H Share the Fun	30 PW 4-H Share the Fun	TBD 4-H Shooting Sports National Quiz Bowl	25-29 National 4-H IGNITE
21 PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Professional Dev	28-Dec 2 National 4-H Congress	TBD PW 4-H Tree Seedling Orders Due	TBD PW 4-H Tree Seedling Orders Due	TBD VA 4-H Stockman's & Livestock Judging	TBD VA 4-H Teen Summit
23 PW 4-H Presentation Training	28-Dec 14 TSC & 4-H Paper Clover Campaign	TBD PW 4-H Shooting Ed Instructor Recertification	TBD VA 4-H Shooting Ed Instructor Recertification	TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day	TBD VA 4-H Chick Drop-Off Evaluation
24 Green & Growing: PW 4-H Recognition Day & Open House	TBD PW 4-H Hike: 4-H Outdoor Challenge				TBD VA 4-H and FFA Meats Evaluation
APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
11 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club	10 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club	16-29 Virginia 4-H Congress	TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day	TBD VA 4-H Northern District Shoot	4-6 VA 4-H State Horse and Pony Championship
14 PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Professional Dev	12 PW 4-H Association Board & Leader Year-End Meeting	21-26 National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship	TBD State of Virginia's NRA Youth Education Summit	TBD VA 4-H Pork Challenge	5-6 VA 4-H State Shoot
TBD National 4-H Conference	TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Workshops	30 1st Time Junior 4-H Camper Parents' Meeting	TBD Prince William/Stafford 4-H Junior Camp	TBD PW 4-H Fair Camp	
TBD VA 4-H Equismart	TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Workshops	TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day	TBD Southern Regionals 4-H Horse Championships	TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day	TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day
TBD VA 4-H Shooting Ed New Instructor Certification	TBD PW 4-H Outdoor Challenge SPIN Project	TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day	TBD VA 4-H Youth Dairy Field Day		TBD VA 4-H Shotgun Championship
TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Interest Mtg	TBD PW 4-H Tree Planting	TBD VA Dept of Forestry Camp Woods & Wildlife			TBD State Fair of Virginia
TBD VA 4-H/FFA Beef Challenge, Beef Roundup, Tractor Operators Contest	TBD 4-H Northeast District Food Challenge Contest	TBD VA 4-H Livestock Judging Contests			TBD SFVA Youth Livestock Shows, Livestock Skillathon, Dairymen's Contest, Dairy Goat Contest.
TBD VA 4-H State WHEP Contest	TBD TSC & 4-H Paper Clover Campaign				
TBD VA 4-H/FFA State Poultry Evaluation Contest	TBD VA 4-H Healthy Living Summit				
TBD VA 4-H Northeast District Contest Day					

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



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