



Prince William 4-H

Our Clubs, Our Community



November 26, 2025

Upcoming Events

- Nov 28 - Dec 2 - National 4-H Congress
- Nov 28 - Dec 14 - [TSC & 4-H Paper Clover Campaign](#)
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PW 4-H Teens to BLOOM Are All Heart and Hands



Last week, Prince William 4-H teens showed what it means to lead with HEART by volunteering at Boxes of Basics in Manassas. Their mission? To spread warmth, confidence, and kindness to local kids - one box at a time.

Using their **HANDS** for larger service, these teens packed gift boxes filled with seasonal, stylish clothing for school-aged youth. They didn't stop there - they stocked shelves, organized donations, served as personal shoppers, and even wrote heartfelt notes of encouragement to the recipients. Every box was more than clothing - it was a boost of confidence and a reminder that someone cares.

Why Boxes of Basics? This amazing organization empowers kids by providing wardrobes packed with love and compassion. Working with school counselors, social workers, faith leaders, and human services agencies, Boxes of Basics ensures children across Greater Prince William County, Manassas, Manassas Park, Fauquier County, and Northern Virginia have quality clothing to help them thrive.

Want to make a difference too? [Click here to learn more about Boxes of Basics](#) and consider donating gently used or new clothing, funding, shop their Amazon wish list, or host a clothing drive.

Together, we can **BLOOM** and make our community stronger - one box, one smile, one act of kindness at a time!

PW 4-H Leadership in ACTION



Big news for PW 4-H! **Adam Grant** from Trigger Time 4-H Club and **Bailey Dove** from Kettle Run 4-H Club have been selected to join the **NOVA 4-H Teen Leadership Council** this year!

Last weekend, they kicked things off at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center in Front Royal. After electing Natalie to run the meeting, the group got down to business - introductions first, then brainstorming what's ahead for the year. Top priorities? Virginia 4-H Day at the Capitol, Winter

Weekend, TALT, and the Open House. The council's mission is all about teaming up with other 4-H teens to build leadership skills, plan awesome events, and volunteer at the NOVA 4-H Center. Sounds like an amazing year ahead!



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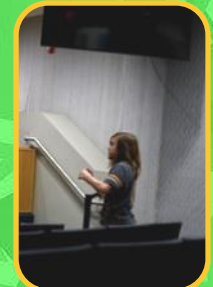


Prince William 4-H

OFFICER & LEADERSHIP TRAINING

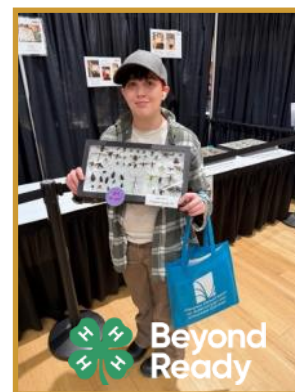
Last night, Prince William 4-H youth took leadership to the next level at an officer and leadership training that was anything but boring! The event was completely youth-led by the awesome Junior Board, who kept things fun and interactive. Officers from all over the county joined in - including the brand-new Patriot High School club - ready to learn and lead. Everyone got hands-on practice with Robert's Rules of Order by debating what should go into the ultimate snack mix (spoiler: artichoke hearts were a hard NO!). After breaking into small groups to dive into specific officer roles, the night wrapped up with the official induction of the 2025–2026 4-H club officers. Big congrats to everyone!

Follow Up: Keep an eye out for a message from Mrs. Lerch soon - she'll be collecting your action plans and sharing where to upload future documents.



PW 4-H Camp Counselor Bugs Out

Big shoutout to 4-H Junior & Fair Camp Counselor **Samual Key** who totally crushed it at the 4-H Insect Collection Contest during Hokie Bug Fest! Samual snagged **2nd place** in the Individual Senior Collector category with an impressive display of creepy-cool critters. To compete, entries had to include **50 insects** from at least 6 of 8 major groups - and judges scored everything from scientific names and pinning technique to creativity and specimen quality. Think you've got what it takes? [Click here to learn more about this contest](#) and start planning your epic entomology project for 2026!



PW 4-H Wellness SPIN Interest Survey

JOIN THE PW 4-H WELLNESS SPIN PROJECT!

Who Should Participate: PW 4-H'ers ages 9-18

[Click here to complete the interest survey.](#) **Please respond by December 1st.**

Ready to boost your energy, confidence, and leadership skills? Join the Prince William 4-H Wellness SPIN Project and discover how healthy living can transform your life!

This program is all about the 4-H Pillar of Healthy Living - helping you take care of your body and mind while building skills that last a lifetime. When you feel good inside and out, you're ready to tackle challenges, make smart choices, and lead in your community.

Here's what you'll gain:

- **Healthy Habits:** Learn how your choices impact you, your family, and your community.
- **Confidence & Leadership:** Build social-emotional skills that make you a strong, caring leader.
- **Fun & Fitness:** From Zumba to yoga to exciting games, we'll keep you moving!

We'll meet twice a month for:

- **Classroom Sessions:** Explore nutrition, fitness, and self-care.
- **Activity Sessions:** Get active with fun workouts and games!

This is also a perfect add-on if you participated in the Prince William-National 4-H Outdoor Challenge or the Prince William 4-H Food Challenge (*although youth are not required to participate in these*).

Learn. Move. Thrive.

Make healthy living a lifelong habit with Prince William 4-H!



Represent Your 4-H Club at Tractor Supply Co.!

Dates: November 28th - December 14th

Location: Tractor Supply Co., 10870 Balls Ford Rd., Manassas

All PW 4-H Clubs should sign up for a slot!

[Click here for signup.](#)

Hey Prince William 4-H Clubs! Want to show off your club spirit, connect with the community, and help raise funds for awesome opportunities like camp and State Congress? Now's your chance! **Sign up for a time slot to promote your club** during the Fall 4-H Paper Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply Co. in Manassas. When 4-Hers are present, donations go up - and your club earns a percentage of the proceeds!

Bonus idea: Host a bake sale or fun activity while you're there to raise even more for your club!

Bring your biggest 4-H smile and let's show what 4-H is all about!



PW 4-H Wreaths Across America



WREATH SPONSORSHIP

[Click here to Sponsor a Wreath.](#)

The Association has crated custom flyers for each 4-H club with a QR code that links directly to sponsoring a wreath through that club. Please distribute to family, friends, share on social media, and more! Be sure to get your sponsorships in by December 1st. Both the Association and the individual clubs benefit from wreath sales.

Wreaths Across America is a wonderful program to honor our fallen soldiers as well as support the youth in our local community. Please consider sponsoring a wreath.

Did you know...Virginia Partnership for Out of School Time (VPOST) reports that 4 in 5 kids in Virginia can't access afterschool programs? The Prince William 4-H Association FUNdraises to ensure that 4-H is an #OpportunityForAll in Prince William!



VOLUNTEER FOR WREATH LAYING!

[Click here to Volunteer for Wreath Laying.](#)

Actively engage your head, heart, hands, and health in the 4-H Pillar of Citizenship!

Wreaths Across America



Remember Honor Teach

Wreaths Across America helps us honor our fallen soldiers who bravely defended our country. Prince William 4-H has a proud tradition of supporting and participating in this meaningful event.

You can show your support for both 4-H and Wreaths Across America by, sponsoring a wreath to be placed on a veteran's grave. You can also volunteer to help lay wreaths at Quantico National Cemetery.

Together, we can remember, honor, and teach the value of service and sacrifice.

Where: Quantico National Cemetery When: December 13th, 2025 (Time TBD)



PW 4-H Club Reports



PW 4-H Club Officers - We want to hear MORE from you! Each month,

club reporters, historians, or secretaries send a quick summary of your club's activities (*cool projects, service, awards, shoutouts*), about 6 photos, and any thank-yous to community supporters. Don't forget to sign your name, officer role, and club name, then email it to chelmlinger@pwcva.gov and CC your adult club leader. These reports help track your club's journey, keep families and the community in the loop, and might even attract new members! Plus, you're building real-world skills - try using AI to turn your report into a newsletter article!

Prince William 4-H CLUB REPORT DUE DATES

1st Monday (Dec 1)
Nokesville Equestrian 4-H Club
PHS Ruri-Teen 4-H Club

2nd Monday (Dec 8)
Kettle Run 4-H Club
Benton Middle School Club

3rd Monday (Dec 15)
Trigger Time 4-H Club

4th Monday (Dec 22)
Nokesville 4-H Club
Linton Hall 4-H Club

JOIN US FOR
PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H'S

HOMEMADE HOLIDAY CRAFT NIGHT

DECEMBER 3RD, 2025

6-8 PM

Arbor Terrace - Sudley Manor
7750 Garner Dr., Manassas, VA 20109

Join Prince William 4-H for a FREE night of holiday fun at Arbor Terrace! All 4-H'ers are invited to bring a friend and spread some cheer with hands-on activities for all ages - no prep needed, 4-H provides everything! Just show up with your best 4-H smile and help light up the night with joy, laughter, and holiday spirit!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

PW 4-H Teens (14 & Up): Click here to volunteer to run an activity table.

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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 (703-792-6000/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.



VA 4-H Teen Leadership Council

**LEARN CANNING WITH PW 4-H
READY TO CAN? LEARN A SKILL THAT LASTS A LIFETIME!**

Date: Thursday, December 11

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: St. Benedict Monastery Kitchen, 9535 Linton Hall Rd, Bristow

Who should Attend: Youth ages 13-19

[Click here to register.](#)

Looking for a fun, hands-on way to level up your kitchen skills and impress your friends and family? Prince William 4-H is hosting an Introduction to Safe Canning class - just in time for holiday gift giving!

This isn't just about putting food in jars - it's about learning a skill that promotes food safety, self-sufficiency, and healthy living. Plus, you'll walk away with something you made yourself...**cranberry orange chutney!**

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- **Food Safety Basics:** Why cleanliness matters and how to prevent contamination. Learn about botulism and other foodborne risks (and how to avoid them!).
- **Tools of the Trade:** How to use canners, jars, lids, and other essential equipment the right way. Tips for keeping your gear in top shape.
- **Step-by-Step Canning Process:** From washing and prepping produce to filling jars and sealing lids. Master processing times and altitude adjustments.
- **Labeling & Storage:** How to date jars, organize your pantry, and spot spoilage before it's a problem.
- **Nutrition & Sustainability:** Preserve seasonal produce for year-round enjoyment. Reduce food waste and save money while eating healthy.
- **Hands-On Practice:** You'll actually can a product yourself—because learning by doing is the best way!

LIFE SKILLS YOU'LL GAIN

- Responsibility and attention to detail
- Problem-solving and critical thinking
- Confidence in preparing safe, homemade food

Don't miss out - spots are limited!

Scholarship Alert! We Know Some PW 4-H'ers that MUST Apply!

**PRINCE WILLIAM
CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE**



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

Applications are due February 6th by 5 PM.

Each year, the Prince William Chamber Foundation, in partnership with the Prince William Chamber of Commerce, awards \$2,500 scholarships to outstanding local graduating high school seniors. For 2026, the Chamber will award 5 (five) scholarships. Four of the scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors, and one will be directed to alternative schooling/adult education.

This year, the Chamber Foundation will award 5 scholarships in the following categories:

- ★ Workforce Development & Certification
- ★ Higher Education
- ★ Military & Public Service
- ★ Entrepreneurship
- ★ Adult Education Eligibility Requirements!

Prince William 4-H SPIN Project Leading by Speaking



Who

The 4-H Youth Leadership SPIN Club, in partnership with Toastmasters International Youth Leadership Program, is an 8-session hands-on program designed for 4-H'ers ages 9-18.

What

Learn to speak with confidence, deliver powerful speeches, think on your feet, use your voice and body language effectively, and give and receive feedback like a pro!

Where & When

Session Dates*: December 10, 17, January 7, 14, 21, 28, & February 4

*please commit to all sessions!

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Location: PW 4-H Headquarters

Why

Public speaking is a cornerstone skill in 4-H because it builds confidence, leadership, and communication abilities that youth can use throughout life. Lead your club, challenge yourself in 4-H competitions, and grow your voice as a leader.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Participation is free, sponsored by PW 4-H.
Space is limited. Register by Dec 5th.
Enroll in 4-H Online prior to registering.

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Bring Science to Life with the Embryology Project

Are you looking for a hands-on, unforgettable way to teach science and spark curiosity in your students or club members? The Prince William 4-H "Beginning of Life" Embryology Project is the perfect opportunity!

This project gives youth a front-row seat to one of nature's most amazing processes - watching a chick develop and hatch from an egg. Over 21 days, participants care for fertilized eggs in an incubator, observe growth, record data, and learn problem-solving skills. It's science in action, and it's FUN!

WHY PARTICIPATE?

- Meets Virginia SOLs in math, science, English, life science, and computer technology.
- Builds responsibility, respect for life, and critical thinking.
- Includes step-by-step 4-H educational materials guiding students from incubation to brooder building.
- Supported by Prince William 4-H staff every step of the way.

WHO CAN JOIN?

- Prince William 4-H Clubs
- Prince William County Schools
- Manassas City Schools
- Manassas Park Schools
- Homeschool Groups

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Fertilized eggs
- Training and guidance
- Support during the hatch
- Chick collection and transport to a local farm

Don't miss this chance to make science come alive in your classroom or club! Spots fill quickly, so sign up Dec 1st and give your students an experience they'll never forget.



IMPORTANT DATES*

Dec 1 – Registration Opens
Jan 5 – Registration Closes

EDUCATOR TRAINING OPTIONS

Feb 4 - 6-7:30 PM @ PW 4-H
Feb 11 - Time & Location TBD

INCUBATOR PICKUP @ PW 4-H

Feb 5 – 1-4 PM
Feb 9 – 10 AM - 2 PM

EGG PICKUP @ PW 4-H

Feb 16 - 4-6 PM
Feb 17 - 9 AM - 12 PM

HATCH DAYS

Mar 9 – 13

CHICK DROP OFF @ PW 4-H

Mar 20 - 2-6 PM
Mar 26 - 12-3 PM

*Dates subject to change

Registration Opens Dec 1st!



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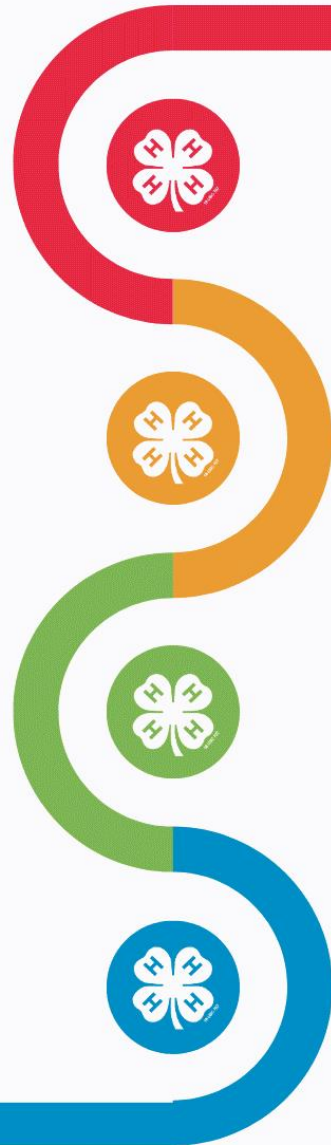
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4-H ADULT LEADER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Join PW 4-H Extension Agent MaryBeth Lerch for dynamic, one-hour virtual sessions designed for all 4-H adult leaders and volunteers. These interactive meetings dive into key topics like positive youth development (PYD), social-emotional learning (SEL), emotional intelligence, and problem-solving—all within the context of 4-H project work. Plus, we'll explore additional subjects based on your club's unique needs and interests. Whether you're looking to connect with fellow volunteers, deepen your understanding of youth development, or inspire tomorrow's leaders, these sessions are a valuable opportunity to grow and make a lasting impact.



4-H Positive Youth Development (PYD)

Learn how to empower young people by fostering critical life skills like leadership, problem-solving, and community engagement through hands-on projects in a safe, nurturing, and inclusive environment.

Youth Social Emotional Learning

Understand how to use the 4-H Thriving Model to emphasize high-quality, safe, and caring environments to help youth thrive, reach essential life goals, and achieve academic and social success.

Youth Emotional Intelligence

Understand a holistic approach that addresses mental health, education, employability, and character development, promoting healthy lifestyles and self-esteem in 4-H projects and activities.

Youth Problem Solving

By focusing on youth strengths and providing opportunities, relationships, and support, the 4-H PYD model helps young people thrive and reach their fullest potential, ultimately benefiting themselves, their families, and their communities.

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**CLICK HERE TO JOIN
ZOOM MEETING FROM
7-8 PM**

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CALLING ALL 4-H ERS 4TH GRADE AND UP

PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE JANUARY 5



4-H DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL

Experience 4-H in Richmond: meet
Prince William legislators, explore the
Capitol, and much more!



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026

CHECK OUT STATE LAW § 22.1-207.7

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.

Hokie Dairy Day: Sponsored by the VT Dairy Club

EXPERIENCE THE DAIRY INDUSTRY FROM COW TO CAREER!

HOKIE DAIRY DAY

Date: Saturday, December 6th

Time: 10 AM - 2:30 PM

Location: VT Dairy Complex at Kentland Farm and Etgen Learning Center, Blacksburg

[Click here for FREE registration.](#)

Register by Monday, December 2nd at noon.

Topics will include: calf care, milking nutrition, judging, and dairy foods. Participants are encouraged to stay after HOKIE Dairy Day and attend the [VT Men's Basketball Game](#). HOKIE Dairy Day participants staying for the game will receive a coupon for a FREE VT Dairy Club Milk Shake during the game!

VIRGINIA 4-H DAIRY QUIZ BOWL: SAVE THE DATE

Date: Saturday, March 14th, 2026. *Details regarding location and registration link coming soon!*

[Click here for study guides.](#)

Great opportunity for new participants and experienced youth alike to test their knowledge in all things Dairy!

VIRGINIA 4-H YOUTH ANIMAL SCIENCE NEWSLETTER

[Click here to read the November 2025 issue.](#)

The November edition highlights a recent YAS Alumni and YAS State Fair recognitions and more!

JOIN US FOR

HOKIE DAIRY DAY

DECEMBER 6 AT 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM



The Hokie mens basketball team will be playing George Mason at 3pm. Tickets are available at hokiesports.com and are priced at \$14-\$17. Hokie Dairy Day Participants will receive a coupon for a milkshake if they attend the game.

EXPERIENCE THE DAIRY INDUSTRY FROM COW TO CAREER!

Topics include calf care, milking, nutrition, judging and dairy foods

Start the day at the Virginia Tech Dairy Complex at Kentland Farm at 5279 Whitethorne Rd., Blacksburg, VA 24060 For the second half of the day, we will meet at William M. Etgen Large Animal Learning Center at 700 Plantation Rd. Lunch provided by Southland Dairy Farmers!

COMPLETE YOUR 2025 HOKIE DAIRY DAY REGISTRATION BY DECEMBER 1 AT [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/2025HOKIEDAIRYDAY](https://tinyurl.com/2025HOKIEDAIRYDAY)

VA 4-H Meat Science Career Day & Clinic

Date: Saturday, January 24th, 2026

Time: 9 AM - 3:30 PM

Location: VT Food Science and Technology Building, Blacksburg

Who Should Participate: VA4-H and FFA youth ages 13-19

[Click here to register.](#) **Register by Jan 7th at 5 PM**

Visit with industry experts and learn more about Meat Science Industry Career Opportunities and Meat Evaluation and Retail Meats Identification.

The Morning Program will be split into three tracks: VT Swine Center Tour, Live Animal Evaluation, and Meat Science Career Track

- Youth Ages 13 – 15 will select either the VT Swine Center Tour or the Live Animal Evaluation Track
- Youth Ages 16 – 19 will participate in the Meat Science Career Track that includes hands on learning opportunities with some of the industry's leading professionals.

The Afternoon Program will include Beef & Lamb Evaluation, Pork Evaluation, and Retail Meat Identification with participants split into groups based on ages.

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MEAT SCIENCE CAREER DAY & EVALUATION CLINIC

Join us for a hands-on, behind-the-scenes look at the meat industry! Practice judging & evaluation for the State Meats Contest!


- ★ VT Facilities Tour
- ★ Live Animal Evaluation
- ★ Country Ham Processing
- ★ Marketing
- ★ Judging & Identification

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

FFA: 6th grade & up
4H: 13 years old & up

\$15
Registration
(includes lunch!)

Register Now & Secure Your Spot!



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FEED SAMPLE KITS**

Help students identify feed successfully!
Preorder your kit today!

Starter Kit: \$50
Add-On Kit: \$25
Starter + Add-On Kits: \$75

Scan the QR code below for more information and pick up options!

Contact Katie Powell at
kpowell26@vt.edu with any questions!



VA 4-H: VT B&B Feed Kits

Starter and NEW Add-On Kits Available

- Starter Kits will be like those offered last spring
- Add-on Kits will include additional feeds not included in the Starter Kit
- Various pick-up locations and shipping options available
- Great kits to use as resources for Livestock and Dairy Skillathons, Hippology, Junior Stockman's, or other Youth Animal Science Educational Programs

Order Form: [Block & Bridle at VT Feed Kit Preorder Form – Fill out form](#)

Holiday Lake 4-H Food Frenzy

Holiday Lake
For Ages 9-18

Registration Now Open!

4-H Food Frenzy Camp
February 27 - March 1, 2026

The 4-H Food Frenzy Camp registration is now open! This program is limited to 50 participants, so don't wait! Trained teen and adult volunteers are needed for supervision at this program. More info can be found on our website, click the link in our bio to register today!



Dates: February 27th - March 1st
Location: Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center
Who Should Attend: Virginia 4-H'ers ages 9-18
Camp Fee: \$135/ participant; \$50/teen & adult volunteers
** Trained teen and adult volunteers needed!*

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

Register by Feb 13.

Youth have the opportunity to learn and practice food safety and cooking skills. Campers will explore different cooking techniques and work with professionals in the food service industry. Whether you're new to the kitchen or looking into careers in the industry, this is the camp for you!

2026 "Corey Childs Memorial" Stockmen's Contest

Virginia Livestock, LLC



SAVE THE DATE

Where: Virginia Livestock, LLC

2796 Rivermont Drive Front Royal, VA 22630

When: February 14th, 2026

Tentative Schedule:

Registration 8:00-9:00am

Stockmen's Judging 9:00 am

Lunch will be served at end of the contest (around noon)

Stockmen's contest results following the YQCA Program

Registration is \$5.00 per person lunch is included.

Please Register by **February 6th, 2026**

Be on the lookout for online registration information coming in the near future.

Spots fill quickly, be sure to register early!

*** YQCA will only be offered to contest participants. Watch for YQCA registration coming in the near future. ***

If you are a person with a disability and desire assistance or accommodation to participate in this activity, please notify the Warren County Office of Virginia Cooperative Extension at (540) 635-4549 during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please contact us by Friday, February 6th, 2026.

Virginia 4-H Lumber Cup

[Click here for more information and to register.](#) Register by Dec 12.

Turman Wood Group and **The Virginia Farm Bureau**, 4-H clubs and students are invited to participate in the first ever **Virginia Lumber Cup**- a **new student woodworking challenge** that offers hands-on learning while allowing students to test their skills.

This competition is open to all middle and high school groups, but lumber supplies are limited to the first 150 groups. Students will be directed to regional pick up spots to obtain their bundle of lumber. Projects are due for judging by April 5. This is a great opportunity for students to engage with forestry/timber professionals and their regional Farm Bureau community.

There is no cost to participate.



From Forest to Finish.



BIG IDEAS
in the
Humanities

2nd Annual Saturday
Winter Enrichment

EVERY | 7, 14, 21, 28
Saturday | February

Morning (9:30-11:30am) enrichment for 6th-8th graders interested in the humanities! Academic enrichment in literature, creative writing, history, philosophy, sociology, theatre, arts, language and more!

FREE for accepted students!

Applications due December 19th!

rural.vt.edu | seevt@vt.edu

VT COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND HUMAN SCIENCES VT CENTER FOR RURAL EDUCATION

VT Big Ideas in the Humanities

Dates: Each Saturday morning in February (2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28)

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM | In person

Who Should Apply: Middle school students ages 11–14 from across the region.

Cost: FREE (but space is limited)

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#) **Applications due Dec 19.**

Applications are open for this exciting humanities-based enrichment experience for gifted and high-achieving middle schoolers (grades 6–8) on the Virginia Tech campus in Blacksburg! Students will embark on an extraordinary humanities journey designed to spark imagination and fuel passions for the arts, storytelling, philosophy, language, history, creative writing, and more.

To complete the application, students will need to provide a recommendation contact (a teacher, administrator, counselor, coach, community member, mentor, etc.) and a short essay or video expressing their interest in attending the enrichment experience and why the humanities excite them.

VA Fairs Youth Leadership Scholarship Contest

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

Want to win up to \$2,500 in scholarships? The VAF Youth Leadership Scholarship Contest is your chance to shine! If you're 14–19 years old as of January 1, 2026, and actively involved in your local VAF-member fair - whether as a youth board member, livestock exhibitor, contest participant, or volunteer - you're eligible. This contest celebrates leadership, teamwork, and creativity while helping you build real-world skills to make a difference in your community. Applications are due **December 5**, so don't wait - step up, show your leadership, and grab this opportunity!

Contestants must be present to participate.

VAF Conference

January 10, 2025

Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg, VA



2026
Youth Leadership Contest

Virginia Association of Fairs Conference
January 8-10, 2025
Williamsburg Lodge in Williamsburg, VA

January 10, 2026
Contest starts at 9am

For youth ages 14-19, as of January 1, 2026, who are active participants in a VAF-member fair or festival. Contest applicants have a chance to earn a portion of over \$9,000 in scholarships for post-secondary education.

Application Deadline: **December 5, 2025**

Contest Requirements

Submit with Application:

- Letter of Reference
- Resume
- Essay

On Contest Day:

- Digital Presentation
- Interview
- Prepared Speech
- Extemporaneous Speech

More Information & Application Packet:

- vafairs.us
- Virginia Association of Fairs

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2025 WINTER CLOVERBUDS CAMP

PLAYER COST: \$160 PER PERSON
OPEN TO CAMPER'S AGES: 5-8 YEARS OLD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH-7TH, 2025

600 4-H CENTER DRIVE, FRONT ROYAL, VA

GET READY TO PLAY, PARTY, AND POWER UP!

2025 Winter Cloverbud Camp

Date: December 5th - 7th

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

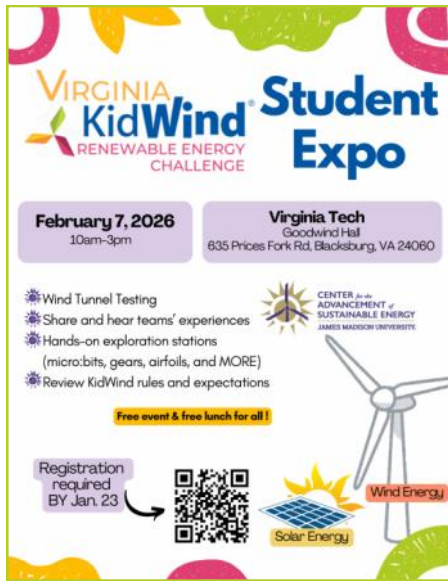
Who Should Attend: Youth ages 5-8 with an accompanying adult

Cost: \$160/person

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

This year's theme is video games and participants will be involved in classic camp activities and classes like tie-dye, arts and crafts, evening activities, campfire and more with a gamer twist!

Cloverbuds is a 2-night residential camp designed to give younger children an opportunity to spend a night away from home and experience what 4-H camp has to offer while sharing the experience with a parent, grandparent, or trusted adult.



KidWind Student Expo at Virginia Tech

[Click here to register.](#)

Registration is OPEN for our **Southwest KidWind Student Expo** to be held at Virginia Tech on February 7th.

This is an event for teams that are planning to compete in a KidWind Challenge. Students will take ownership of their learning while they attend hands-on technical sessions about advanced topics in wind turbine construction and solar power. Coaches will get to learn more about what to expect on the day of the challenge. We will have industry representatives present and there will be open testing time for teams.



Youth Leadership Program

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

Calling All 4-H, FFA & Jr. MANRRS Members!

Attend the Youth Leadership Program at the American Farm Bureau Convention — FREE! The American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) is excited to offer a unique national opportunity for 4-H, FFA and Jr. MANRRS members on January 11, 2026!

From January 9-14, AFBF will host its 107th Annual Convention and Trade Show at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, California. As part of this event, a special Youth Leadership Program will be held on Sunday, January 11th, exclusively for youth members of our partnering youth agricultural organizations. This one-of-a-kind experience will allow students to:

- Connect with farmers and ranchers as well as industry leaders from across the country
 - Network with other youth leaders, learn together and build valuable leadership skills
 - Attend the Empowering Young Leaders reception with AFBF President Zippy Duvall
- Don't miss this chance to learn, grow, and be inspired alongside other future leaders of agriculture!



AgriMeal for Change

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

The AgriMeal for Change Packaging Event unites community members, organizations, and volunteers to support food security by packaging and distributing nutritious, shelf-stable meals for individuals and families in need. With a dedicated team of 200 volunteers, this event goes beyond meal preparation - it fosters community building, provides hands-on education, and strengthens service-oriented partnerships. Together, volunteers will produce thousands of healthy meals in a short period of time, delivering meaningful impact to local food banks, shelters, and households experiencing food shortages.

EVENT SCHEDULE – JANUARY 19, 2025

- 9:00–9:30 AM – Table captain and table runner training
- 9:45 AM – Lead volunteers prepare stations
- 10:00–11:30 AM – First packaging shift
- 12:00–1:30 PM – Second packaging shift

Monday, Jan. 19
8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

VSU Multipurpose Center
20809 2nd Ave., Petersburg, VA 23803

The event brings together community members, organizations, and volunteers to support food security by packaging and distributing nutritious meals to individuals and families in need. With a volunteer base of 200 people, the purpose of the event expands beyond meal preparation, serving as a powerful community-building, educational, and service-driven initiative.

In addition, the *AgriMeal for Change* event is to help reduce hunger by producing large quantities of healthy, shelf-stable meals. With 200 volunteers, the event can package thousands of meals in a short period of time, making a meaningful impact on local food banks, shelters, and families experiencing food shortages.

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Register at ext.vsu.edu/calendar

For more info, contact: **Novita Epps**
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Visit ext.vsu.edu for information on this and other upcoming events.

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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	10 PW 4-H Rabbit Project Kickoff	3 PW 4-H Dog Project Kickoff
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 PW 4-H Contest Day: Presentations, Table Setting, Fashion Review	6-7 PW 4-H TALT - Junior Camp Counselor Training
11 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club	8 PW 4-H Cloverbud Club	10 PW 4-H Leading by Speaking SPIN Project	23 PW 4-H Share the Fun Dress Rehearsal	14 VA 4-H Contest Day: Setting, Fashion Review	10 PW 4-H Leaders' Mid-Year Mtg & 4-H Association Mtg
11-12 VA 4-H Shooting Ed New Instructor Certification	12 PW 4-H Association Meeting	11 PW 4-H Canning Class	30 PW 4-H Share the Fun	14 VA 4-H Stockman's & Livestock Judging	14 VA 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl
14 PW 4-H Portfolio Training	16 PW 4-H Hike: 4-H Outdoor Challenge	13 Weath's Across America Day	TBD PW 4-H Tree Seedling Orders Due	28 PW 4-H Food Challenge	14-15 VA 4-H Spring Air Champs
16 PW 4-H Teens to BLOOM	20 PW 4-H Teens to BLOOM				25-29 National 4-H IGNITE
19-25 National Character Counts Week	24 PW 4-H Officer & Leadership Training		TBD VA 4-H Hippology & Horse Judging	TBD VA 4-H Hipology & Horse Judging	TBD VA 4-H Teen Summit
21 PW 4-H Club & Project Leader Professional Dev	28-Dec 2 National 4-H Congress		TBD 4-H Shooting Sports National Quiz Bowl	TBD 4-H Shooting Sports National Quiz Bowl	TBD PW 4-H Association BINGO
23 PW 4-H Presentation Training	28-Dec14 TSC & 4-H Paper Clover Campaign		TBD VA 4-H Shooting Ed Instructor Recertification	TBD VA 4-H Shooting Ed Instructor Recertification	TBD VA 4-H and FFA Meats Evaluation
27 PW 4-H Green & Growing					

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
18 VA 4-H Northeast District Contest Day	30 1st Time Junior 4-H Camper Parents' Meeting	30 1st Time Junior 4-H Camper Parents' Meeting	TBD Prince William/Stafford 4-H Junior Camp	TBD PW 4-H Fair Camp	
TBD National 4-H Conference	TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Workshops		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 Equismartz	TBD VA 4-H Shooting Ed New Instructor Certification	TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Market Day	TBD VA 4-H Youth Daily Field Day		
TBD PW 4-H Young Entrepreneurs Interest Mtg	TBD VA 4-H Outdoor Challenge SPIN Project	TBD VA Dept of Forestry Camp Woods & Wildlife			
TBD PW 4-H Tree Planting	TBD VA 4-H Northeast District Food Challenge Contest	TBD VA 4-H Livestock Judging Contests			
TBD VA 4-H/FFA Beef Challenge, Beef Roundup, Tractor Operators 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					

For more detailed information as events approach, see the newsletter at www.pwcv4.gov/4H.



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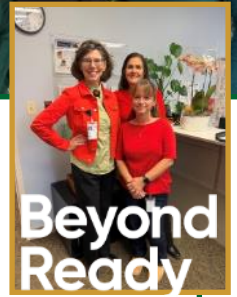
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