



# Prince William 4-H

*Our Clubs, Our Community*



October 5, 2022

## Upcoming Events

- Oct 5-16 - TSC Paper Clover Campaign
- Oct 2-8 - National 4-H Week
- Oct 6 - PW4-H Teen Club
- Oct 8 - Cloverbud Club
- Oct 26 - PW 4-H New Member Meeting
- Nov 5 - PW 4-H Farmer's Market
- Nov 8 - Food Challenge Training
- Nov 9 - PW 4-H Association Meeting
- Nov 12 - Cloverbud Club
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## Launching the New 4-H Year *TOGETHER!*

It's National 4-H Week and what better way to celebrate than by getting together?



### PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H TEEN CLUB - THURSDAY!

**Date:** October 6th

**Time:** 7:30 pm

**Location:** McCoy Conference Room, 4-H Office, Manassas

**Who Should Attend:** All PW 4-H'ers ages 14-19

[Click here to register.](#)

Our Teen Club is open to all Prince William 4-H'ers ages 14-19. We strongly encourage all of our teens to attend because, as a group, we truly grow together! Our monthly meetings focus on skills development, team building, leadership, networking and socializing. They are filled with activities and hand-on learning that are truly LOL worthy. Catch up with old friends, make new friends, and come grow with us!



### PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H CLOVER(BUD) CLUB - SATURDAY!

**Upcoming Dates:** October 8, November 12, December 10

**Time:** 10 am-12 pm

**Location:** 4-H Children's Barn, PWC Fairgrounds

**Who Should Attend:** All PWC youth ages 5-8 with an interest in 4-H

[Click here to register.](#)

Our Clover(bud) Club is for our youngest 4-H'ers and introduces them to the wide world of 4-H, focusing on the 4-H pillars of civic engagement, STEM, healthy living and agriculture. We'll use our head, hearts, hands and heath to complete exciting activities, make new friends, and learn about the world around us. Join in the fun and come grow with us!



## HAPPY 4-H NEW YEAR!

The 4-H New Year began October 1st. Please re-enroll in 4-H Online and check out the new calendar using the link below.

**It's going to be an exciting 4-H Year!**

[Click here for the full 2022-2023 PW 4-H Calendar.](#)

## TIME TO RE-ENROLL IN 4-H ONLINE

[Click here for the 4-H Online Re-Enrollment Tip Sheet](#)

[Click here to access 4-H Online](#)

Our online membership system is open for Prince William 4-H members to re-enroll. Please complete your enrollment by December 1st to ensure our records are accurate and that you are receiving important and timely information.



4-H ENROLLMENT AND EVENT REGISTRATION

Click to Visit





# Teen Club

**OUR FIRST MEETING IS OCTOBER 6TH!**

Discover your strengths and talents by joining the Prince William 4-H Teen Club!

There's no better way to culminate your 4-H experience and exemplify fancy terms like *positive youth development* than to provide opportunities and train **YOU** to take the lead!

## Who Should Participate

Prince William 4-H'ers ages 14 to 19 that have a desire to learn, lead and strengthen their talents with the support and network of Prince William 4-H.



## How to Participate

- ➔ Be a member of Prince William 4-H
- ➔ Actively participate in your 4-H Club
- ➔ Attend 1 designated PW 4-H Teen Club activity each month. Some meetings are specific to the club, while others are in conjunction with county, district and state programs and activities.



For more information or to join the **Prince William 4-H Teen Club**, please contact:

MaryBeth Lerch  
[mblerch@vt.edu](mailto:mblerch@vt.edu)

Learn more about Prince William 4-H at  
[www.pwcva.gov/4-H](http://www.pwcva.gov/4-H).

### Skills Development

The PW 4-H Teen Club provides opportunities through training sessions, seminars, camps, and activities to grow into who **YOU** are meant to be! We'll focus on communicating effectively, positive interactions with others, growing your desire to continue to learn, how to approach decision making and strategies to solve problems, managing resources, and bringing people together to reach a common goal.

### Team Building

Demonstrate and improve your leadership skills by participating in team activities throughout the year. The PW 4-H Teen Club provides opportunities to try many different team roles to help **YOU** discover your strengths. We'll also have meetings to practice our skills and learn how to work as a team.

### Leadership

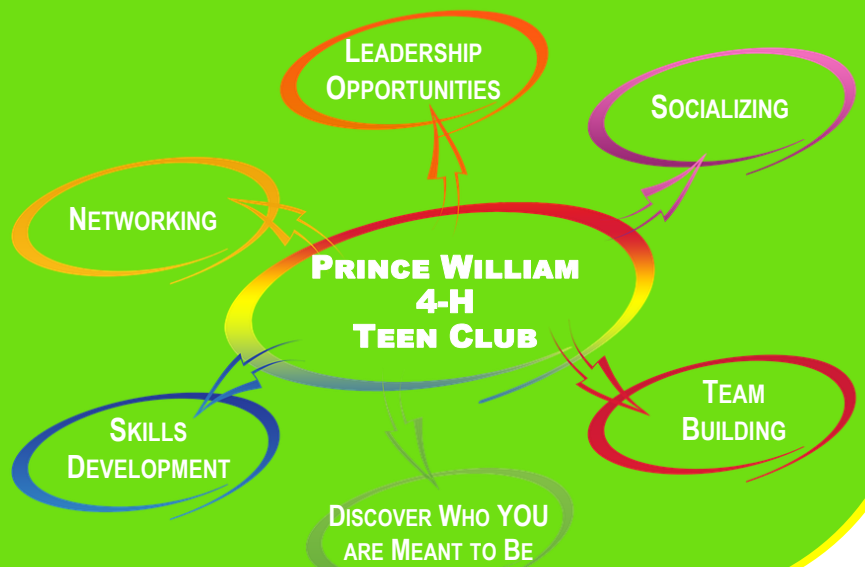
Test yourself by volunteering for one of the many leadership opportunities available just for **YOU!** Challenge your skills of identifying problems and developing action plans. Take ownership of the plan and follow through to reach the goals.

### Networking

Build your understanding of opportunities available by networking with your peers. Learn about 4-H programs such as Ambassadors and All Stars. Discover scholarship opportunities, leadership opportunities, community service programs, and many more resume-building activities that will ultimately build **YOU!**

### Socializing

The PW 4-H Teen Club fosters life-long friendships through meaningful, positive and productive activities. We'll have a lot of laughs, challenge ourselves in team building games, and encourage you to **discover who YOU are meant to be!**



## It's TSC Paper Clover Time!

It's time to launch the 4-H New Year! Start gathering materials and creating your poster to display at our local Tractor Supply Company Store. Prince William 4-H Clubs are encouraged to promote your club with a bake sale or the like, make new connections and recruit new members by telling your 4-H Story at TSC. Contact MaryBeth Lerch if your club is interested in a date to be physically at the store (October 5th-16th).



## Prince William 4-H New Member Meeting - Oct. 26th

**Date:** October 26, 7:30 pm

**Location:** McCoy Conference Room (upstairs), Sudley North 4-H Office

**Who Should Attend:** Anyone who joined 4-H since 2020 and is interested in learning about opportunities beyond project work. The meeting is geared towards parents and leaders, but youth are welcome to attend.

[Click here to register.](#)



## Prince William 4-H Youth Officer Training and Teen Club

**Date:** November 14, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

**Location:** McCoart Building, Woodbridge

**Who Should Attend:** All new 4-H Youth Club Officers and all PW 4-H teens ages 14-19. This in-person meeting is an interactive meeting for current youth officers, newly elected youth officers, anyone interested in becoming an officer, or anyone interested in learning about the roles of 4-H youth officers in clubs, county, district and state levels. All PW 4-H Teen Club members should participate.



## Urgent Request for PW 4-H Shooting Sports



We need your help in securing a meeting location for over 100 (youth and adults) enrolled members in Trigger Time 4-H Club. Trigger Time has had the generous benefit of utilizing space at the Prince William County Fairgrounds for indoor air sports shooting practices for over 15 years. While our space did become more limited in recent years, we have still been fortunate to have an indoor space with lights, heat, and restroom facilities with no output of rental fees. Use of a space that allows club members to be together promotes

opportunities for mentorship of new members by older or more experienced club members, opportunities for youth to make new friends, families to connect, and volunteers to support each other while teaching our youth valuable life skills. For the upcoming 4-H year, Trigger Time 4-H Club will not have the ability to use any of the building at the Prince William County Fairgrounds for air sport practices. This is a great loss for a large and very active club.

We are reaching out to the entire 4-H membership and past members too, to ask for your help in spreading the word and helping in our search for a new facility. You can shoot air guns almost anywhere and the club has the proper backstops and safety equipment needed to move into almost any facility. The question is, where could that be? The ideal indoor space would have electricity for lights, heat (as these disciplines meet during the winter months), and ideally, restrooms. A building/structure that is 45' x 120' could accommodate the space needs for the club as the enrollment stands today.

[Click here to email Trigger Time](#) if you have an available space.



**Civic  
Engagement**

**Prince William 4-H Cloverbuds** are youth ages 5 to 8 that are interested in learning more about 4-H.

**Cloverbuds** complete short-term, hands-on, adult-led, exploratory projects in subject areas such as civic engagement, STEM, healthy living and agriculture. All 4-H projects are research and curriculum-based. We lay the foundation of knowledge to help develop our

**future community leaders!**



**STEM**

**What is 4-H?**

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. Our goal is to help young people grow into capable, responsible, confident members of our community by providing information, opportunities, activities and events that are educational and fun! Through clubs throughout Prince William County, our youth conduct youth-led meetings to complete projects, community service projects, and participate in local and state government events.



**Healthy  
Living**

**Come Grow with Us!**

Attend our next **Clover Club!** You can also learn more at [www.pwcgov.org/4-H](http://www.pwcgov.org/4-H).



**Agriculture**

PWC 4-H

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**4-H  
GROWS HERE**



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH

## **A 4-H Club for Youth Ages 5-8**

*(parent or guardian must be present)*

**FREE!**

### **4-H Children's Barn PWC Fairgrounds**

10624 Dumfries Rd.  
Manassas, VA 20112

**2 HOURS OF 4-H  
FUN!**

**Saturdays**

**10 am - 12 pm**

next meeting dates:

**October 8**

**November 12**

**December 10**

[Click here to register.](#)



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PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H



FINAL

# FARMER'S MARKET

November 5th

ENJOY THE FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

**AT THE MANASSAS FARMERS MARKET**

**8 AM - 1 PM**



**FEATURING PWC 4-HERS NISANUR, JAMES, JARED, HANNAH, KOA, AISLING, XANTHIE, KATIE, DIALLO, AND JOHN DAVID!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PRINCE WILLIAM 4-H:**

**Come Grow with Us!**

**[www.PWCVA.gov/4-H](http://www.PWCVA.gov/4-H)**



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## Virginia 4-H: Scarf Campaign is Underway - ENDS FRIDAY!



Support Virginia 4-H Youth, Show your 4-H Spirit and Get a Limited Edition Virginia 4-H Scarf, too! It's an important time for Virginia's youth. An investment in 4-H will help youth find their passion and create positive change in their lives and their community.

The Virginia 4-H Scarf Campaign is a twelve day giving campaign that rallies 4-H alumni and friends to support 4-H. By giving collectively, donors have an opportunity to make a greater impact. All donations will support the 4-H annual fund. These funds are unrestricted and provide for immediate needs to support 4-H experiences at the state level and local level.

We believe in the power of our youth. Help us create more opportunities for all youth with a donation of \$20, and you'll have a limited edition 4-H scarf to keep you warm, and show your spirit! To donate to the campaign, visit <https://crowdfund.vt.edu/4Hscarf> between September 26th and October 7th.



## Virginia 4-H: Magical Muggles Camp - FILLING FAST!



W.E. Skelton 4-H  
Educational Conference Center  
at Smith Mountain Lake

**Date:** October 21st - 23rd

**Location:** W.E. Skelton 4-H Education Center, Wirtz, VA

**Who Should Attend:** 4-H'ers ages 9-13

**Cost:** \$100

*Adult and teen volunteers/chaperones also needed (free to attend camp).*

[Click here to register.](#)

Break out your Nimbus 3000s, dust off those wands, and get ready for a magical adventure of a weekend! The Skelton 4-H Center has a long history of hosting Harry Potter camp that goes all the way back to 2011. We're excited to announce its return with our Magical Muggles Camp! This camp is popular. Register today!

## Virginia 4-H: Teen Leadership Council

**Who Should Apply:** 4-H Teens ages 14-18

**Applications Due October 9th.**

[Click here to apply.](#)

The Teen Empowerment Program Team is excited to open applications once again for Center Based Teen Leadership Councils for the 2022-2023 year. These councils are open to youth between the ages of 14-18. The goal of the councils is to provide an intermediate leadership opportunity as well as a pathway to other statewide leadership opportunities. All Prince William 4-H teens who may find state level leadership opportunities overwhelming, but want to expand their skills, are encouraged to apply.

Each council member will participate in a Statewide Kickoff Event in Richmond, November 4-6, 2022 and meet a minimum of 3 additional times at their respective centers. The cost for this program is \$50, and participants will work to raise funds for additional programs.

## Virginia 4-H Youth in Action Awards - DUE FRIDAY!



Prince William 4-H has amazing teen leaders! This program recognizes four confident young leaders in our core pillar areas of Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living, and STEM, giving pillar winners the chance to share how 4-H changed their lives and how they have used the skills they gained in 4-H to change the lives of others.

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

## Virginia 4-H: Horse Program Updates



### 2022 End of Year Awards

**Deadline:** December 15th

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

Let's celebrate this year's most outstanding Club, 4-H member, and 4-H Volunteer for 2022! Annual End of Year Awards are recognized by those actively involved in the 4-H Horse Program. Please join us in celebrating our top Member of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and Club of the Year.

- ★ Member of the Year wins an embroidered jacket.
- ★ Volunteer of the Year wins an embroidered jacket.
- ★ Club of the Year wins a Club Plaque and individual 4-H prizes for each member.

Saturday, 8:30 am - 4 pm  
**OCTOBER**  
**15** \$40!  
**Horse Pasture Management Short Course**  
CHESTERFIELD EXTENSION OFFICE  
9501 Lori Rd., Chesterfield, VA  
Find More Info & Registration Here:  
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/HLW2022](https://tinyurl.com/HLW2022)  
Scan Me!  
Lunch, Refreshments & Educational Material Included  
Register by Oct. 10th



### 2022 Healthy Land for Healthy Horses Short Course

**Date:** October 15

**Time:** 8:30 am to 4 pm

**Location:** Chesterfield Extension Office, 9501 Lori Rd, Chesterfield, VA

[Click here to register.](#) **Register by October 10th.**

When horse pastures are managed properly it can lead to good nutrition for your horses, reduced feed cost, and stewardship of the land. Specialists from Virginia Tech, University of Kentucky and local Extension Agents will speak on Forage Management, Weed Control, Soils and Nutrient Management, Composting, Soil Erosion, and Partner Resources. There will be time for consultation with agents to build your own pasture management plan. As part of the course, there will be a visit to a local farm. This event will allow for networking and building relationships with horse owners throughout the area. It enables us to learn more about equine pasture management together.

## Virginia 4-H: Shooting Education Sports Updates



### Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Camp 2023

**Dates:** July 30 - August 3, 2023

**Location:** Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center

**Cost:** Pistol, Rifle, Archery \$390; Shotgun, Muzzleloader \$410

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

**Register early. The maximum number of campers will be 106.**

The Shooting Education Camp for 2023 will be held on July 30 - August 3, 2023. The camp is open to boys and girls ages 12 to 16. Participants will receive 4 days of instruction related to their chosen discipline, consisting of such topics as Shooting Safety Education, Shooting Fundamentals and Theory, and Marksmanship Instruction. Each will have the opportunity to participate in one or more competitive shoots. Disciplines offered include: Archery, Muzzleloading, Pistol, Shotgun, Small Bore Rifle (.22), and Air Rifle. Teen Assistants, aged 17- 20, with 4H Shooting Education experience, are also needed for the camp.



### NRA Foundation Grant Application

The NRA Foundation grant application process for Virginia is now available. Prince William 4-H shooting sports club adult volunteers are encouraged to contact PW 4-H if you are available to help compile evidence and documentation for the grant application. Grants up to \$4,000 are available. With more than 40 club applications in Virginia, the internal deadline allows for application review, revisions, attaching of related documentation and finalizing the grant application. This year's deadline is Monday, October 20th at noon. Please email [MaryBeth.Lerch](mailto:MaryBeth.Lerch) if you are able to assist.



### Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Instructors Recertification

**Date:** November 5th; **Register by October 26th**

Shooting Education Instructors must be Recertified every 7 years in each discipline they are certified to instruct. This is a requirement to comply with the National Standards published by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee. There are approximately 160 instructors that need to be recertified in one or more disciplines. Those that have not completed recertification by the 12/31/2023 deadline will be de-certified. There are 3 sessions remaining before the deadline: November 5, 2022; February 2023; and November 2023. Due to space, registration is limited. [Contact Lynn Wheeless](#) for more information and to register.

## Virginia 4-H Employment Opportunities



**Senior management:** Agriculture & Life Sciences

**Department:** 4-H Centers and Admin.

**Location:** Blacksburg, Virginia

- **Business Manager, State 4-H Office**  
[Click here for more information and to apply.](#)
- **Associate Specialist, 4-H Leadership and Evaluation**  
[Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

## Virginia 4-H: Virginia 4-H Alumni and Friends Tailgate



**Date:** November 5th, 4 hours prior to kickoff

**Virginia Tech vs Georgia Tech**

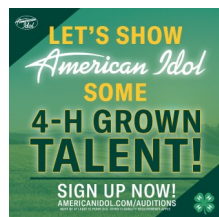
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Join fellow Virginia 4-H Alumni and Friends for our first annual football tailgate! Connect with fellow 4-H alumni, friends, members, volunteers, and supporters of the Virginia 4-H program over a buffet meal with all of your favorite tailgate dishes. Challenge your friends to a game of corn hole or giant Jenga. Kids of all ages can enjoy games and crafts. Cash bar.

Join us for an exclusive inside scoop of the university's latest and sweetest creation. Come and taste some sweet treats provided by Homestead Creamery, as well as the exclusive sneak peek and taste of Virginia Tech's latest creation. The nationally ranked Virginia Tech College of Agriculture and Life Sciences' Department of Food Science and Technology brings innovative food science research to market. Steeped in the tradition of our land-grant university, Virginia Tech is committed to supporting innovation that fuels Virginia's economy.

Special appearances by the Hokie Bird and Growley III!

Lodging and game ticket information will be included in your confirmation email.



## National 4-H: American Idol

Here's your chance for a big break! On Thursday, October 6th, American Idol will host an exclusive virtual audition day for current 4-H'ers & 4-H alum ages 15-28 for a chance to become the next American Idol. Registration CLOSSES on October 6th at 3 PM ET. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

## National 4-H: 2023 National 4-H Conference

**Dates:** April 14-19, 2023

**Location:** Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia, and online



Deemed "the Secretary's Conference," this Conference is the flagship youth development opportunity of USDA. Today, the Conference remains true to its original intent to develop the next generation of leaders while continuing to be future-focused. The Conference brings together youth, volunteer leaders, county and state Extension staff, Land-grant University faculty and administrators, as well as state and federal government officials from across the United States and its Territories. During the Conference, delegates will become familiar with the government and future career opportunities and share their voice with federal agencies and congressional committees. More information to coming soon.



## VSU Annual Ginger And Turmeric Workshop and Field Day



**Date:** October 21

**Time:** 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

**Location:** VSU Randolph Farm Pavilion, 4415 River Road, Petersburg, VA

**Cost:** \$15

[Click here to register.](#)

Learn from leading experts about the sustainable production management of ginger and turmeric, integrated pest management, the health benefits of ginger consumption, proper harvesting and packaging techniques, and marketing. Presentations will be shared indoors, after which guests will travel by trolley to the field for demonstrations.

### Presenters:

- Brian Nelson Hardywood Brewery (Richmond, VA)
- Reza Rafie Crossroad Farm (Colonial Heights, VA)
- Rafat Siddiqui Food Science and Food Chemistry (VSU)
- Zelalem Mersha Plant and Soil Science (VSU)
- Theresa Nartea Marketing (VSU)

## From Our Friends: ASAS-SS Webinars



Hot Topics in the Southeast Webinar Series from the Southern Section of ASAS

All webinars will be held at 12:00 to 1 PM EST.

Registration is FREE!!

- **October 5 - New Updates on Over the Counter Antibiotics** by Dr. Lew Strickland, Dept. of Animal Science, Univ. of Tennessee. Register at: [go.ncsu.edu/otcdrugs](http://go.ncsu.edu/otcdrugs)
- **October 19 - Safeguarding the Future of Animal AG** by Casey Kinler, Director Membership and Marketing, Animal Agriculture Alliance. Register at: [go.ncsu.edu/animalag](http://go.ncsu.edu/animalag)
- **November 9 - The Asian Longhorn Tick** by Dr. John Currin, VA-MD College of Veterinary Medicine, Virginia Tech. Register at: [go.ncsu.edu/alt](http://go.ncsu.edu/alt)
- **December 14 - Cow Size and Efficiency** by Dr. Ryon Walker, McGregor Research Center, Texas A&M Agrilife Research. Register at: [go.ncsu.edu/cowsize](http://go.ncsu.edu/cowsize)

## From Our Friends: Learn to Speak English

BEACON for English Language and Literacy offers English and Citizenship Classes for Adult Learners in Prince William County. Each year, BEACON offers three 12-week class sessions and one three-week summer class to more than 400 adult learners.

Classes are offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11:30 am or Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 pm and are located in Manassas, Manassas Park, and Online. Class fees are \$65 for each 12-week session and includes a book for new students.

**Fall Class Session:** August 22, 2022 - November 10, 2022 - **REGISTRATION CLOSED**

**Winter Class Session:** November 28, 2022 - March 3, 2023

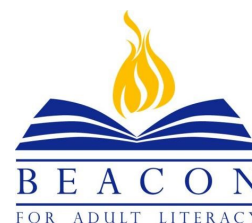
**Spring Class Session:** March 20, 2023 - June 15, 2023

**Summer Conversation Class:** July 2023, TBD

[www.beaconliteracy.org](http://www.beaconliteracy.org)

[beaconforadulthoodliteracy@gmail.com](mailto:beaconforadulthoodliteracy@gmail.com)

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**2020-2021 PWC 4-H  
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**Youth Officers**

Samantha Whysong, President  
Kayla Dixon, Vice President  
Alexis Cox, Treasurer  
Secretary - Vacant

**Adult Officers**

Vacant - President  
Alan Lerch, Vice President  
Sydney Nguyen, Treasurer  
Tom Harrigan, Secretary

**Committee Chairs**

Fundraising Committee - Samantha Whysong  
Recognition Committee - Alan Lerch  
Membership Committee - 4-H Staff



**Support the Prince William County 4-H  
Association while You Shop!**

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "Prince William County 4-H Association" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app
5. Start shopping! A portion of select purchases will be donated to 4-H at no additional cost to you.



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