

FLUVANNA 4-H NEWS

2024 County Contest Day photography contest entries

Happy New Year!

Fluvanna 4-H members have already taken charge in 2024. From county competitions to 4-H Day at the Capitol, members have been quite busy. If you are not currently a Fluvanna 4-H member, and would like more information on how to join, please contact Kim Mayo kmayo@vt.edu or call the Virginia Cooperative Extension-Fluvanna Unit office: 434-591-1950.

4-H DAY AT THE CAPITOL

WRITTEN BY BRAYDEN JONES, FLUVANNA 4-H NORTHWEST DISTRICT AMBASSADOR

Fluvanna County Virginia 4-H Northwest District Cabinet Members Brayden Jones and Lidija Westfall had the opportunity to attend Virginia 4-H Capitol Day. They got to meet with Governor Glenn Youngkin, First Lady Suzanne Youngkin along with legislators such as Delegates Terry Kilgore and Israel O'Quinn. They also conducted, with the other cabinet members, How a Bill Becomes a Law a

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Virginia 4-H Day at the Capitol Delegation

Photo by Katherine Carter, VA 4-H Youth Animal Science Specialist



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stimulation of the General Assembly and how a bill that is proposed becomes a law for the youth delegates that came from across the Commonwealth. They also got a unique tour of the Executive Mansion where Suzanne Youngkin greeted them.

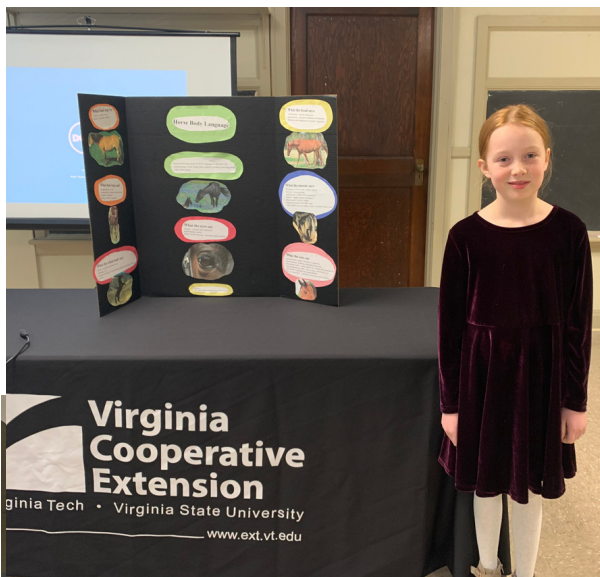
For more information about becoming a 4-H Ambassador, contact Kim Mayo kmayo@vt.edu



Top left: Lidija Westfall and Brayden Jones on the steps of the Capitol Building. Photo by Lidija Westfall. Right: The Virginia Washington Monument at sunrise. Above: Outside the Governor's Mansion waiting for tour with First Lady. Photos by Brayden Jones

4-H COUNTY COMPETITIONS HELD

On Saturday, January 20, members from five Fluvanna 4-H clubs showed off their talents by participating in the annual 4-H County Contest Day. From skillathon to public speaking and more, members tested their knowledge and communication skills. Members ages 9 and up are eligible to move on to district competitions on March 23 in Louisa. Results are listed below.



Hippology Results:

Junior Hippology:

1. Cricket Anderson
2. Lyla Hamm
3. Lily Hamel
4. Macy Hamm

Senior Hippology:

1. Samantha Wills
2. Lucille Maxwell
3. Breanna Wheaton
4. Emily Jones

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Photos courtesy of Chris Russ

4-H COUNTY CONTEST DAY RESULTS CONTINUED

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Junior Skillathon:

- Wyatt Haney

Senior Skillathon:

- Samantha Wills
- Mckinley Jones
- Gunnar Beversluis

Junior Presentations:

- Cricket Anderson
- Willa Gazin
- Wyatt Haney
- Maci Hamm
- Lyla Hamm

Senior Presentations:

- McKinley Jones

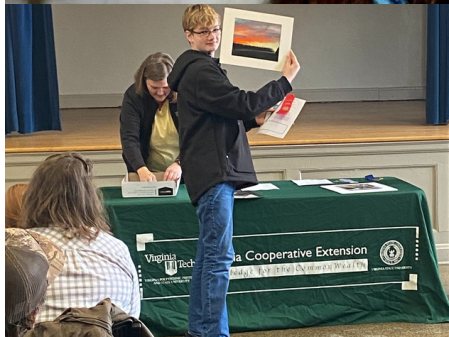
Expemporaneous Speaking:

- Lidija Westfall

Top: McKinley Jones' winning senior photography entry.

Middle: Gunnar Beversluis shows the audience his photo.

Bottom: Hippology and Skillathon contestants work on identification of feeds, equipment and more.



Junior Public Speaking:

1. Grady Shaw

Senior Public Speaking:

1. Lidija Westfall

Cloverbud Talk with Judges:

- Lela Shaw

Cloverbud Photography:

- Lela Shaw

Junior Photography:

1. Willa Gazin
2. Lyla Hamm
3. Grady Shaw

Senior Photography:

1. McKinley Jones
2. Gunnar Beversluis
3. Lucille Maxwell
4. Madison Jones

Share the Fun:

1. Grady Shaw

RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG

The Fluvanna Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Program, in partnership with Fluvanna 4-H, is collecting recycled bags through the NexTrex "Recycle Beyond The Bag" Program. If 1000 pounds of recycled plastics is collected, NexTrex will donate a Trex bench for the Carysbrook Garden.

BOX LOCATIONS

E. W. THOMAS

13027 James Madison Hwy,
Palmyra, VA 22963

FLUVANNA COUNTY LIBRARY

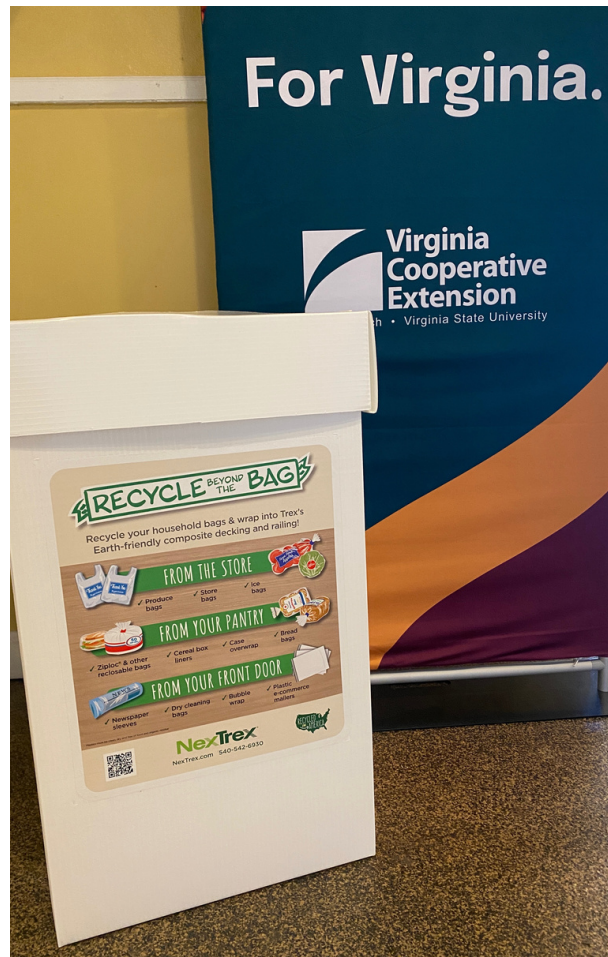
214 Commons Blvd,
Palmyra, VA 22963

CARYSBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

9172 James Madison Hwy
Fork Union, VA 23055

To Learn more:

[HTTPS://NEXTREX.COM/VIEW/PROGRAMS](https://nextrex.com/view/programs)



What can be recycled?

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case overwrap



Salt bags



Pallet wrap & stretch film



Wood pellet bags



Produce bags





4-H CAMP UPDATE

4-H Camp registration is currently full, and we are operating on a wait list at this time. On March 1, our partnering units will let us know if space is available. If your child is currently interested in 4-H Camp, but you have not already registered, please do so as soon as possible.

<http://tinyurl.com/Waitlist24Fluco4HCamp>

CLOVERBUD CAMP: REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Join us June 14- 16 for a Spy-tacular weekend. Clovebud camp at Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center is open to youth ages 5-8.

Register here:
<http://tinyurl.com/24CloverbudCampFluco>

Contact the VCE-Fluvanna Office for more information about Cloverbud Camp.

kmayo@vt.edu or 434-591-1950.

More details can be found here on the Holiday Lake Website:

<https://www.holidaylake4h.com/cloverbud-camp>

A yellow poster for Cloverbud Camp. At the top, it says "HOLIDAY LAKE 4-H CLOVERBUD CAMP" in large black letters, followed by "JUNE 14-16, 2024" and "'SECRET AGENT CLOVER'" in a stylized font. Below this, a blue box contains the text: "Cloverbud registrations are now OPEN! Cloverbud Camp is open to program age 5-8. Join us for a top secret mission at Holiday Lake 4-H, June 14-16. Contact your local 4-H Agent to register." The bottom section features a "TOP SECRET" stamp, a silhouette of a spy wearing a hat and sunglasses, a magnifying glass over a clover, and a folder labeled "No 3265" with a "TOP SECRET" stamp.

YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP

VASWCD.ORG/CONSERVATION-CAMP



Virginia Tech Campus
Blacksburg, VA

Apply through your
local Soil & Water
Conservation
District

JULY 14-20, 2024



YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP

OUTDOORS. HANDS-ON. FUN

Join us for a week of learning about Virginia's natural resources from conservation professionals and faculty from Virginia Tech.

Open to all Virginia High School students currently enrolled in grades 9-12th in 2023.

Reach out to your local SWCD to learn more about how to apply. Scholarship funding to cover registration may be available.

YCC is a camp experience for high school students (currently enrolled in grades 9-12) held at Virginia Tech each summer. The program brings together about 70 interested students from across the state for a week of learning about Virginia's natural resources from conservation professionals and faculty from Virginia Tech. Most of the instruction is hands-on and outdoors.



CONTACT:

shannon.mitchum@vaswcd.org
with any questions.



[Link to application](#)

TEEN LEADER LOCK-IN

On January 12-13 Teen Leaders from Fluvanna traveled to Ruckersville for an overnight training workshop and 4-H Camp planning session. Youth participated in a personality test simulation to learn how they best work with others. They also learned new ways to engage campers in small and large group settings while getting to know the team members they will be working with



at 4-H Camp this summer. Teens created campers using gingerbread cookies to tell the story of how the developmental ages and stages of campers need to be addressed. Teen Leaders then worked in groups to identify possible camp themes for this year, deciding on Sailing the Seven Seas as the winner. The evening training concluded with an indoor “campfire” before teens got to play games in the gym or sleep.

photos by Sarah Brown

YOUTH LIVESTOCK OPPORTUNITIES

HOSTED BY THE BEEF LEADERSHIP COUNCIL AT VIRGINIA TECH



YOUTH BEEF FIELD DAY
FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH, 2024
BLACKSBURG, VA

AGES 9-18 ARE WELCOMED!
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!
REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1ST - MARCH 4TH, 2024
FEE: \$15/PERSON

JUNIOR TOPICS:

- ADVOCACY
- LEADERSHIP
- NUTRITION
- REPRODUCTION
- MEAT SCIENCE

SENIOR TOPICS:

- VT COLLEGE EXPERIENCE
- NUTRITION
- REPRODUCTION
- MEAT SCIENCE

TCQA TRAINING FOR BOTH JUNIORS AND SENIORS

VCA
Virginia Cattlemen Association

QUESTIONS? PLEASE EMAIL JESSICA HARRISON AT HARRISONJESSICA@VT.EDU

April 4- Showmanship Clinic
Buckingham, VA
April 13- Market Animal Boot
Camp Rockingham, VA
June 8- Grace Church Farm Tour
Keswick, VA
For more information contact Kim Mayo kmayo@vt.edu

SAVE THE DATE



JUNE 1, 2024

The Northern District Livestock Show will be held June 1, 2024 in Rockingham for all Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Market Goat Exhibitors.

Stay tuned for a Date and Location announcement for our Dairy Goat Show

Piedmont Area Junior Livestock Show

April 27, 2024



Southside Livestock Market
Blackstone, VA
Classes for Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Goats
Entry deadline: March 15
Entry Packet available: <https://sites.google.com/vt.edu/pajls>

The show is open to youth enrolled in 4-H or FFA from the following Localities:

Amelia (804) 561-2481	Greensville/Emporia (434) 348-4223
Brunswick (434) 848-2151	Lunenburg (434) 96-5526
Buckingham (434) 969-4261	Mecklenburg (434) 738-6191
Charlotte (434) 42-5884	Nottoway (434) 645-9315
Cumberland (804) 492-4390	Powhatan (804) 598-5640
Dimwiddle (804) 469-4514	Prince Edward (434) 392-4246
Fluvanna (434) 591-1950	Prince George (804) 733-2686

For More Information, please contact your local Extension office at the numbers above.

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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 Kim Mayo- VCE-Fluvanna at 434-591-1950 /TDD* during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. *TDD number is (800) 828-1120.

VIRGINIA 4-H TEEN SUMMIT

Virginia 4-H Teen Summit is an event planned for teens, by teens, and is focused on social equity, youth voice, and advocacy. Teens will be able to learn, interact, and have fun while empowering their voice around social equity issues. We will discuss issues such as disability inclusion, the environment, and culture diversity as well as youth/adult partnerships and youth voice. Register now in 4-H Online: <http://v2.4honline.com> For questions about teen summit, please contact Kim Mayo kmayo@vt.edu 434-591-1950

**FOR
TEENS
BY
TEENS**

**VIRGINIA
4-H
TEEN
SUMMIT**

This event focused on social equity allows teens to learn about their power within their own communities, while respectfully discussing their own ideas.



**MAR
8-10
2024**

LOCATION

Northern Virginia 4-H Educational & Conference Center

WHO?

Ages 14-18
Youth interested in leadership and making change

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW UNTIL FEB 14

4-H CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Below are 4-H camping opportunities for youth held at 4-H Centers across the state.

THE CENTERS' SCOOP

UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM THE VA 4-H CENTERS

FEB 23-28 **ZOOTASTIC CLOVERBUD CAMP**
 W.E. SKELTON 4-H EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER AT SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE
 For campers ages 5-8 and their parents!

MAR 8-10 **COMIC BOOK CAMP**
 AT THE AIRFIELD 4-H CONFERENCE CENTER
 Youth ages 9-13 and teen counselors will participate in a comic book and anime themed camp with activities all things heroes and villains!

MORE INFO: <https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/camping/centers.html>

IMPACT FLUVANNA 4-H THROUGH VIRGINIA TECH'S ANNUAL GIVING DAY

Has 4-H impacted your life? Did you know that by participating in VT's annual giving day, you can help support our local 4-H efforts in Fluvanna County? **From noon February 21- to noon February 22**, consider helping us send a youth to 4-H camp, fund a STEM day camp, or send a teen to Virginia 4-H Congress.

Gifts \$5 or greater count toward unit challenges determined by the number of donors, not the total amount raised. We may not be the largest unit in the state, but with your help, we can make a difference in the life of a young person locally. Even if you are not able to donate at this time, spreading the word will help us reach our goal. <https://givingday.vt.edu/>

GIVING DAY
 VIRGINIA TECH.
FEB. 21-22
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givingday.vt.edu

4-H CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

HOMESCHOOL OVERNIGHT ADVENTURE

This Spring, Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center invites Homeschooling families to learn and bond together in nature!

APRIL 30TH - MAY 1ST

**MEALS AND OVERNIGHT
LODGINGS INCLUDED**



Geared towards Ages 7-13, but family members are welcome to attend as well! (At least 1 Parent or Guardian must attend with their camper(s).

AGE 7-13 - \$72

**PARENTS AND CHILDREN OUTSIDE
AGE RANGE - \$48**

4 & UNDER: FREE!

**ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW
OPEN**

HOLIDAYLAKE4H.COM/HOMESCHOOL-ADVENTURE

QUESTIONS? PLEASE REACH OUT TO JWAGSTAFF@VT.EDU

MORE DEATAILS CAN BE FOUND:

[HTTPS://WWW.HOLIDAYLAKE4H.COM/HOMESCHOOL-ADVENTURE](https://www.holidaylake4h.com/homeschool-adventure)

UPCOMING 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

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2024- Happy New Year!

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February 9-10	Block and Bridle Hippology and Horse Judging Contest	Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
February 21-22	VT Giving Day	https://givingday.vt.edu/
March 1-3	Teen/Adult Leadership Training	Holiday Lake 4-H Center, Appomattox, VA
March 8-10	4-H Teen Summit	Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center Front Royal, VA
March 23	Northwest 4-H Contests	Trevilians, VA
April 27	Piedmont Area Junior Livestock Show	Southside Livestock Market, Blackstone, VA https://sites.google.com/vt.edu/pajls
April 30-May 1	Homeschool Overnight Adventure Camp	Holiday lake 4-H Center, Appomattox, VA https://www.holidaylake4h.com/homeschool-adventure
June 1	Northwest District Livestock Show	Rockingham County Fairgrounds Harrisonburg, VA
June 10-14	4-H Camp ages 9-13 and teen counselors ages 14-19	Holiday Lake 4-H Center, Appomattox, VA https://fluvannacounty4h.home.blog/4-h-camp/
June 14-16	4-H Cloverbud Camp	Holiday Lake 4-H Center, Appomattox, VA
June 17-21	Camp Woods and Wildlife (ages 13-16)	Holiday Lake 4-H Center, Appomattox, VA https://dof.virginia.gov/education-and-recreation/youth-education/camp-woods-wildlife/
June 18-21	Virginia 4-H Congress (ages 14-19)	Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/state-congress.html
August 15-17	Fluvanna County Fair	Pleasant Grove Park, Palmyra, VA