

Wythe County 4-H NewsLetter

March 1, 2023



Welcome! Our office website has been renewed. We will be working to maintain current and relative information online for easy access and quick updates. Our calendar will be available to view for VCE and 4-H sponsored events. Please note there are many events and organizations that are relevant to what Extension does, but may not be listed on our website. If there is an area of interest, our office can assist you in finding resources.

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for accommodations.

8:00am - 5:00pm
hours may vary

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Wytheville, VA 24382

Accomplishments

Highlights of 4-H members.

Upcoming Events & Activities

Highlights of 4-H sponsored
events & workshops.
Members are typically doing more
& even more beyond 4-H.
Some flyers included!

4-H Summer Camp

Highlights camp and details about
this year. Registration open!
Limited space.

4-H States' International Exchange

Inbound & Outbound programs.

Like us on Facebook!
Wythe County 4-H



Accomplishments



Matthew Miller, Grant G., Jeb C., Isaac M., Emily T., and Brian Alexander

Wythe 4-H members have shown their knowledge through contests out of state, at National levels and locally at the Virginia Tech Block & Bridle contests, bringing home awards. Congratulations! Follow their stories and join the community.



Emily R., Avery B., Laken C., Olivia C., and Journee W.

Livestock Club

Coach: Matthew Miller, Extension Agent Practice and travels to livestock judging, stockman's, and other contests. Focus on cattle, sheep, goats, & swine.

- Junior (ages 9-13) typically meet Wednesday evenings.
- Seniors (ages 14-19) meetings vary based on youth schedule.

Contact: 276-620-4224 or mamille6@vt.edu



Competitive Horse Teams

Practice and compete in hippology, horse judging, quiz bowl, & communications contests at the state level. Members do not have to compete in all contests. Individuals and teams allowed.

- Typically meet on Mondays at 6:00pm, location may vary.
- Junior (ages 9-13)
- Seniors (ages 14-18)

Contact: maleriew@vt.edu



Katherine Carter, Emily T., and Matthew Miller

Upcoming Events & Activities

March 4

State 4-H & FFA Meat Judging Contest
Ages 9-18
Location: Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

March 10 - 11

TALT (Teen Adult Leadership Training)
Designed for hands-on training to prepare for summer camp.
Registration required. Ages 14+
Location: Southwest VA 4-H Educational Center



From 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

MARCH 4TH, 2023

SOUTHWEST LEADERSHIP DAY

- Informative Workshops on Leadership Skills
- Chic-Fil-A sandwich, chips, and cookie for lunch will be included

Teens!

Last day to register is MARCH 3rd

\$20

Payments are due the day of and can be made to VCE Washington County

HIGHER ED CENTER, ABINGDON, VA

The poster features a group photo of teens in front of a building, a four-leaf clover graphic, and various informational callouts in colored circles.

March 11 from 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Camp In A Day
Open house for people to see what camp is like while meeting the summer staff & counselors.
Sign-Up: tinyurl.com/camp-openhouse
Location: Southwest VA 4-H Educational Center

March 18

Cloverbud Day Camp
Cost: \$55
Sign-Up: tinyurl.com/spring-buds
Ages 5 to 8 years old
Location: Southwest VA 4-H Educational Center



Camp Resource Drive:
Donations of camp essentials are appreciated!

Upcoming Events & Activities



March 11 from 10:00am - 3:00pm

4-H Dog Projects Educational Clinic
(see flyer)

Cost: \$20

Sign-Up: tinyurl.com/4hdogclinic23

Ages 9 to 18 years old

Location: Virginia Tech's Alphin-Stuart Arena, Plantation Road



March 18

MC Stockman's Challenge: Livestock Judging Contest

Cost: \$20 individual. \$80 team.

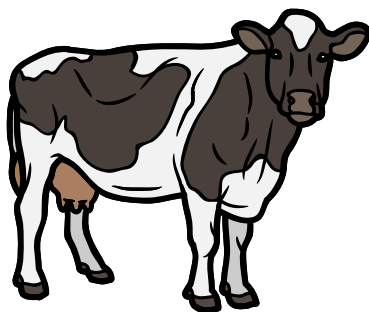
(\$5/person reason jackpot)

Sign-Up:

<https://forms.gle/19hY7fZd4R4hqPpCA>

Ages 5 to 19 years old

Location: Rockingham Co. Fairgrounds



March 17 from 10:00am - 4:00pm

Youth Beef Field Day (see flyer)

Nutrition, repro, heard health, meat evaluation, YQCA training and more!

Cost: \$15 lunch included (group discount available)

Sign-Up: <http://forms.gle/Zf5WS42gsANgnXTY9>

Ages 9-18

Location: Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

March 25

Bull Sale

Location: Wythe County

Youth provide lunch as a fundraiser

March 25

State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

Contact: Dave Winston dwinston@vt.edu

Location: Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

March 29

State 4-H & FFA Skill-a-thon Contest

Ages 8 to 19 years old

Location: Rockingham Co. Fairgrounds



4-H Dog Projects Educational Clinic



Does your best friend love to lick you in the face and follows you everywhere you go? Then this 4-H educational clinic may be for you!! We are hosting a day of learning about 4-H dog project opportunities including clubs, competitive events, shows, and more. The clinic will have sessions on topics like general dog care, obedience, agility and rally training, scent work, canine good citizens, showmanship, canine research, and more! Participants will take four workshop sessions and will learn about dog project opportunities, events, and activities.

Clinic Details:

Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Open to Ages: 9 to 18 years old

Location: Virginia Tech's Alphin-Stuart Arena, Plantation Road

Cost: \$20 for supplies and snacks; Lunch instructions, bring your own lunch (we supply snacks)

Dogs: DO NOT bring dogs to the clinic. The goal of this clinic is to provide youth with an introduction to the different types of dog project opportunities that are available through county, district, and state 4-H programs and with other community services.

To register: Click on, or type, the following link for the google registration form: <https://tinyurl.com/4hdogclinic23> You can also scan the QR code provided here to access the form. Please complete a separate registration for each child attending the clinic. We will send additional details for this event including payment information shortly after the registration deadline.



Registration deadline is **Friday, March 3, 2023** for this clinic.

If you are a person with a disability and desire assistance or accommodation, please notify Michelle Dickerson at (540) 382-5790/TDD* during the business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. *TDD number is (800)828-1120.



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YOUTH BEEF FIELD DAY

**Friday, March 17th,
2023**

***hosted by The Beef Leadership
Council at Virginia Tech***

**10 A.M – 4 P.M.
BLACKSBURG, VA**

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Nutrition
- Reproduction
- Herd Health
- Livestock Judging
- Showing/Fitting
- Meat Evaluation and Judging
- Industry
- **YQCA Training**

Ages 9-18 are welcomed!

Fee: \$15/person

***Groups of 10 or more will
receive a discounted rate of
\$12.50/person.***

***Lunch will be provided
to all participants!***

Please register by February
27th using this link:
[https://forms.gle/Zf5WS42g
sANgnXTY9](https://forms.gle/Zf5WS42gsANgnXTY9)

**Questions? Please email
Bailey Watson at
baileyreinwatson@vt.edu**



**VIRGINIA
BEEF
COUNCIL**
Funded by Beef Farmers & Ranchers

Upcoming Events & Activities

Preston R. Willson VA 4-H Summer Camp Scholarships

Applications for youth ages 9 – 14 can be submitted to VFEF... (see website)
The Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation (VFEF), the Virginia Forestry Association (VFA), the Virginia Forest Products Association (VFPA), and the Virginia Loggers Association (VLA)
Website: www.vfef.net
Due: April 2, 2023

April 29 - 30

Virginia 4-H Healthy Living Summit
Updates to come!
Cost: TBA
Sign-Up: TBA
Ages 14 - 18 years old
Location: W. E. Skelton 4-H Center

May 6

79th annual Bristol Steer & Heifer Show
Project Steer, Heifer, & Dairy Feeder entries due March 15th
Website: <https://sites.google.com/vt.edu/bristol-show/home>
Location: Appalachian Fairgrounds; Grey, Tennessee
Spectators welcome! Come show support for the youth livestock program.

April 13 - 16

Virginia Beef Expo (see flyer)
Industry trade show, workshops, cattle sales, and youth contests.
Website: www.vabeefexpo.com
Location: Rockingham Co. Fairgrounds



April 28

State 4-H & FFA Dairy Skill-a-thon
Ages 8 to 19 years old
Location: Rockingham Co. Fairgrounds

April 27

State 4-H & FFA Poultry Evaluation Contest and Youth Poultry Convention
Ages 8 to 19 years old
Location: Rockingham Co. Fairgrounds





• CATTLE SALES • INDUSTRY TRADE SHOW •
• YOUTH EVENTS •

APRIL 13-16, 2023

ROCKINGHAM CO. FAIRGROUNDS

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

10:00 AM	Youth Tractor Driving Contest
1:00-4:00 PM	Virginia Cattle Industry Outlook
4:00-6:00 PM	Trade Show
4:30-6:00 PM	VA Cattleman's Foundation Reception Live & Silent Auction
6:00 PM	VA Cattleman's Association Annual Meeting, VA Beef Council Annual Meeting & Dinner

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

9:00 AM-6:00 PM	Trade Show
10:00 AM	State Youth Cattle Working Contest
12:00 PM	Angus Sale Sale Manager: Dave Mullins 317-503-2798
12:30 PM	Hereford Female and Hereford Bull Sale Sale Manager: Rodney Phillips 804-387-9447
2:00 PM	Q4Q Bull Sale, VCA Female & VQA Commercial Heifer Sales Sale Manager: Rob Farmer 540-270-3886
2:30 PM	Simmental Sale Sale Manager: Doug Parke 859-421-6100
6:00 PM-8:00 PM	Jr. Beef Roundup Weigh-in/Check-in

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

7:00 AM-10:00 AM	Youth Cattle Arrival
8:00 AM-10:30 AM	Weigh-in/Check-in
11:00 AM	Youth Fitting Contest
12:00 Noon	Youth Build a Better Burger Contest
1:00 PM	Youth Beef Showmanship
4:30 PM	Prospect Steer Show

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

8:30 AM	Youth Registered Heifer & B&O Bull Shows
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**ONLINE BIDDING FOR ALL
CATTLE SALES THROUGH:**



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RING
Live

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tom McCall, President
540.292.0192

Chad Joines, Cattle Sales
540.557.7263

Katherine Carter, Jr. Beef Roundup
carterke@vt.edu

VA Cattlemen's Assoc. Office, Vendors
540-992-1009

WWW.VABEEFEXPO.COM

Upcoming Events & Activities

May 20

SW District 4-H Qualifying Horse Show (see flyer)

Follows Virginia 4-H Horse program rulebook.

Helmet and Coggins required.

Cost: TBA

Sign-Up: TBA

Ages 9-18 years old

Location: Southwest VA 4-H Educational Center

Spectators welcome!

June 3

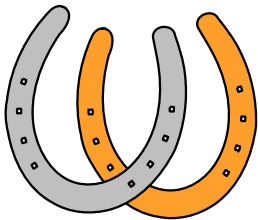
Benefit Concert: starring Makenzie Phipps

Updates to come!

Cost: TBA

Tickets: TBA

Location: Southwest VA 4-H Educational Center



June 26 - 30

State level contests and workshops

Updates to come!

Cost: TBA

Registration: TBA

Ages 14 - 18

Location: Virginia Tech Campus



August 2 - 6

Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championship

Updates to come! Check state website

Must qualify to show.

Location: Georgia National Fairgrounds,

Perry, GA

Spectators welcome!

September 7 - 10

Virginia 4-H State Horse & Pony Show

Updates to come! Check state website

Must qualify to show.

Location: Virginia Horse Center,

Lexington, VA

Spectators welcome!



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Stay Informed

**Virginia Cooperative Extension; Wythe County
website: wythe.ext.vt.edu**

Facebook Pages to Like & Follow for more opportunities.

**Wythe County 4-H
Virginia Youth Livestock Program
Virginia 4-H
Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center
Virginia Cooperative Extension
4-H (National page)
Block & Bridle Club at Virginia Tech
Virginia Tech College of Agriculture & Life Sciences
Virginia Farm Bureau Federation
Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom
Virginia Horse Council
Virginia Beef Expo
Wytheville Farmer's Market
Virginia Showmasters Cricut
And many more...**





Register for 4-H Summer Camp

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/cdw-camp23>

- Hard copy paper registration is available in Office.
- Deposit is required. Cash or Check payable to "Wythe County VCE"
- Final paperwork and payment will be requested after registration closes.

**Camp Resource Drive:
Donations of camp
essentials are
appreciated!**

**Contact:
Ms. Malerie
maleriew@vt.edu
276-613-7637**

2023 Summer Camp!

See attached flyer

Notice regarding 4-H Summer Camp:

Camp is July 10-14th 2023 and will be joint with Dickenson & Carroll counties. In order to reclaim a week dedicated to Wythe County, as was normal in the past, we have to show the demand. Which means there will need to be a waitlist for 2023 camp. This is a necessary step to show Wythe County has enough interest and demand for more spots in 2024 and the future.

As with everything else, there will be a price increase making the cost \$240 for 4-H camp.

Thank you for your understanding.

Teen Counselors & Adult Volunteers:

Teens are vital to the success of camp.

We are seeking 7 role models to develop leadership skills with a team attitude.

Teens assist with t-shirt design, camp classes, and more. 4-H grows character, builds resumes, and counts towards community service hours.

Adult Volunteers provide additional support for Teens and offer helping hands. Background checks are required.

**Preston R. Willson VA 4-H
Summer Camp Scholarships**

Website: www.vfef.net

Due: April 2, 2023





Carroll, Dickenson, & Wythe County's 2023 4-H Summer Camp

Campers: 9-13 years old
Teens: 15-18 years old*
*Teen Counselors must complete training prior to camp

July 10 - 14, 2023

Join the quest for Head, Heart, Hands, & Health with friends for a week of adventures!
Campers will attend classes where they enhance life skills while creating memories!

Adult Volunteers are needed.
Background screening & training required

Southwest Virginia
4-H Educational Center
25236 Hillman Hwy NE,
Abingdon, VA 24210



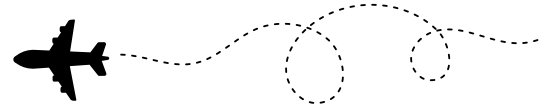
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Scan QR code to claim a spot
for 2023 Camp

States 4-H International Exchange Program: Inbound



Virginia is looking to host 16 Japanese delegates during summer 2023.

Families will have input in delegate selection. First to apply, first to select. We will receive delegate information sheets in March. Please talk to your family and submit your application now.

Summer Program FAQs: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/host/summer/faq/>

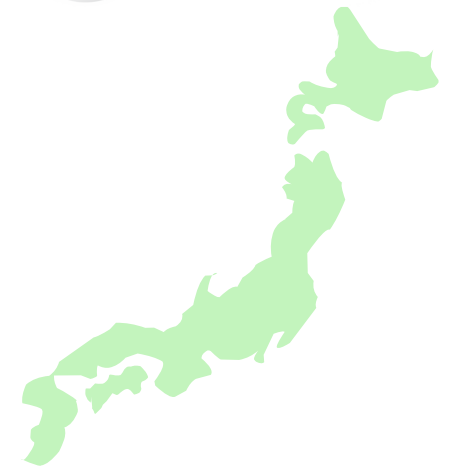
2023 Online Application Link: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/host-family/application>

Overview

- Program runs July 22-24 through August 17-19, 2023
- No previous 4-H experience is required
- Japanese delegates will be aged 12-18
- Youth have a range of English language abilities.
- Host family receives no stipend to host a delegate.
- To host a delegate, a family must have a child who is 9+ years old.
- Families will be matched with a delegate of the same gender who is within 3 years of the host youth's age.
- Families without youth can host adult chaperones.
- Delegates are here to experience every day American life. No special activities need to be planned.
- Host Families will receive support before, during & after the exchange
- Host families will be screened and interviews as part of our risk management protocol.



JAPAN



Interested?
Contact State 4-H
[Wendy Herdman](mailto:wherdman@vt.edu)
wherdman@vt.edu
804-493-8924

Encouraged to host inbound
before traveling outbound



States 4-H International Exchange Program: Outbound



"States' 4-H Summer Outbound programs provide American 4-H youth with the opportunity to travel to foreign countries for a cultural immersion experience. Outbound delegates live with volunteer host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life. Delegates experience aspects of daily life that allow them to more deeply understand both their host culture and their own culture. Our network of like-minded international partners recruit host families and plan enrichment activities for the delegation.

Outbound delegates participate in pre-departure orientations held in the US. Delegations are accompanied by adult chaperones who remain in-country to provide support during the exchange. Delegates attend an in-country orientation upon arrival and prior to departing for their host families. Some programs include a summer camp or language learning elements as well."

Reference: states4hexchange.org/summer-outbound/

Overview

- Japan:
 - Ages 14 - 18 years old
 - 4 to 8 weeks abroad
 - Dominican Republic, Punta Cana
 - July 25 - August 1st 2023
 - Ages 14 - 18 years old
 - Contact: Christine Hodges, 4-H Agent clamb@vt.edu
 - South Korea
 - Taiwan
 - Costa Rica
1. Applications open, August - December
 2. State orientation between February and May
 3. On-Program support, June - August
 4. Alumni engagement is ongoing



Interested?
Contact 4-H Agent
[Kelly Rose](mailto:rosek@vt.edu)
rosek@vt.edu
276-926-4605



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