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THE 4-H FOCUS October 2019



4-H Families and Friends,

Welcome to the start of a new 4-H year! Online enrollments have already started pouring in! When enrolling, make sure that you are updating any of your contact information that has changed. Additionally, if you're not receiving emails from our office, please send us a message so that we can get you added to the listserv.



Our clubs are off to a great start—planning outreach activities, community service projects and educational meetings for the fall season. We can't wait to see what the new year brings! To close out the 2018-2019 year, we'll be hosting our Annual Achievement Night in November. Details will be sent to the listserv in the next few weeks.

Don't forget to visit our Loudoun County 4-H website (www.loudoun4h.weebly.com) for our current Club List, Fair Qualifier List, Google Calendar and more. Here's to another great year!

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Project Book DEADLINE



Any member who was active in 4-H during the 2018-2019 year must submit their completed Project Book(s) to the Extension Office **no later than 5PM on Friday, October 11th** in order to show at the 2020 Loudoun County Fair. **This includes members that did NOT show at the Fair in 2019, but were still active in their club(s).**

If you are still unsure whether or not you need to submit a Project Book, please reach out to your club leader(s) as soon as possible to confirm.

Don't wait until the last minute to turn them in - **NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

Project Books can be found here: <http://loudoun4h.weebly.com/4-h-project-books.html>

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County News

4-H Enrollment - NOW OPEN! 2019 - 2020

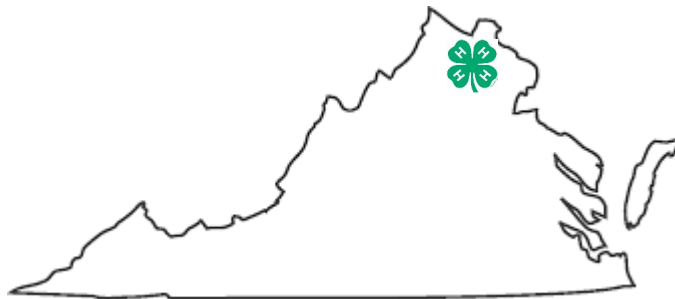
Enrollment for Loudoun County 4-H is completed online through the web-based program, 4HOnline. All returning members must re-enroll every year, even if all of their information remains the same.

To access 4HOnline, please visit: <https://va.4honline.com>.

Detailed instructions for new enrollment were just sent out to the county listserv on October 2nd. For questions about registering with 4HOnline, please contact Kim at kmonroe@vt.edu.

It only takes a few minutes, so don't wait - ENROLL TODAY!

IMPORTANT: Members will not receive credit for attending any events, meetings or activities until they are officially enrolled in their clubs for the new year. A grace period is given until November 1st to allow adequate time to complete enrollment. Additionally, for those who plan to participate in the Loudoun County Fair, enrollment must be completed **prior to January 1st, 2020.**





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Upcoming Events

National 4-H Week

When: October 6th - 12th

Where: Everywhere!

Venture out into the community to share your 4-H experiences and talk about what the Loudoun County 4-H program has to offer. Additionally, head over to Tractor Supply in Leesburg between Oct. 9th and 20th to support the Fall Clover Campaign!

Early Project Book Turn-In

When: October 9th from 6:00pm—8:00pm

Where: Loudoun County Extension Office

Not able to get to the Extension Office during business hours to turn in your Project Books before the official deadline at 5pm on October 11th? Feel free to drop-off your books between 6:00pm-8:00pm on the 9th instead.

Outdoor Adventure Club Recruitment

Looking for people interested in actively participating in the 4-H Outdoor Adventure Club! We need 1-2 co-leaders in order to make it happen this year. You don't need to have skills in outdoor adventures in order to co-lead. Outdoor Adventure Club is all about enjoying and developing skills in non-motorized activities outside. Some typical activities are hiking, biking, rock climbing, caving, canoeing, backpacking, bike camping, and ropes challenge courses.

In the past we tried to have one activity a month, with some meetings conducted in conjunction with outings. If you are interested in becoming a co-leader or joining as a 4-H member, contact Lauren Lang at outdoorLangs@gmail.com by November 1st.





Club News

Rabbit Hopping

Submitted By: Grace Kasianides

The Loudoun County Rabbit Hopping Club held its meeting on September 13, 2019. After our meeting, we elected our new officers. Our new officers are: Sarah Burns as President and Alisa Hart is the Vice-President. Sarah Hart became Secretary and Eleni Kasianides is the Treasurer. Grace Kasianides is the Reporter and Anna Kasianides is the Historian. Congratulations to our new officers. On October 5, we will have our first community service at the Joshua's Hands festival in Waterford. You will find us with our bunnies and information about joining our club. Our next meeting will be October 11, 2019 at 6:30pm in Sykes Hall. See you there!

Alpaca Club

Submitted By: Fallon Murphy

Our first business meeting of the year was held on September 5th. We voted for our officers and discussed the officers' positions. After that, we discussed showing at the Fair, raising money, and how we can improve. At the following meeting on the farm, the experienced members showed the new members around the farm and looked at alpacas for showing. We also practiced herding the alpacas, as well as working with them on a harness. Speaking of which, those who wanted to also practiced taking them through the obstacle course, and everyone had a turn to practice walking them. We all look forward to helping our club grow. Our next business meeting will be held on October 3, 2019.



Beef Club

Submitted By: Taylor Miller

During the Beef Club meeting held on September 18, 2019, we chose new officers to lead the club. Our new officers include Mandy Bramhall as President, Erin Calley as Vice President, Meghan Pantaleo as the Secretary, Keegan Elder as the Treasurer and Taylor Miller as the new Reporter. All new officers had to attend Officer Training on September 23rd or 30th to prepare for their new roles within their club. Our meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm, followed by no other activities, which wrapped up the night.



Club News

Canterlopes

Submitted By: Adrienne Sheffer

In the month of September, 2019, the Canterlopes 4-H Club held our monthly meeting at Lynden Farm on September 10. During the meeting, we received reports from our Treasurer and our Coupon Coordinator and discussed club business. We elected our officers for the new 4-H year starting in October. Our new President will be Stephanie Cordell, our new VP will be Alexa Zorbas, our new Secretary will be Aby Fioramonti, and our new Treasurer will be Marissa Jones. We elected a new Coupon Coordinator, Brinn McClintic, and formed our Activities/Community Service Committee, our Scrapbook Committee, and a committee to help put together our Washington International Horse Show Barn Night video for the contest. We had a presentation on a horse disease called Onchocerciasis by our club member Aby Fioramonti, and we also learned more about how to use our new project books and worked together on them.

In September the Canterlopes also attended the Virginia 4-H State Championship Horse Show. We had 12 club members who showed in various classes such as dressage, hunters, western, sidesaddle, jumpers, and more. Some members that were not showing, came to help out and cheer everyone on. The WIHS Barn Night video committee got together to film a video to enter into the barn night video contest. September was a great last month of the 4-H year for the Canterlopes, filled with fun activities and learning.

Dairy Club

Submitted By: Rebecca Little

Our last meeting was held two weeks ago. During the meeting we talked about how we will have six new members joining the club. Also during the meeting we elected our club officers. Our newly elected President is Natalie and our Vice President is Leah. Our Secretary is Samantha, Reporter is Rebecca and our Treasurer is Kayleigh. Personally, I think this is going to be a great year! Our next meeting will be on October 15th.

Overlook

Submitted By: Spencer Dyson

The Overlook Horse Farm 4-H meeting was held on Sept 18th at 7:00pm. There was no old business to discuss as this was the first meeting of our new 4-H year and new officers had been elected at the last meeting. After the pledges, we discussed meeting times and dates for the remainder of the 4-H calendar year, as well as who would be responsible for providing snacks. Our next topic of discussion included recruiting new members into the club and we even shared a few names of people that we were pretty certain will want to join. Raising funds is always important and we briefly discussed our first fundraising activity which will be a bake sale at the Overlook Horse Show on October 27th. Next, we talked about the importance of education and volunteering within the community. In a future meeting we will discuss specific opportunities to volunteer our time at horse related events. Our last order of business involved our leader, Ms. Terri Jones, reviewing and signing last year's project books. Our next meeting we will discuss the budget and review the Constitution.



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Swine Club

Submitted By: Camryn Monroe

The Swine Club elected new officers this past meeting and recapped such a remarkable Fair! Our panel of officers are Garrett Beamer as President, Will Englund as Vice President, Catherine Englund as Secretary and Addison Halvland as our Treasurer. Be on the lookout for any "sweet" fundraisers the Swine Club has in store. Thanks for a great Fair everyone!

Leaps and Squeaks

Submitted By: Sean Csizmadia

At the September meeting of Leaps and Squeaks we had annual officer elections. The 2019-2020 officers are: President, Amelia Abbe, Vice-President, Sabrina Marvel, Secretary, Mikayla Sanders, Treasurer, Roxanne Howard, Historian, Emily Csizmadia and Reporter, Sean Csizmadia.

We are looking forward to a great year!



Chefs & Stitches

Submitted By: Madilyn Swiger

On September 16, 2019, we had our final meeting of the 2018-2019 year and we elected our officers for the 2019-2020 year. We would like to welcome our new club officers: President, Anna Ferraro; Vice President, Adrianna Evans; Secretary, Madilyn Swiger and Treasurer, Aiden Evans! We would also like to welcome our leaders, Mrs. Swiger and Mrs. Weber! Also, during the meeting, we discussed what we would like to sew and cook for our upcoming meetings. Our next meeting will be on October 5th and we will be cooking with a fall twist. We're looking forward to a great year!

Sheep Club

Submitted By: Camryn Monroe

The Loudoun County Sheep Club elected new officers last meeting. We also spoke about future fundraisers, so be on the lookout for our wreath sale in November and December! We would also like to thank everyone who supported our club this year and also helped us out!



Club News

Student Auto Racing

Submitted By: John Enloe

Hello Everyone! This month the team moved the car to a different garage, checked the brake pads and changed the oil. We moved the car to a team member's garage because the family hosting the car could no longer host it. In the new garage, we changed the oil, and looked at the brake pads to see if we needed to replace them. It turned out that the brake pads did not need to be replaced, but putting the brakes back together, we stripped a guide bolt. The following meeting we bought a new part, replaced the bolt, and put it back together. We also had a lot of trouble with the seat sliders, and hope to get the seat ready in time to make our Pittsburgh race in early October. That's all until next month!

Poultry Club

Submitted By: Hannah Maison

The last official meeting of this 4-H year was called to order on September 19, 2019. The club started with a Call to Order, pledges, and then the Secretary and Treasurer's reports. Afterwards, new officers were discussed. The rules of voting were explained and then the club held a vote. Afterwards, the Poultry Club discussed last year's Fair and how they felt about it. They also talked about premiums and any other money received. Next, they discussed project books—when they would be finished and how far along they were. Towards the end of the meeting, Gabriel and Viktoria spoke about a mentor and mentee program Viktoria had devised. It would involve two Poultry members, one very experienced and one who had many questions and was new to poultry. The mentor would get together with the mentee, and the mentor would help the mentee with their 4-H journey. Finally, the answers to the showmanship test were given. The showmanship test is an additional written portion of showmanship and asks more than just knowledge of the breed you have, but also chickens and poultry in general. A new upcoming event is Joshua's Hands. The Poultry Club's next meeting will be held on October 17, 2019 from 7pm to 8pm in Sykes Hall.

Eastern Loudoun

Submitted By: Jacob Morriberon

The Eastern Loudoun 4-H Club held its meeting in September. New officers were presented and approved by the club. Project leaders explained the group projects available in the fall, including the goals and meeting times for each. New members introduced themselves. The Club "Spirit of 4-H" award was passed on from Stella Pettit to Meghan Barnes and many other awards were presented to members for the previous year's achievements. The meeting ended with everyone signing up for the new group projects for the fall. There are lots of interesting things coming up!



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