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THE 4-H FOCUS September 2019



4-H Families and Friends,

We've officially hit the last few weeks of the 4-H year. As our clubs begin to wind down 2019 and start preparing for the new 4-H year, members are working diligently to put the finishing touches on their Project Books. Don't forget—they're due to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on Friday, October 11th!



Overall Loudoun County 4-H had another fantastic year! We've welcomed a bunch of new members, two brand new clubs, created new activities and had many members participate in exciting opportunities at the county level and beyond. Take a moment in the next few weeks to reflect on your goals and achievements over the past year, so that you can set your personal expectations of yourself for 2020.

We hope you have a great start to the fall season and look forward to seeing you again in the new 4-H year!

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Loudoun County 4-H Enrollment & Re-Enrollment 2019 - 2020



As of September 30th, 2019 all 4-H profiles in 4HOnline will become **inactive**. Therefore, until you receive email notification from the Extension Office, please **do not attempt** to re-enroll for the new year.

Once you have been notified that enrollment is indeed open, please log in and update/confirm your information ASAP. Until your enrollment is approved for the new year, you are **NOT** covered by 4-H liability insurance, nor will you receive credit for 4-H activities attended (meetings, Fair Qualifiers, etc.). Please contact Kim (kmonroe@vt.edu) with questions about 4HOnline.

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County News

Upcoming Events

Officer Training

For: Presidents and Vice Presidents

When: September 23rd @ 6:30PM

Where: Sykes Hall

Required for all officers mentioned above. **Only open to elected Club Officers for 2019-2020.**



4-H All Star Workshop

When: September 25th @ 7:00PM

Where: Extension Office

Interested in becoming a Virginia 4-H All Star? At this workshop we'll go over the roles of an All Star, the necessary requirements as a nominee and also offer application assistance.

Officer Training

For: Secretaries, Treasurers and Reporters

When: September 30th @ 6:30PM

Where: Sykes Hall

Required for all officers mentioned above. **Only open to elected Club Officers for 2019-2020.**



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.





Club News

Rabbit Hopping

Submitted By: Mary Grace Menuey

The Loudoun 4-H Rabbit Hopping Club called its meeting to order on August 9, 2019. We reviewed Fair, and talked about what we liked and wanted to do next year, and what we wanted to change. We also discussed lesson plans for this year, extra practice sessions and how often they should occur, getting our club chartered by ARBA, and the club's Constitution, Bylaws, budget, and Fair rules. We nominated members for officer positions, and will accept more nominations at the election. After that we drew names out of the club's Job Jug Jar and many members left the meeting with prizes. Overall we had another great meeting.

Chefs & Stitches

Submitted By: Adrianna Evans

4-H Chefs and Stitches Club is going to continue! In the 2019-2020 year, meetings will be held on the first Saturday of every month from October to June. Our advisors will be Ms. Swiger and Ms. Weber. Our September 16th meeting will be the last meeting of the current year and we will be electing new officers and deciding what projects we would like to do for the coming year.

We will miss Ms. Ferraro who is not returning, who was an amazing help to us this year. We learned so much about cooking from her! Thank you very much. We are glad that Ms. Swiger is able to return and also Ms. Weber.

We learned so much about cooking and sewing in this club. I hope to join again next year!

Overlook Horse Club

Submitted By: Ashley Carusi

Our meeting started promptly at 7:01pm. All members were in attendance with the exception of one in Europe. One member was present over the phone. For our August meeting, we voted on officer positions. We began with everyone who was running for a position, each giving a brief explanation as to why they should be voted for. Madison was nominated for Treasurer by Ashley. She had no opposition. The vote was unanimous for Madison becoming our Treasurer. Spencer was nominated for Secretary by Alicia. The vote was unanimous for Spencer becoming our Secretary. Alicia was nominated for VP by Spencer and Samia was nominated for VP by Ashley. The vote was unanimous for Alicia becoming our VP. Ashley was nominated for President by Samia. The vote was unanimous for Ashley becoming our President.

We created our own position within the club where the juniors in office will have an Advisor to help them. Samia was nominated to be the Advisor by Alicia and the vote was unanimous for Samia to be the Advisor. We discussed our meeting schedule for the upcoming year and went over any questions people had about their record books. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.



Club News

Goat Club

Submitted By: Clay Grisius

August for the Goat Club was a month off! We took some time to celebrate the successful 2019 Loudoun County Fair! This Fair year was a huge success. We operated on a new schedule, and even had a new judge. Tuesday was our Firefighter Competition, a relay with the Fire Department. Wednesday we held a Power Wheels Derby. On Thursday and Friday, the Fair welcomed the Rodeo. And the closing days of the Fair offered the Lawn Mower Race and the infamous Demolition Derby. The 4-Hers enjoyed a barbecue following their spectacular Fair week! We hope to have a great time next year!

Student Auto Racing

Submitted By: John Enloe

Hey everyone! This month we focused mainly on fundraising and developing our curriculum. We went to Katie's Cars and Coffee to get more awareness out for the team (and to see some really cool cars). We also worked on planning our team curriculum and some possible races/events for next year, such as Pittsburgh and VIR. Even though we actually didn't do any work on the car this month, we are looking to possibly improve the aerodynamics on the car, which will enable the car to have better gas mileage and go faster. The team is also trying to sell some BMW parts that we don't need. That's it for now!

Poultry Club

Submitted By: Caroline Ludwig

This has been an amazing year at Poultry Club, and wow has it flown by! Our last hurrah was the Loudoun County Fair and it was a Fair to remember. This year we started a mentoring program to help educate our first year members. At the Fair we had quite a few fun activities to help with our outreach to the public. We had Chicken Poo Bingo, a duck slide, poultry parades, Poultry Care 101, and who could forget the coffee shop?! Our club made many great memories throughout the year from field trips to the insane water gun fight on the last day of Fair.

We had a great year and hope that next year will be even better!

Also, thank you to our Leaders and Officers who helped us throughout the year and thanks to the Fair Committee and the Extension Office.





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 **across America** who are learning
leadership, citizenship and
life skills.