

Fair Qualifier Event Descriptions

EVENT	AGE RESTRICTION	DESCRIPTION
Officer Training - Sept. 29th <i>(Presidents and Vice Presidents)</i>	Club Officers	Officer Training will introduce youth to the importance of responsible leadership. Attendees will learn about parliamentary procedure, how to organize a club meeting, what it means to be a team player and the specific duties assigned to each officer position.
Officer Training - Oct. 3rd <i>(Secretaries and Treasurers)</i>	Club Officers	Officer Training will introduce youth to the importance of responsible leadership. Attendees will learn about parliamentary procedure, how to organize a club meeting, what it means to be a team player and the specific duties assigned to each officer position.
Virginia Association of Fairs Youth Leadership Competition	14+	Age eligible competitors will submit an application, resume, essay and letter of recommendation prior to the in-person components held at the Virginia Association of Fairs Conference. At the Lodge, along with their application packet, they'll be scored on a prepared public speaking piece, extemporaneous public speaking, prepared PowerPoint and in-person interview. Scholarship prizes will be awarded to the top six placements.
4-H Day at the Capitol	13+	4-H Day at the Capitol provides an opportunity for youth to learn about governmental procedures and emphasizes the importance of citizen involvement in the governmental process. Participants visit with legislators sharing their 4-H experiences and learning about the role of legislators in government. They observe the legislative process in action, have opportunities to learn about the congressional aides, and have an opportunity to tour the Capitol, museums, or other historical sites in the Richmond area.*
Cloverbud Fun Camp	Cloverbuds	At Fun Camp, Cloverbuds will participate in hands-on activities through a variety of games and crafts.



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<p>County Contest Day (Includes: Presentations, Share the Fun, Table Setting and Fashion Revue)</p> <p>* Members can participate in a single contest or any combination of contests. If a member chooses to participate in multiple contests, we will make sure they are scheduled accordingly.</p>		<p>Presentations: Public Speaking challenges the contestants to develop and deliver a message that informs, influences or entertains an intended audience. They will plan and deliver a speech with an effective beginning, middle and conclusion. The audience, appropriate topic, purpose, research of supporting materials, and appropriate methods of delivery will be considered.</p> <p>A 4-H Presentation can be a demonstration, which shows how to do something, or an illustrated talk, which provides information through speech and visual aids. Presentations are categorized by subject matter.*</p> <p>Share the Fun: Share the Fun programs help encourage 4-H youth to display their talents in expressive arts and develop presentation skills and confidence performing in front of an audience. Judges evaluate 4-H performers based on talent, audience response, creativity, showmanship, and use of costumes/props. The goal is to help 4-H Share-the-Fun participants develop their talents in a creative and constructive manner.*</p> <p>Table Setting: Through participation in this contest, youth will learn valuable life skills in the areas of meal preparation – either formal or informal – meal etiquette, menu preparation, use of Virginia Agricultural products within a menu and how to coordinate attire with menu and meal themes. Youth can use their imagination and creativity to create a welcoming and fun meal environment.*</p> <p>Fashion Revue: Fashion Revue is a contest that aims to increase youths’ knowledge of consumerism, textiles, and garment construction while providing opportunities to express fashion trends and present themselves in an appropriate manner. Categories exist for purchased and constructed garments.*</p>
<p>District Contests</p>		<p>4-H members from across the Northern District will compete in their respective categories: Table Setting, Presentations, Public Speaking and Share the Fun. This contest is a “step up” from our respective county level events.</p>



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Loudoun County 4-H Day of Service		4-H members will all come together to participate in one countywide service project in Loudoun.
YQCA Training *Required of all 4-H exhibitors who will be selling animals in the Loudoun County Fair Auction.	8+	Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21. An in-person YQCA workshop requires complete attendance. YQCA is the result of a collaborative effort between states that have previously offered multi-species youth livestock quality assurance programs, the National Pork Board's Youth PQA Plus program and representatives from other national livestock groups. YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth ages 8 to 21 producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, market rabbits, and poultry. The program has been designed by extension specialists and national livestock program managers to ensure it is accurate, current and relevant to the needs of the animal industry and shows and is appropriate for youth.*
4-H Junior Camp	9+	Campers learn self-reliance and responsibility at overnight camp! 5 days and 4 nights of outdoor/unplugged time where campers explore new interests and increase knowledge in existing interests. Each day has classes, outdoor recreation, swimming, evening program and campfires.
State 4-H Congress	14+	Virginia 4-H State Congress is the premiere, statewide annual 4-H event for outstanding 4-H teens and adult volunteer leaders. Its mission is to provide competitive and non-competitive educational experiences to Virginia teens and the adults who work with them, helping them to develop life skills and leadership abilities to become contributing citizens in their communities.*
District/State Livestock Judging <i>(Alpaca, Dairy, Poultry, Horse, etc.)</i>	9+	Livestock judging contests consist of market and breeding animals, including beef, meat goats, sheep, and swine. Participants rank the animals in the classes, answer questions on chosen classes, and deliver sets of oral reasons from memory. Horse, Dairy, Poultry and Rabbit judging follow very similar guidelines.*



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District/State Shooting Education Competitions	9+	The Shooting Education program uses shooting as a vehicle to teach youth ages 9 to 19 life skills such as responsibility, self-discipline, and teamwork. The following disciplines are used to teach these life skills – archery, muzzleloading, pistol, rifle, and shotgun. Through these disciplines, youth also learn firearm safety and marksmanship.* Members must be actively participating in shooting education practices leading up to competitions.
Loudoun 4-H Honor Council <i>(Application & Invite Required)</i>	15+	Members of the Honor Council will serve as the brand ambassadors for Loudoun County 4-H. They will be responsible for planning and implementing community service projects, fundraisers, activities and emceeding local 4-H events.
Youth Fair Committee <i>(Nomination & Invite Required)</i>	13+	Youth Fair Committee members will be responsible for attending all Fair Committee meetings throughout the year and working with the 4-H Clubs to organize and prepare for their Fair demonstrations. During the week of the Fair, Youth Committee members will be in charge of running the kids' games as well as completing additional necessary tasks. Interested 4-Hers will interview in December and selected members will be announced in January.
District Level 4-H Teen Leader	13+	4-H teens are presented with the opportunity to serve in various district leadership roles each year. An example of a year-round district teen leader role is the NOVA 4-H Teen Leadership Council. Any additional district teen leader roles brought forward will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
State Level 4-H Teen Leader	Dependent on Role	4-H teens are presented with the opportunity to serve in various state leadership roles each year. Examples of year-round state teen leader roles include: State 4-H Cabinet members, the Teen Summit Leadership Team, Horse Ambassadors and Shooting Ambassadors. Any additional state teen leader roles brought forward will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

* = Description obtained from the VCE website: <https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth.html>.

