



4-H CLOVER CLIPS



Virginia Beach, VA

April 2024

Spring 2024!

Mark your Calendars

- ♦ March 1, 2024 4-H Camp Registration Opened
- ♦ April 13-14, 2024 4-H & Friends at the Rodeo
- ♦ June 18—21, 2024 is 4-H State Congress, registration opens April 1, 2024
- ♦ 4-H Junior Summer Camp is July 15– 19, 2024



HEY, VIRGINIA BEACH!
CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS ON MARCH 1, 2024
WE WILL BE CAMPING AT FULL CAPACITY!!

4-H SUMMER 2024 !

Experience the fun, create memories
and make new friends.

Registration information will be available on our Google Site:
<https://sites.google.com/vt.edu/vb-4h-education/4-h-junior-summer-camp/summer-camp-camper-registration>



July 15-19 2024
Southeast VA 4-H Center
Wakefield, VA



Up for something new this summer? Be part of our 4-H Junior Residential Summer Camp designed especially for Virginia Beach youth. You'll spend five days on Airfield Lake taking part in a variety of fun activities. Call 757-385-4769 or email tmgray@vb.gov.



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Access application at

<https://tinyurl.com/5h3spbjy>

Join the Elite SQUAD of 4-H Teen Counselors

Applications are now OPEN!

VA Beach 4-H Camp Week is July 15-19, 2024

Looking to fill 30 female and 30 male counselors for camp this year.

Application located at this web address: <https://tinyurl.com/5h3spbjy>

We will continue to accept applications until all Counselor Positions are filled.



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2024 (Our 16th year!)

Expand Your Horizons with 4-H...

8 days and 7 nights in... 

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

While in the Dominican Republic 4-H'ers will:

- Learn and practice speaking Spanish
- Try tropical foods
- Work with Dominican teen partners
- Conduct 4-H day camp activities for elementary school students
- Swim at the beach, snorkel over a coral reef
- Participate in service projects

WHO: 4-H'ers in grades 9-12

WHEN: July 16-23, 2024 OR
July 30-Aug. 6, 2024
(Choose one week)

COST: \$2,500
First payment of \$1,000 due March 15.
Final payment of \$1,500 due July 1.

INCLUDES: Insurance
Airfare and in-country transportation
Accommodations – local resort
3 meals/day (will need to purchase a couple of meals on your own while traveling)
Field Trip to the city of Higüey

Please submit
applications by
March 1, 2024

Participants need
to apply for their
passports asap!



2023 Blog:

<https://2023virginia4hdominicanrepublic.blogspot.com/2023/07/what-is-this-program.html>

Youth Program Application:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJFmciJddrdB4JPAdPF7scS_uH2w09DYtNT3D45ujtq8bIDA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Adult Volunteer Program Application:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4Yu6kBC6feykqfEnSMIV2wL0DiaVehNw6oX4pS2XQN6yDbA/viewform?usp=sf_link

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4-H Advisory Council

We are looking for more dedicated adults to be a guiding group for the direction of the VA Beach 4-H program. If you are a 4-H All-Star, have ever participated in 4-H as a youth or adult in VA Beach or other places, or have a passion for working with youth, please consider applying to be a member of our

4-H Advisory Council. We are accepting youths aged 14-19 and adults of all ages and professions. You can access the application at this link and QR code. Applications are being accepted from July 1-20th.

https://vce.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bwPpXmr1YWsjFLA



PLEASE, TAKE OUR SURVEY.



It is important that we hear from the community to help us identify areas of need for future programs from our Extension Office.

https://vce.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_OjDP8lM9LGRydAq

**Don't forget
we want to hear
from you and work
with you.**



4-H Craft Club

The Virginia Beach 4-H Craft Club has spent the past few months working on fun crafts and welcomed some new members. Welcome Chayne, Zander and Mollie.

In December, we made cute candy wreaths out of Ferrero Rocher candies. We also played a spinning wheel game to win surprise holiday gifts hidden in plastic cups. Members also brought non-perishable food items to contribute to the Charity United Methodist Church's food pantry as our December community service project.

In January, some of our members participated in the 4-H Country Cured Ham Project. They'll continue this project until May. At our January Club meeting, we each made personalized alphabet keychains and assembled a bean soup mix to cook and enjoy on a cold winter day.

In February, members colored wooden Valentine hearts and made a pencil jar with wooden popsicle sticks, rope and heart decorations.



The Virginia Beach 4-H Craft Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Creeds Ruritan Community Complex. Our club leaders request that we RSVP our attendance before each meeting to ensure they have enough craft supplies for everyone. If you're interested in joining the Craft Club, contact the Club Leaders – Jean Powers, jeankpowers@aol.com or Rose Talbott, Sandcrab151@cox.net for more information.

JEB Little Creek Urban Knights & Underwater Cloverbuds



JEB Little Creek Underwater Cloverbuds

Our Cloverbuds club had a lot going on in the last few months. In December, youth participated in art activities, including puffy painting, which did not quite go as planned, but youth enjoyed because they got to make a mess, and a coloring contest, during which youth had to practice listening to color the pictures according to the verbal instructions.

In January, the Cloverbuds were supposed to participate in a variety of youth choice activities; however, due to some unforeseen circumstances, they spent half the month decorating the annual 4-H canvas that will be displayed within the Youth Center. Youth were still able to participate in a few activities of their choice, including baking cupcakes and participating in a Bring Your Own Device Day.

During the month of February, the Cloverbuds participated in a variety of Community Service activities. Youth colored pictures for service members who live on base at Little Creek, baked cookies for the counselors at the Youth Center, and worked together (along with the Urban Knights) to create a New Youth Guide, which will be given to new youth who move to the area and attend after school programs at the Little Creek Youth Center.

Also in February, youth began studying embryology. The Cloverbuds helped report and maintain the temperature and humidity inside the incubator, learned about how a chick grows inside of an egg, and learned how to properly handle the chicks when they finally hatch.

These youth also had a special visitor during February. Ms. Mungo gave a presentation to the Cloverbuds using artifacts from the Virginia Museum of History and Culture. Youth learned about Native Americans, including what their houses looked like, where they lived in Virginia (including in Virginia Beach), how they hunted for food, and much more. Youth were able to handle actual artifacts to better learn about them, including arrowheads, rabbit pelts, a fire starter, and a spear thrower.

In March, youth will participate in a variety of youth choice activities, including a leprechaun scavenger hunt for St. Patrick's Day and DIY tattoos. The Cloverbuds will also be participating in the Reading Buddies community service activity with the Urban Knights and finishing up their embryology lessons by caring for the newly hatched chicks.



The Underwater Cloverbuds meet weekly at Little Creek Youth Center. Meetings are usually conducted on Thursdays from 4-5pm. **Learn more about 4-H Youth Programming and Military Partnerships by going to this website: <https://4-hmilitarypartnerships.org/>**



The VB-4-H Top Shooters had a Spring Cleaning SUCCESS!! VB Top Shooters would like to recognize and thank one of our 4-H parents, Steve Heinrich, owner and operator of Sea Side Restoration Services, LLC.

Steve was pivotal in donating his time and services, He provided bush hog and front end loader capabilities to remove debris, cut the fields, and really set the mark for what we achieved. We would also like to thank the club volunteers who came out and made the "Spring Cleaning at 2 Farms Lane Practice location," a success!

Steve and his equipment!



Steve had Ground Effects donate use of a Dumpster for refuse and debris for this cleanup. A special thank you to Brian Check (Leilani's dad) who came out and generously helped.



Thank you to Brian Diviney (below), and his kids, Colin and Darcy for helping out!



Colin, Leslie, Darcy and Katie worked during the morning to clean up debris and sweep the floors in several areas. Great job, and thank you!



Thank you to Jeff and Alice Parks (center), Trevor Hengehold (left), with Steve here, discussing the plan and next steps .



Before



After

Click on the link for more before & after photos <https://photos.app.goo.gl/19rzEimtvoM3ZkKP9>

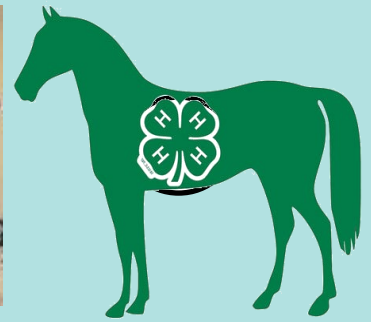


Monthly meetings continue on the third Tuesday of every month. Students interested in learning about beekeeping and managing honey bees with the opportunity to earn their one bee hive should check out our monthly meetings. Management of the club apiary continued with hive inspections, management of pests, and seasonal planning. The bees are fed sugar cake during the cold months and the club plans on removing the winterization wrap by March. The Foragers Beekeeping Club has a lot planned for 2024 including participation in festivals, community education, Tractor Supply days, and fundraisers.



Meetings are every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm as well as occasional field days for hands-on learning. For more information, contact Aimee Byman at info@4hforagers.com ~





This past December we had our annual Christmas party. We also took two ponies Christmas caroling around the neighborhood of one of the members. Seahorse Riders participated in a jerky raffle on January 1st with some of our members. A few of our members also went fox hunting on January 27th. On February 17th, three Seahorse Riders went to the Regional Hippology Contest. Finally, three of our members went to the 4-H day at the Capital and learned about Virginia and the capital. We had a lot of fun!



Ryley & Bailey



Paisley, Hazel & Elliott



Seahorse Riders

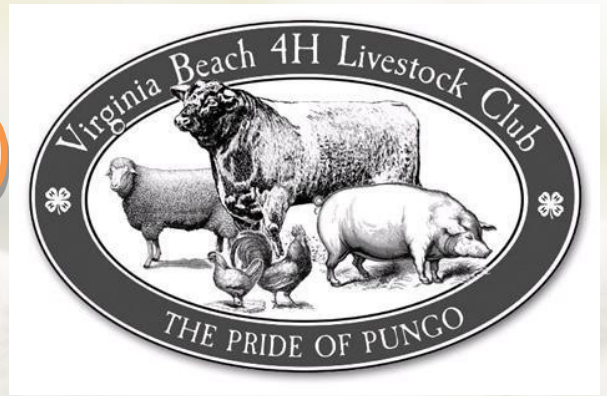


Ryley, Bailey & Elliott

The Seahorse Riders will continue learning about horsemanship, participating in various activities related to horses, and volunteering at local barns.

Sea Horse Riders is open to youth ages 5-18 who are interested in learning about horses and other 4-H projects. Sea Horse Riders meet the second Tuesday of each month at various locations. For more information, please, contact Club Leader Kerri khudsonland@gmail.com

4-H Livestock Club



I'm excited to share that the 4-H Livestock year is in full swing.

Our livestock club takes part in several community outreach programs. One is collecting canned goods for Charity Church, down in Pungo, for their food bank which helps families in need. Another is the collection of soda can tabs, which we send to the local Shriner's to help pay for their gas as they help with transporting those in need to medical appointments. You can also take part in the outreach by dropping off both canned goods and soda tabs at the VA Beach Extension Office.

Lastly, our Show and Sale this year will be on May 31st so, please mark your calendars and be ready for that exciting time and come support our Livestock Club.

-Joshua M., club reporter



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There are many programs 4-H can offer communities. VA Beach is known for quite a few excellent programs and many get started in January of each new year.

Our 4-H Embryology Project reached over 4200 youth in 2023. The goal this year is to home in on the scientific process and inquiry with students to improve their critical thinking and data recording skills. The Embryology Project is a great way for students to engage in meaningful hands-on experiments where they have an opportunity to employ knowledge of independent, dependent, and controlled variables. Through 4-H Agriscience projects such as this, youth realize the science involved in agriculture production and how biosecurity



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Clips Newsletter* on our webpage
and social media sites.**

<https://virginia-beach.ext.vt.edu/news/CloverClips.html>



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