



# Clover News

## Camp 2024



2023 Camp photo

We have started planning for the 2024 camping season! Northampton will once again be camping with Accomack, Greenville/Emporia, and Suffolk the week of July 29—Aug. 2, 2024 at the Airfield 4-H Center in Wakefield, VA. All Northampton youth ages 9 to 13 are invited to go to camp with us. Unfortunately the cost of camp has increased to \$425 in 2024. The cost does include transportation, room and board for the week, and all camp activities. Scholarships may be available on a first come first serve basis to youth residing in Northampton County/ the Eastern Shore. If anyone is wishing to give the gift of camp this holiday season, please let me know and I will help you come up with a way to present it.

**Anyone making a \$100 camp deposit by Dec. 31, 2023 will receive \$75 off the total price of camp.**

Teens ages 14 and up interested in serving as CITs or camp counselors are urged to contact me to receive an application. **Applications are due back to me by close of business on February 2, 2024.** Interviews will most likely take place on Monday, February 19, 2024 at the Northampton Extension Office. Teens who are accepted to serve will be required to complete 24 hours of training. Trainings will begin at the end of March.

## Reality Store

Reality Store is coming back!! The event will take place on the morning of Thursday, February 29, 2024 at Northampton High School. This is a simulation for 9th graders that demonstrates the financial responsibilities adults have. It does teach fiscal responsibility and the importance of an education. Volunteers are needed to run the booths at the simulation event. The simulation will take place from 8:15am—11:30am. It takes a lot of volunteers to make this simulation a success, therefore if you or anyone you know would like to volunteer, please contact me by email [emorgan2@vt.edu](mailto:emorgan2@vt.edu) or by phone (757) 678-7946 ext. 15. Looking forward to another successful event!

## 4-H Day at the Capitol

Each year 4-Hers from across the state of Virginia attend the 4-H Day at the Capitol in Richmond, VA. During the event 4-Hers participate in a rally, meet with local representatives, tour the state capitol building, and enjoy meeting 4-Hers from across the state. This year's event is taking place on January 24, 2024. If anyone would like to participate or would like more details please contact me 757-678-7946 ext. 15 or by email [emorgan2@vt.edu](mailto:emorgan2@vt.edu).

## Ham Project

Northampton 4-H will be offering a new project later this spring. The 4-H Ham project! Youth will have the opportunity to receive a fresh ham from Smithfield. Youth will then be expected to salt cure their hams at Picketts Harbor Farm (3119 Pickett's Harbor Dr, Cape Charles), where the hams will be kept in coolers until they are ready for the smokehouse, which will also be at Picketts Harbor.

Once hams are completed youth will be required to show their hams at the Eastern Shore Ag. Fair, typically held the first Saturday in October, in Machiponogo. As part of the project youth will be expected to keep a record book, which will be turned in before the ham show. This project is open to youth 9 and up. Right now I am trying to get an idea as to how many youth would be interested in this sort of project. Therefore if you think your child would like to participate please fill out this short google form: <https://bit.ly/hamproject>. This is in no way signing your child up for this project, however will be adding your child to the list to receive more details in the spring of 2024. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 757-678-7946 ext. 15, or via email [emorgan2@vt.edu](mailto:emorgan2@vt.edu).

## Teens

I am looking to start a teen club that would meet once a month at the extension office. This would allow teens interested in serving as a CIT/camp counselor to receive training throughout the year, provide teens with valuable leadership skills, and community service projects. This club would be open to all Northampton teens ages 13 –18 (regardless of interest in going to camp). If this sounds like something you are interested in please let me know! Meeting times/days will be determined by group majority.

Teens interested in learning more about all that 4-H has to offer are asked to call (757)678-7946 ext. 15 or email me at [emorgan2@vt.edu](mailto:emorgan2@vt.edu).

## Shooting Sports

This is a reminder for all Eastern Shore Shooting Education Club members, everyone needs to be re-enrolled in the 4-H online system. You are not considered a member until you have re-enrolled! Club volunteers also need to re-enroll and take the required trainings in the 4-H online system. The club is not considered in compliance until at least 2 un-related adults have re-enrolled, and five members have re-

enrolled. All returning volunteers are to re-enroll as level 2 volunteers. Remember the club must be in compliance to be eligible for grants and other funding opportunities. For information on the club call the extension office at 757-678-7946 ext. 15, or contact club coordinator Cindy Maynard by email [cmaynard82@gmail.com](mailto:cmaynard82@gmail.com).

## Notes from the 4-H Agent

There are a couple new programs being planned for this spring!! Please be sure to keep an eye out for the announcement. If there are any parents/grandparents who would like to start a club or assist with a club, please let me know. We are always looking for responsible adults who are willing to help youth explore their interest through clubs and/or workshops.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year! I am looking forward to an exciting 4-H year in 2024.

Be sure to watch the Northampton County Extension Facebook page for updates on 4-H programs being offered to youth of all ages statewide. <https://www.facebook.com/VCENorthampton>



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If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Erin Morgan at the Northampton County Extension Office at 757.678.7946 ext.15 during business hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30p.m. to discuss accommodations 14 days prior to the event.

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