



# Clover News

## 4-H Camp



Northampton would like to thank all youth who attended camp this past summer! Even though it was a hot week, we felt it was a great week for the youth and adults alike. This year Northampton took 20 campers to Airfield 4-H Center in Wakefield the week of July 21 -25. Special thank you to all the teen leaders and Ms. Joanne Fitchett (adult volunteer) for going to camp and assisting with all the campers. **We are excited to announce that our week of camp for 2026 is July 29 - August 2, 2026.** Registration is now open for anyone who would like to gift a week of camp as a holiday present. Pay a deposit of \$100 by December 31, to receive \$100 off your total camp price. The cost of camp for 2026 will remain \$450.

## School Enrichment

It is looking like the 2025/2026 school year is off to a great start! Northampton 4-H would like to remind teachers and school administrators that 4-H has a wide range of school based curriculum available free of charge. Curriculum is developed at the land grant universities Virginia Tech and Virginia State in VA, however we do have access to materials from all the land grant universities from across the USA. All curriculum is research based and pilot tested. **Teachers, please contact me should you need a hands-on lesson for your classroom.** If 4-H is unable to honor your request, I can point you to someone who can assist! Please contact me 757-678-7946 ext. 2 or email [emorgan2@vt.edu](mailto:emorgan2@vt.edu) for more information.

## 4-H Ham Project



Any youth aged 9-18 interested in learning how to cure a country ham? Registration for the second year of the 4-H ham project is now open. The cost to participate is \$15 for the first ham and \$5 for the second ham. All materials will be provided! The hams are donated by Smithfield Foods, and smoked by WT Nottingham of Pickett's Harbor Farm. Youth will be expected to come to the initial salting day, re-salting day, washing day/preparing for the smokehouse, and then the pick up day, all taking place at Pickett's Harbor in the winter and spring of 2026. Then youth will bring their hams to the Eastern Shore Agricultural Fair (October 3, 2026) for a ham show, judged by representatives from Smithfield Foods. Youth will be expected to keep a record book during the process, to be turned in during the ham show. At the end of the project youth will get to keep their hams to enjoy. If you are interested in learning more or to sign up please visit our website: <https://sites.google.com/vt.edu/northampton4-h/programs/ham-project> or contact me at [emorgan2@vt.edu](mailto:emorgan2@vt.edu) or 757-678-7946 ext. 2. **Registration closes on December 1, 2025.**

## Regional Science Fair

The date of the 2026 Regional Science Fair has been set! The event will take place **Saturday, April 18, 2026.** We are looking at making some exciting changes to this year's event, so be sure to start thinking about those science fair projects!

## Eastern Shore 4-H Shooting Education Club

The Eastern Shore 4-H Shooting Education Club participated in the 4-H state shoot the weekend of September 6-7, 2025. The club members earned numerous gold, silver, and bronze ribbons for competing in various shooting events that took place over the weekend. Members that participated were: Ethan Dail, Caleb Dail, Isaac Dail, Olivia Rinaldo, Julia Rinaldo, Olivia Sams, Abby Cobb, Drew Cobb, Ellis Dukes, Connor Maynard, Olivia Maynard, and Josh Maynard. Connor Maynard, Abby Cobb, and Julia Rinaldo also serve as 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors. The club is currently open for new members to come and learn more about safely participating in shooting sports such as archery, air pistol, shot gun, hunting skills, etc. Anyone interested in learning more about the 4-H Shooting Education Club can contact me [emorgan2@vt.edu](mailto:emorgan2@vt.edu).

## Teens

Thank you to all who served as camp counselors and CITs this past summer for summer camp. I really appreciate all the hard work you put into making summer camp a success. There is no way we could do it without each and every one of you! For those interested in serving as counselors or CITs next year, please be looking for camp dates as well as application deadlines in the Winter edition of the "Clover News".

Northampton 4-H is looking to start a teen club. This would provide teens with the opportunity to gain leadership skills, provide input as to programming for teens, develop community service opportunities and open up opportunities to attend teen leadership events. Interested teens are asked to contact me at [emorgan2@vt.edu](mailto:emorgan2@vt.edu) or by calling 757-678-7946 ext. 2.

## 4-H Volunteers Needed

Northampton 4-H is always looking for individuals who would like to work with the youth in the community. There is a need for club leaders, workshop presenters, volunteers for programs such as the Real Money Real World simulation, and camp volunteers. If you are an individual who has a passion for working with youth and would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities please contact me, [emorgan2@vt.edu](mailto:emorgan2@vt.edu) or calling 757-678-7946 ext. 2.

## Notes from the 4-H Agent

I am excited for the new 4-H year and looking forward to an amazing 2025/2026 year in 4-H! There are lots of events planned for this winter/ next spring and I am looking for a few holiday ideas for this winter. Things in the works are a kids Farmer's Market, a spring break day camp, and developing new partnerships to expand the 4-H program.

Be sure to check the [Northampton Facebook](#) page for updates or email me [emorgan2@vt.edu](mailto:emorgan2@vt.edu) or call the office 757-678-7946 ext. 2.

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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.2 during business hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event.

\*TDD number is (800) 828-1120.

