



September/October 2023

Clover News

National 4-H Week

Join 4-H in celebrating National 4-H Week October 1–7! This is a great time to get that 4-H feeling. The theme this year is Opportunity 4 All. The Stem challenge kit for this year is Power Protectors. This year's kit focuses on renewable energy. The three activities develop observational and critical thinking skills while exploring renewable energy sources such as wind, and solar power. To learn more please visit 4-h.org or contact me, Erin Morgan by phone: 757-678-7946 ext. 15 or by email emorgan2@vt.edu.

4-H Camp

Northampton 4-H would like to thank everyone who attended camp this past summer. It was a hot week, but we feel everyone had a wonderful time learning new skills, making new friends and connecting with friends from past years. We are looking forward to another exciting week of camp next summer. The SAGEN camp week for next summer is July 29–Aug. 2, 2024. Once camp prices are announced for the next summer we will open up registration. Anyone registering by December 31, will receive a \$50 discount. Camp makes a great gift for youth!

School Enrichment

It is looking like the 2023/2024 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!

Northampton 4-H is looking forward to offering pumpkin mania to all the schools in Northampton County. This program is geared to second grade students and incorporates math and science skills using pumpkins. Any school or teacher who would like to have 4-H come to the school to conduct pumpkin mania please contact me 757-678-7946 ext. 15 or email emorgan2@vt.edu.

Agricultural Fair



The Eastern Shore Agricultural Fair is being held on October 7, 2023, on the grounds of the old middle school in Machipongo. There are several competitions available to youth. One is the youth poster competition being conducted by 4-H. All youth are invited to design a poster on what agriculture/aquaculture mean to the Eastern Shore. There is also a photography competition and a baking competition. Both of these are open to youth and adults. For more information or to pre-register to enter any of these competitions please visit: <http://www.esvachamber.org/esvaagfair>.

New for the fair this year is the Critterless Critter competition! It is like a livestock show, but using stuffed animals. This is a fun way to give kids a basic show experience without having the commitment of owning an actual animal. Just like in a livestock show, youth will be asked to pre-register for the event in the class they think their critter fits in, then the youth will show the critter, by showing its best side and answering questions about their critter to the judge. Youth ages 5 and up are eligible to participate. Link to pre-register: bit.ly/3Ryi2uu. For questions please contact me by phone 757.678.7946 ext. 15 or email emorgan2@vt.edu

Shooting Education



The Eastern Shore Shooting Education Club competed in the state shoot the weekend of September 8-10, 2023 at the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center in Appomattox, VA. Twelve members of the club participated in Instinctive Archery, Compound Archery, Air Rifle three position, 22 Rifle, Air Rifle Silhouette, Air Pistol Silhouette, Air Pistol PPP (Progressive Position Pistol), BB gun, Target Sprint, and Public Speaking. Olivia Rinaldo took home first place in the senior public speaking contest. Connor Maynard won third overall in the male's junior target sprint and Abby Cobb won third overall in the female's junior target sprint. Caleb Dail took third overall in Air Pistol Silhouette. Olivia Rinaldo was also selected as a 4-H Ambassador for the state of Virginia and will serve a two-year term.

The club consists of kids from across the Eastern Shore who strive to learn how to effectively and safely use firearms, grow further in their leadership abilities and discover ways to better serve their community. For further information about the club, please contact Erin Morgan with Northampton 4-H at emorgan2@vt.edu or 757-678-7946, ext. 15.

Volunteers Needed

The Eastern Shore Agricultural Fair is in need of volunteers to help ensure the event is a success! This would be a great opportunity for teens in need of community service hours or adults who like to assist with community events. Volunteers are needed to assist with the children's area, to assist with competitions, to serve as runners for various events/activities, etc. If this sounds like something that would be of interest to you, please reach out to me by calling the Northampton Extension Office at 757-678-7946 or by email: 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 hold the dates of July 29 - Aug. 2, 2024 for camp. Then be on the lookout for more information in the next edition of the "Clover News".

Notes from the 4-H Agent

I am excited for the new 4-H year and looking forward to an amazing 2023/2024 year in 4-H! There are lots of events planned for this fall and I am looking for a few holiday ideas for this winter. There might even be a winter break workshop or two this year! Anyone with ideas or interested in helping please let me know!

Be sure to check the Northampton Facebook page for updates or email me emorgan2@vt.edu or call the office 757-678-7946 ext. 15

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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 5 days prior to the event.

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