

Clover News

4-H Camp

Camp registration opens on April 1! Northampton will once again be camping with Accomack, Greensville/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, meals, room and board for the week, and all camp activities. Scholarships are available on a first come first serve basis to youth residing in Northampton County/the Eastern Shore. For more details on camp visit the Northampton 4-H website: <https://sites.google.com/vt.edu/northampton4-h>

Anyone making a \$100 camp deposit on April 1, will receive \$75 off the total price of camp!

CIT (counselors in training) and teen counselors have been selected for this summer, eight amazing teens have been selected! This group is energetic and excited to be attending camp this summer.

Real Money Real World



Northampton 4-H was excited to bring back the *Real Money. Real World.* program with real world simulation. The event took place on February 29, 2024 at Northampton High School and was a huge success. Thank you to Northampton High School for hosting the simulation event. A special thank you to all the volunteers who took their time to assist students in navigating real world expenses. A total of 150 students from Northampton High, Broadwater, participated in the classroom and simulation.

School Enrichment



Northampton 4-H is super excited to provide students with a hands-on approach to learning. One of the biggest programs is 4-H Embryology. Currently, 4-H is working with most of the elementary schools in the county to provide incubators, curriculum and eggs for this project. This is a great learning opportunity for the students as they actually get to see life cycles happen in their classrooms.

4-H is available to assist teachers with other school enrichment opportunities. If any of you are a teacher or know of a teacher in need of a hands on lesson please get in touch with me. 4-H has a lot of curriculum in a wide range of subjects, especially for elementary grade levels.

Spring Break

Northampton 4-H and the Cape Charles Memorial Library are working together to provide two workshops on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. The first workshop from 10:30—11:30 will be a story hour for youth ages 4—8 on rockets and space, during the program youth will hear a story on going into space, and then learn about the parts of a rocket as they make an edible rocket! The second hour from 11:30—12:30 will be for youth ages 8—12 where we will learn about eclipses, why they happen, and make an eclipse related craft. Eclipse glasses will be provided to each youth to view the eclipse safely on April 8. To register contact the Cape Charles Memorial Library.

Teens

Anyone interested in attending 4-H Congress? Congress dates have been announced. 4-H Congress will be held on the campus of Virginia Tech June 18-21, 2024. This is a great leadership opportunity for all teens involved in 4-H. If you are interested in attending please let me know so I can get you the registration materials.

Any teen in need of community service hours this summer and who enjoys working with younger youth, please let me know. We could use a teen or two to assist with a couple of the summer day camps!

Summer Programs

I am currently starting to planning for the 2024 summer season. This summer we are looking to conduct a photography workshop, a Cloverbud (youth ages 5-8) Agriculture day camp, an Agricultural Day camp at the Barrier Islands Center, and a Nature Adventure camp at the Eastern Shore National Wildlife Refuge. If anyone has ideas on things they would like to see 4-H offer, please let me know. This is the time to send in your ideas!

The Cloverbud Agriculture day camp will be taking place July 2-3, the agricultural camp for youth ages 9 –13 will be taking place August 13 –14. Both of these are taking place at the Barrier Islands Center, please contact the Barrier Islands Center to register. During these camps youth will learn more about the importance of agriculture, learn about farm animals, and make several homemade items to take home. Snacks and all camp materials will be provided!

The Nature Adventure day camp for ages 9-12 will be taking place June 20 –21 at the Eastern Shore National Wildlife Refuge Center in Cape Charles. During this all day camp youth will be learning about

our local ecosystems including wildlife, forestry, birds, etc. The camp is being co-hosted by ESSWCD, 4-H, and ESWR. Cost for this interactive fun camp is \$15 and will include make and take crafts, snacks, and so much more!

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This is your newsletter! So if you have 4-H news to share please be sure to submit a paragraph to me by the last day of each month to be included. Don't forget to include pictures!

Notes from the 4-H Agent

At this time, I am making plans for school enrichment projects for the rest of the spring and summer day camps. Please be sure to check the Northampton Facebook or Instagram page for updates or you can email me at emorgan2@vt.edu to find out what types of things we have planned for the spring and summer!

*The Northampton Cooperative Extension Office will be updating their phone system in early April! This could include a phone number change! So please email me or check our social media pages for updates.

As always we are looking for amazing adults who would love to work with kids as a 4-H volunteer! If you are interested or know of someone who would be please contact me!

Erin Morgan

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4-H Youth Development

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.

*TDD number is (800) 828-1120.



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