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Prince Edward 4-H InnoVAtive Leadership Academy

In the 2013 situation analysis conducted by the Prince Edward Extension Office, the need for teen community involvement was identified as the top priority issue relating to youth development. We plan to address this issue through the implementation of the 4-H InnoVAtive Leadership Academy, funded by a grant from the Virginia 4-H Foundation. This program will be open by nomination and application only to 12 teens in grades 9 – 12. In addition to incorporating the six modules outlined in VCE's



InnoVAtive Leadership curriculum, participants will be expected to attend a local board of supervisors' meeting, a town council meeting, and/ or a school board meeting.

Teens may also participate in 4-H Day at the State Capitol. Participants will work in groups to identify and prioritize issues facing the community. They will then develop goals and strategies to address these issues. As a capstone event, groups will present their work in a public forum.

As a result of participating in this program, teens will gain a better understanding of the characteristics and behaviors of a leader. They will see local government at work in order to better understand decision-making processes. Teens will have opportunities to practice their leadership, problem-solving, and presentation skills as they work together to complete group projects. At the close of the program, participants will be provided with a plaque and thank-you letter outlining the course objectives that could then be included in the dossier for future college or employment applications.

Grant funds will be used to provide participants with the InnoVAtive Leadership curriculum and supporting resources including recommended books and/or workbooks focusing on leadership and teamwork. Participants will also be provided with a thumb-drive (or similar digital storage device) and any materials that they will need in order to develop a professional presentation. Grant funds will also cover the cost of any field trips offered as well as meals for participants during evening meetings.

The Prince Edward 4-H InnoVAtive Leadership Academy will run January – April 2016. Applications will be accepted until January 8, 2016. For more information, please contact the Prince Edward Extension Office at 392-4246 or jebowen1@vt.edu.



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Prince Edward 4-H InnoVAtive Leadership Academy Tentative Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Agenda
January 26	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Prince Edward Extension Office	Classroom Session 1: Intro to Leadership and Community Issues
February 9	7:00 p.m.	Prince Edward County Courthouse	Board of Supervisors Meeting
February 17	Tba	Richmond, VA	4-H Day at the Capitol
February 29	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Prince Edward Extension Office	Classroom Session 2: Effective Communication
March 9	Tba	Prince Edward County School Board Office	School Board Meeting
March 22	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Prince Edward Extension Office	Classroom Session 3: Community Profile and Planning
March 30 (Optional Event)	Tba	R. R. Moton Museum	Teen Leadership and Communication Conference
April 4	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Prince Edward Extension Office	Classroom Session 4: Teamwork
April 12	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Prince Edward Extension Office	Classroom Session 5: Group Issue Presentation Prep
April 21	5:30 p.m.	Prince Edward Extension Office	Group Presentations and Graduation



Prince Edward 4-H InnoVAtive Leadership Academy Applicant Information

The 4-H InnoVAtive Leadership Academy is designed for students in grades 9 – 12 who desire to improve their leadership, communication, and teamwork skills in preparation for leadership roles at school and in the community. Applicants should also have an interest in learning about issues facing our community. Selected students will work in groups to identify issues and develop plans to address those issues. As a part of this program, youth will learn about local and state government and will participate in local government meetings in order to see the process at work.

The inaugural class of the Prince Edward InnoVAtive Leadership Academy will have no more than 12 members. There is no cost to participants, but applicants are expected to commit to completion of the program. Missed sessions will require participants to make up work. All members of the team are expected to contribute to the success of the group.

Applicants will be notified of their acceptance status by January 15, 2016.



Prince Edward 4-H InnoVActive Leadership Academy
Application

Name _____

Address/City/ZIP _____

Age ____ Birth date _____ Male ___ Female ____ Polo Shirt Size _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Carrier: _____

Parent/Guardians' Names _____

School Name _____ Grade _____

Leadership Experience

(List any experiences you have had as a leader in 4-H, sports, or other organizations. (Ex: PECHS Soccer, Captain, 2014)

Name of Organization	Leadership Role	Calendar Year

Why are you interested in the Prince Edward 4-H InnoVActive Leadership Academy?

In your opinion, what are the 3 most important qualities that a leader should possess?

In your opinion, what is the most important issue facing youth in our community today? Why do you feel this issue is important?

If accepted a member of the inaugural class of the Prince Edward 4-H InnoVAtive Leadership Academy, I commit to participate fully in the program and to uphold the Virginia 4-H Code of Conduct. I will attend all sessions. If it is absolutely necessary to miss a session, I understand that I will be required to make-up work in order to be fully prepared to participate as a member of my team.

_____	_____	_____
<i>Printed Teen Name</i>	<i>Teen Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
_____	_____	_____
<i>Printed Parent/Guardian Name</i>	<i>Parent/Guardian Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>

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