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May/June 2022

4-H Camp

Northampton 4-H is looking forward to a great week of camp July 18—22 at Airfield 4-H Center in Wakefield, VA. This year we will be camping with Suffolk, Greensville/Emporia, and Accomack Counties. We are currently planning a fun week of camp with all the normal camp activities, including classes, swimming, campfires, songs, and so much more! Registration is now open. The cost of camp is \$385 with a non-refundable deposit of \$150 to hold camp spots this year. The cost includes bus transportation, lodging, all meals, and snacks, activities, and a camp tee shirt. Camp is open to youth ages 9 to 13. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify!

*Currently we are looking for male counselors. Counselors are typically youth ages 14 to 18. The counselors actually stay in the lodges with the campers, ensure campers are where they need to be at all times, and assist with camp classes when necessary. This is a great opportunity to gain leadership skills and earn volunteer hours. Teens interested in applying are asked to contact me email emorgan2@vt.edu or call 757-678-7946 ext. 15.

School Enrichment

Thank you to all the teachers who reached out and participated in 4-H school enrichment programs this past school year. 4-H enjoyed working with everyone and seeing all the chicks and ducks that hatched at the schools.

A favorite of the spring was the Farm Days held at Occohannock and Kiptopeke Elementary Schools. We enjoyed being able to engage third and fourth grade students with a hands-on learning experience.

We are looking forward to more school enrichment experiences next year!

Summer Programs

Looking for something to do this summer? Be on the lookout for 4-H summer workshops. Currently in the works is a computer science/STEM camp taking place the week of July 11 - 14 at the community college in Melfa. This is a joint adventure with Accomack 4-H and will allow youth ages 8 to 13 to gain basic computer science skills such as basic coding skills, building a simple robot, and basic programming skills. In addition, to computer science NASA will be leading STEM sessions and possibly rocketry, ANEC will be doing electric demos, and so much more! The cost to participate in this workshop is \$10, thanks to grants from United Way and Walmart.

We are in need of teens who would like to be trained to teach at the Computer Science/STEM camp. The teens will need to attend a three day hands on training June 28 - 30 at the community college. The training will be conducted by specialists from Virginia Tech for free. In return we are expecting the teens to teach/help at the day camp. Community service hours will be given for helping at the day camp!

This summer, Northampton 4-H is partnering with the Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation district educator to offer a 2 day agricultural day camp at the Barrier Islands Center in Machipongo. The camp will take place August 3 and 4 from 9am to 3pm. During the camp youth ages 8 to 12 will make agriculture related crafts, visit with animals including cows and sheep, learn more about Virginia Agriculture, and participate in a wide range of fun hands-on activities. Registration for this camp is being conducted by the Barrier Islands Center, so please see their website for more details.

Stay tuned for more workshops taking place this summer!

Agricultural Fair

The Eastern Shore Agricultural Fair is being planned for this fall! This event will take place on October 8, 2022, on the grounds of the old middle school in Machipongo. I was hoping to have a chicken show during this event, however with the Avian Flu it was decided it was best to hold off a year. However, to provide youth with a show experience I am thinking of conducting a pet 'n' critter show. I am trying to gauge if there is enough interest in having youth participate in something like this. All animals would be required to be caged or on a leash, healthy, with all shots up to date. This would just be a fun show with a wide range of categories. If you think this is something you/your child would participate in please let me know. service hours. For more details please contact me! Here is the link to take the pet show interest survey: <https://bit.ly/petshow-survey>

Shooting Sports

Northampton 4-H is very excited to announce the return of the Northampton Shooting Sports club! New club leaders John and Cindy Maynard have been trained and are ready to get the club back up and running! They will be starting this summer with archery. Any youth ages 9 to 18 who are interested in participating in this club are urged to attend the interest meeting taking place June 9 at 6pm in Franktown. During the interest meeting you will learn more about the club, the goal of the club, how to sign up for the club, and see an archery demonstration. For more details or to register to attend the interest meeting please contact me at emorgan2@vt.edu or 757-678-7946 ext. 15.

Volunteers Needed

Northampton 4-H is in need of adults who like to work with youth, can take a week off in the summer, and are ready for a little camp fun! That's right I could use an adult volunteer to go to 4-H camp with

us July 18 - 22. Interested adults must apply, be able to pass a background check, and attend a few trainings. Adults who volunteer to go will receive a discount for a child in their life to attend camp at a reduced price! Please let me know if you or someone you know is interested!

Teens

The next training for teens serving as CITs/ counselors for Junior 4-H camp, is June 15 from 10 to 3 at the Extension Office. Please bring a bagged lunch and your calendars so we can secure additional training dates. Also please hold July 15 as we will need that Friday to make last minute preparations for 4-H camp. Hope everyone is excited for camp!

Notes from the 4-H Agent

I am excited that things are slowly returning to a sense of normalcy. I am looking forward to offering in person workshops once again this summer and the return of a normal camp week.. Wishing everyone a healthy and safe summer! Be sure to check the Northampton Facebook page for updates or email me emorgan2@vt.edu or call the office 757-678-7946.

Happy Summer!

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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 4:00p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event.

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