



# 4-H Connection



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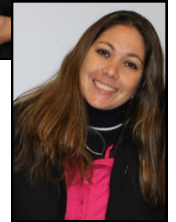
The 1st Mini-Maker Festival attracted more than 200 participants to the Powhatan Library on Feb. 21. Virginia's 4-H Maker, Paul Lambert, was on-hand for the event along with a 3-D printer, wind turbines, robotics, LEGOs, crafts, circuits and more. Families were introduced to innovative ways to get creative and get making!

## More than 75 attend Powhatan 4-H celebration

Powhatan County 4-H members were recognized in November for outstanding 4-H project work during the 2014 club year. Approximately 80 youth and adults attended the annual event to celebrate milestones and participation in 4-H clubs in Powhatan. Young people receiving 4-H Club Member of the Year awards (pictured below) included: Rebecca Rach (Foal'N Around 4-H Club), Alex Oliver (Powhatan 4-H Outdoors Club), and Madison Bonner (Powhatan Riders Equestrian 4-H Club). Recipients must be 15 years or older, a 4-H member for at least three years, active in 4-H locally and state level, participate in community/school, and be nominated by their club leader.



Club leaders and parent volunteers are also recognized. Melissa Clayton (right) was acknowledged for 15 years as 4-H leader of the Powhatan Riders 4-H Equestrian Club. She is a former 4-H member and has a daughter in the 4-H club.



Along with recognition for active participation in 4-H clubs, youth were also selected for special awards based on those who display the Character Counts Pillars: Responsibility, Fairness, Trustworthiness, Caring, Respect, and Citizenship.

## New Teen Council provides 4-H leadership opportunities

Older youth in 4-H seeking additional leadership and community service opportunities voiced an interest in forming a 4-H Teen Council. Cathy Howland, 4-H extension agent, initially met with the local group of teens in August. Several teens attended a statewide 4-H Officer Training at Virginia State University earlier in the year. They voiced an interest in duplicating the program for Powhatan's club members. As their first official project, they conducted an officer training prior to the 4-H Achievement Night. Six teens provided the 2-hour training for 15 young people. It included icebreaker games, power point presentations, hands-on activities. They also volunteered to wrap gifts for Powhatan's Christmas Mother in December. They have plans to attend 4-H Congress at Virginia Tech and participate in future community service projects including last week's Maker Festival. Youth interested in joining the 4-H Teen Council must be 14 years of age and active in a 4-H club or extended 4-H program.

# Local youth shine at State 4-H Horse Show

The 2014 Virginia State 4-H Championship Horse and Pony Show was held in Lexington, VA at the Virginia Horse Center on September 11-14. This statewide horse show hosts more than 700 youth from across the Commonwealth competing in a wide variety of contests, as well as the State Championship Horse and Pony Show. Five youth from Powhatan County competed at the 2014 Virginia State 4-H Championship Horse and Pony Show.

Out of almost 450 horse show competitors, Powhatan resident Madison Bonner, riding Brittney Spurs, was recognized as Grand Champion in the Hunter Large Ponies Senior Division. The following Powhatan youth are also congratulated for the following accomplishments: Ashdin Clayton: 4<sup>th</sup> place Pole Bending Horse Jr, 5<sup>th</sup> place Key Hole Race Horse Jr; Ellie Lancaster: 6<sup>th</sup> place Hunter Equitation on the Flat, Large Pony Sr, 4<sup>th</sup> place in Large Hunter Pony Sr, 8<sup>th</sup> in Large HP Pony Sr; Anna Pantos: 9<sup>th</sup> place Key Hole Race Large Pony;



Ellie Lancaster

Ashdin Clayton

Caitlin Reamy: 1<sup>st</sup> place Hunter Trail Sr, 1<sup>st</sup> Senior Training Level T2, 3<sup>rd</sup> Senior Training Level T1, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Dressage Equitation Sr, and 4<sup>th</sup> Dressage Equitation Classic.

Madison Bonner also achieved the following accomplishments: 3<sup>rd</sup> Hunter Equitation on the Flat Large Pony Sr, 1<sup>st</sup> Large Pony 2'6" Course A Sr, 2<sup>nd</sup> Large Pony 2'6" Course B Sr, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Large Hunter Pony U/S Sr. In addition to the Horse and Pony Show, youth could also compete in the Art Con-

test, Photography Contest, Project Record Book/Portfolio Contest, as well as many other horse related contests. Madison earned 7<sup>th</sup> place in the senior division art contest, as well as 8<sup>th</sup> place in the photography contest.

## Upcoming Equine Events:

- ◆ **Saturday, March 23**—Central District 4-H Qualifying Clinic @ Summerhill Stables in Powhatan (hunter/western)
- ◆ **March 27-29**—VA Horse Festival at The Meadow...4-H EquiSmartz Contest
- ◆ **Saturday, May 2**—Powhatan Farm Bureau's Celebration of the Horse @ St Francis/St Emma to support the local 4-H and FFA programs. *Seeking volunteers for this horse show!*
- ◆ **Saturdays, May 2 & 16**—Central District 4-H Qualifying Horse Shows in Buckingham and Farmville. Check State 4-H Horse website for details!

# 4-H Outdoors enthusiasts travel, discover parts of VA

Submitted by Conner Bowman  
Powhatan 4-H Outdoors Club

The Powhatan 4-H Outdoors Club enjoyed several unique field trips this summer. The first trip in June took us to Blandy Experimental Farm in Clarke County, VA. We toured the Arboretum while listening to the guides teach the history of the farm. Most of the group remained attentive to the history, however a few members lagged behind, too engaged in photographing the beauty of the landscape. That afternoon we headed to Mackintosh Fruit Farm for a tour

of the orchard and a tasty lunch. We learned about tree limb grafting, fruit growing seasons, and both the business and agricultural sides of managing an orchard. Despite our age, our favorite part of the day was the playground at Mackintosh Fruit Farm. Vice President Mac Bowman said he really enjoyed eating the fresh fruit from the orchard.

In August we headed to Chesapeake Bay area for a tour of the Virginia Marine Institute. Our club experienced firsthand where scientific research, educational learning, and environmental issues combine. After discussing how to analyze different types of sand and what healthy sand looks like, we took a bayside walk to a rehabilitated habitat where we were able to evaluate the significant signs of improvement.

For a fun experience, two amazing 4-H camp staffers, Hulk and Komodo, gave us an afternoon lesson in sailing. In teams of two, we learned the



Members of the Powhatan 4-H Outdoors Club dry off after a sailing lesson at Jamestown 4-H Center.

ins and outs of sailboat terminology, detecting wind direction, and how to efficiently catch the wind in the sail. Justin Bales said his favorite part of the trip was learning how to recover after a sail boats flips over and having fun together sailing on the James River. Conner Bowman, senior 4-Her, said a little more wind would have been beneficial but a great day nonetheless. Kelly Shelton said her favorite trip was sailing and getting to swim. Unanimously decided, the undeniable champions of sail navigation were 4-H leaders Mrs. Bowman and Mrs. Oliver. To join this club, contact the Powhatan Extension Office.



When they weren't traveling, the club built bird houses for Powhatan's State Park.

**February 2015**

~Youth Swine Day: Feb 28 at VT

**March 2015**

~Powhatan/Goochland County Contest:

March 19 at Goochland Extension Office

~Block &amp; Bridle Stockmen's, Meats and

Livestock Judging: March 20-21 at VT

~Central District 4-H Contest: March 28 at Appomattox High School

**April 2015**

~4-H Livestock Showmanship Clinic:

April 4 in Blackstone, VA

~Central VA Regional Youth Cattle

Working Contest: April 8 at Tucker

Livestock Market in Radiant

~Tractor Supply Spring Clover Campaign:

April 22—May 3

~Youth Poultry Convention:

April 24 in Harrisonburg, VA

**May 2015**

~Piedmont Livestock Show/Sale:

May 16 in Blackstone

**June 2015**

~4-H State Congress: June 15-18 at VT

**Powhatan 4-H Jr Camp****July 6-10, 2015**

Ages 9-13

Jamestown 4-H Center

Applications available in mid-March at Powhatan Extension website!



Majestic Hooves 4-H Club members are proud to introduce you to their newest member! A rescue horse foaled this little colt who is now the focus of the club's 4-H project the year.

# Powhatan youth earn multiple top honors at State 4-H Shoot

Two 4-H shooting clubs in Powhatan, represented by 35 youth, traveled to the 2014 State 4-H Shoot at Holiday Lake 4-H Center in Appomattox in September. Members from both clubs – 27 members of the Powhatan 4-H Shooting Club and eight from the “P”-town Hot Shots 4-H Shooting Club – competed as individuals and also received team scores. Following are team and individual high scores from Powhatan 4-H Shooting Club: **Archery Compound:** 1st place senior team – Emma Hodge, Anthony Schaapman, Tripp Smith; 1st place senior individual – A. Schaapman; 2nd place junior team: Charlotte Kramer, Grayson Melton, Travis Wooten; **Muzzleloading Inline Senior:** 1st place team – Sierra Conner, Anthony Schaapman, Rachel Schaapman; Individuals – 1st: A. Schaapman (perfect score of 100 and 7 X's), 2nd: Sierra Conner, 3rd: R. Schaapman; **Muzzleloading Traditional Senior Team:** 2nd – Emma Hodge, Jordan Hodge,

Jack Smith; **Skeet:** 1st place senior team – Brian Bartlett, Ryan Moyer, Tripp Smith; 1st place junior team – Grayson Melton, Ethan Kramer, Lexie Akins; 2nd individual – Melton; **Trap Senior:** 1st place team – Tripp Smith, R. Schaapman, Amy Adcock; 3rd individual – Adcock; **Trap Junior:** 1st place team – Melton, Travis Wooten, Akins; 3rd individual – Wooten; **Three Position Rifle with Scope Senior:** 1st place team – Conner, Dana Thomas, Adcock; Individuals: 2nd – Conner; 3rd – Thomas; **Three Position Rifle with Scope Junior:** 1st place individual: Casey Glover; 2nd place team: Gianna Hodge, Glover, Akins; **Silhouette Senior:** 1st place team award; **Silhouette Junior:** 1st place team award.

This was the first time the majority of the members of the “P”-town Hot Shots 4-H Shooting Club participated in this state event. The youth demonstrated great improvements in their skills this season thanks to the many adult volunteers who mentor

them. Following are Hot Shots members who competed and ranked at the state shoot: Dillion Carruth, Shane Carruth, Noah Chandler, Emily Jones, Brendan King, Christopher King (3rd place junior archery recurve), Michael King, and Josh Stewart.



Seeking property in Powhatan for the P-Town Hot Shots 4-H Shooting Club to set-up a range for practices.

Call Extension Office for details!

## Interested in hosting a 4-H Exchange Student?

Students are coming to Virginia between July 26 to August 22. If your family would like to host, see details:

<http://www.states4hexchange.org/host-families/>



## Thanks to our 4-H Camp Scholarship Sponsors for 2014:

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# 4-H Club Reports

**Heart of Virginia 4-H Livestock Club** has had a busy fall & winter! Along with entering a hay bale design contest at the State Fair of VA (below), they visited an area farm to view ultrasounds on pregnant sheep. They also hosted "Pet Photos with Santa" (right) at Tractor Supply



in Powhatan on Dec 6. There were lots of dog and goat lovers out that day! They also coordinated a bake sale which raised over \$100 to give to Powhatan and Cumberland's animal shelters! *Thanks to Jason Jones for being such a good sport and the staff at Tractor Supply for supporting 4-H in another great event!*

**Powhatan 4-H Cloverbud Club** started meeting in September at the Powhatan Library. Each month the club focuses on a different fun, educational topic. In September, the Cloverbuds created a team puzzle and discussed what topics they would like to cover throughout the year. During the October meeting, Cloverbuds delved into "Weird Science" with Coke geysers and homemade slime bubbles. We are looking forward to our future projects!

**4-H Powhatan Jr. First LEGO League, "The Cheetahs,"** are working on this year's engineering design challenge: "Think Tank." They have focused their efforts on studying radio communications and how they are used at police stations to assist in learning. Aside from research, the team had the opportunity to tour the Powhatan County Sheriff's Office and the Chesterfield 911 Call Center. They are currently designing their final model which will include simple machines and motorized parts.



**Majestic Hooves 4-H Club** members participated in the State Fair 4-H Fun Show this fall! Many were riding in their first horse show.

## Virginia 4-Shotgun Championships

Fifteen youth from the Powhatan 4-H Shooting Club participated in the Virginia 4-H Shotgun Championships at Conservation Park in Charles City. Both junior and senior teams from Powhatan took 1st place in the overall team events. The 1st place junior team included: Charlotte Kramer, Ethan Kramer, Grayson Melton and Travis Wooten. First place senior team included: Anthony Schaapman, Hunter Rowe, Jack Smith and Tripp Smith.

The Powhatan crew also scored high as individuals with Melton named Jr Sporting Clay Champ, along with 2nd place High Score Overall Jr. In the lady's division, C. Kramer took High Overall Jr Lady Champion. In the senior division, Schaapman earned Skeet Champion title in his final 4-H competition before aging out. J. Smith earned the Sr High Overall Champ, while brother, Tripp, took first as High Overall Sr.

*It's cold out there!*

**Mother Nature has thrown the area a curve ball, sending almost 11 inches of snow and single digit temperatures our way this winter! Many 4-H activities have slowed down due to this but I hope you enjoy seeing what they were up to in this fall/winter so far and what's to come this spring!**

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