

74<sup>th</sup> FAIRFAX COUNTY



4-H FAIR  
& CARNIVAL

AUGUST 1-4, 2024



2024 Fairfax County 4-H Fair & Carnival



**Frying Pan Farm Park**

2709 West Ox Road, Herndon, VA 20171



# Welcome!

## Welcome to the 74th Annual Fairfax County 4-H Fair!

Every year, the 4-H Office and the Fairfax County Park Authority staff at Frying Pan Farm Park work countless hours to bring this event to life. Whether this is your first time joining us or you've been here every year, we are glad you came out to our Fair!

This wonderful event serves as a showcase for 4-H members to demonstrate their fabulous work and earn accolades for their projects. We hope that you are inspired by the wonderful exhibits and entries to create something of your own to enter in the Fair next year, or even better join a 4-H club in the fall!

Fairfax County 4-H members work hard to make the 4-H motto "To make the best better" a reality. This year was no exception. We had several youth participating at the top levels of their project areas promoting success throughout the county. We currently have 10 clubs; each club in Fairfax County offers a unique project and allows for the youth of our community to explore a variety of interests.

While here at the Fair, make sure to visit the embryology exhibit to see newly hatched chicks, check out the animal show and demonstrations, explore the exhibitor areas, and take a spin on the rides at the carnival! This event was a blast to plan, and I hope you and your family have the same experience at the Fair.

Enjoy the Fair, and I hope to see you at another 4-H event in the coming year!

### India Pearson

4-H Extension Agent, Fairfax County



**Congratulations to 4-H member Anna Lammers for submitting the winning design for our 4-H Fair T-shirt design contest!**



# Fairfax County 4-H Fair Opening Ceremony

August 3, 2024 - 10 a.m. • Frying Pan Farm Park

## WELCOME

**Alexandra Blake**

Fairfax County 4-H County Council President,  
Falls Church Club President, Hoofers & Heifers Member

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

**Tony Diller**

Falls Church 4-H Club Member & Club Secretary

## PLEDGES

**Nathaniel Mack**

Fairfax County 4-H County Council Secretary,  
4-H Club of Ft. Belvoir Homeschooler Member & Treasurer

**Penny Gray**

2 B A Bee 4-H Club Member, County Council Representative, Club Treasurer

## REMARKS

**Bill Bouie**

Hunter Mill Representative  
Fairfax County Park Authority Board

**India Pearson**

Fairfax County 4-H Extension Agent

## CROWNING OF THE FAIR COURT

*See the full Fair Court on following pages*

## RIBBON CUTTING

# ***Congratulations 2024 Fairfax County 4-H Fair Court!***



## **King Owen**

Meet Owen, a 4-H dynamo who joined our community in 2017. He is an active member of the Falls Church City and Hoofers and Heifers 4-H Clubs, where he's taken on various leadership roles and excelled in every one of them. Owen has served as Sergeant at Arms, Reporter and is currently the Parliamentarian and Treasurer for Falls Church. Owen is the current County Council Rep for Hoofers and Heifers and is the Second Vice President at County Council.

Owen has earned the prestigious Head Award, the Hands Award and the Fair Supporter Award. Owen loves getting involved and has joined and chaired

many committees, including the county-wide officer training and the Superintendent Committee. He has also served as a superintendent at every Fair, showcasing his leadership and organizational skills. Owen's 4-H journey is a testament to his passion and dedication.

## **Queen Alexandra**

Meet Alexandra, a leader in our 4-H community who has excelled in numerous leadership roles. Her dedication and impact have had a lasting impact on those around her. Alexandra has served as President of Fairfax County 4-H, prior Second Vice President and Treasurer, President of Falls Church City 4-H, and prior Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer of Hoofers & Heifers. She has also been a Community Service Officer, 4-H Fair Superintendent and member of the 2020 Clover Come Together Committee. Alexandra has been a Crafts Project Leader, Environmental Sustainability/Gardening Project Leader, and a 4-H Camp Counselor.



Alexandra's hard work and dedication have earned several honors, including Virginia 4-H All-Star, Clyde Jackson "Spirit of 4-H" Award, Larry Blair Memorial Award, Community Service, Citizenship & Leadership Award, Head and Health Awards, Outstanding Fair Supporter, and Outstanding Female Camp Counselor. Alexandra has attended a wide range of events at the local, district, state and national levels, including 4-H Camp, 4-H Teen Summit, National 4-H Ignite Conference and Virginia 4-H State Congress. Her passion for learning and growing is truly inspiring.



## ***Duke Benjamin***

Meet Benjamin, a 4-H rock star who has been impressing us year after year at the 4-H Fair. Benjamin has a special talent for showing pigs, and does it with style and flair. Whether in the show ring or out, Benjamin's pigs are always the talk of the Fair. His dedication and love for his pigs really shows, making him a favorite to watch.

Benjamin has also graced the 4-H Fair court in previous years. His charm and enthusiasm have earned him a spot among the fair royalty, and he's worn that crown with pride!

## ***Duchess Isabella***

Meet Bella, a 4-H sensation who has been dazzling us with her incredible skills and dedication. In 2023, Bella showed her beloved goat, Stella, for the third year in a row and took home the Grand Champion title. Bella and Stella have proven to be an unbeatable duo. Their bond and teamwork shined brightly in the show ring, earning them the top prize. Bella was also crowned Fair Princess last year. With her grace and enthusiasm, she represented 4-H with pride and charm. Bella's dedication to 4-H extends beyond the Fair. She has been a fantastic volunteer for both Christmas on the Farm and Halloween on the Farm, bringing joy and festive fun to our community.







## ***Princess Emmalin***

Meet Emmalin, a shining example of the incredible impact 4-H can have. Once shy and reserved, Emmalin has blossomed into confident and outgoing thanks to her time with 4-H. She's made new friends and discovered a passion for creativity and animals. She took home the Grand Champion title for her pig cupcakes. This year, she looks forward to showing her pig and showing her enthusiasm for 4-H.

## ***Prince Gabriel***

Meet Gabriel, a dedicated 4-H member who's been part of our family for three years. During his time with 4-H, Gabriel has become quite the expert in showing pigs. If you haven't seen him in action, you're missing out – showing pigs is tons of fun, and Gabriel makes it look easy! Not only is Gabriel a whiz in the show ring, but he's also served as his club's recreation leader for three years. His leadership and enthusiasm have brought joy and fun to everyone around him. In 2023, Gabriel was honored as the overall winner of the Junior category at Achievement Night.



## **Thank you for attending the opening ceremony for the Fairfax County 4-H Fair!**

The 4-H Fair is part of the Fairfax County 4-H Fair and Carnival at Frying Pan Farm Park. The annual event is presented through the collaborative efforts of the following organizations:

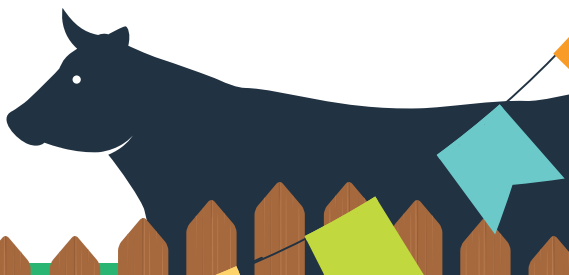
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- Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services
- Virginia Cooperative Extension – Fairfax County

## **A huge thank you to all of the donors and partners for the 74th Annual Fairfax County 4-H Fair and Carnival!**



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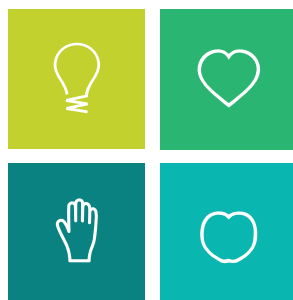
In 4-H, we believe in the power of young people. We see that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us. We are America's largest youth development organization – empowering nearly 6 million young people across the United States with the skills to lead for a lifetime.

## 4-H Grows True Leaders

4-H empowers young people to be true leaders. True leaders are young people who have confidence; know how to work well with others; can endure through challenges; and will stick to a job until it gets done. In 4-H, we believe true leaders aren't born—they are grown. The 4-H experience is proven to grow true leaders with life skills like confidence, independence, resilience and compassion.

For more information on how to get involved in Fairfax County 4-H programming, visit the info tent at the Fair, or find us online:

[www.fairfaxcounty4h.com](http://www.fairfaxcounty4h.com)



## 4-H Pledge

I pledge

**MY HEAD**  
to clearer thinking,

**MY HEART**  
to greater loyalty,

**MY HANDS**  
to larger service,

**MY HEALTH**  
to better living,

For my club, my community,  
my country, my world.

## 4-H & Frying Pan Farm Park



Fairfax County 4-H and Frying Pan Farm Park have a long and unique relationship. With many farms being bought out in the 1950s to establish Dulles International Airport, a grassroots effort arose to preserve the agricultural heritage of the area. Established in 1961

with 4.5 acres, Frying Pan Farm Park was created to preserve the fairgrounds and interpret agricultural life for the community. Today, the park has grown to 135 acres. The partnership with Fairfax County 4-H runs deep in the park's veins. Three Fairfax County 4-H clubs meet on park grounds throughout the year. Frying Pan Farm Park hosts the Fair, the largest annual fundraiser for the Fairfax County 4-H program.







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## 4-H International

Are you ready for an unforgettable adventure with 4-H? Our international experience programs offer amazing opportunities to explore new cultures, make lifelong friends and have the time of your life!



### Academic Year Abroad

Immerse yourself in a new culture, attend school and become part of a host family. This

is a fantastic way to broaden your horizons and create memories that will last a lifetime.

### Short Summer Programs

Not ready to commit to a whole year? No problem! Our short summer programs experience of international travel without the long-term commitment. Spend a few weeks in a new country, learn about their customs and enjoy the adventure.

### Host a Youth Student

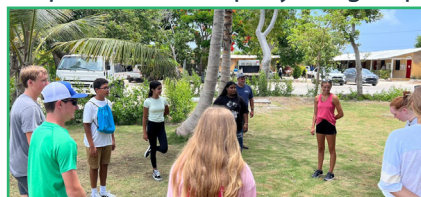
Be a part of 4-H International by hosting a family from Japan.

Welcome them into your home, share your culture and learn about theirs. It's a wonderful way to build global friendships and create a cultural exchange closer to home.

[www.states4hexchange.org](http://www.states4hexchange.org)

### Travel to Dominican Republic

The 4-H high school students will travel to a Spanish speaking, developing country for one week, where they will help conduct an environmental 4-H day camp and at least one service project. Local chaperones accompany the group.



Participants are expected to present programs to local groups during the year after they travel.

All 4-H International experiences offer an exciting opportunity to explore other cultures, meet new people and grow as a global citizen.

## Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime!

Contact your local agent to learn more.

# Fairfax County 4-H Clubs

## Community Clubs

*Offering a variety of 4-H projects*

Fairfax City 4-H Club

Falls Church City 4-H Club

Sam Clemens Farm - Franconia District

## Project Clubs

*Focuses on a single 4-H project or subject matter area*

2 B A Bee 4-H Club - Burke

Hampton Horsefeathers - Lorton

Hoofers & Heifers 4-H Club - Herndon

Krazy for K9s 4-H Club - Online,  
in-person monthly based on events

Virginia Trotters 4-H Club - Herndon

## School Clubs

*Restricted to students of school*

4-H Club of Ft. Belvoir Homeschoolers

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for more information on joining a local 4-H Club



# Thank you



*We are grateful for all who had a hand in making this  
2024 Fairfax County 4-H Fair possible.*

*Thank you staff, volunteers, judges, 4-H members, exhibitors, sponsors and  
donors, not only for this event, but for encouraging participation in  
the Fairfax County 4-H program that seeks to*

***Empower Kids with Skills to Lead for a Lifetime***



## Fairfax County 4-H

Fairfax County 4-H offers fun, hands-on learning experiences to youth ages 5-18. Under leadership of caring adult volunteers, youth explore their interests in a variety of subjects, such as animals, leadership, cooking and outdoors. Youth experience a sense of belonging through our clubs, camps and programs, and they employ the four Hs: Head to clearer thinking, Heart to greater loyalty, Hands to larger service, and Health to better living.

Fairfax County 4-H offers unique opportunities for youth. Through 4-H clubs, school enrichment programs, SPIN clubs (short-term special interest), public speaking, animal husbandry, day camp and a week-long 4-H junior camp, youth have many opportunities to develop skills that will last a lifetime.

The Fairfax County Office of Virginia Cooperative Extension brings the resources of Virginia's land-grant universities - Virginia Tech and Virginia State University - to the people of the commonwealth. 4-H is the youth development education program of Virginia Cooperative Extension. VCE's funding comes from federal, state, and local government; 4-H clubs earn money through fundraisers and donations. Some 4-H activities require fees, but there is no charge to join 4-H.

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