



Powhatan County 4-H Programs

Heart of Virginia 4-H Livestock Club – members gain knowledge about livestock. Although some youth own livestock and show through 4-H, others are learning about animal science. Members show at various county fairs, as well as

- **Piedmont Livestock Show and Sale, Blackstone VA, late April**
- **State Fair of Virginia, September**

4-H Livestock Judging Teams: members gain knowledge on the specific area of focus while developing skills in public speaking, critical thinking, problem solving and decision making. Official reasons are a brief, yet complete statement that justifies the youth's placement within a class. Following are 4-H judging teams in Powhatan:

- 1) **4-H Meats Judging** – members judge cuts of meat
 - Block & Bridle State 4-H Meats Contest at Virginia Tech, mid-March
- 2) **4-H Dairy Judging** – members judge dairy cattle
 - State Contest, Rockingham County, mid-June
 - State Dairymen's Contest, Virginia State Fair, last Friday in September
 - Hoard's Dairyman Cow Judging Contest, online contest
- 3) **4-H Horse Judging** – members judge horses
 - State competition takes place during EquiSmartz, mid-March
 - Various local and regional contests

State 4-H Horse Show, September

Youth from all three of Powhatan's 4-H Horse Clubs – Foal N' Around, Majestic Hooves, and Powhatan Riders – compete in this state event which attracts 400 – 500 riders annually. Powhatan youth also participate in the 4-H photography, art, and Hippology contests during the State 4-H Horse Show.

Powhatan 4-H Shooting Club - about 30 youth participate annually

- **State 4-H Shoot, statewide 4-H shooting education competition at Holiday Lake 4-H Center, early September**
- **Hunters Education Championship, hosted by the VA Game and Inland Fisheries, 1st weekend in May**
 - Club has earned 1st place overall junior and senior teams at this event several years in a row
- Youth also compete in numerous county, district and state level contests, fall and summer
- More than 15 volunteer adults/teen 4-H certified instructors in archery, shotgun, and rifle
- Powhatan 4-H Shooting Club was recognized on March 2, 2015 by the Powhatan Board of Supervisors' Proclamation for high achievement and 22 years under consistent adult leadership.

Powhatan 4-H Outdoors Club – these youth learn anything and everything involving the outdoors. They have focused on wildlife habitat in recent years. In the past, several teams competed in the Virginia Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) and members enjoy attending the Natural Resource 4-H Weekend at Holiday Lake 4-H Center in January.

Powhatan 4-H Cloverbuds Club – designed especially for youth ages 5-8

Powhatan Jr 4-H Camp, weeklong residential program at Jamestown 4-H Center in Williamsburg

- Approximately 62 Powhatan campers, 10 teen counselors; 10 counselors in training (CITs)
- 4-H camp scholarships awarded annually through financial support from the community
- Other 4-H camps attended by Powhatan youth includes: shooting sports, equine, weekend specialty camps such as Fishing Camp, Natural Resources Weekend

Virginia 4-H Congress, weeklong teen leadership program at Virginia Tech, late June

Powhatan 4-H members participate annually; three local 4-H members served on the State 4-H Cabinet representing the Central District during the past few years. This is a year-long commitments that includes travel across the Commonwealth speaking to 4-H teens and state officials about the benefits of the teen program.

Community Service – roadside trash pickups, adoption of families/children at Christmas, caroling, 10 complete Thanksgiving meals to Food Pantry, mittens/gloves to Veterans, bake cookies for Food Pantry, crock pot meals given to sick volunteer, collect donations for Animal Shelter, built bird houses for Powhatan State Park, volunteer at community events including Marker Festival, NRA banquet, Farm Bureau dinner, and Celebration of the Horse.