



MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H CLUBS OR GROUPS



The Montgomery County 4-H program offers several community and special interest clubs. The following is the current list of the active groups for the 4-H year 2018-19. Ages are based on the 4-H year. Youth must fall in the listed age range between October 1, 2018 and September 30, 2019. Age requirements for clubs are firm.

Teens for a Better Tomorrow, ages 14 to 19

Club meets monthly on Tuesday evenings, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Christiansburg. The club focuses on leadership, career readiness, and community service. Most members also attend Junior 4-H Camp as a Counselor-in-Training or Teen Counselor, though this is not required for club membership.

4-H Home School Clubs, ages 5 to 18

Cloverbud (ages 5 to 8), Junior (ages 9 to 13), and Senior (ages 14 to 19) clubs meet twice monthly on the 1st and 3rd Fridays, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Blacksburg. The clubs only meet during the school year from October through early May. Each club chooses project areas for the year.

4-H Livestock Club, ages 9 to 18

Club meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Alphin-Stuart Teaching Arena in Blacksburg from 7:00 to approximately 8:00 p.m. The club focuses on preparing members for livestock shows (beef, sheep, goats, and pigs) and for livestock competitions like Stockmens and Livestock judging.

Town & Country Club, ages 5 to 13

Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Alphin-Stuart Teaching Arena in Blacksburg at 6:30 p.m. and focuses completely on community service projects. Each club family plans and coordinates a service project, one provided each month (with the exception of December, June, and July).

Rough Riders Horse Club, ages 9 to 18

Club meets at Shadow Ranch Stables in Pulaski, as needed to plan club activities and events. The club focuses on horse care and management and general equestrian knowledge. In addition, it prepares youth for local and area horse shows and for competitions like hippology and horse judging. Club membership does not include riding lessons, but paid lessons are available through Shadow Ranch

Stables. Though horse ownership is not required, it is recommended that members work with leaders on possible opportunities for lessons offered through the stable.

Country Kids Horse Club, ages 9 to 18

Club meets the 3rd Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Meadow Ridge Stables in Christiansburg. The club focuses on horse care and management and general equestrian knowledge. In addition, it prepares youth for local and area horse shows and for competitions like hippology and horse judging. Club membership does not include riding lessons, but paid lessons are available through Meadow Ridge Stables. Though horse ownership is not required, it is recommended that members work with leaders on possible opportunities for lessons offered through the stable.

Montgomery County Shooting Club, ages 9 to 18

Club meets on Friday afternoons in the spring and summer. Club focuses on rifle and archery disciplines and prepares youth for local and state shooting education competitions, particularly the State 4-H Shooting Competition in September. Equipment is provided through support from NRA Foundation grants.

NRV Sharpshooters Shooting Club, ages 9 to 18

Club meets on Tuesday afternoons in the spring and summer, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Izaak Walton League Park in Shawsville. Club focuses on rifle and archery disciplines, as well as some shotgun/trap, and prepares youth for local and state shooting education competitions, particularly the State 4-H Shooting Competition in September. Equipment is provided through support from NRA Foundation grants.

If you are interested in joining a 4-H group, please email Michelle Dickerson at adickerson@vt.edu. We will send your contact information to club leaders who can then add you to their email list for club meeting and program information. If you are not able to find an available club, or if clubs are already full, we can also work with volunteers for new clubs; we provide the training and resources needed to start a great new short or long term club or program.

If you are a person with a disability and desire assistance or accommodation for these activities, please notify Michelle Dickerson at (540) 382-5790/TDD* during the business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. *TDD number is (800)828-1120.

4-H FALL SPIN CLUB

Montgomery County 4-H will be offering its next SPIN (Special Interest) Club this fall for juniors, ages 9 to 13. The club will focus on the 4-H forensic science project. We will have educational project activities, field trips, guest speakers, and more! SPIN Clubs are designed to give youth a glimpse of available 4-H projects and to introduce youth to other available 4-H activities, programs, and leadership opportunities.



The program will be offered on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. starting on November 13 and ending in April. The first meeting will be held at the Montgomery County Government Center. Most meetings will be held here, but some will be held at different locations depending on the program for the evening. We must have a minimum of 10 members to conduct the program for the year. To register, go to this site: <https://tinyurl.com/mont4hspinfs> Sign up by Thursday, November 8; limit of 15 for the club.



4-H PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

We advertise our Montgomery County 4-H programs through our county email subscription list, Montgomery County Extension website, and/or our Facebook page. If you are not already subscribed to our email list, visit this site:

<https://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/content/18496/19593.aspx>

Just enter your email address, check "Youth Programs 4-H", and click on "Join". You can unsubscribe at any point.

The link for our Facebook page, Montgomery County Virginia 4-H, is: <https://tinyurl.com/mont4hFB>
The link for our county Extension website is: <https://montgomery.ext.vt.edu/>

The W. E. Skelton 4-H Educational Center offers a number of specialty camps and weekend family events. For more information about these programs, visit their site at: <http://skelton4hcenter.org/events/>



SUMMER CAMP

Junior 4-H Camp for the Montgomery, Floyd, and Giles county cluster will be held the week of June 24-28, 2019 at the W. E. Skelton 4-H Educational Center and is open to youth, ages 9 to 14 (as of September 30, 2019).



Campers have the opportunity to take several exciting classes – about 25 to choose from. There's also a talent show, arts and crafts, swim and recreation time, special evening events, songs and games, and more.

This camp is organized through the Montgomery County Extension office and includes bus transportation to and from the 4-H Center. We will begin registration in late January, so be on the look out for this. If you have not received anything by the first of February, contact our office at 382-5790.

IMPORTANT PROGRAM DATES

November 2-4

Fall Family Camp, W. E. Skelton 4-H Educational Center, Wirtz

November 10

Virginia Association of Adult 4-H Volunteer Leaders Fall Conference, Natural Bridge Hotel

November 16-18

Teen Weekend, W. E. Skelton 4-H Educational Center, Wirtz

November 30 to December 2

State 4-H Horse Show, VA Horse Center, Lexington

For more information about these programs or to receive a program flyer, please contact our office at (540) 382-5790 or email Michelle Dickerson at adickerson@vt.edu

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