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## Upcoming Events

- **Accepting Applications:** 4-H Paid Summer Internship
- **April 7th:** 4-H Wildlife SPIN Club Registration Due
- **April 13th:** VCE Family Focus Plant and Play Group Starts
- **April 26th-May 7th:** 4-H Paper Clover Fundraiser at Tractor Supply Company
- **May 6th:** VCE Master Gardeners' Plant Sale
- **July 24-28th:** 4-H Jr Overnight Summer Camp

## 4-H Youth



### 4-H WILDLIFE SPIN CLUB

Learn about animal tracks and facts, entomology, ecosystems, and more!



- Open to youth ages 9-13
- Registration closes 4/7
- No cost to attend

#### Location:

Veterans Park  
3793 Ironbound

#### Dates & Time:

April 13th  
April 20th  
April 27th  
May 4th

4:00pm-5:30pm

#### REGISTER NOW:



Or email [nealcynw@vt.edu](mailto:nealcynw@vt.edu)

If you are a person with a disability and desire assistance or accommodation, please notify James City County Cooperative Extension at 757-564-2170 or 800-822-1120 during the business hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



# Agriculture and Natural Resources

Master Gardeners teach hands on lesson about the planting and growing process at J. Blaine Blayton Elementary School Open House.

Photo Credit: Elizabeth Myers



## 4-H Paper Clover Fundraiser



**IT'S PAPER CLOVER TIME!**

**APRIL 26 - MAY 7, 2023**

Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.



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# Family and Consumer Science: VCE Family Focus

## Calendar of Events for

### April...

**April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.**

#### **SPECIAL 6-WEEK SERIES**

(Enrollment Required)

#### **Plant and Play Playgroup**

**James City County**

**April 13, 20 & 27 and May 4, 11 & 18**

This special 6-week series invites parents and/or caregivers and children birth to 5 to come play and learn together. In addition:

- Get to plant your own herbs!
- Complete 5 of the 6 classes and receive fun planting tools!

#### **Parenting Class**

(Enrollment Required)

#### **Active Parenting First Five Years**

**York County Center**

**Wednesdays, April 19<sup>th</sup> – May 24<sup>th</sup>**

This 6-week research-based parenting class is perfect for new parents and parents with children to age five. Parents will learn:

- Ages and stages of development
- Building a strong bond
- Your child's growing brain
- Effective discipline young children can understand
- And much more

#### **INFANT/TODDLER PLAYGROUP**

**Who:** Parents and/or caregivers and children birth to 5 are invited to come play and learn together.

**What:** Planned activities to include the following:

- Play and Learn
- Parachute
- Crafts
- Music & Movement
- Story
- Social Connections

**Where:** Two Locations as follows:

1. **YORK County:** St Mark Lutheran Church, 118 Old-York Hampton Hwy., Yorktown, VA 23692
2. **JAMES CITY County:** Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 7479 Richmond Rd., Williamsburg, VA 23188



"VCE Family Focus"

#### **ILLNESS POLICY**

We respectfully ask that everyone who attends VCE, FCS Family Focus be **WELL** and **NOT CONTAGIOUS** FOR at least **24 HOURS** before attending playgroup.

Masks are strongly suggested during Covid-19 Yellow Community Level and required during Covid-19 Red Community Level

#### **VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, FCS FAMILY FOCUS**

##### **PROGRAM FEES**

- Program fees are \$5.00 per playgroup. Cash or Checks payable to "VCE-JCC". There is a \$50 return check fee.
- Tax deductible donations for program sustainability are accepted in any amount at any time. Please make checks payable to "Virginia Tech Foundation".
- Scholarships are available upon request.

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact James City County Unit at 757/564-2170/TDD\* during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to discuss accommodations 10 days prior to the event. \*TDD Number (800) 828-1120

\* Major funding provided by the VA Dept. of Social Services Family Violence Prevention Program & the Stutzman Family Foundation

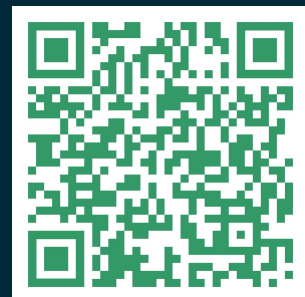
## 4-H Summer Paid Internship

- Open to rising college Juniors and Seniors, or recent college graduates.
- The intern will work with the 4-H Agent, specifically with summer camp programming, clubs, and parks and recreation.

To learn more contact:

757-564-2179  
or  
nealcynw@vt.edu

**Use the QR Code  
to Apply!**



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# VCE Family Focus

## Agriculture and Natural Resources

James City County  
Williamsburg  
Master Gardeners

# PLANT SALE

**SAT • MAY 6, 2023 • 9am-12noon**

RAIN or SHINE at the  
Williamsburg Botanical Garden inside Freedom Park  
5537 Centerville Road, Williamsburg

ANNUALS, PERENNIALS, HERBS, VEGGIES, TREES, SHRUBS  
On-Site Help Desk to Answer Your Gardening Questions  
GARDEN TREASURES at the GREEN THUMB SALE

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With cooperation from the Williamsburg Botanical Garden and James City County Parks

### Plant And Play Playgroup A VCE Family and Consumer Sciences Program

**FAMILY FOCUS**

6 Week Series  
Thursday Mornings  
9:30 - 11:30

April 13, 2023  
April 20, 2023  
April 27, 2023  
May 4, 2023  
May 11, 2023  
May 18, 2023

VCE, FCS  
Family Focus  
Our Saviours Lutheran  
Church

**TO ENROLL FOR  
THURSDAY APRIL'S  
PLANT AND PLAY  
PLAYGROUP  
CALL:**  
(757)564-2173  
AND LEAVE A  
MESSAGE



This **special 6 week series** invites parents and/or caregivers and children birth to 5 to come play and learn together.  
*(Complete 5 of the 6 classes and receive fun planting tools)*

**Planned activities include:**  
*(All geared around healthy eating, healthy activities, healthy recipes and learn to plant your own herbs)*

- Play and Learn
- Parachute
- Crafts
- Music & Movement
- Story
- Social Connections

**Enrollment is Required**  
\$30.00 for 6 week series.  
This 6 week playgroup series will be limited to the first 10 families.  
Cash or Checks payable to VCE-JCC (There is a \$50 return check fee.)  
Scholarships are available upon request.

Major funding provided by the VA Dept. of Social Services Family Violence Prevention Program & the Stateman Family Foundation

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