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## Upcoming Events

4-H Junior Camp Registration Opens	February 1st at 8am (online)
FCS Family Focus Playgroups (York)	Mondays & Tuesdays at 9:30am
FCS Family Focus Playgroups (JCC)	Thursdays at 9:30am in the JCC Center
4-H Horse Club Hippology Contest	February 17th in Virginia Beach
FCS Family Focus Evening Playgroup	Tuesday, February 20th at 6pm
4-H Teen Counselor Application & References Due	Friday, March 1st at 12am (online)
Working With Children Training for Master Gardeners	March 7th at 9:00 am in the Williamsburg Library

## 4-H Youth




**4-H  
Junior Camp  
at Jamestown**  
**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN**

On February 1st, we opened our camp pre-registration for the public to sign up. We had over 60 families sign their campers up within the first hour, with camper registration filling the James City County quota within one day. This is an impressive accomplishment! Admission emails were sent on February 8th in the order of submission. Those not admitted are on a waiting list. Thank you for your enthusiasm & continued support of 4-H Camp! We are looking forward to August 5th-9th!

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# Introducing our new James City County 4-H Agent!



On January 25th, Isiah Morton, our new 4-H agent, commonly known as Mr. M, began his first day in the office. With prior experience at the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center & as temporary camp coordinator for the City of Richmond in 2022, Mr. M is well-versed in VCE and 4-H. He also served as a teen counselor at 4-H Camp, participated in 4-H Day at the Capitol, and was elected to the 4-H State Cabinet in 2019. We welcome his expertise as he introduces new knowledge and opportunities for youth development in James City County. Mr. M can be reached by email at [ikmorton@vt.edu](mailto:ikmorton@vt.edu) or by phone at (757)-564-2179.

## Colonial Riders 4-H Horse Club



Holiday Party & Volunteer Day at Trimbath Farms in Barhamsville



Study session at JCC Rec. Ctr. for upcoming Hippology Contest



4-H Horse Club Officers Ayden (President) & Brettin (Vice-President)

Colonial Riders 4-H Club in James City County is a horse-loving group of kids with juniors & seniors that ride in both English & Western disciplines.



# Colonial Riders 4-H Horse Club Fundraiser



The Paper Clover campaign is a bi-annual fundraiser that generates millions of dollars in scholarships for 4-H youth. Donations from the campaign strengthen 4-H educational programs. Customers purchased a paper clover at checkout in Tractor Supply stores nationwide. Check out our Colonial Riders 4-H Horse Club Fundraiser at Tractor Supply Co. in Norge, VA.

## Family and Consumer Science: VCE Family Focus

James City County Family Focus just completed a 5 week playgroup program of Twist and Bend (Yoga) sessions. All participants that completed the sessions left with their own yoga mats! Recently, a pilot program was started at JB Blayton Elementary School in the Bright Beginnings classrooms where they are teaching social, emotional, and mindfulness yoga in 7 of the classrooms with 3 and 4 year olds.

# PLAYGROUP!

Parents and/or caregivers and children birth to 5 are invited to come play and learn together in the evening.

Planned activities include: Parachute Games, Arts & Crafts, Music & Movement, and Storytime!

Enrollment is Required, Space is Limited!

\$5.00 per Family for Evening Playgroup.

Contact Sheree Press for more information.



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## Agriculture and Natural Resources

### New James City County and Williamsburg Master Gardener Association Leadership Team

The new leadership team took office in January, with a combined 73 years of experience to guide them in leading the organization this year. Most have been gardening since childhood & bring tremendous knowledge & practical experience to their work as Master Gardeners.

President...	Vickie Rockwell
President-Elect...	Dave Kleppinger
Secretary...	Dot Finnegan
Treasurer...	Linda Neilson
Vice President, Communications...	Marion Guthrie
Vice President, Projects...	Gary Griffith
Vice President, Internal Education..	Debe Sineath
Vice President, Administration...	Emily Coyner
VMGA Representative...	Marilyn Riddle
Past President...	Deb Bussert

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## Help Wanted: Camp Teen Counselors & Adult Volunteers!



With all the campers attending 4-H Junior Camp this year, we are recruiting teens and adults for help!

Teen Camp Counselors develop leadership skills by assisting with classes and by being role models who help supervise campers and provide for their safety and well-being. There is a discounted camp fee for all teens this year.

Adult Volunteers help us provide a safe, supportive, and fun environment for our campers and mostly serve as adult chaperones and role models for all youth at camp.

Adult Volunteers camp for free and volunteers that stay all 4 nights of camp receive a full discount on the camp fee for one camper if they have a related youth attending camp.

You can find information to apply on our website under "4-H Jr. Camp"!

