

Gloucester County, Virginia

# The Beehive

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## The scoop on local businesses

Gloucester County Economic Development is thrilled to celebrate with our local business partners who had a busy summer, and are settling in for new opportunities this fall.

Here are some places you should check out as the weather starts to cool down:

- Blown Away Hair Salon is expanding in the former Little England Mercantile & Beans Coffee location, within the Shops at Tidemill (at the corner of Tidemill Road and Route 17).
- Serena & Company Salon has opened in White Marsh Village (4760 George Washington Memorial Highway).
- Embellish Piercing Salon will be opening in the former Blown Away Salon suite next to Kroger (7102 Hayes Shopping Court).
- The Nurtury building on Main Street has been sold, and will be opening soon as Virginia Made Products (6619 Main Street). This shop plans to offer soaps, lotions and scrubs.
- Lotus Boba Café has opened in the same building as Hair on Main Salon (6655 Main Street). This restaurant offers bubble teas, pho noodle soup, pastries and blended drinks.
- The Inn at Warner Hall is planning Tavern 1642 and Austin's Restaurant on the property, with plans to open later this summer (4750 Warner Hall Road). The new tavern and restaurant will be open to the public.

Do you like to stay in-the-know when it comes to Gloucester businesses? Our new Shopping & Dining Guide was just printed, and is available for pickup in Municipal Building 2 on Main Street. You can also sign up for our email newsletter by going to [gloucesterva.gov/economic-development](http://gloucesterva.gov/economic-development).



## Gloucester Point Beach Update

Gloucester County was recently selected as the recipient of a \$2.4 million grant by the Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR). This grant will allow for the construction of a living shoreline and beach restoration project at Gloucester Point Beach Park.

Significant erosion has occurred at this site over the years, and this grant is the first step in the county revitalizing and creating a more resilient beach.

This site sees over 150,000 guests annually, and is the only publicly accessible beach in Gloucester. The Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission will oversee this grant on behalf of the County.



## Never miss an edition of The Beehive

Gloucester's Community Engagement & Public Information team is proud to produce this magazine for our residents every quarter. The Beehive is your official source of County news and community events!

You can sign up to receive an e-edition of the magazine straight to your inbox. It's the fastest, easiest way to make sure you never miss a copy!



# Get to know your local Animal Control team

Animal welfare in Gloucester County, Virginia is driven by the dedicated work of Gloucester County Animal Control (GCAC), a public agency committed to protecting both animals and the community.

Operating under state and local laws, Animal Control Officers serve as the first responders to calls involving animal cruelty, neglect, abandonment, strays, aggressive animals, and bite cases. These officers enforce licensing laws, investigate complaints, and provide emergency response services 365 days a year.

In addition to law enforcement duties, the officers manage the county's shelter, where they care for animals that are lost, surrendered, or seized during cruelty investigations.

While public safety is a primary focus, GCAC is also committed to finding positive outcomes for every adoptable animal. Officers work closely with reputable rescues and local fosters increase "live release" rates. GCAC has earned no-kill awards for the past three years in a row.

Through protocols and behavioral assessments, animals are

prepared for placement. GCAC also oversees a small adoption program, matching pets with responsible homes. Adopters are carefully screened to ensure the animal's needs are met, and that they do not end up back in the shelter system.

The department actively promotes spay and neuter education and encourages responsible pet ownership.

The nonprofit "Friends of Gloucester County Animal Control" supports all of these efforts, providing vital funding for medical care, enrichment, and emergency needs beyond what the county budget allows. This partnership strengthens the department's ability to go above and beyond — whether that means providing heartworm treatment, building outdoor dog runs, or supporting community outreach.

Gloucester County Animal Control exemplifies a modern, compassionate approach to animal welfare, combining law enforcement, sheltering, rescue partnerships and education to protect animals and serve the public with the highest measure of integrity and care.



Get involved or follow the mission online:



Facebook



[gloucesterva.gov/animal-control](https://gloucesterva.gov/animal-control)



Instagram

# General Election to be held on Nov. 4, 2025

## STATEWIDE/GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

### Governor:

Abigail D. Spanberger (D)  
Winsome Earle-Sears (R)

### Lieutenant Governor:

Ghazala F. Hasmi (D)  
John J. Reid, II (R)

### Attorney General:

Jay C. Jones (D)  
Jason S. Miyares (R)

### Member House of Delegates:

Elaine G. Walters (68<sup>th</sup>, D)  
M. Keith Hodges (68<sup>th</sup>, R)

Mark C. Downey (69<sup>th</sup>, D)  
W. Chad Green, (69<sup>th</sup>, R)  
Valerie D. Beverly (69<sup>th</sup>, I)

The Gloucester Department of Elections and Voter Registration would like to announce that the General Election is coming up on Tuesday, Nov. 4 from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. **Local offices have formalized their list of candidates, but the Virginia Department of Elections is still qualifying possible additional statewide and General Assembly candidates until August 15.**

## LOCAL OFFICES:

### Member Board of Supervisors:

(Petersworth) Joseph Atkins "Joe"  
Leming  
(Petersworth) Angelo Andriulli

(York) Shannon Lee Hanson

(At-Large) Kevin M. Smith

### Member School Board:

(Petersworth) Anita F. Parker

(York) Carlton L. Drew

(At-Large) Fred A. Brewer, Jr.  
(At-Large) S. Nicole McPherson

## ELECTION DEADLINES:

Early voting starts on Friday, Sept. 19 at the Elections Office (6467 Main Street in Gloucester). Our hours are M-F from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The last day to request an absentee ballot by mail is Oct. 24.

The last day to get registered or make changes to your registration is Saturday, Oct. 25.

Additional early voting days:  
Oct. 25 and  
Nov. 1 from  
9 a.m. to  
5 p.m.

If you have questions or you would like the most up-to-date information regarding the election, go to [gloucesterva.gov/elections-voter-registration](http://gloucesterva.gov/elections-voter-registration) or call 804-693-3659.

## Message from the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office

Gloucester County has a Land Use program which allows taxpayers to apply for specially reduced assessments on certain real estate devoted to agriculture, horticulture and forest uses.

The program requirements include:

- 5 acres minimum of contiguous land (excluding a one-acre home site) for Agricultural and Horticultural lands.
- 20 acres minimum of contiguous land (excluding a one-acre home site) for Forest Use.

The filing deadline for new applications and revalidation forms will be November 1.

As participant in the Land Use Program, the property owner is responsible for notifying the COR Office within 60 days following any change in use.

For more information regarding the land use program, please visit our website at: [www.gloucesterva.gov/cor](http://www.gloucesterva.gov/cor). You can also call the office: 804-693-3451.



## Local tax information

The Gloucester County Treasurer's Office would like to remind all county citizens that the second installment of personal property and real estate tax bills will be mailed by the start of November, with a due date of December 5.

Payments made in the Treasurer's Office by, or postmarked with the date of, Dec. 5, 2025 (or before) will be timely.

Accounts remaining unpaid after the deadline will be subject to additional charges as provided by the Code of Virginia and the Gloucester County code.



# Never miss the Gloucester memo

Love your copy of The Beehive for all of the information you get on a quarterly basis? You might like the Town Crier even more!

Published each Friday, Gloucester County's official e-newsletter brings the latest county, school, and community news and events straight to your inbox. We share everything from nonprofit events to upcoming Parks & Recreation classes.

This is a free service, and the last edition is always available on our website. You can sign up for emails by going to [gloucesterva.gov/community-engagement-public-information](http://gloucesterva.gov/community-engagement-public-information).

Do you have a local nonprofit with news to share? You can get involved with the Town Crier by sending a message to [mail.CEPI@gloucesterva.info](mailto:mail.CEPI@gloucesterva.info).

## Gloucester County is hiring!

Gloucester County has a list of open jobs right now, one of which might be your next great opportunity.

From administrative assistants to gymnastics coaches, and building inspectors to utilities workers, the County offers a great work environment for people who want to serve their local community.

You can check out our full list of competitive benefits (including healthcare, paid holidays and access to the Virginia Retirement System) on [gloucesterva.gov/human-resources](http://gloucesterva.gov/human-resources).

We're also pleased to announce that the County is a V3 "Virginia Values Veterans" Certified Employer. This means our government organization has made a commitment to hire veterans into the workforce.

To submit an application or stay up-to-date on available jobs, you can visit [Gloucesterva.jobs](http://Gloucesterva.jobs).

Want to know more before you jump in? Tami Nunn, our Human Resources Director, recently recorded a podcast that digs into the workplace culture of Gloucester County, and what we're looking for in our future public servants. Check out that podcast by scanning the QR code, or going to [gloucesterva.gov/community-engagement-public-information](http://gloucesterva.gov/community-engagement-public-information).

Job listings



Podcast



### Utility Maintenance Technician

Full-Time

Salary: \$39,001



### Senior Mechanical Technician

Full-Time

Salary: \$51,914



### Library Specialist Teen Programs

Full-Time

Salary: \$37,144



### Inspector I, II or Combination Inspector

Full-Time

Salary: \$49,609 - \$65,540



# Emergency Management

Even though fall can be beautiful, it's important to be conscious of the dangers that come with this season. It's still the Atlantic hurricane season, dry brush can lead to an uptick in fires, and increasing hours of darkness can make driving more dangerous. Emergency Management is constantly training and planning to be of service to the community - but more importantly, the team aims to help your family stay aware of (and prepared for) risks before they happen.

## Hurricane protocol

Hurricane season remains upon us as we head into these fall months. This season lasts from June 1 until November 30. Here's how you can be prepared for these high-risk situations in just 3 steps:

Step 1: Make a Plan. Know where your evacuation shelter is located, and if you are located in an evacuation zone.

Step 2: Prepare a kit. Ensure you have all of your necessities, such as your identification, any important documents, nonperishable foods, water, a first aid kit, and important medications.

Step 3: Prepare your home. When preparing your home for a hurricane, plan to use sandbags in any doorways, and if necessary, board up your windows.

## Fire safety

Fires are extremely risky during the fall months because of how dry everything gets. Leaves are a common accelerant in fall fires.

When lighting a bonfire, make sure the wood is at least 25 feet away from things like buildings and trees. Never start a fire using flammable liquids! Only use a match or lighter to ignite small bits of cardboard or another dry material.

Keep your fire small; large fires can lead to out-of-control burning. Keep a safe distance between yourself and the fire. Always keep something near you to put the fire out, like a bucket of water or a garden hose.

# Updates in Public Utilities

Gloucester County Public Utilities now has water bills available online!

Customers can now get their bills at the convenient touch of a button - increasing efficiency and reducing paper waste. The digital portal will give you access to your bills, water usage, and direct links to payment options.

Scan the QR code to get started, or visit [gloucesterva.gov/public-utilities](http://gloucesterva.gov/public-utilities). You can also call 804-693-4044 for help creating an account.



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# From Superintendent Anthony Vladu, Ed.D.

## Dear Gloucester County Community,

Two years ago, 451 members of our Gloucester community completed a survey during the superintendent search. They didn't care about a name. They didn't care about a person. They cared about their aspirations for their children, their schools, and their future.

They asked for servant leadership. A superintendent who listens, communicates honestly, and leads with humility. Someone willing to take criticism, share credit, and stand up for students and staff. They didn't want a title. They wanted someone who would serve.

This work is not about positions. It's not about titles. It's not personal egos. It's about putting all of that aside to better serve this community. That is what parents do to raise their kids. That is what good educators do every day.

This job is too big for any one person. It takes all of us. Teachers, staff, administrators, families, and the school board working together. That is why our leadership team adopted five core values: integrity, teamwork, trust, communication, and leading by example.

So what have we done together?

We designated T.C. Walker and the Transportation Center as gun-free zones. We implemented 100 percent weapons detection in all schools and adopted the Standard Response Protocol to improve safety and preparedness.

Together, we raised the on-time graduation rate to a all time record high of 95.6 percent. We cut the dropout rate by more than 300 percent. We reduced discipline referrals across schools and strengthened student behavior systems. We climbed from 38th to 22nd in state SOL rankings, outperforming Williamsburg-James City County and leading all districts from Virginia Beach to Stafford when adjusted for poverty.

We expanded student supports with more behavior specialists, social workers, and access to counseling through Care Solace.

And the work is not done. It continues every day to make our community the best it can be. Thank you Gloucester. My family and I are as humbled today as on day one for the opportunity to lead in this outstanding community.

Sincerely,

Anthony Vladu, Ed.D.  
Division Superintendent



## School registration information

The 2025-2026 school year kicks off on August 25, so if you haven't already registered your little ones, it's time to do so!

Parents or guardians will need to create an account in PowerSchool Enrollment to start the registration process. Please go to [gets.gc.k12.va.us/o/gcps/page/student-registration](https://gets.gc.k12.va.us/o/gcps/page/student-registration) or use the QR code to access that link.

Do you need help signing up? Contact your student's zoned school, and they can set you on the right path.

Documents to have before you register:
<input type="checkbox"/> Birth certification
<input type="checkbox"/> ID
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of residency
<input type="checkbox"/> Physical
<input type="checkbox"/> Immunizations

Zoning info



Register



# A note to families on the Free & Reduced-Price Meal Program

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are grateful for the strong support from families and community partners who help make sure no child goes hungry in our schools. As we look ahead to the 2025-2026 school year, we will return to using the Free and Reduced-Price Meals Application to determine eligibility for student meals.

## Here is why we are making this change:

1. Sustainability and Funding Uncertainty: While CEP expanded access to meals, it placed a financial strain on the division. At the same time, future federal funding for CEP is uncertain, making it difficult to plan long-term. Returning to eligibility-based applications ensures we can maintain high-quality services for students across the division.
2. Food Waste: Many students were not consuming all components of a full meal. Reducing waste allows us to direct more resources toward food quality and nutrition.
3. Meal Quality: Parents, students, and staff have shared that meals can and should be better. We are happy to announce that GCPS will participate in the VDOE Virginia Food for Virginia Kids, giving our schools access to fresh, locally sourced ingredients and meals prepared from scratch, including student-inspired recipes and menu ideas.
4. Family Support: Families who qualify will continue to receive free or reduced-price meals. This change allows us to better serve students who need meal assistance, while improving services for all.

## Our Shared Commitment

We are proud to be part of a community that consistently steps up to care for students. This summer, more than 500 families registered for our meal distribution program. Local churches support the backpack food initiative, and community organizations help pay off student meal balances, ensuring no child goes without. With your support, this shared commitment will continue. To ensure students receive the support they need and to help our schools qualify for vital state and federal resources. We are asking every family to complete the Free and Reduced-Price Meals Application, even if your child doesn't typically eat school meals.

## Why it matters

The percentage of students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals also determines whether schools are eligible for:

- Additional instructional funding
- Reading intervention programs
- State and federal support for military-connected students
- Grants for technology, tutoring, and student services

## What does it mean to qualify?

According to USDA guidelines:

- Free Meals: Families earning at or below 130% of the federal poverty level (e.g., under \$41,795/year for a family of four)
- Reduced-Price Meals: Families earning between 130% and 185% of the poverty level (e.g., up to \$59,478/year for a family of four)

The application is private, simple to complete, and available online at: <https://www2.myschoolapps.com/> (but that will not open up until August 15). Paper applications are also available at every school. All forms must be submitted by October 1, 2025.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q: What is CEP?

A: The Community Eligibility Provision is a federal program that allows eligible schools to serve free breakfast and lunch to all students without collecting household meal applications.

### Q: What federal changes could make schools ineligible for CEP?

A: A federal proposal would raise the CEP eligibility threshold from 25 percent to 60 percent of 'identified' students (those in SNAP, TANF, Medicaid). This change could make more than 24,000 schools—impacting over 12 million students—ineligible for the program.

### Q: What will replace CEP at GCPS?

A: We'll implement the Free & Reduced-Price Meals Program, which relies on household applications. Qualifying students will still receive meals for free or at a reduced price.

### Q: Will my information be kept confidential?

A: Yes, students enter a lunch number into the system. It is also state and federal law to protect the confidentiality of free and reduced lunch status.

## GCPS 2025-2026 Meal Prices

You can apply online for free/reduced meals. The process is safe, secure, private, and available anytime, anywhere. Go to [www.myschoolapps.com](http://www.myschoolapps.com) to get started.

	Breakfast	Lunch
Reduced	Waived	Waived
Elementary	\$2	\$3.60
Middle	\$2.10	\$3.70
High	\$2.10	\$3.70

Your school's menu can be easily attained online. This is not only a "Go Green" initiative, but a powerful, interactive tool to learn the nutrition facts of all menu items. It also features an allergies filter tool that helps students and parents quickly identify foods with specific ingredients.

You can access our menu with all these features at [www.linqconnect.com](http://www.linqconnect.com) (look for Gloucester County Public Schools), or you can download the app to access school menus on your phone or handheld device. Search for "LINQ" on the App Store or Google Play.

## SNAP

Information about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) offered through the Virginia Department of Social Services is available on the Virginia Department of Social Services website, under "assistance."

To apply for SNAP, visit [commonhelp.dss.virginia.gov](http://commonhelp.dss.virginia.gov).

## My School Bucks

My School Bucks is a great tool to access and manage your student's meal account online. It is free to register.

You can monitor your student's account balance and purchases. You will receive low balance reminders to the email address registered. You can also add money to your student's account(s) for a \$3.50 per student transaction fee.

As always, you can send in a check or cash at no extra charge to replenish your student's account. Please visit [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) to register, or you can download the MySchoolBucks app for your phone or handheld device. It's available on the App Store and Google Play.

## Employment opportunities

Our school cafeterias need substitutes! No experience is required, we can train you. Cafeteria staff do not work nights or weekends AND are off during Winter Break, Spring Break and Summer Break. Workers even receive a free shift meal!

This is a perfect opportunity for anyone looking for extra cash and the flexibility to be home when school is out.

Complete an application online by going to [gets.gc.k12.va.us](http://gets.gc.k12.va.us) and looking for the "employment opportunities" button on the top of the page.

## Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) & Middle Peninsula Regional Special Education Program (MPRSEP)

### SEAC

The next meeting date for the Gloucester County Special Education Advisory Committee will be on September 8 at 6 p.m. at the T.C. Walker Education Center. All meetings are held in person, with an option to attend virtually. We would like to extend this invitation for you to attend!

The Committee, which includes parents of children with disabilities and persons with disabilities, discusses not only Federal/State regulations governing special education, but also local special education issues. Most meetings include a presentation by a guest speaker on an issue relating to

special education. Please call 804-693-7944 if you have any questions, or to request the virtual link.

### MPRSEP

MPRSEP serves students with autism and multi-disabled students from Gloucester, King and Queen, King William, Mathews and Middlesex Counties and the Town of West Point. Meetings are held at the T.C. Walker Education Center (6099 TC Walker Road, Gloucester). All meetings are open to the public. The next meeting for the MPRSEP Board of Control will be on Tuesday, October 28 at 9 a.m. Please call 804-693-7944 if you have any questions.

# Community back-to-school giveaways

## Back-2-School Block Party & Resource Fair Returns Aug. 2

Blessed Couples United Outreach, in partnership with Gloucester Toyota and Gloucester County Public Schools, is proud to present the 2025 Back-2-School Block Party and Community Resource Fair on Saturday, Aug. 2 from 2-6 p.m. at Gloucester High School.

Students from Gloucester, Mathews, and Middlesex Counties can enjoy free school supplies, lunch, games, and family-friendly activities. Family-favorites include our bounce houses, mobile gaming, live music, food trucks, health screenings, and local resource providers like Sentara, Riverside, and the Virginia National Guard.

"This event unites the community and prepares our youth for a strong start to the school year," explained organizer Derek Jones.

Food vendors, retail vendors, and sponsors are welcome! Contact Derek Jones at 757-817-2411 or email [bcuoutreach9@gmail.com](mailto:bcuoutreach9@gmail.com).



## 13th Annual Backpacks & Haircuts event at Petsworth Baptist Church

Our mission is to serve the community of Gloucester with backpacks, school supplies and haircuts to begin the new school year. We are praying for your students!

School supplies and haircuts are given on a first-come, first-serve basis. Doors will open at noon on Sunday, Aug. 17, and the event goes until 2 p.m. Please join us for our Sunday Worship and Service at 10 a.m. We're located at 2471 Hickory Fork Road in Gloucester.

Questions? Reach out to the church office at 804-693-3024.



# Rappahannock Community College hopes to see you this fall

From culinary arts to welding; nursing and diagnostic medical sonography to diesel and HVAC; RCC has something for everyone. Associate degrees, certificates, and career and workforce studies programs are offered in person and/or online, in addition to nearly 40 guaranteed admissions agreements with colleges and universities across the state and region.

By starting at RCC, you can save \$18,000 on a college degree. Plus, you could earn \$50,000 per year or more in a high-demand workforce career.

College navigators are available to help you get started. Call 804-333-6730 or email [advisor@rappahannock.edu](mailto:advisor@rappahannock.edu).

For more information, visit [rappahannock.edu](http://rappahannock.edu).



## The Fairfield Foundation



**Volunteer Lab Nights at the Center for Archaeology, Preservation & Education (CAPE)**  
6783 Main St. Gloucester. Aug. 5 & 19, Sept. 2 & 16, and Oct. 7 & 21 from 6-9 p.m.



### Fairfield Fridays

5777 Fairfield Lane, Hayes. Aug. 1 & 15, Sept. 5 & 19, and Oct. 3 & 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



### Timberneck Open House

3100 Timberneck Road, Hayes. Aug. 9, Sept. 13 & 27, and Oct. 11 & 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



### Rosewell Tours

5113 Old Rosewell Lane, Gloucester.  
Fridays & Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. (Admission: \$8)



### Walter Reed's Birthplace Open House

4021 Hickory Fork Rd, Gloucester.  
Aug. 9 and Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



### Walter Reed's Birthday Celebration

Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



### Historic House Party at Hockley

Parking at Brent & Becky's Bulbs with a shuttle to the event, 7900 Daffodil Lane, Gloucester.  
Oct. 25 from 4-7 p.m. (\$100 per person)

Email [outreach@fairfieldfoundation.org](mailto:outreach@fairfieldfoundation.org) for more information, or if you are interested in a private group tour or volunteering.



## Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast

From kindergarten through high school, Girl Scouts is where girls explore their interests, build real-life skills, and grow confidence alongside friends who cheer them on every step of the way.

When a girl joins, she will forge meaningful friendships and create unforgettable memories! She'll build confidence while exploring STEM topics, experiencing the outdoors, practicing entrepreneurship, and beyond. Plus, she'll belong to a supportive community of Girl Scouts making a difference together through community service.

Get details at a Discover Girl Scout event on September 23 at the Gloucester Library from 6-7 p.m. or call 757-547-4405 and we'll answer your questions. You can also get more information on [www.gsccc.org](http://www.gsccc.org).



## Guinea Heritage Association

The Guinea Heritage Association is gearing up for September, which we have designated "All Things Guinea" Month! This includes our Achilles Student Art Contest Awards Ceremony, September 6; our Guinea Baker's Cake Sale, September 13; and our inaugural Artist Print Sale, September 20.

Of course, this all leads up to our Signature Event, the Guinea Jubilee, on September 26 and 27.

After a short break, we will be hosting a Network After Hours at Buck's Store Museum on October 16, in partnership with the Gloucester Chamber of Commerce. Then, on October 25, plan to join us at Buck's for our annual concert with the Bill Jenkins Band.

To learn more about these and other events, visit [guineaheritage.org/events](http://guineaheritage.org/events) and [follow us on Facebook!](#)

## Arts at Abingdon

### **Lyyra: Saturday, Oct. 11 at 4 p.m.**

Lyyra is the new all-women vocal ensemble from The Voces8 Foundation.

It is the only professional six-voice women's a cappella group in the US, redefining the role of upper-voice ensembles in the choral landscape. Their performance is free of charge, and reservations aren't required. See them at Abingdon Church, 4645 George Washington Memorial Highway in Gloucester.

### **Nobuntu: Thursday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m.**

Nobuntu, the female a cappella quartet from Zimbabwe, has drawn international acclaim for its inventive performances that range from traditional Zimbabwean songs to Afro Jazz to Gospel. The ensemble's concerts are performed with pure voices, augmented by minimalistic percussion, traditional instruments such as the Mbira (thumb piano) and authentic dance movements. This performance will be held at Abingdon Church free of charge, and no reservations are required.



## Concerts by the Bay

Concerts by the Bay is proud to present **Bad Moon Rising**, a Classic Tributes Live band, on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 3 p.m. in the Mathews High School Auditorium.

Bad Moon Rising invites you to take a trip down the Mississippi delta as they pay tribute to arguably the greatest rock band North America ever produced: Creedence Clearwater Revival.

Tickets are \$30 at the door; students free; subscriptions are available for a series of five concerts beginning at \$120 (this also includes free entry to concerts at Arts Alive in West Point and Rappahannock Concerts Association in Heathsville).

To purchase tickets online, go to [www.concertsbythebay.org](http://www.concertsbythebay.org). You can also request tickets by mailing a check to CBTB, PO Box 355, North, VA 23128.



# Courthouse Community Orchestra

The Courthouse Community Orchestra, Gloucester's premiere philharmonic group, is looking forward to performing at the finale of Gloucester's Concerts on the Green summer series.

Several of our ensembles will be bringing toe-tapping, family-friendly orchestral music to the Courthouse Circle on Main Street on Sept. 21 at 2:30. Be sure to pack up your family and your lawn chair! We always have an excellent time.

The orchestra is staffed entirely by volunteers, from our conductor to our musicians. We're always welcoming new performers! Reach out to [nyfiddler77@gmail.com](mailto:nyfiddler77@gmail.com) if you'd like to get involved; no auditions are required. The ensemble is also seeking a volunteer stage manager to help move equipment to and from performances. Please consider sharing your time and talents with us.



Flat Iron



## Flat Iron Crossroads

Flat Iron Crossroads is a nonprofit performing arts center in Gloucester, Virginia. Established in 2019 and operated by an all-volunteer team, the venue is equipped with an indoor and outdoor stage for summer festivals and local artists alike.

Here are some shows you can look forward to this season:

Aug. 2 at 3:30 p.m.: **Jerry Fest: The Days Between Celebration** with Kooler Heads, Stellar Rose, and WOLPH.

Aug. 9 at 6:30 p.m.: **Gary Lowder & SMOKIN' HOT**, Carolina Beach Music's Entertainer of the Year.

Aug. 16 at 6:30 p.m.: **Fireside Collective**, a Newgrass Jam Band that blends folk, blues and funk.

Aug. 23 at 3 p.m.: **RiverJam Music Festival** with Arts on Main.

Sept. 6: **Garyson Torrence Band**

Oct. 4: **The Jam-Grass Festival**

We are a family-friendly live music venue. To learn more about the artists, venue, and how you can volunteer, visit our website: [www.flatironcrossroads.com](http://www.flatironcrossroads.com).





## Sip, Savor & Celebrate at the Gloucester Wine Festival

Get ready for one of Gloucester's most anticipated events of the year! The Gloucester Wine Festival at Brent and Becky's is your passport to the best of Virginia wine, food, and music.

Stroll through blooming gardens while sampling award-winning wines, shopping local artisan goods, and grooving to live music from SlapNation!

Indulge in gourmet bites from top food trucks, and enjoy a lively atmosphere full of flavor and fun.

Happening September 20 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., consider this festival your ticket to an unforgettable autumn afternoon.

Bring your ID, hop on the shuttle from Ware Academy, and raise your glass — Gloucester knows how to throw a party! Tickets are available at [GloucesterVaWineFestival.com](http://GloucesterVaWineFestival.com).

- Tickets cost \$39.19
- Sponsorships are available, starting at \$161.90



## NAACP Gloucester Branch

The Gloucester Branch of the NAACP invites the community to three upcoming events we are hosting.

- Health Resource Fair at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church (6470 Main St, Gloucester) on August 9, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sentara will be doing PSA testing (prostate) and will have their mobile mammogram onsite. Reservations required for PSA and Mammogram. Sign up on our website.
- Biennial Local and Regional Candidate Forum at the T.C. Walker Education Center Auditorium on September 11, 2025, at 6 p.m.
- The College and Career Resource Fair is scheduled for October 9, 2025, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Gloucester High School.

For more information about these events please visit our website: [www.gloucesternaacp.org](http://www.gloucesternaacp.org).

## Gloucester Farmers Market

The Gloucester Farmers Market will continue each second Saturday through the months of August, September and October.

The market, which runs from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on those days, is held on the grounds of historic Ware Episcopal Church at 7825 John Clayton Memorial Highway.

The market has something for the whole family with over 50 vendors providing local fresh produce, food trucks, and a wide variety of arts and crafts in a beautiful setting.

## Abingdon Ruritan Club

The Abingdon Ruritan Club invites you to get to know us. Our Club is located in the Bena area of Gloucester County. The club is a vibrant, vigorous, and robust group of men and women who work together to continue the vision of our founders to better our community.

We join together to meet community needs while embracing the Ruritan Motto of Fellowship, Goodwill, and Community Service. We conduct fundraising activities to provide financial assistance to nonprofit charities and help individuals on an emergency basis.

Membership in the Abingdon Ruritan Club is by invitation. We welcome anyone who is interested in working and giving time to our community service projects to either speak with one of our members by calling 804-815-2593, or take a tour of our webpage: [Abingdonruritanclub.com](http://Abingdonruritanclub.com).

## Gloucester Democratic Committee

Reserve your tickets now for the Annual Gloucester Democrats Seafood Dinner! Our event is from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, September 18 at the Abingdon Ruritan Club, located at 8784 Guinea Road in Hayes. Tickets will not be available at the door!

Come enjoy delicious seafood and sides catered by Shelly Williams of Mathews. Participate in a Silent Auction, or enjoy music and fellowship. Meet and hear from Elaine Walters, Dr. Mark Downey, and other notable dignitaries.

The Second Eldridge N. Cook Impact Award will be presented to an individual in our community who improves the lives of Virginians. This person must exemplify Mr. Cook's ideals, actions, and results.

RSVP by ordering your tickets using the QR code, by going to our website: [www.glodemsva.org](http://www.glodemsva.org). For questions, email [info@glodemsva.org](mailto:info@glodemsva.org).



## Gloucester Rotary Club

Gloucester Rotary Club engages in the community through service, personal growth, and fostering a sense of giving back.

Over the next couple of months, Gloucester Rotary will have events that we would love for you to be a part of. Flags for Heroes honor our veterans. You can sponsor a flag for \$50, to honor your veteran. Flags will be up for 10 days (beginning November 6) and fly proudly in front of the Gloucester Chick-fil-A.

Other upcoming events include volunteering with Bread for Life on the first Wednesday of each month (Aug. 6, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, and Nov. 5), Ware Episcopal Church Farmers Market (Sept 25), the Animal Control Rabies Clinic in October, helping with road cleanup (Oct. 18) and helping with Antler Trail at Machicomoco State Park.

We also look forward to participating in the Oktoberfest from 10-5 at Sanders in Gloucester.

Come join us: [ffhgloucesterrotary@gmail.com](mailto:ffhgloucesterrotary@gmail.com).



## Rural Housing Partnership

Are you an income-restricted homeowner (aged 60 or older) who needs home repairs? Rural Housing Partnership has solutions!

We connect eligible clients to grants and loans for major repairs and address basic home safety issues. Our repairs include roofing, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, handicap accessibility for bathrooms and entry ways.

Get in touch with us by calling 804-792-5079 or visiting [ruralhousingpartnership.org/need-help/](http://ruralhousingpartnership.org/need-help/).



## Join the Gloucester Kiwanis Club

Are you looking to make a difference in your community? Do you like helping kids and having fun? Kiwanis is recruiting volunteers!

Kiwanis is a worldwide, child-centric organization with over 7200 clubs in 85 nations.

In Gloucester, we sponsor a robust Key Club at the high school and organize the Youth of the Month program at the Boys & Girls Club. You can also see our impact with the Sheriff's Office "Shop with a Cop" program, and the annual Kids Fishing Clinic at Buckroe Beach.

Email [KiwanisGloucester@gmail.com](mailto:KiwanisGloucester@gmail.com) for more information, or scan the QR code to check out a video of our latest presentation to the Gloucester Resource Council.



[youtube.com/@gloucesterresourcecouncil](https://youtube.com/@gloucesterresourcecouncil)

## Middle Peninsula Northern Neck Behavioral Health

Our organization's Prevention, Health & Wellness Division would like to invite you to attend any of these upcoming classes. To register online, go to [www.allianceva.org](http://www.allianceva.org). For more information, reach out to our team by calling 804-642-5402 or emailing [prevent@mpnn.state.va.us](mailto:prevent@mpnn.state.va.us).

### Parenting programs

Ongoing nurturing parenting live online program: Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m.  
Children First in-person and live online co-parenting classes: 8/14, 8/16, 9/11 and 10/9.

### Ace interface training

Free live online class: 9/30.

### Revive opioid overdose & Naloxone education

Live online trainings: 8/20 and 9/18.

### Question, persuade and refer training

Two free, live online classes: 9/10.

### Youth mental health first aid

Free, live online class: 9/15.

### Adult mental health first aid

Free, in-person training: 8/5.

## Bay Aging

Are you a caregiver in need of respite? Contact the Gloucester Adult Day Center today!

Now accepting clients 18+ who need daytime supervision and care. For info or to apply for a scholarship, visit our website or call the center. Submit scholarship applications via email to Suzanne Blanks at [sblanks@bayaging.org](mailto:sblanks@bayaging.org), or mail them to P.O. Box 610, Urbanna, VA 23175. We support conditions like Dementia, Alzheimer's, Developmental Disabilities, and Cognitive Decline.

Call or Visit Us!  
(804) 695-9008

Center location: 5873 Fiddlers Green Rd, Gloucester, VA 23061  
[bayaging.org/adult-day-center](http://bayaging.org/adult-day-center)

## Riverside Walter Reed Hospice

Losing someone you love and care for is one of the most difficult experiences anyone can go through. That's why hospice bereavement support services are such an essential resource.

Whether you need counseling, educational resources or emotional and spiritual support, we are here to help you move forward with hope and healing. Our services are designed to help you honor your loved one's memory, find peace and rediscover the joy in your life.

### Join the Grief Support Group:

2nd Thursday of every month  
Gloucester Main Library  
6920 Main Street  
Gloucester, VA 23061

Call our office today to learn more: 804-693-1111.



# Gloucester Parks, Recreation & Tourism

Fall Registration Begins August 11  
(August 13 for non-residents)

The Stewart Building · 6382 Main Street Gloucester, VA 23061 · (804) 693-2355 · prt@gloucesterva.info



## Explore, Play, and Connect This Fall!

### *Contact us:*

#### **BY EMAIL**

prt@gloucesterva.info

#### **BY PHONE**

General inquiries: 804-693-2355

Athletics: 804-693-1262

Clean Community: 804-693-5370

Daffodil Festival: 804-210-1903

Museum of History: 804-693-1234

Recreation Programs: 804-693-1264

Every effort is made to ensure the information inside is accurate. Up to date information is available on our website.



#### **STAY INFORMED**

Do we have the correct contact information for your family? We frequently send notices via email. You can update your household information online, or send us an email at prt@gloucesterva.info.

#### **CONNECT WITH US**

Facebook: [Gloucester Parks, Recreation & Tourism](#)

Instagram: [@gloucesterparksandrec](#)

Website: [gloucesterva.gov/pr](#)

Registration: [gloucesterva.gov/civirec](#)

Scan code above for committee member contact lists.

Phone: 804-693-2355

## YOUTH SPORTS

The goals of all youth leagues are to have fun and display sportsmanship. Players must wear proper shoes/cleats and equipment listed for each sport. All youth sports are equal-play leagues for players that attend regularly. We are in need of volunteer coaches! Sign-up today! Coaches and officials are volunteers, so please remember to THANK them!

\*\*For all athletic program email communication, please be sure to add [aroche@gloucesterva.info](mailto:aroche@gloucesterva.info) to your contacts along with checking your spam folders as there have been issues with communication being lost in junk mail. \*\*

## YOUTH SOCCER

### FALL YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUES

Various Weekdays | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Saturdays | Times TBA | \$60 | Ark Park/ Abingdon Park/ Woodville Park

**August 26 – October 25 | Deadline August 5**

GLO-Shining Stars Youth Soccer- Ages 4-5

GLO-Rising Stars Youth Soccer- Ages 6-8

GLO-All Stars Junior- Ages 9-11

Senior Youth Soccer- Ages 12-15

Visit our website for more information.

### GLO-GOAL GETTERS: DEVELOPMENTAL YOUTH SOCCER

Tuesdays/ TBD | 5:30-6:30 pm | \$30 | Ark Park

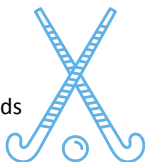
**September 2-30 | Deadline August 25**

Introduce your child to the world of soccer with our NEW GLO-Goal Getters program, designed specifically for 3-5-year-olds! **Tuesday session full** - sign-up for the waitlist today. We are looking at adding an additional session. Information will be sent to those on the waitlist.

## YOUTH FIELD HOCKEY

### YOUTH FIELD HOCKEY CAMP

Monday-Thursday | 6-8 p.m. | \$60 | Old Page Athletic Fields  
**August 4-7 | Deadline August 3 or until Full**



Field hockey camp is available for ages 6-12. Introduce your child to the world of field hockey or hone their skills before the start of the fall season. Camps will focus on skills, drills, some scrimmages, and fun skill-building activities for players of all levels.

### YOUTH FIELD HOCKEY CLINICS

Saturdays | 9-11 a.m. or 9 a.m.-noon | \$60 | Old Page Athletic Fields  
**September 6-October 11 | Deadline August 24**

Field hockey clinics will be available for ages 6-12. Clinics for ages 6-9 will be held from 9-11 a.m., and clinics for ages 9-12 will be from 9 a.m. until noon (\*9-year-olds can be in either group, based on experience).

Introduce your child to the world of field hockey or hone & further their skills. Clinics will focus on skills, drills, some scrimmages, and fun skill-building activities for players of all levels.

**Players must have stick, mouth guard, and shin guards. Visit the PRT store to get your equipment. Limited quantities.**



## YOUTH BASKETBALL



### WINTER YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUES- JUNIOR BALLERS (8U-12U)

Various Weekdays | 5-8 p.m. | Saturdays | Times TBA | \$60 | Bethel/Peasley/Achilles - Additional locations may be added as needed.

**December 9-February 28 | Deadline October 26**

Join our Winter Youth Basketball League designed specifically for 6- to 12-year-olds. Divisions include:

Co-ed 8U (kids ages 6-8)

Boys & Girls 10U (kids ages 8-10)

Boys & Girls 12U (kids ages 10-12)

Boys & Girls Leagues may be combined into co-ed leagues if needed based on registration.

Info & dates for Coaches Meeting & Skills Evaluation will be emailed prior to the start of the league.

Look for Senior Ballers (14U-18U) & Little Hoopers (ages 3-5) in the Winter edition of The Beehive.



## ADULT ATHLETICS

### ADULT CO-ED SOFTBALL FALL LEAGUE

Sundays | 8 a.m.-Dusk | \$550/ Team | Ark Park

**September 7-November 2 | Deadline August 24**

Put your team together today and join in on the fun.

Players 15-17 years-old (or 18+ still in high school) require written parental permission. Join us for an 8-10 game schedule with an end-of-the-season tournament.



# Park Programs

PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

Beaverdam Park has something for everyone with its 635 acre lake and acres of natural splendor.

The park is open seven days a week, and is located in the central part of the county.

**Main Entrance: 8687 Roaring Springs Road    Second Entrance: 9537 Fary's Mill Road**

## PARK OFFERINGS & RENTALS

- Whitcomb Lodge (enclosed 70 person capacity)
- Smith & Beaverdam shelters (35 person capacity each)
- Picnic areas (open areas w/seating for 12)
- Freshwater lake fishing & accessible kayak launch
- Full trail experience is over 20 miles!

For park hours, information or reservations, please call 804-693-2107 or visit [www.gloucesterva.gov/Beaverdam](http://www.gloucesterva.gov/Beaverdam).

**\*\*\*UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE, DEADLINE IS 1 WEEK PRIOR TO START DATE\*\*\***

## PARK PROGRAMS

### PARK AFTER DARK

**Multiple Dates | \$5 (under 16 FREE) | Ranger Station | Registration Closes at Closing Time.**

Beaverdam is generally open during the daylight hours, where we see hundreds of visitors! It's great. The after dark hours are generally for the wild residents of the park! Join us as we keep the gates open late for you to experience the beauty and activity of the park at night. You can take a self-guided night hike, a self-guided bike ride or hit the lake for boating, kayaking or canoeing (all regular launch and rental fees apply). All activities require head lamps. You must check-in and check-out at Ranger Station.

Dates: September 26    7 p.m. - 11 p.m.  
November 21    5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

### GLO PARK AFTER DARK

**October 17 | 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. | \$5 (under 16 FREE) | Ranger Station | Registration Closes at 5 p.m.**

Beaverdam Park is usually bustling with hundreds of visitors during daylight hours—and we love it! But when the sun sets, the park becomes a peaceful haven for our resident wildlife... until now! Come experience a glow-tastic evening like no other with a Glowing Nature Trail and a Special Scavenger Hunt that will bring a magical twist to your nighttime adventure.

### THE FULL HIKE

**3rd Saturdays | \$5 | Ranger Station | Registration Closes The Day Before**

Beaverdam has beautiful trails where you can enjoy the flora and fauna of Gloucester. The Multi-use Trail runs from the park's main entrance to the Fary's Mill Road entrance. We will shuttle you to FMR and drop you off at the trail so that you can hike, self-guided, the approximately 9 mile hike. Dress for the weather and in sturdy shoes. Bring water, snacks/food and binoculars and camera if you like.

Dates: September 20    Meet at 9 a.m.  
October 18    Meet at 9 a.m.  
November 15    Meet at 9 a.m.

### HUG A TREE AND SURVIVE

**November 12 | 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | Free | Stewart Building**

For ages 7-11. Hug a Tree and Survive was created many years ago after a tragic accident. This program teaches how to help yourself be found if you ever become lost. It includes info on how searchers look for you, how to stay dry and warm, and how to be patient. Pre-Registration is Required!

### FALL FULL PADDLE

**October 25 | 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. | \$5 (add \$15 if you need to rent equipment) | Ranger Station**

Join Rangers by paddling from our secondary entrance (Fary's Mill) to our Main entrance (Roaring Springs) to get the full fall foliage experience.

### NATURALIST PADDLE

**November 8 | 2-5 p.m. | \$5 | Ranger Station**

For ages 16 and older, 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Join us on a guided paddle as we make our way out to explore Beaverdam Reservoir and all the wildlife in their natural habitat, and enjoy the sunset on the lake as a serene end to our paddle. \$15 rental equipment (arrive early to get fitted for rentals).

### OWL PROWL (Family Friendly)

**November 15 | 5-8 p.m. | \$5 | Ranger Station**

Join our park team for an evening of calling, listening to and learning about owls. Participants are encouraged to bring a flashlight and wear appropriate footwear as the group will be walking the trails at night. Bring your binoculars and camera if you have one. Registration is required. Space is limited.

### OWL WALK

**November 21 | 5-8 p.m. | \$5 | Fary's Mill Entrance | 16+**

Join our Beaverdam Birders for an evening of calling, listening to and learning about owls. Participants are encouraged to bring a flashlight and wear appropriate footwear as the group will be walking the trails at night. Bring your binoculars and camera if you have one. Registration is required. Space is limited.

### KID'S FRESHWATER WORKSHOP

**September 27 | 2-5 p.m. | \$5 | Ranger Station**

Introduce your child to the joys of freshwater fishing in this hands-on, beginner-friendly workshop! Kids will learn how to cast, bait a hook, and safely catch and release common freshwater fish. All gear is provided—just bring your enthusiasm!

### KID'S SALTWATER WORKSHOP

**September 28 | 2-5 p.m. | \$5 | Ranger Station**

Join us for a fun and educational workshop where young anglers will learn the basics of saltwater fishing! Kids will get hands-on experience with casting, baiting, and identifying local fish species—perfect for beginners and curious explorers alike.





**\*\*\*UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE, DEADLINE IS 1 WEEK PRIOR TO START DATE\*\*\***

## KARATE

Mondays or Thursdays | T. C. Walker Gymnasium  
Sensei Brian Jensen. Ages 4+. Learn the Shorinji Ryu style Japanese Karate form. Karate provides the opportunity to increase balance, strength, self-discipline & self-confidence. Kata forms are traditional & can be used in AAU or open tournament.

**MONDAYS** August 25-October 20, skip 9/1

Karate Ages 4-7, 6-6:30 p.m., \$43  
Karate Ages 8-12, 6:35-7:20 p.m., \$45  
Family Class Adult, 7:25-8:05 p.m., \$40  
Family Class Child, 7:25-8:05 p.m., \$35  
Karate Ages 13+, 8:10-9 p.m., \$45

**THURSDAYS** August 28-October 23, skip 9/4

Karate Ages 4-7, 6-6:30 p.m., \$43  
Karate Ages 8-12, 6:35-7:20 p.m., \$45  
Family Class Adult, 7:25-8:05 p.m., \$40  
Family Class Child, 7:25-8:05 p.m., \$35  
Karate Ages 13+, 8:10-9 p.m., \$45

THE NEXT SESSION WILL BEGIN THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3.

## FREE FLOW YOGA

**Tuesdays | 5:30-6:45 p.m. | Whitcomb Lodge**

Instructor: Nichole Knott. For ages 13 and older. You can expect a creative, soulful, adventurous and fun flow that weaves together breath and movement with moderate holds which steadily builds muscle, inner strength and stamina. Nichole's style of teaching is structured, fluid and playful – offering options of openness, depth and strength so everyone will be appropriately challenged. Bring a mat, blocks, strap and water. Register for month for \$8/day or individual days for \$9/day  
September, \$40 | October, \$32 | November, \$32

## CHAIR YOGA (STRETCH & BALANCE)

**Wednesdays | 10:30-11:30 a.m. | \$64 | Stewart Building**

Instructor: Michaela Lee. For 50 and older. A chair yoga class, so no need to get on the floor, unless you want to. We will explore slow and measured movements and strengthening poses. Focusing on breath helps you improve your balance, flexibility, stability and strength as well as giving you a sense of well-being and enhanced quality of life. Dress comfortable, bring a yoga mat and water.  
October 29-December 17

## GENTLE YOGA

**Mondays | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | \$64 | Stewart Building**

Instructor: Michaela Lee. For 16 and older. Yoga with a focus on breath helps you improve your balance, flexibility, stability and strength. The practice of yoga will help you to have a sense of well-being and enhanced quality of life. All of this in a comfortable environment with no pressure to leave your comfort zone. Dress to move, bring a yoga mat and water.  
September 8 – October 27 | November 3 – December 22

## SENIOR BINGO

**4th Wednesdays | 10:30-Noon | \$10 | Stewart Building**

For ages 50 and older. Join us for Bingo! Bring a drink and snack if you like.  
August 27 | September 24 | October 22



## FALL GYMNASTICS

Head Coach: Caitlyn Coltrain. For ages 3-18 (still in high school). Parents are not permitted at practice sessions. There will be an open house at the end of the session to see what your gymnast has learned. All students MUST be fully potty trained.

**Tuesdays @ Botetourt: Sept. 2-Nov. 18, skip 10/7 and 11/4**

Parent and Me for ages 3-4 years, 4:45-5:30 p.m., \$75  
Beginner 5-8 years, 5:30-6:15 p.m. \$75  
Beginner/Intro to Intermediate 6 & up, 6:15-7 p.m., \$75

**Wednesdays @ Abingdon: Sept. 3-Nov. 19, skip 10/8 and 11/5**

Parent and Me for ages 3-4 years, 4:45-5:30 p.m., \$75  
Beginner 5-8 years, 5:30-6:15 p.m. \$75  
Beginner/Intro to Intermediate 6 & up, 6:15-7 p.m., \$75

**Thursdays @ Botetourt: Sept. 4-Nov. 20, skip 10/9 and 11/6**

Beginner 5-8 years, 4:45-5:30 p.m., \$75  
Beginner/Intro to Intermediate 6 & up, 5:30-6:15 p.m. \$75  
Intermediate/Advanced 6 & up, 6:15-7 p.m., \$90

## Ability Requirements:

Beginner 5-8: no experience required but preferred ability to do handstand, cartwheel, back bend with assistance and a bridge with head lifted off the mat.

Beginner/Intro to Intermediate 6 & up: must have handstand, cartwheels, back bends with assistance and bridge with head off the ground.

Intermediate/advanced 6 & up: must have back bend with minimal assistance, working on front walkover, handstand fall to bridge, backhand springs, and front handsprings.

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MOVE STUDENTS INTO BEGINNER CLASSES IF THEY HAVE NOT ACHIEVED THE INTERMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS. Please be sure that your student should be in intermediate before enrolling (look for videos on the registration website). Beginner classes fill quickly, and we may not have room in beginner classes for students incorrectly enrolled in intermediate classes to be moved into beginner classes. If in doubt, register for beginner, we have a better chance of moving a student to intermediate than to beginner.

## BELLY DANCE

**Mondays | 7-8 p.m. | \$65 | Whitcomb Lodge**

Instructor: Aela Badiana. For ages 16 and older. This class is for those new dancers or those wanting to brush up on technique. This low impact workout is a great core strength building exercise, while having fun shimmying. Different styles of belly dance will be introduced as well as some historical background of this fascinating ancient art form. No dance experience necessary. Dress comfortable and bring water!  
September 8 – October 27 | November 3 – December 22

## INTERNATIONAL CUISINE CULINARY CLUB

**Wednesdays | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | \$105 | Stewart Building**

Instructor: Aela Badiana. For ages 16 and older. In this 8-week course you will explore international cuisine, and characteristic cooking practices and traditions, often associated with a specific region, country or culture. We will use ingredients accessible to us here in Virginia and recreate treats from around the world: German, French, Italian, Turkish, Indian, Thai, Mexican, just to name a few.  
August 27 – October 15 | October 22 – December 10

## TOUCH-A-TRUCK

Touch-A-Truck is back in 2025 and with a new location – The Old Page Grounds! Bring the whole family for an exciting day of getting up close and personal with all sorts of cool vehicles! From fire trucks, police cruisers, and construction rigs to tractors, tow trucks, and more! This event is free to the public, registration is required.  
Sunday, November 9 from 12-4 p.m. (Rain date November 16).



# Christmas & Holiday

Parade Information

HI GLOUCESTER!

I AM SO EXCITED TO SEE YOU IN A FEW MONTHS! I WILL BE MAKING MY WAY DOWN FROM THE NORTH POLE ON DEC 1<sup>ST</sup> AND CAN'T WAIT FOR THE CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY PARADE! THE TEAM AT GLOUCESTER PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM WANTED ME TO LET YOU KNOW THAT REGISTRATION FOR THE PARADE

OPENS ON **OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**!  
YOU CAN REGISTER BY VISITING [GLOUCESTERVERA.GOV/CIVICREC](http://GLOUCESTERVERA.GOV/CIVICREC)  
OR STOP BY THEIR OFFICE AT 6382 MAIN STREET.  
YA'LL BE GOOD & ILL SEE YOU SOON!

-DUKE O GLOUCESTER



**Registration  
Opens  
October 1!**



Secondhand Saturdays was a huge hit this past spring, and we're excited to bring it back this fall! Each Saturday throughout the month of September, you'll have the chance to explore a variety of secondhand shops and discover hidden treasures at community yard sales. It's a great way to shop local, save money, and find unique items. More details will be announced soon—so be sure to follow Visit Gloucester VA on social media to stay updated!



# Tourism- Museum & Visitor Center



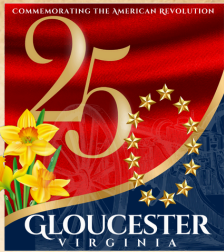
## Join Us For Live Music on Main Street!

6504 Main Street  
August 6-8 p.m.  
September 5:30-7:30 p.m.

- 8/6 DJ Big-E Diceman
- 8/20 Clan MacCool Band
- 9/3 Ami Baker
- 9/17 Just Dan
- 9/21 Series Finale: Courthouse Community Orchestra & Guests 12-5 p.m.



A highly requested Halloween Driving Tour & Decoration Contest comes to the county this October, bringing spooky sights and glowing displays all across Gloucester. Families can enjoy a self-guided tour of creatively decorated homes and businesses, while participants compete for top honors! Stay tuned for details on how to enter and vote—it's going to be a Spooktacular October!



*Virginia's History is America's Story*  
WWW.GLOUCESTERVERA250.ORG



### August

- 9 - Open House: Bethel Baptist Church Legacy Room  
Bethel Baptist Church 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 17 - From Colony To Country  
Drama at Gloucester Colonial Courthouse

### September

- 14 - Exhibit Opening: Fashion & Textiles  
The Gloucester Fine Arts Museum

### October

- 3 - 244<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of The Hook  
Abingdon Park
- 12 - Exhibit Opening Reception  
Gloucester Museum of History
- 31 - Program - The Witch of Pungo  
Gloucester Main Street Association

### November

- 9 - 250th Program - details TBD  
Rosewell

### December

- 14- Historic Holiday Tour - Open Houses  
Multiple Locations

The Gloucester County 250th Committee will be planning, partnering, and promoting programming to educate, engage, and inspire people from all backgrounds.

## Gloucester Visitor Center



**AUTHORIZED RETAILER**

The Gloucester Visitor Center is now an authorized LEGO® retailer! Stop by to explore our unique selection, including exclusive Daffodil LEGO kits that celebrate Gloucester's signature bloom. We also carry a variety of exciting new items inspired by the local area—perfect for gifts, souvenirs, or a fun way to show your hometown pride.

Come see what's new!



Follow Us On Social Media & Listen For Us On Spotify



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INTERNATIONAL

## Coastal Cleanup Day

SEPTEMBER 13 th  
8am-11am  
GLOUCESTER POINT BEACH



Join Gloucester Clean Community to help clean our beaches & record data for ocean conservation!

This event is part of the International Coastal Cleanup initiative and offers an opportunity for volunteers to make a real impact by removing litter and debris from our local shorelines, creeks, and waterways. Gloves, bags, and safety supplies will be provided, and all ages are welcome to attend.



This county-wide litter cleanup effort encourages residents, civic groups, schools, and businesses to take part in beautifying their neighborhoods, roadways, and public spaces. Supplies provided.



BI - ANNUAL

## CLEAN GLOUCESTER DAY

SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 11TH

Gather a group  
Pick a spot  
Sign up for supplies

**REGISTER TODAY**  
Call 804.693.5370



<https://forms.office.com/g/H1cB9YZZAH>

[cleancommunity@gloucesterva.gov](mailto:cleancommunity@gloucesterva.gov)  
804-693-5370

## HOUSEHOLD HARMFUL WASTE COLLECTION

OCTOBER 18, 2025  
9AM - 3PM

HAYES CONVENIENCE CENTER  
7599 GUINEA ROAD



Safely dispose of unwanted and potentially harmful items at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection event. This free service for Gloucester County residents provides proper disposal options for items like old paint, motor oil, pesticides, and household chemicals.



# Best Years

GLOUCESTER PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM TRIPS

PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

## Just ride, leave the driving & planning to us!

- For age 50 and older
- No refunds/credits after deadline unless for a medical reason. Doctor's note required. Trips and group pricing based on registration, we have to pay for spaces reserved. A \$10 transaction fee will be applied.
- Registration Begins August 11 for residents & August 13 for non-residents @ 8 AM in office or online.
- TRIPS LEAVE FROM THE COB 1 - COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING ONE PARKING LOT (OLD DAILY PRESS BUILDING).
- Trips that don't meet registration requirements will be canceled. Sign up early to make sure you don't miss out.

### FIRST ANNUAL BEST YEARS SOCIAL

**Thursday, August 28 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Beaverdam Park**

Have you ever found yourself wondering about Best Years Trips, where we go, who you might meet if you go on a trip, or maybe how to reconnect with folks who you once met on a trip? This is your chance! We will host a BYT Social at Whitcomb Lodge at Beaverdam Park. Come on by and enjoy light refreshments and a great time for socializing, learning about upcoming trips and helping us get the word out about these trips! If you'd like to help out with refreshments, please send an email to [ekeeper@gloucesterva.info](mailto:ekeeper@gloucesterva.info) or call (804) 693-1264.



### **PRESIDENTIAL PASSPORT**

Come tour the houses of some of our first presidents. Tour any one for the listed price, or tour all three at a discount! Lunch is not included in the price.

### MONTICELLO

**Thursday, September 4 | 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. | \$100**

Thomas Jefferson was the third President of the United States and Monticello, his home in Charlottesville, highlights his love of architecture, agriculture, and literature. We will walk the grounds, tour the house, and have lunch at 1:45 in the famous Michie Tavern. Bring a snack to eat before lunch! Deadline is August 21.

### MONTPELIER

**Thursday, October 2 | 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. | \$85**

James Madison was the fourth president, and made his home at Montpelier in Orange County. Madison was the Father of the Constitution and architect of the Bill of Rights, and his home reflects his legacy. The one hour guided tour explores his and his wife, Dolley's, commitment to the country. After our tour we will have lunch at 1:30 at Forked on Main (bring a snack and eat breakfast!). Deadline: Sept. 18.

### HIGHLAND

**Thursday, November 6 | 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. | \$65**

James Monroe was the fifth president and lived at Highland, adjacent to Thomas Jefferson's Monticello. The home is currently maintained by the College of William and Mary and features a guest house, Victorian style farmhouse, slave quarters, icehouse, smokehouse and overseer's cabin. Our trip will include a guided tour, time to explore and lunch at the BBQ Exchange. Bring a snack to eat before lunch. Deadline: Oct. 23.

### DRUMHELLER'S ORCHARD – APPLE HARVEST FESTIVAL

**Saturday, September 27 | 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. | \$30**

Drumheller's Apple Festival blends hands-on farming tradition with lively fall fun! Whether you're launching apples at targets, tasting apple butter fresh from the kettle, enjoying country beats, or simply taking in the scenic mountain air, it will be an experience of Autumnal joy. Lunch is on your own. Deadline September 19.

### FALL ON SKYLINE DRIVE

**Thursday, October 9 | 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. | \$45**

Come ride with us as we tour the scenic Virginia Blue Ridge Mountains in Shenandoah National Park via the Skyline Drive. This scenic Byway was built in the 1930's and is known for its autumnal foliage. We will stop at some of the 75 scenic overlooks and have lunch at the beautiful Spottswood Dining Room at Skyland. Deadline September 19.

### NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN IN THE FALL

**Thursday, October 23, | 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. | \$50**

Norfolk Botanical Gardens are Virginia's largest botanical gardens! Some of the October blooms include American Beauty Berry, Blue Mist Flower, Flying Dragon and Lion's Tale. We also have the option of taking a tram tour. This 175-acre garden is home to 53 distinctive themed gardens, 95 species of birds and 30 kinds of butterflies. There are rotating food trucks for lunch, or you may want to bring your own. Dress for the weather, bring a water bottle and wear walking attire. Deadline: October 9.

### WHITE CHRISTMAS – RIVERSIDE CENTER

**Wednesday, November 26 | 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. | \$140**

Based on the beloved Paramount film, the musical follows WWII veterans Bob Wallace and Phil Davis who team up with sisters Betty and Judy for a Christmas Show at a Vermont Lodge. A themed lunch is included before the play. Deadline is October 13.

### GLITTERING NIGHT OF HOLIDAY LIGHTS

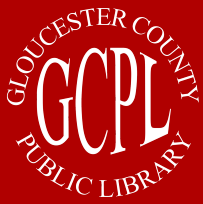
**Thursday, December 11 | 3:30-8 p.m. | \$30**

Join us on a tour of holiday lights sure to put you in the mood for Christmas! We will see Lights at the Fountain (City Center) then make our way to drive through two miles of holiday lights at Newport News Park. Before the lights, we will have dinner at County Grill. Deadline: Nov. 27.

### ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

**Thursday, December 18 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. | \$60**

We will visit the sacred ground of Arlington National Cemetery the week after the placing of Wreaths Across America. We will tour Arlington by tram and view the John F. Kennedy gravesite, Arlington House, Ord and Weitzel Gate, Coast Guard Memorial and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Depending on time, you may also have time to view on your own. We will eat on the way home at Texas Jacks. You must bring a REAL ID to enter Arlington. Deadline is November 18.



**Main Library**      **Point Branch**  
**804-693-2998**      **804-642-9790**  
[www.gloucesterva.gov/library](http://www.gloucesterva.gov/library)



## FAMILY



**GCPL  
COMIX  
CON  
2025**

Main Library  
**Saturday, August 9**  
**10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Free entry! Costumes, demos,  
activities, prizes and more!  
All ages.



**Autumn A Cappella!**

Main Library  
Saturday, September 20  
Doors open at 2:30 for the show at 3 p.m.  
The Williamsburg A Cappella Singers are known for their  
entertaining performances. Enjoy an afternoon of popular  
musical genres like Broadway, pop, rock and country that'll  
get your toes tapping and put a smile on your face.  
All ages.



## OWLS, BIRDS OF THE NIGHT

Main Library  
Saturday, October 18 at 2 p.m.  
Meet the owl education ambassadors of Nature's Nanny  
Wildlife Rehabilitation. Learn all about these nocturnal  
hunters and how they help our ecosystem. All ages.



**ROBLOX  
PARTY**

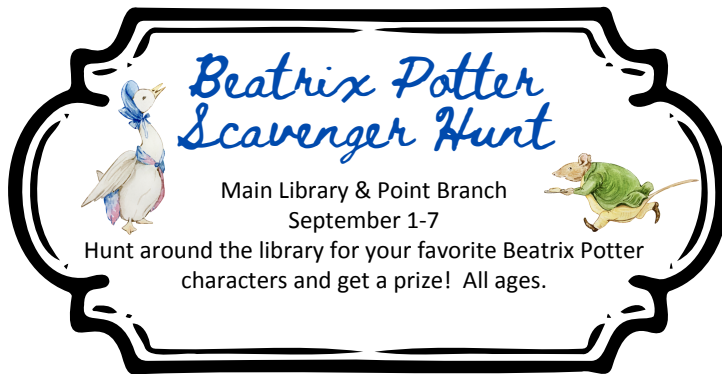
Main Library  
Saturday, September 13  
2-4 p.m.  
Registration begins August 30.  
Meet new friends and share your favorite Roblox  
experiences. Bring your own devices to play. Snacks  
provided. All ages.



**SPOOKTACULAR!**

Main Library  
Friday, October 31  
5-7 p.m.  
Trick-or-Treat in the library!  
All ages!

FAMILY



**Beatrix Potter Scavenger Hunt**

Main Library & Point Branch  
September 1-7

Hunt around the library for your favorite Beatrix Potter characters and get a prize! All ages.

# Halloween Scavenger Hunt



Main Library  
October 27 - November 1

Seek out spooky sights and get a prize! All ages.

CHILDREN

## 5 AND UNDER

### Little Pillars

Main Library  
Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.  
September 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30  
October 7, 14, 21 & 28  
Registration begins Aug. 19  
Rhyme, read, play, and learn the Eric Carle way!  
Birth-24 months.



### Pre-K Storytime

Main Library  
Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.  
September 3, 10, 17 & 24  
October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29  
Registration begins Aug. 19  
Longer stories, rhymes, songs, and a craft help children prepare for kindergarten. 3-5 years.

### Toddlers on the Loose

Main Library  
Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.  
September 4, 11, 18 & 25  
October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30  
Registration begins Aug. 19  
Shorter stories, songs, rhymes, and fun motor skill development activities!  
2 years.

## Point Storytime

Point Branch  
Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.  
September 3, 10, 17 & 24  
October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29  
Registration begins Aug. 19  
Stories, rhymes, songs, and a craft help children prepare for kindergarten. 2-5 years.



### Little Crafters

Main Library  
Fridays  
September 19 & October 17 at 10:30 a.m.  
Registration begins Sept. 5 & Oct. 3  
Fall craft activities for little ones! Ages 3-5

## SCHOOL AGE

### Paws to Read

Main Library  
Saturday, August 16 at 10:30 a.m.  
Registration begins Aug. 2  
Sign up to read to a certified therapy dog. Improve reading skills and make a furry friend!  
Grades 1-5.



### Let's Draw Halloween!

Main Library  
Wednesday, October 8 at 6 p.m.  
Registration begins Sept. 24  
Draw a mummy, witch, jack-o-lantern and more!  
Grades K-5.



# CHILDREN

## SCHOOL AGE

### No-Carve Pumpkin Decorating

Main Library  
 Thursday, October 9 at 6 p.m.  
 Registration begins Sept. 25  
 Create a spook-tacular pumpkin  
 without the mess!  
 Grades 1-5.

### Hands-on Archaeology



Main Library  
 Saturday, October 11 at 10:30 a.m.  
 Registration begins Sept. 27  
 October is Archaeology month in Virginia. The  
 Fairfield Foundation presents a hands-on  
 program processing artifacts from local digs!  
 Grades 1-5.

### Hedgehog Pumpkin

Main Library  
 Saturday, October 4 at 11 a.m.  
 Registration begins Sept. 20  
 Make an adorable hedgehog  
 pumpkin for Halloween.  
 Grades 6-12.



### Let's Draw Manga!

Main Library  
 Saturday, October 25 at 2 p.m.  
 Registration begins Oct. 11  
 Learn to create your own manga character with features  
 like exaggerated eyes, small mouths, and stylized hair  
 characteristic of the style.  
 Grades 6-12.



NEW VIDEO  
 GAMES FOR  
 CHECKOUT!

CATALOG LINK:  
[HTTPS://GLOUCESTERUA.TLCDELIVERS.COM](https://gloucesterua.tlcdelivers.com)





## Clothes Pin Decor

Main Library

Thursday, September 18 at 2 p.m.

Registration begins Sept. 4

What a great way to recycle a tin can and some clothes pins. Create your own design using paper, mod podge, paint or buttons.

Adults 18+.

## Mason Jar Lid

### Pumpkin Magnet

Main Library

Thursday, October 16 at 2 p.m.

Registration begins Oct. 2

Create a pumpkin magnet craft using mason jar lids.

Adults 18+.

## Wee 'Oui'

### Halloween Craft

Point Branch

Wednesday, October 22 at 2 p.m.

Registration begins Oct. 8

Create a Halloween craft using a Oui yogurt jar.

Adults 18+.



## Nutrition & Healthy Living Series

Glenn Sturm from the Gloucester Extension Office will be presenting a three-part series on nutrition, healthy living and financial well-being. Adults 18+.

Main Library, 2-3 p.m. Registration begins Aug. 21

September 4 - Reading Nutrition Labels & Osteoporosis Prevention

October 2 - Small Steps to Health and Wealth, Part 1

November 6 - Small Steps to Health and Wealth, Part 2



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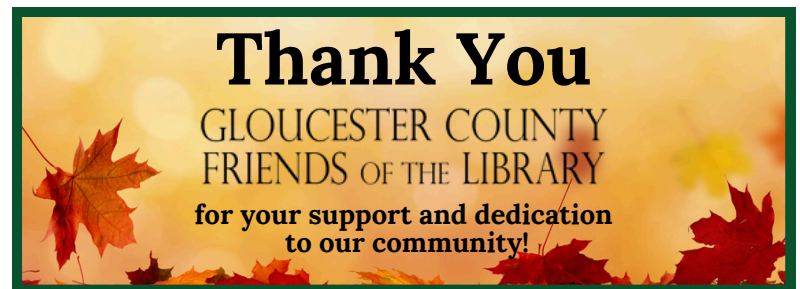
Main Library

Aug. 5 & 19, Sept. 9 & 23, Oct. 7 & 21

Appointments available from 1-2:30 p.m.

Have questions about Microsoft Word, email, or your smartphone?

Register for 30 minutes of individual tech help!



On July 4, 2026, our nation will celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Join the Library as we journey through the year with events, activities and fun facts to commemorate this historic milestone!



# Virginia Cooperative Extension

Virginia Tech • Virginia State University



## Save the date to “green your garden”

It's almost time for the 22nd Annual Plant Extravaganza, and you won't want to miss it! Join the Gloucester

Extension Master Gardeners at the Moose Lodge off of Route 17 for an exciting fall plant sale and educational experience.

Mark your calendars for Friday, September 5, from 3-7 p.m. Get ready for an amazing afternoon filled with beautiful plants, expert gardening tips, and a quick bite to eat! Early birds can kick off the fun by browsing through a variety of available plants —herbs, shrubs, native plants, and more — while enjoying tasty hot dogs, hamburgers, and chips for sale by the Gloucester Ruritan Club.

The Plant Extravaganza continues on Saturday, September 6, from 8 a.m. until noon.

All proceeds from this event go toward scholarships for seniors at Gloucester High School and help support kids attending 4-H summer camp at Jamestown. Come out, make a difference, and get ready to garden! We can't wait to see you there.

Need help with your green thumb? A gardening guide written by Gloucester Extension Master Gardeners, tailored for our area, can now be downloaded or printed in its entirety (or by chapter). To view or download, visit [www.gemg.org/resources-alt](http://www.gemg.org/resources-alt).

## Upcoming events

- **August 23, 2025, 10-11 a.m.**  
Master Gardeners Present "Growing Hydrangeas" @ Brent & Becky's (7900 Daffodil Lane).
- **September 27, 2025, 10-11 a.m.**  
Master Gardeners Present "Saving Your Harvest" @ Brent & Becky's.
- **October 19, 2025, 10-11 a.m.**  
Master Gardeners Present "Gardening Myths" @ Brent & Becky's.

## What's in your water?

The Virginia Household Water Quality Program offers affordable, confidential water testing for people who rely on private wells and springs.

Testing includes: bacteria, lead, copper, arsenic, iron, manganese, pH, hardness, sodium, sulfate, fluoride, and nitrate. We teach you how to collect a sample and provide the kit to do so. We then transport those to Virginia Tech for testing. When the results come back, we will help you navigate what's next.

The cost is \$70 per sample kit, with some scholarship assistance available for limited-resource families. Contact Glenn Sturm, FCS agent, at [gjsturm@vt.edu](mailto:gjsturm@vt.edu) or call the Extension Office at 804-693-2602.

Kickoff meetings will be Nov. 10-11 with sample collection on the morning of Nov. 12.



## Make a difference as a 4-H Volunteer!

Are you excited about empowering the next generation and making a difference in your community? Join the 4-H family as a volunteer and help ignite the passions of young people to lead, learn, and thrive!

4-H is America's largest youth development organization, and we're reaching youth through incredible hands-on projects in areas like STEM, agriculture, healthy living, civic engagement, and the arts. As a volunteer, you'll be at the heart of 4-H: leading clubs, teaching workshops, mentoring youth, and supporting fantastic events. Whether you can spare an hour a week or lend a hand during special events, there's an amazing spot for you in 4-H!

No experience? No problem. All you need is a willingness to learn and a big heart to help young people grow. Our volunteers receive training, resources, and continuous support from dedicated local 4-H staff.

We're especially on the lookout for enthusiastic volunteers to help with:

- A Community Club: Join youth engaging in community service.
- A Healthy Living Club: Get involved with nutrition and wellness initiatives!
- A Canine Club: If you love dogs, this is your chance to help youth dive into training and maybe showing.
- An Environmental Science Club: Help inspire the next generation of environmental stewards.

Join us and be a part of shaping the future, one incredible young person at a time! To learn more or get involved, contact Krista Gustafson, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development at [kgustafson@vt.edu](mailto:kgustafson@vt.edu) or call us at 804-693-2602.

## Get ready for a fantastic week of Summer Camp with 4-H!

Are you a teen who loves working with kids, making new friends, and having fun in the great outdoors? Do you want to build leadership skills, boost your confidence, and make a real difference this summer? Then becoming a 4-H Camp Counselor is the perfect opportunity for you!

As a 4-H Camp Counselor, you'll:

- Lead younger campers in activities and assist in staff-led classes.
- Help create a safe, fun, and welcoming environment for everyone.
- Learn valuable skills in teamwork, responsibility, and communication.
- Earn volunteer hours and build your resume for jobs/scholarships.
- Have an unforgettable summer experience you'll never forget!

You don't need to have all the answers—just a positive attitude, a willingness to learn, and a passion for helping others. We accept applications starting in October, and will begin training in December.

## 4-H Clubs continuing in 2025-2026:

We have many engaging clubs that are set to continue into the next 4-H year, and we are also hoping to expand club offerings! Here are some opportunities for students to get involved:

- Gloucester County Cloverbuds: Open to youth ages 5-8. Explore the treasures of 4-H through crafts, nature, and community service projects. Email Jackie Jefferis, [jefferis@vt.edu](mailto:jefferis@vt.edu) for information.
- Gloucester Bayriders Horse Club: Open to youth ages 9-18. Learn all about horses, participate in horse educational contests and riding events. Gloucester horse clubs have participated in Hippology, Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Presentation contests, Public Speaking, and District and State Horse Shows (as well as Southern Regionals and Eastern Nationals). They learn citizenship, leadership, and life skills along the way.
- Gloucester 4-H Animal Science Club: Open to youth 9-18 as well as Cloverbud siblings. This club currently has youth interested in showing rabbits, sheep and hogs, but they all engage in 4-H projects to learn more about the agricultural industry. Our 4-H members are showing at the State Fair of Virginia! Come out and meet them.



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Gloucester County, Virginia

# The Beehive

## Community Engagement & Public Information

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