



# Petersburg 4-H



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The goal of Kids' Tech University (KTU)<sup>TM</sup> is to spark interest and excitement about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM disciplines) in children between the ages of 9 -12. KTU at VSU's curriculum features three parts:

**Interactive Session**

- Held October 22nd and November 19, 2011, in a lecture hall on the Virginia State University campus
- Will be centered on answering a "why" question, such as "Why is the sky blue?"
- Purpose is to focus children's attention on a particular subject within the disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

**Hands-On Activity**

- Held after each interactive session
- Focused on the specific discipline being discussed in the interactive session
- Done in a career fair fashion where kids and parents walk around to various activities

**Virtual Lab**

- Interactive labs will follow-up on ideas presented in the interactive sessions
- Activities are designed to cultivate children's interest in the interactive session topics
- Features online forum to promote discussion and teamwork
- Performed at home

For more information on the 2011 VSU interactive sessions & hands-on activities, please [click for website](#).

**Feedback**

KTU is also dedicated to conducting research into successful educational programs. As part of this effort, we will be asking the kids to provide us with feedback on their KTU experience. Thank you for your cooperation

***Petersburg Residents-Contact Sharon Mallory, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development, Petersburg 4-H.***



VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION-PETERSBURG OFFICE

# E-NEWSLETTER



## URBAN FARM DAY



**October 13 at Blaha's Farm.** The Virginia Cooperative Extension-Petersburg Office and the Appomattox River Soil and Water Conservation (ARS&WCD) District will invite all 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students from Petersburg Public Schools to the **Annual Urban Farm Day**. Every other year, 2<sup>nd</sup> graders from Petersburg Public Schools travel to a local farm for a day of fun and educational activities about Virginia Agriculture. Students will visit various stations to learn about topics that address Virginia farm life and agriculture objectives covered in Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL's). This event give youth a chance to experience Virginia farm life and agriculture in a way that they may not otherwise have.





## 2012 PETERSBURG 4-H SUMMER CAMP



The Petersburg 4-H will be conducting the **2012 Jr. 4-H Summer Camp** from July 30th -August 3rd, at the beautiful 4-H Airfield Educational Center in Wakefield, Virginia. The purpose of 4-H camping is to develop life skills using fun, educational programs and activities. Youth have the opportunity to learn and have fun in a safe environment while surrounded by highly trained and skilled teen counselors, adult volunteers and professional staff. 4-H Camp is a 5-day residential camping experience for boys and girls ages 9-13 to serve as campers and boys and girls ages 14-18 to serve as teen leaders. The cost for camp includes lodging, meals, educational materials and a 4-H t-shirt. Participants will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. There are a limited number of spaces available, so please apply early. More information to be announced.



### **TEEN COUNSELOR AND CIT APPLICATIONS AND REFERENCES ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2012**

Teens who are applying for C.I.T or first year Counselor positions are required to complete an application and three (3) references, with a final deadline of March 1, 2012. Note: One reference form must be completed by a teacher, guidance counselor or your school administrator. ***However, each person is required to complete a registration form and to complete the TDRC Training Test.*** Each participant will be required to attend 24 hours of mandatory trainings. Two training dates that will be at Airfield is Saturday, April 21st and Saturday, May 5th. Both trainings are mandatory and transportation will be on your own.

**\*Registration Forms will be available after the Camp Fee has been announced.**

**[www.ext.vt.edu/office/petersburg](http://www.ext.vt.edu/office/petersburg) for the Counselor and Counselor-in-Training Forms and the Training Modules**

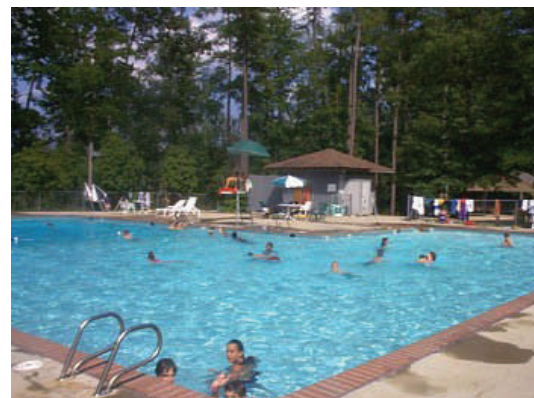
**Application Packet**

**CIT Position Description**

**Counselor Position Description**

**Training Modules**

**TDRC Training Test**





Upcoming

4-H Activities



## FALL TEEN WEEKEND

**November 4-6 at Airfield 4-H Center.**

The Annual Fall Teen Weekend is for teens ages 14-19; Registration Fee: **\$70.00**; Registration Deadline: October 21, 2011;

**Make Checks Payable to: Airfield 4-H Center**

**Activities May Include:** Dance, Movies, Social Room, Recreational Sports, T-shirt Designs, Life Skill Workshops, Karaoke Competition, Sport Tournament, and much, much MORE! "Check-in" can be as late as 11:00 p.m. and you still have time to make it to some Friday activities. Teen Weekend is a great way to meet "new friends" from across the South East District. For more information, please click on the links and then Airfield.

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## 4-H DAY AT THE CAPITOL

**February 2012**

4-H Day at the State Capitol provides opportunities for 4-Hers to learn more about state government procedures, meet local legislators and encourage civic engagement. The day begins with delivery of Shamrocks to local legislators, and ends with a tour or some activity to cultivate the day. Participants, ages 13-18, are encouraged to attend this event.



## WINTER CLOVERBUD

**February 10-12, 2012 ; Airfield 4-H Center.** This retreat is for youth ages 5-8; Registration Fee: TBA; Registration Deadline: TBA

This special weekend is designed for the "young at heart" members. This weekend is filled with activities and adventures to give the little ones the opportunity to experience the excitement of overnight camping.



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## LEADERSHIP RETREAT

**January 20-21, 2012 at Airfield 4-H Center.** This retreat is for teens ages 14-18; Registration Fee: TBA; Registration Deadline: TBA

Participation for this retreat will guide you in how you are going to "BE ALL YOU CAN BE & MAKE A DIFFERENCE." This course is beneficial to all teens who are interested in being in a leadership position or who are in a leadership position in their school, church or any other type of organizations. Workshops will focus on from club meetings, to teen leadership, to other activities, how do you handle being an everyday leader. Learn more about officer training and parliamentary procedure and become a "reality star" in your own leadership life!

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## WHAT A DIFFERENCE A PETERSBURG 4-H SUMMER CAN MAKE!



The Petersburg 4-H members, volunteers and staff were busy over the summer with workshops, Intermediate Congress and camp. The Petersburg 4-H partnered with the Petersburg Library, Petersburg Boys and Girls Club, Trinity Baptist Church Summer Kool Kidz Academy, Virginia State University Randolph Farms, Petersburg Police Athletic League (PPAL), Petersburg Department of Social Services and the Virginia Operation Military Kids Program to conduct summer workshops and presentations.

Fun and excitement was enjoyed in workshops, such as the Junior & Senior Chef Class, “Stitching for Fun” Sewing Workshop, Rabbit Pyramid and Fishing and Outdoor Living Skills in which curriculums and topics covered were Character Education, Nutrition and Health, Animal Science, and Service Learning to youth ages 9- 18. There were several Leadership Trainings to promote positive 4-H Youth Development. This summer, the Petersburg 4-H partnered with various city agencies to promote the mission of 4-H to assist youth, and adults working with those youth, to gain additional knowledge, life skills, and attitudes that will further their development as self-directing, contributing, and productive members of society.

Two of several annual events that are held each summer, 4-H Intermediate Congress and 4-H Jr. Summer Camp, were well represented by Petersburg area youth. The Petersburg 4-H was pleased to have delegates, Emanuel Conway, Tramane Howard, Xzavier Pullin, Cayla Ellis, Kandace Kimber, Siaani Nero, and teen counselor, James Carter, who attended Intermediate Congress at Virginia State University from July 11-13. The delegates attended workshops in Character Counts!, Health Rocks!, The Science of Music in the Digital Age, Robotics, and Virginia Operation Military Kids, and activities such as ice cream socials, an evening dance, swimming and Wii & Xbox competitions. There were approximately 55 participants, ages 11 to 13 from across the state who participated in this event.

The Petersburg 4-H joined Portsmouth, Norfolk and Greensville-Emporia 4-H’ers to host approximately 204 youth from the ages of 9-18 for the 4-H Jr. Summer Camp. 4-H Jr. Summer Camp is a 5-day residential camping experience at the beautiful 4-H Airfield Educational Center in Wakefield, Virginia. Youth, ages 9-13, serve as campers while teens, ages 14-18, serve as leaders. The purpose of 4-H camping is to develop life skills using fun, educational programs and activities. Youth have the opportunity to learn and have fun in a safe environment while surrounded by highly trained and skilled teen counselors, adult volunteers and professional staff. The camp fee included lodging, meals, educational materials and a 4-H t-shirt. The youth and teens enjoyed various classes to include: short-gun, riflery, journalism, theatre, leather crafts, canoeing, archery, fun with foods, outdoor living skills, challenge course and sports. Fun time included a basketball tournament, a dance, a talent show, swimming, ice cream and watermelon socials, team sports and nightly activities during campfire.

Training is an essential part of the 4-H Jr. Summer Camp. Teens who serve as counselors and counselors-in-training (CIT) had to complete 24 hours of training in areas of supervision and understanding of children, job responsibilities, their willingness to work as a team member, cooperation and dependability. This summer, 18 Petersburg 4-H counselors and CIT’s attended various summer workshops and trainings to include a combine training with other 4-H units within the Southeast District. They were James Carter, Xavier Edwards, Clinton Smith, Chelsey Morman, Jonah Beasley, Tenee’ Dilworth, Briana Ford, Emmoni Hankins, Konstonza Peerman, Breanna Vinson, Ashleigh Walton, Cornelius Brown, Franklin Brown III, Zachary Dugger, Dominique Jefferson, DeMauray McKiever, Gabriel Melara, and Tyler Wilkins. Special thanks to adult volunteers, Mrs. Mary Cooley and Marcus Comer, Ph.D., who served as chaperones for the week.