

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

AGENDA ITEM: INFORMATION { X }                      ACTION {    }                      CLOSED MEETING {    }

**SUBJECT:**                      SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – PRESENTATIONS/INFORMATION

4-H Presentation – Kari Sponaugle

**BACKGROUND:**                      Kari Sponaugle is the Bath and Highland 4H Youth Development agent, housed in Warm Springs Courthouse. She has been the agent since January of 2013 and works in the Bath office 4 days per week. 4-H is a program of Virginia Cooperative Extension in partnership through Virginia’s land grant universities, Virginia Tech and Virginia State University. Kari would like to give you an overview of what 4-H Youth Development is in Virginia, as well as Bath County, and where there are areas of growth opportunity and better involving Bath County youth through in-school and after-school or community 4-H programs.

# Bath County 4-H

## 4-H Mission

The mission of 4-H is 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.

## 4-H Motto and Pledge

The 4-H motto: "To Make the Best Better."

The 4-H Club pledge:

"I pledge My Head to clearer thinking, My Heart to greater loyalty, My Hands to larger service and My Health to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world."

*When reciting the pledge, members raise their right hand to their forehead when they say, "my head to clearer thinking." They lower their hand to their hearts as they say, "my heart to greater loyalty." At the line, "my hands to larger service," they extend their hands in front of them, palms upward. At the last line, they stand at attention with their hands at their sides.*

## 4-H & VCE Logos



The 4-H emblem is federally protected under Section 18 US Code 707 and belongs to the Congress of the United States. The official emblem is green with white H's -- the 4-H colors. The white symbolizes purity. The green represents nature's most common color and is emblematic of youth, life, and growth. Official emblems can be downloaded from [National 4-H Headquarters](#). You must have authorization from your local 4-H program to use these graphics.

## Bath County 4-H Programs (2014-15):

- VES 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades (Magic of Electricity & Science lessons)
- MES 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grades (Magic of Electricity, Garden, and Citizenship)
- BCHS Career Fair
- Partnered with MES and VES Talent Shows to send youth to District 4H Contest Day
- Junior 4-H Camp – July 13-17, 2015 (for youth ages 9-13, with teen leaders and adult volunteers)
- Cloverbud Day Camp (youth 5-8)
- 4-H Forestry Fun Day – Millboro Elementary School (K-7<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Millboro After-School 4H Club – led by Kim Manion, Cynthia and Roger Baroody (age 9+)

## New ideas for 2016:

- BCHS CTE program – 8<sup>th</sup> grade exploratory (2016)
- BCHS Teen Club
- VES 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades
- Bath County 4-H Contest Day – eligible for District and State 4-H Contests
- Bath County Science Fair (4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grades) – eligible for District 4-H Contest
- 4-H Horse Project Club (joint and/or separate from Highland 4-H Horse Club)
- Competitive teams for contests locally, in district and in state competitions
- More day camps for 9-13 year olds, locally

## Your 4-H Agent:

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# 4-H 101:

Kari Sponaugle, 4-H Agent  
Bath County



# Basics

- The 4 H's – Head, Heart, Hands, Health
- Motto – “To Make the Best...*Better*”
- Slogan – “Learn by Doing”
- Mission – leadership, citizenship, life skills
- Colors – white & green
- Pledge
- Open to All
- 4-H is part of Virginia Cooperative Extension

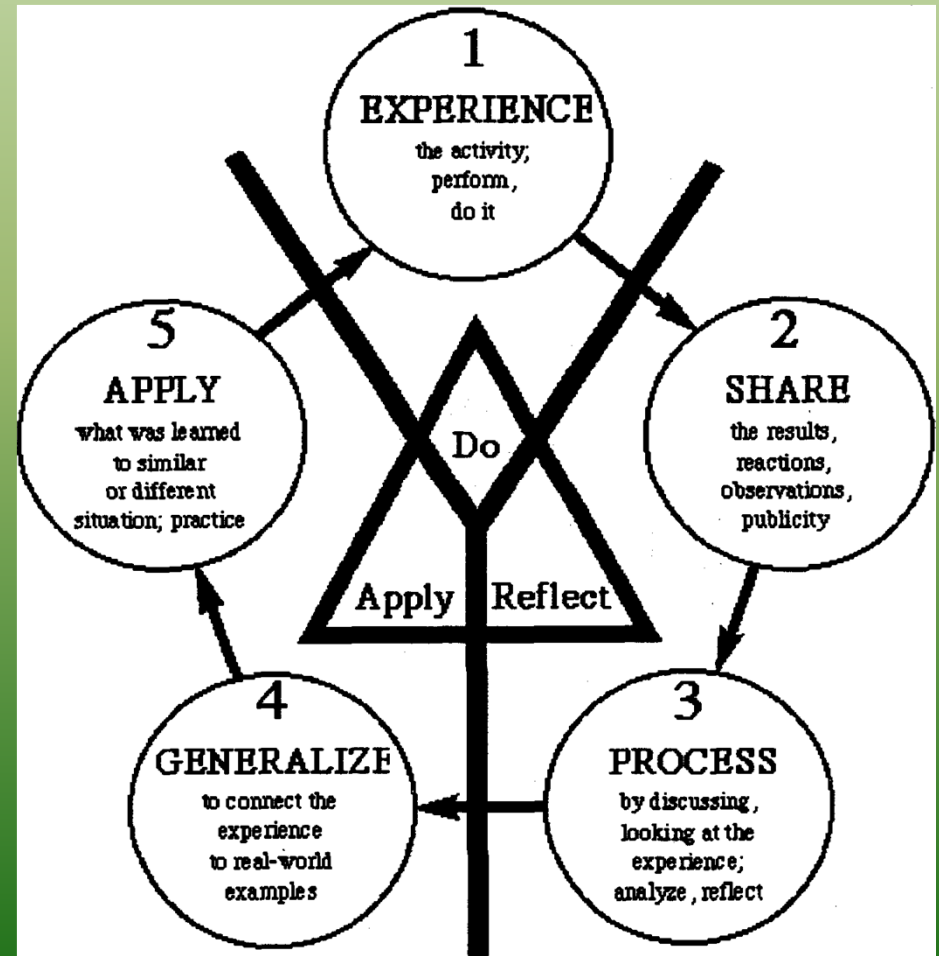




## Brief History



- Corn & tomato clubs (1901 & 1902)
- Smith-Lever Act / CES (1914)
- Virginia 4-H (1908 & 1909)
- Busy Bee 4H records date back to 1950's
- 4H Centennial celebration (2002)



# Bath County 4-H Programs

2014-15:

- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade – VES
- 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade – MES
- Millboro After-School 4H
- Cloverbud Camp
- Junior 4H Camp (July 13-17)

# How do I know what's going on?!

- Website: <http://offices.ext.vt.edu/bath>
- FB: [www.facebook.com/BathHighland4H](http://www.facebook.com/BathHighland4H)
- Twitter: [@highlandbath4H](https://twitter.com/highlandbath4H)
- Local office – Warm Springs Courthouse
- Scheduled Extension Programs throughout the year
- Call & Come see the Agent! 😊



# Your Local Office

Bath → 8:30am-4:30pm 839-7261

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Questions?

**Thank You!**