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PETERSBURG 4-H JR SUMMER CAMP IS A GREAT WAY TO CLOSE OUT THE SUMMER
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Families in the City of Petersburg have many options for their children to participate in during the summer. While most families are limited by time, they chose to go to movies, museums, picnics, theme parks, and much more, so why go to the Petersburg 4-H Jr Summer Camp?

4-H Junior Summer Camp is a 5-day residential camping experiential education that has many teachable moments, that is rare and unique. Youth learn life lessons in an environment designed especially for them and provide a fun opportunity for youth to learn skills through hands-on activities. The 4-H Camp program help youth build self-esteem, and challenges them to be innovative and creative.

Teen participant’s who serve as a Counselor-In-Training or Counselor will be the most important ingredient for a successful 4-H camp. Teens are more than just a babysitter, they will become leaders. Teens will learn to listen, share, guide and advise those youth who serve as campers. They will be helping them to adjust to new situations, give encouragement and care about each camper as an individual. This is a wonderful way for our teens to learn about leadership, citizenship, character and compassion.

The Petersburg 4-H will be conducting Jr. 4-H Summer Camp from July 22-July 26, 2013 at the beautiful Airfield 4-H Educational Center in Wakefield, Virginia. The camp fee will cover lodging, meals, activities, classes and a camp T-shirt. Parents should know that our camp is accredited through the American Camping Association, staffed with highly qualified staff and adult volunteers, focused on the 4-H “Learn by Doing” motto and experiential learning model. Airfield 4-H Educational Center has climate-controlled lodges with indoor showers and private restroom facilities, an Olympic size swimming pool, a secure setting on 220 acres and is bordered by a 105 acre lake and a ratio of one counselor and one counselor-in-training per six campers.

If you would like more information about this or any other opportunity that the Petersburg 4-H has to offer, please contact Sharon F. Mallory, Extension Agent, specializing in 4-H Youth Development with the Virginia Cooperative Extension-Petersburg Office, at 804-733-1880 or email smallory@vt.edu. You may also visit us on the web at http://offices.ext.vt.edu/petersburg/.

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact the Petersburg Extension Office at 804-733-1880 during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. (*TDD number (800) 828-1120)