VIRGINIA IS FOR LOVERS

Virginia Tourism Corporation

Agritourism

Partnerships and Networking

Objectives

- To Form New Relationships
- Develop New Partnerships
- Solve some problems have a network to help
- Develop New Opportunities for your Business

Basic Skills of Networking

- Smile
- Shaking hands
- Introducing yourself
- Exchange Business Cards
- Look the other person in the eye
- Place your name tag on the right.
- Listening to HEAR not to Respond

Commonalities

Finding links that you have with others and building on them

Relationships

- Working together as partners is just like any relationship.
- Look for partners that can fill gaps and weaknesses for each other.
- The Partnership is like any relationship there will need to be compromise.

Partnerships

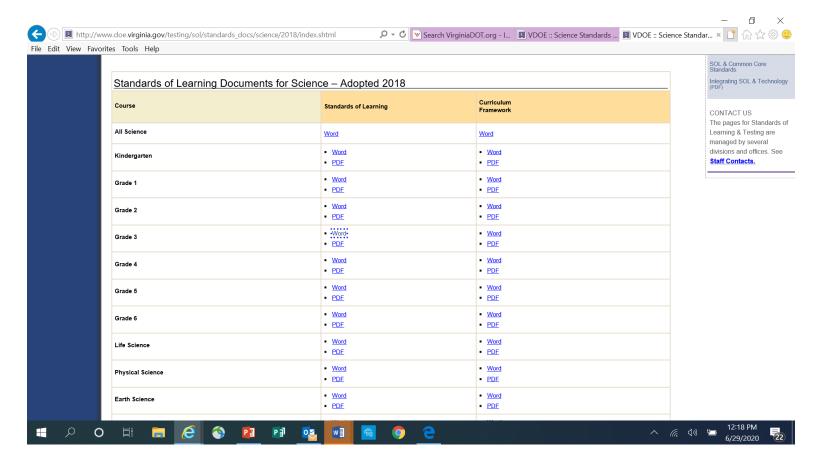
Working with other businesses or agencies to increase your bottom line and grow your business

Partnerships: Virginia Welcome Centers



Partnerships with Schools Strategies/SOL'S/Farm Tour

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards_docs/science/201 8/index.shtml



Partnership Opportunities

- Community Partnerships-
- State Agencies: VTC, VDACS, VCE
- Tourism offices Local/Regional
- Other Agribusinesses in the region
- Farmer's Markets
- Businesses in the area
- Attractions in the area
- Chambers,
- schools,
- hospitals,
- Scouts,
- churches,

 Strategic Partnership is an agreed upon collaboration between businesses with a common goal or mission

 Working with like and complimentary businesses to increase your bottom line and grow your business

Stay at Choice Hotels.

Save at the pump.



Select Fuel Rewards® savings as Your Extra and earn 20¢/gal per qualifying stay.

Doggy Day Care and Boarding and Farm Stay





Botetourt Agritourism Trail Wine Trail



CAROL LEE DONUTS



ROUTE 8 DONUTS



Examples:

- Other producers
- Tourism offices; state, local, regional
- Chambers
- Doggy Day Care/Boarding
- Photographers
- Trucking companies
- Farmer's Markets
- B&B's
- Caterers, Restaurants, Food Trucks

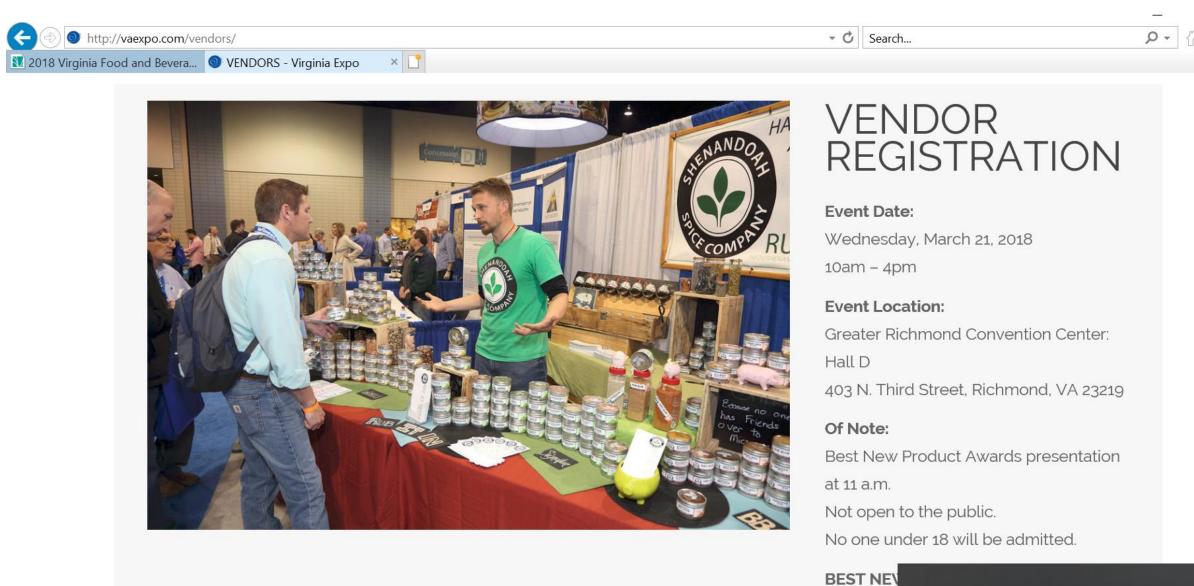
Networking

Attending meetings and Organizations whose members are interested in a particular topic or product

Attend Conferences

Agritourism Conferences

Partnership/Networking VA Food and Beverage Expo 2021



FOOD FESTIVALS/EVENTS



Trails

Thematic/Recreational

- Salty Southern Route
- Brunswick Stew Route
- Artisanteship in Soop Advertising
- Music Trails
- Oyster Trails
- Multi-use Trails
- Blueway Trails

Resources

State Agencies-VTC, www.Virginia.org;

www.vatc.org

VCE, VDACS

Business Assistance(EVA, SWAM)

Local Tourism Offices

Groups and Organizations

Social Media

Next Steps

- Identify Partners and Networking Opportunities
- Keep in touch
- Bring others to the Networking functions
- Make introductions that will help each other
- Keep working together

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