

GROWING UP GREEN

Cabarrus County 4-H Newsletter



Achievement Night ~ RSVP now

Achievement celebrations for 2020 will start with sharing photos from your homemade Photo Booth! Join in the fun! Sign up to get your family fun box with decorations and activities to "Spring into 4-H". <https://forms.gle/LE8aTezMrHmqj3z6> Let's celebrate all that we were able to accomplish! We will have a week full of events, leading up to the LIVE (virtual) event on Friday, February 12. Join in the fun!

Kicking off the New Year

January is the perfect time of year to make your annual plan. Check out the 4-H Achievement Plan for a way to get started. Copies of your goals from your project record book will in your Achievement Night family box. Seek out current events for Civic Engagement opportunities. Walk through your neighborhood or observe during a drive through the community to see areas where a service project is needed. Reach out to your 4-H leaders for leadership opportunities. Think about a presentation topic, summer plans, online classes and field trips that you can add to your project. Share your ideas with your club as any hands make light work and others may want to join (and you can take leadership). So many things to do!

Project Completion Club

Are you lost about what should be in your 4-H project? Need some ideas or just want to see what others are doing? Mark you calendars for our Project Completion Club. We will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, starting February 16 from 6-7 p.m. Join us to share with others, network and kickoff your 2021 project.

Starting the New Year right! 4-H'ers (and their pets) share words of quotes to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Planning for Summer

If you would like to play a role in our summer planning, please let Tracy know. Join us for our Advisory Committee meeting on February 23, 6 p.m through Zoom.

Thoughts & Ideas

We have lots of ideas for both in-person and virtual camp options. It looks like the state 4-H office will be promoting their summer learning similar to last year. There may be some summer virtual camp options available from our state camping centers - but in person camp will definitely be happening. In-person options will be available on the county level, but also virtual. Field trips, creative sessions, Special Interest Clubs, and traditional classes are all options. What would you like to see take place? Share it in email to tracy_lecompte@ncsu.edu or join us at the Advisory Committee.

Summer Junior & Cloverbud Leaders

Youth ages 14-18 can apply to serve as Junior Leaders. Junior Leaders help to lead summer day classes throughout June, July and August. Other roles include daily office tasks such as phone calls, data entry, promotional items, social media and . May plan and implement entire classes with appropriate support and interest level. No minimum time requirements, no experience necessary. Youth serving over 60 hours will earn higher ranking for 4-H trip scholarships.

Youth ages 10-14 may serve as Cloverbud Leaders. These youth will be responsible for creating either a one hour Cloverbud session or a take home kit and video.

Summer Intern

Seeking someone 18+ to help manage logistics for our summer program. Will serve 2-4 hours a week in office, plus plan and instruct 4-5 day camps. Will manage Junior Leaders as appropriate, create evaluations for classes, file paperwork, make reminder phone calls, and computer registration program. Must be computer-savvy with good personal skills. Apply at the 4-H office or contact Tracy_lecompte@ncsu.edu Stipend may be available pending 4-H Foundation approval of funds.

Adult Volunteers

Seeking Adult Volunteers to help with instruction and implementation of 4-H Summer Fling Classes. If you have a passion for sharing your skills with the next generation, know of a great activity you want to share with youth or have a friend who would be great for this, please let us know at <https://forms.gle/5c4F76vTzFwKA6MGA>

Residential Camp

Registration is opening soon!

Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Center 7/4 - 7/9

Millstone 4-H Center 6/20- 6/25

Join us!

Advisory Committee - Summer Planning Meeting
February 23 - 6 p.m. at the 4-H Office

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR 4-H AGENT

January is a great time to reflect on last year with big hopes for this year. 4-H has a lot of tools to help you do that. You can also google things like: affirmation statements, vision boards, yearly planners, etc. If you need help, don't hesitate to ask!

Tracy

County Council

Outgoing & Incoming

2020 caused our County Council to work a little differently, but our teens have rebounded well. A big thank you to our outgoing officers: Ciela Crane, Kaylyn Belfield, Tess Sullivan and Emma Hogle for holding things together and helping where they could. We are excited to pass the torch to our incoming new officers: Kayla Anderson, Kimberly Lisk, Natalie Spears and Ireland Lowder.

February Service Project

The current and incoming officers invite you to share a little love this February. Cut out paper hearts and share them with your community. You can write uplifting messages or things you love about them. Talk with your family or 4-H club about where you could stick one where people will see your sentiment. Maybe your local store or a place you visit regularly could post them. Stick them on community boards. Send them in the mail to friends family members or even just to a resident at a local health facility. Collect a bunch and deliver them. Post your story on your social media using #4Hhearts and #cabco4H.

Sign Clean Up

Seeking families to clean an sort leftover political signs. They are stacked by the carport in the Extension Office parking lot. Need to be taken apart and sorted to store inside carport. See FB post or Tracy for details.

Club Updates

Club Reporters -

Please send club updates to

Tracy_lecompte@ncsu.edu

*Your Club
Info Here!
Submit by 1st of month!*

DISTRICT & STATE OFFICERS

Teens interested in running for a district or state 4-H office must submit their paperwork by Feb 1. See Tracy for more details.

NC 4-H HONOR CLUB

Each year, 0.5% of the state 4-H club members are eligible to join the honorable ranks of NC 4-H Honor Club. Check <https://nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/youth-3/4-h-teen-programs/nc-4-h-honor-club/> to see if you qualify. Applications are due Feb 1.

2021 ENROLLMENT

Thank you to everyone for their patience as we all anxiously await the reveal for 4-H Online 2.0. It was slated to debut on Jan 15, but the system is behind schedule. I am hopeful that we will be able to continue enrollment by Feb 1. There will be no impunity for not being enrolled at this time, so do not worry. Everyone can take part in 4-H activities as regularly scheduled. This does, however, limit communication. The Facebook Group and email are the preferred methods while 4-H Online is down.

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

NC 4-H offers a variety of scholarships for graduating High School seniors. The scholarship list can be found at

<https://nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/youth-3/4-h-awards-incentives-programs-2/>

See Tracy for more details.

All applications are due Feb 1.

See more info on our website

<https://cabarrus.ces.ncsu.edu/categories/4-h-youth-development/>



4-H Happenings

- January 30** - South Central Winter Enrichment
- February 1** - All state awards & scholarship applications are due!
- February 5-7** - NC 4-H Volunteer Leader's Conference
- February 8** - Achievement Night Kickoff: Photobooth
- February 9** - Achievement Night: 2019 Virtual Ceremony
- February 10** - Achievement Night: Volunteers & Group Award Celebrations Virtual Ceremony(pre-recorded)
- February 11** - Achievement Night: 2020 Projects & Presentations (pre-recorded)
- February 12** - County Achievement Night - LIVE Online event
- February 17** - Project Completion Club Meeting - 6-7 p.m.
- February 23** - 4-H Advisory Committee: 6 p.m.

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Presentations

As you plan, you may already know your presentation topic. Feel free to let Tracy know when you decide. A sign-up sheet will be kept on her office door.

County Activity Day - May 24-27 by appointment
 District Activity Day - June 25
 State Presentation Finals - July 17

Talent Show

Have a talent to share?
 Begin thinking about how you can share your talent via video!
 Email act description to tracy_lecompte@ncsu.edu

Keep an eye out for nc.4honline.com to go live. We hope it will be really soon!

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