

MARCH 2021

# GROWING UP GREEN

*Cabarrus County 4-H Newsletter*



## Preparing for Summer

There is something for everyone in our summer program! We love being able to offer a variety of experiences to meet the needs of our community.

**Cloverbuds (ages 5-7)**

Offering both residential and day camps for our youngest members allows us to fit a variety of needs and interests!

**Juniors (ages 8-13)**

The majority of our days camps focus on this age group. Residential Camp at Betsy Jeff Penn in Reidsville, NC is also available. From Rockets to Theater, Crafts to Robots, we have something for everyone. Light a new spark!

**Seniors (ages 14-18)**

Now accepting applications for Summer Leaders. See the Teen Section of our website at [cabarrus.ces.ncsu.edu/teens](http://cabarrus.ces.ncsu.edu/teens)

## Talent Show Video

Keep an eye out on Facebook and YouTube for our Talent Show Video Premier, Friday, March 19 at 6:00 p.m. Thank you to all who submitted a video!

Summer activities include classes, day camps, teen leadership, residential camps, and teen overnight experiences. Find your spark today!

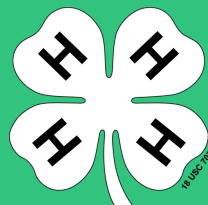
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## Preparing for District Activity Day

Cabarrus County offers a variety of competitions to prepare for District Activity Day (the great day once a year where all of our 4-H'ers from across our 19 county district come together to showcase their talents). Presentations & Public Speaking are held on County Activity Day. For 2021, some of these will be in person, while others will be video submission.

Age Classes include Cloverbud (5-7), 8-10, 11-13, 14-18.

### Presentations

Share your passion! Design a presentation or demonstration on your favorite things. Research on a specific topic and show what you know. Demonstrate how to do your favorite hobby. Showcase your collection. Ideas are limitless. Choose from 32 different categories, including an Open Class. Anything goes (must be school appropriate). Presentations can include technology, props, posters, and any visual aid. Limited to 6 ft. table space. Register in 4-H Online. Competition will be in person for county level and recorded for District and State.

### Char-Grill

Love to grill? Want to learn more? Have a favorite recipe to show off? Char-Grill is the perfect fit! A spin on traditional presentations, youth can present their knowledge of food safety and kitchen skills through a grilling competition. Youth will have space for a pop-up tent and all of their wares needed to showcase the recipe. Choose from turkey, beef, chicken or pork for recipes. Restrictions apply. See handbook. Cabarrus County may have competition depending on sign up. District competition is in person in Rowan County on June 25.

### Public Speaking

Youth may prepare 5-7 minute speeches on any topic. Speeches do not include any props, posters or visual aides.

Register in 4-H Online to secure your spot in the competition. County Activity Day will be in person by appointment May 24-27.



Now is the time to register for summer overnight experiences. Check them out on our website. Register at [go.ncsu.edu/registercabarrus](https://go.ncsu.edu/registercabarrus)



## THOUGHTS FROM YOUR 4-H AGENT

Spring is coming! How can you add some community service to your 4-H project? Do you see a neighborhood park that could use some cleaning up? How about the ditches around your house?

Bring ideas to your next club meeting. Service to others is what we in 4-H are all about. It could be as easy as helping deliver groceries or taking flowers to someone you know might need a smile.

Let your heart guide you!

*Tracy*

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## Expressive Arts

We are excited to showcase our Expressive Arts entries this year through partnerships with some businesses on Union Street. The artwork entered in the competition will be displayed in these Downtown Concord businesses during the first week of May. We hope to have lots of entries, so make your plan today!

## Categories

There are three age divisions: Cloverbud (5-7), Junior (8-13) and Senior (14-18). These are based on 4-H Age which is how old you were on January 1 of this year.

With over 25 categories, there is something for everyone, falling under four classes: Sewing, Art, Photography and Other. Art includes drawing, painting, sculpture and many different design categories including models, pottery, woodworking, edible creations and flowers.

Check out the full listing at [cabarrus.ces.ncsu.edu](https://cabarrus.ces.ncsu.edu)

Drop off your entries at the 4-H office by April 23.

Entries will need to be tagged upon arrival; please allow time to do so when dropping off.

Register for categories in 4-H Online. Check out <https://cabarrus.ces.ncsu.edu/local-competition/>

### Did you know?

**4-H develops job skills. Each year, NC 4-H offers the AIRE competition. It allows young people to complete an Application and Resume, participate in a video Interview and create a video essay to earn scholarships to attend national 4-H events!**

## HORSE SHOW ELIGIBILITY

To participate in 4-H Horse Shows, youth must document their eligibility by:

### Submit Local Request Form:

Youth use this form to document their participation from last calendar year to earn their eligibility. Select one activity from each category. We know the selection is limited for 2020, but do your best. FOR 2020 ONLY - activities from church, family and school may be used for any of the categories. Document how you used your head, heart and hands in 2020.

As long as you can give good reasons, the activity will be accepted.

### Request Eligibility Card from State:

Submit the google form found on <https://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/>

## AIRE

AIRE (Application, Interview, Resume & Essay) is our job skills competition to earn money towards National 4-H Trips. Open to 4-H'ers ages 11-18. See website for details. **LOCAL DEADLINE: June 1.**

**See more info on our website**

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

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# Mark Your Calendars!

March 19 - Talent Show Video Premier 6 p.m.  
March 25 - Livestock Club Kickoff Meeting  
March 23 - Cabarrus 4-H Foundation Meeting  
March 26-27 South Central District Teen Retreat  
April 20 - Talk it Out Tuesday Hosted by Youth Commission  
April 23 - County Council "Celebrating Family"  
April 23 - Expressive Arts Entries Due

## Livestock Club

Join us for a kickoff meeting for our livestock club. Email [tracy\\_lecompte@ncsu.edu](mailto:tracy_lecompte@ncsu.edu) for details.

March 25 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Zoom

## Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program

If you are interested in joining a competitive team to learn more about ecosystems and wildlife, please let Tracy know. Registration due April 5. Competition in person in Raleigh Apr. 17

Register for upcoming camps,  
classes and events at:  
<http://go.ncsu.edu/registercabarrus>

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