

GROWING UP GREEN

Cabarrus County 4-H Newsletter



County Happenings

Class of 2021

We love our seniors and are so proud of all of their hard work. Thank you for your dedication to our 4-H program and all that you do representing Cabarrus 4-H. May you take what you learned here with you along the way and make the best better as you blaze your new trail through the future. Best Wishes!

Club Meetings

Hooray! With the lifting of social distancing and group gathering limitations, many of our clubs are getting back to it. All clubs are welcome to continue to meet outside without masks. Your club may reach out to old meeting spaces to schedule upcoming meetings as meeting spaces are re-opening. Please let Tracy know if your club decides on a new meeting space so we can update the website, your club charter and let new members know.

What about COVID protocols?

NCSU guidelines consider 4-H clubs under the same umbrella of schools. In these current protocols, masks are REQUIRED while indoors in a 4-H group setting. This includes all indoor 4-H club meetings. In other situations, please use your best judgement. Contact tracy_lecompte@ncsu.edu for questions or concerns.

South Qualifying Horse Show

Cabarrus County 4-H'ers successfully participated in the South Qualifying Show at Lake Waccamaw May 14-16. To earn the ability to show at the State 4-H Horse Show, 4-H'ers must qualify at one of the district shows. We had Kickin' Tails, Fynnegan Farms and At-Large Club members compete, including many first year competitors. Way to go everyone! Congratulations!

Youth Commission

The Cabarrus County Youth Commission held their campfire banquet on May 7. Civically minded youth who attend High School in Cabarrus County can apply to serve a two year term at <https://cabarruscounty.us/resources/youth-commission>

Congratulations to our Class of 2021 Graduates! Xavier Bulla, Rachel Wilson, Erica Carl, Abby Shepardson, Riley Critchelow, Ciela Crane.

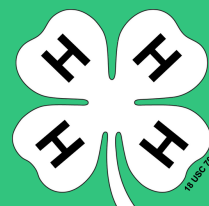
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New Programs

We are always open to discuss new program ideas! Adult and youth volunteer leaders are always needed. If you have an idea, we have the means to make it happen. Join others to make a leadership team or plug your family into the new or existing programs. 4-H is what you make of it! Thank you for stepping up to lead!

Poultry Judging & Avian Bowl

Our 2021 NCSU Summer Intern, Shelby Carroll and our Livestock Agent, Mackenzie Hall are excited to offer learning experiences for youth interested in chicken, geese, ducks, peafowl, turkey, quail and other fowl. All youth are welcome, competition for youth ages 8-18. Poultry Judging allows youth to compare eggs and meat according to the USDA quality standards. It is a great insight into food quality at the grocery store! Avian Bowl is a quiz show style competition covering all types of our feathered friends. Join us Wednesdays at the 4-H/Extension Office 4-5:30 p.m., starting with the June 2 kickoff.

Youth Market

It's Back! Seeking vendors to set up booths at the Youth Market. Join us for the Vendor Orientation on June 5th at 11:30 a.m. at the Winecoff Rd Piedmont Farmer's Market. Orientation is required for youth interested in being a vendor. Youth Market will be held monthly, dates TBD. See our website for more information. cabarrus.ces.ncsu.edu

Community Service

We still have a stack of elections signs to sort and go through. Join us on June 3rd from 5-8 p.m. to help get this done! If your family is able to help another time, check out our FB post for directions or email tracy_lecompte@ncsu.edu for more details. Come dress for outside work.



There are lots of upcoming programs from across the state. These are posted regularly on our Cabarrus County 4-H Facebook Group. Please join to keep informed.



THOUGHTS FROM YOUR 4-H AGENT

It's May! That means we will soon be half way through the year! Now is a great time to reflect on your project record: What is missing? What have you done? Where are those pictures? As school winds down and Awards Days are happening, don't forget to write down the your involvement and awards outside of 4-H. Many of you recently participated in art shows, horse shows and other competitions. Make sure to record these events and any awards you may have received. The best part is showcasing all of your hard work. Keep it up! Summer is coming - plan now how you can add to your project.

Tracy

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Summer Programs

This Summer will be a mix of in-person, virtual and hybrid opportunities. Check out our summer programs at go.ncsu.edu/cabarrus4hsummer. Thank you to all who have worked hard to make summer happen! Registration will be at go.ncsu.edu/registercabarrus

Overnight Residential Camp- Enjoy 6 days of traditional camping experience at Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Center in Reidsville, NC July 4-9 Registration \$450 Spots still available

Day Camps & SPIN Clubs- These great one-session classes or multiple session clubs are an easy way to explore a new interest. Lots of classes still have room: Art Appreciation, Theater, Minecraft, Geology, Rockets, Robots, Electricity, Photography, Jewelry & More!

NC 4-H Congress - Join us in-person as we attend the NC Virtual Congress. This state-wide teen leadership program allows for civic engagement, community service and workshops for professional development. Registration coming soon.

Citizenship Focus - This virtual state-wide program is perfect for those youth who have an idea for change that they want to make happen in their local communities.

Follow Cabarrus 4-H and NC 4-H on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube and TikTok for more upcoming programs.

Did you know?

May is the perfect time to add to your citizenship and civic engagement portion of your 4-H Project. How can you be more involved? Who makes decisions for your community and how can you be in the room where it happens? Meet those people, go to those places, show your support and be a pillar for change. Talk with your parents, 4-H leaders, club members and activate.

MEET OUR INTERN

Shelby Carroll joins our 4-H Staff this summer through the NCSU Summer Intern Program.

Shelby is a rising senior at Mt. Olive University studying Environmental and Natural Resources with a minor in Agriculture Business.

A graduate of Northwest Cabarrus High School, Shelby will bring her experience with judging and competitions to our 4-H program. She will be taking lead on many of our summer programs, as well as starting the Poultry Judging and Avian Bowl teams. Stop by and help us welcome Shelby!

ART ENTRIES

Thank you to Union Street Market, Buzz City Games, Goldberry Books, and Shoebeedo for displaying our art entries. They are being collected and will be available for pick up after May 25 from the office.

AMBASSADORS & AIRE

The NC Ambassadors program is a way for 4-H'ers to gain personal development skills while also serving our local 4-H program through community service and leadership. If you are currently working on a Ambassador Portfolio, they are due to Tracy by June 1, 2021.

AIRE portfolios are also due June 1. Send them to Tracy early for feedback or help with your resume, essay or interview preparations.

See more info on our website

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

Mark Your Calendars!

May 24, 25, & 27 - County Activity Day

May 27 - Livestock Club Meeting 6 p.m.

June 2 - Avian Bowl/Poultry Judging Kickoff 4 p.m.

June 4 - Livestock Judging Practice in Iredell 9-11 a.m.

June 3 - Sign Work Session 5-8 p.m.

June 5 - Youth Market Vendor Meeting 11:30

June 7 - Junior Leader Training 8:30 - 3:30

June 7 - Camp Orientation 6 p.m.

New Club Thoughts

We are actively planning new and exciting activities, currently including hiking and shooting sports. Keep up to date with all of our fun stuff on all of our social medias. Make sure your information is up to date in v2.4honline.com so you will get our most recent communications.

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

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