

GROWING UP GREEN

Cabarrus County 4-H Newsletter



Pictured Above: Left - 4-H'ers at the Youth Market showcase National 4-H Week, Youth help set up promotional booths at Tractor Supply Company for Paper Clover Campaign; Cabarrus & Mecklenburg State Fair Booth entry earns 3rd place; Abby Ragan participates in National 4-H Horse Judging as part of the NC team.

In the News

Veteran's Day is fast approaching. This is a great opportunity to put something special in your project record book towards the end of the year. Items listed in the Civic Engagement part show the judges that you are a well-rounded 4-H'er that cares about their community. Please think of how you can honor our Veteran's. Maybe send a card to a Veteran you know, have dinner with them, schedule time to visit a nursing home or the VA Hospital in Salisbury; these are all great ways to show you care.

This year's election for County Council officers will happen at our November County Council meeting. If you are ages 13-18 and have some ideas on how our 4-H program could meet the needs of our club members, we would love for you to apply to be an officer or co-officer. Please drop your applications at the office or bring them to County Council Meeting on November 2. This is a day off for schools, so please plan to join us at the office for County Council meeting at 3 p.m. We will hold elections and participate in flag retirement ceremony. This will be perfect to add to your 2021 4-H Project Record Book.

National 4-H Week Reflection

With National 4-H week 2021 in the books, we have lots of people to thank and spotlight! Congrats go to our talent showcase, Rachel Wilson, and all of the youth who were awarded state level awards! Way to go everyone! Thank you to everyone who helped set up items at our Tractor Supply Company stores. I firmly believe this will be our best Paper Clover Campaign ever! Please share our gratitude with the staff next time you visit a TSC store.

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Opportunities for Youth

Our 4-H program continue to grow and we are continually seeking new learning opportunities for youth to learn and develop both personally and professionally.

Shooting Sports Kickoff

Register in 4-H online to attend the first meeting of the shooting sports club on November 12. This is the perfect time to learn more about NC 4-H Shooting Sports and opportunities for your family.

Community Service

Join the crew for a community clean up event at Barber Scotia College. Bring your gloves and outdoor tools to pitch in from 10 am to 2 p.m. on October 29 and 30. See Facebook for registration.

Local Government

Local High School youth can join the Cabarrus County Youth Commission to take an active role in the community and learn more about what local government brings to their lives. Apply at <https://cabarruscounty.us/resources/youth-commission> Especially seeking members from J. M. Robinson, Homeschool, West Cabarrus & A. L. Brown.

Adult Volunteer Needs

With growing comes new needs for adult volunteers. If you have time, passion and energy to give to the program, we would love to have you. See Tracy if you are interested. Here are a few roles needed:

1. Livestock Club Leader
2. Entrepreneur Club Leader
3. Videographer & Editor

Cloverbud Club

Youth ages 5-8 are welcome to join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at the Cabarrus County Extension Center from 6-7 p.m. Youth participate in a short business meeting and a fun hands-on activity selected by members.

Serving our Veterans

The Cabarrus County Veterans Services operates a food pantry for our local veterans. Please consider donating hygiene and food items now and throughout the year. Cards can also be sent to the VA hospital in Salisbury, NC.

Teen Leadership

Teens interested in serving in local leadership positions can apply to serve as 2022 County Council Officers. Applications due at the next County Council Meeting on Nov. 2 at 3 p.m.

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR 4-H AGENT

As the Autumn leaves fall and we celebrate all the things to be thankful for, keep in mind your elderly neighbors. Offer to rake the leaves, cut the grass or decorate for the holidays to make your neighborhood just a bit more neighborly.

Tracy

OCTOBER 2021

Volunteer Leaders

North Carolina State Volunteer Leaders Association Conference

Save the date for 2/4-2/5 for the conference at the Hilton Durham by Duke University. Many registration options. Great workshops, networking opportunities and a good getaway. Scholarships for registration available.

Nominate your best!

Want to make a special surprise for your favorite volunteer leader! Work with Tracy to nominate them for a state volunteer award.

Upcoming Local Workshops

South Central District 4-H Volunteer Leader's Fall Day

Saturday, November 6, 2020 9:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
Registration \$10 by November 2. In Person in Lillington, NC or Virtually.
<https://forms.gle/mSnqKPEpM1EQIH379>

This one day leadership conference is the perfect way to get started with your volunteer involvement. Meet volunteers from our 19 county district and build your network for ideas, problem solving and best practice sharing for your club and activities.

Did you know?

November is Homeless Youth Awareness Month and contains National Hunger Awareness week. In 2019-2020, over 540 youth identified as homeless in our school systems. They are our friends, neighbors and family members. I challenge you to find a program in your school, community or neighborhood that is working to lift up our neighbors and give them an hour of your time in the next month. We all have many reasons for which to be thankful.

SUMMER CAMP

Now might be the best time to start planning for summer camps! Does your youth want to go to camp? Why not gift them camp for an upcoming celebration - Birthday, Christmas, etc? Summer Camps come in all sizes - from Cloverbuds to Shooting Sports - there is something for everyone. Talk with Tracy about reserving your spot with a \$100 deposit today!

GALACTIC QUEST STEM PROJECT

The 2021 4-H STEM Challenge revolves space exploration. Developed by Clemson Cooperative Extension, it includes activities that teaches kids ages 8-14 STEM skills. To check out a kit for 2 weeks, please contact beverly_bollenbecker@ncsu.edu. Kits are also available for purchase through shop4-h.org.

COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICERS

I encourage all teens to run for County Council office. You will be great at it! You will work as part of a team; you get to choose your role and when you want to speak up. Great for adding some leadership to your project record! Apply today.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

There are outbound and inbound opportunities for youth to travel and host families in 2022. Applications are due soon, so check out the great places involved. <https://nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/youth-3/nc-4-h-international-exchange-program/>

See more info on our website

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

Mark Your Calendars!

Oct 29-30 - Community Clean Up Event Barber Scotia

November 2 - County Council Meeting 3 p.m.

Nov 7- SC VLA Fall Day

November 12 - Shooting Sports Club Kickoff

November 13 - Youth Market Holiday Happenings

November 20 - Make it with Wool Competition

4-H "Move"mber

Get outside for at least 60 minutes for at least 4 weeks in November. Add this to your Healthy Lifestyles 4-H project or make your own fun challenge between you and your fellow club members.

More info for upcoming camps, classes and events at:
<https://go.ncsu.edu/cabarrus4hevents>

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