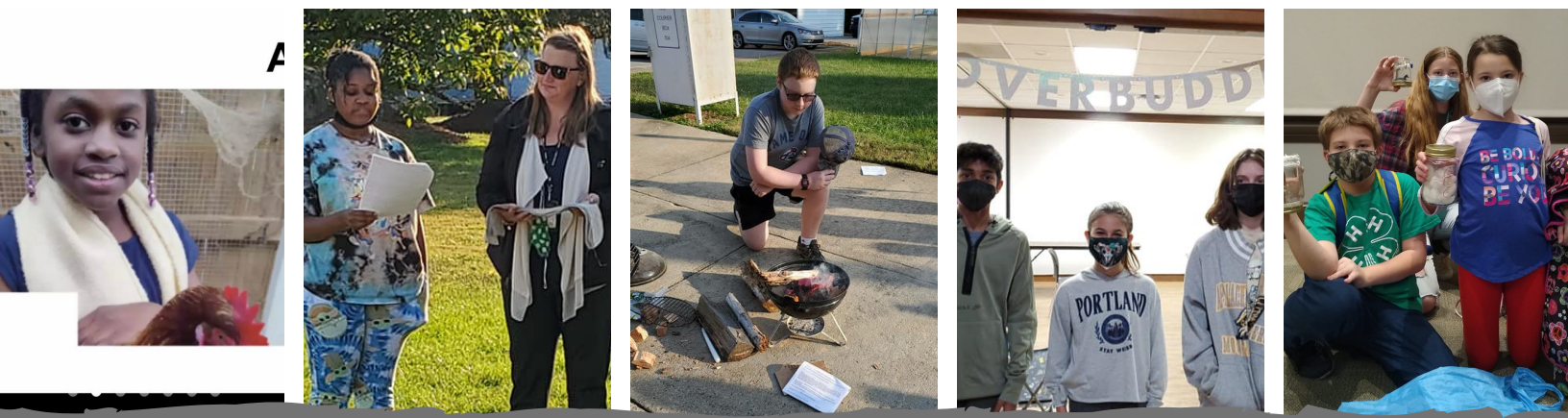


GROWING UP GREEN

Cabarrus County 4-H Newsletter



Pictured Above: Left & Right - Amani wins 3rd place in the Eggcellent Egg Contest; 4-H'ers retire flag at County Council Meeting (picture 2 and 3); Cloverbuddy leaders; Creative Minds Homeschool Club make snowglobes!

In the News

Thank you to all of those who helped us support 4-H at Tractor Supply Company's Paper Clover. We are anxiously awaiting our final numbers!

Congratulations to our participants in one of our newest competitions, the Eggcellent Egg Competition. We had three 4-H'ers participate: Arwyn Samimy, Atalie Cobb, and Amani Arrington-Bostic. Congrats to all who participated! Members submitted their best 2 dozen eggs from their backyard flocks after participating in workshops learning about egg quality and judging. Amani earned 3rd place in the Junior Category! Way to go!

At the November County Council meeting, new officers were elected for 2022. Please join me in congratulating:

President - Natalie Spears	Vice President - Meredith Scott
Secretary - Kimberly Lisk	Reporter - Hadi Abdul

CC Adult Liaison/Advisory - Jenn Scott
CC Programs Coordinator - Jocelyn Smilie
Adult Volunteer Association
Co-Chair: Melinda Pavelyev & Rachel Weston
Social Director: Tah-Tah Spears

The next County Council Meeting will be on January 6. We are planning to do this in person!! There will be a registration for those who want to attend in person as we will be limited in numbers. Business will include Project turn in, Achievement Night invitations and 2022 goals.

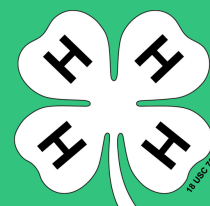
IN THIS ISSUE

**SEEKING NEW
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**PROJECT WORK
SESSIONS**

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIPS



Heart To Greater Loyalty

As the new year approaches, many of us seek new opportunities to serve. Grow your loyalty to the clover by serving in a new role. How can you help?

Advisory Committee

Seeking adults and youth to serve a one-year term. Group will meet three times annually to discuss future plans and directions for our county 4-H program.

December Meeting - Plan Calendar Year - schedule for December 13, 6 p.m. at Extension Center*

January Meeting - Plan Summer Events

September Meeting - Plan School Year Events

**Current and newly elected officers are automatically invited to this committee*

Fair Committee

Seeking youth and adults to serve May through September, meeting at least three times to design, plan, create, and implement the 4-H Fair Booth. Committee is asked to work at least one night in the booth at the Cabarrus County Fair.

Achievement Night Committee

Youth and adults help to plan and direct all parts of the Cabarrus County 4-H Achievement Night. Committees include food, decorations and awards. Committee chair and special assignment duties are available. Meeting is scheduled for December 28 at 6 p.m. at the Extension Center.

Summer Camp Coordinator

Seeking an adult to help organize paperwork and track submissions and payments. 1-2 hours per week from May to July. Includes a FREE trip to join us at camp - a great place to disappear for a week! (must be approved volunteer)

Congress Team Leaders

Seeking 4 adults to help organize paperwork and track submissions and payments. 1-2 hours per week from May to July. Includes discounted registration to NC 4-H Congress (must be approved volunteer) Will have supervisory role.

Head to Greater Thinking

4-H offers multiple options to expand your knowledge about livestock, dairy, poultry and horse. Join a team or start your own today! Let Tracy know you are interested.

Horse Bowl, Hippology Contest and Horse Judging -

Coaches: Kristen Kaus & Laura Harper

Avian Bowl - seeking coaches and teammates

Dairy Judging - seeking coaches and teammates

Youth Market

The Cabarrus County 4-H Foundation is proud to partner with the Piedmont Farmer's Market at Winecoff to offer a Holiday Market featuring all of your favorite goodies special to this time of year. Markets will 9 a.m. - noon on December 4 and December 11. Contact kimberlykayhunter@gmail.com for more information.

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR 4-H AGENT

Health care facilities can be a lonely place at the holidays. Think about how your family and your 4-H club could bring a little cheer to an otherwise humbug atmosphere. Check for COVID precautions and procedures before project.

Tracy

Volunteer Leaders

North Carolina State Volunteer Leaders Association Conference

Save the date for 2/5-2/6 for the conference. Virtual event includes workshops, business meetings, networking events, online auction, and professional development. Registration \$30.

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.

Paperwork Update

NCSU has approved background checks to be valid for 3 years. If yours is expiring as of Jan 2022, you will receive a letter in the mail with directions on how to update it. Questions? Let Tracy know.

Financial Audits

If your club has a checking account, please take a few minutes to organize your bank statements and financial records. An official audit packet will be sent to the adult on record with fiscal responsibilities. Please complete these as soon as possible and return to Tracy. If your club has closed its account, please submit closure paperwork.

Club Corner



Submitted by Ethan Smilie, Creative Minds Homeschool Club.
Please send club updates to Tracy_lecompte@ncsu.edu

ADULTS & VOLUNTEERS

Our 4-H volunteers, parents and community adults are a special bunch! They have really stepped up lately and we are excited to grow the Volunteer Leader's Association. Be on the lookout for VLA meeting dates as well as fun 4-H Social Nights, especially for our adult members!

END OF YEAR DATA

Make sure you and all of your club members are enrolled in 4-H Online for 2021. Your profiles will roll over for 2022, but you will need to re-enroll AFTER January 20 to stay active. Make sure your data is all up to date!

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

The Cabarrus County 4-H Foundation is proud to offer a variety of awards for clubs and individuals. As you wrap up your project records, please be thinking about how else you and your club could be recognized!

The Cabarrus County 4-H Foundation sponsors the awards for project records, portfolios and presentations at the local level. These awards are "4-H Credits" that can be used toward any 4-H event or as reimbursement for 4-H related expenses. See a board member for more details!

Applications and entries are due January 5th at the County Council meeting. Please check out the website at <https://cabarrus.ces.ncsu.edu/4-h-local-awards-and-incentives-2/>

See more info on our website
<https://cabarrus.ces.ncsu.edu/categories/4-h-youth-development/>

Mark Your Calendars!

December 4 - Youth Market

December 11 - Youth Market

December 13 - Cabarrus 4-H Planning Committee

December 28 - Achievement Night Planning Committee

January 6 - County Council/VLA Meeting

All Projects & Forms Due

January 7 - Volunteer Leader's Association Social

Renewing Time!

In January, ALL 4-H members, adult and youth, will need to renew their enrollment in 4-H online. If you haven't already enrolled - please do so to be counted in the 2021 4-H membership.
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Join our Facebook Group for more information about upcoming events!

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