

GROWING UP GREEN

Cabarrus County 4-H Newsletter



Meet Your New 4-H Extension Agent

Hi! I'm Molly Kleman, your new extension agent. I am so excited to be here and to start working with the youth, volunteers, the community of Cabarrus County. This is the start of my third week and I have already been able to meet so many wonderful people at club meetings, events, and in the office. Together we will continue to build this program and "make the best better"!

A little about me: I come from the University of Mount Olive and served as the Director of Housing at the university. I have my undergraduate and master's degrees from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. I graduated with my bachelor's degree in Social Work in 2015 and my Master's degree in Education in College Student Personnel in 2020. I grew up in Ohio highly involved in 4-H where I was a tenure member. Some of the projects I was involved with were swine, sheep, cattle, and participated in sewing projects. During my free time, I enjoy crafting, exploring new places, trying new recipes, and hanging out with family and friends.

When you stop by the office please feel free to say Hi! I will be making my way to club meetings in the next month or so. I look forward to all the fun activities that are planned this summer. Don't be afraid to reach out with any questions.

Molly

4-H'ers are keeping busy! Photos Left to Right: We have 42 classrooms hatching eggs, 2022 4-H Entertains Talent Show participates, and Caleb Smilie showcasing his talent playing the piano.

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All of these competitions take place at County Activity Day. This year, we will be hosting them in-person at the County Extension Center May 26th during assigned time slots. Registration is at v2.4honline.com

Rules and Regulations can be found at <https://nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/youth-3/4-h-awards-incentives-programs-2/>

Presentations

Presentations - Share your passion! Design a presentation or demonstration of 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 by May 1. Live animals, any type of firearm, or knife/bow are prohibited to be used for presentations.

Public Speaking

Public Speaking - Youth may prepare 5-7 minute speeches on any topic. Speeches do not include any props, posters or visual aides. Select Public Speaking in 4-H Online registration to participate.

District Activity Day

The district competition will be in person on June 18th. The top two from each category and age group will be invited to compete at District Activity Day on June 18 at Highland Middle School located at 345 Highland School Rd Sanford, NC 2733.

Char-Grill

Char-Grill will be held in person on June 18th, 2022 at District Activity Day on June 18 at Highland Middle School located at 345 Highland School Rd Sanford, NC 2733. Those interested in competing in Char-Grill will work individually with 4-H Agent as we are new to this program. Happy Grilling!



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

Spring is a great time to do some cleaning. Help your neighbors, friends and families to shake off those "Winter Blues" by spending time with them and helping them with whatever they need. We can all use a little more help from our friends. Now is a great time to reflect on your 4-H project. Is everything on track? What have you completed and what do you still need to do? Keeping up with things, writing them down and keeping them organized is a life skill we all must take time to do. Happy Spring!

Molly

APRIL 2022

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 ages 8-14 July 10 - July 15 Registration \$450

Day Camps & SPIN Clubs- These great one-session classes or multiple session clubs are an easy way to explore a new interest.

NC 4-H Congress - This year congress will be in person July 16- July 19. This state-wide teen leadership program allows for civic engagement, community service and workshops for professional development. Registration \$450

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.



COUNTY COUNCIL 2022

The 2022 Cabarrus County Council Officer Team consists of:

President - Natalie Spears
Vice President - Meredith Scott
Secretary - Kai Lisk
Reporter - Hadi Abdul
County Council Adult Liaison - Jenn Scott
County Council Program Coordinator - Amber Hyatt-Lisk

What is County Council?

This group meets regularly throughout the year bringing all of our 4-H'ers from across the county together to learn, share and grow. All enrolled 4-H club members and at-large members are welcome to attend.

What happens at the meetings?

Generally these meetings happen on county due dates (Project Records, Expressive Arts, etc). A business meeting will take place first where each club is able to give an update on what they have been doing since the last County Council meeting. The meeting is led by the County Council Officers. Special activities are available for Cloverbuds during the long part of the meeting. After the business meeting, there will be a program activity for everyone. This program is planned and presented by the County Council Officers.

When is the next County Council Meeting?

May 19, 2022 a Family "Monte Carlo" night in collaboration with VLA!

October 7, 2022 at 6 pm. In-Person at 715 Cabarrus Avenue West.
Program: Family Movie Night

What will happen at the next County Council Meeting?

We will have our business meeting and then we will enjoy a Family Movie Night in collaboration with the Volunteer Leader Association (VLA).

See more info on our website

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

Mark Your Calendars!

April 29 - Cabarrus Foundation Pot-A-Pit Fundraiser
April 30 -May 9 - Expressive Arts Display - Downtown Concord
April 27-May 7 - Paper Clover Campaign
May 1 Presentation Topics Due in 4-H Online.
May 10 - Cabarrus 4-H Foundation Meeting
May 13-15 South Qualifying 4-H Horse Show
May 26 County Activity Day

YEN Club

Young Entrepreneur of Now

We are currently looking for a Leader to lead the YEN 4-H Club. This club will focus on young entrepreneur's and building their brand. This club currently is involved with youth market which happens the first Saturday of each month. Reach out to 4-H agent Molly if you are interested in helping out.

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

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PORT-A-PIT

Chicken BBQ-Fundraiser
Cabarrus County 4-H Foundation
Friday, April 29 11am-2pm

Advanced Purchase Required Online

Tickets can be purchased at
<https://sites.google.com/ncsu.edu/cabarrus4-hfoundation/home>