

GROWING UP GREEN

Cabarrus County 4-H Newsletter



County Happenings

Class of 2023

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. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors. Best Wishes! If you missed the senior spotlight form please complete by June 9th.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBXSb5eXKKB84VmoJed_-J0dgKouFFrg7onSHR5pidI35TeQ/viewform

Club Meetings

4-H clubs are continuing to meet each month. The summer is a great time to regroup and recharge. The programs the clubs are hosting are outside the box and engaging the youth. Keep up the great work! Please let Molly know if your club decides on a new meeting space so we can update the website, your club charter and let new members know. Please ensure all your members are registered on 4-H Online.

South Qualifying Horse Show

Cabarrus County 4-H'ers successfully participated in the South District Qualifying Horse Show at Lake Waccamaw in May. Youth earn the ability to show at the State 4-H Horse Show, 4-H'ers must qualify at on 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 banquet on April 24th. 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>

Fair Planning Meeting

The fair will be here before we know it and we are excited to start planning! We will have a planning meeting in the near future. Educational booth topics will need to be submitted by August 21st to Molly for your club. If you have questions please reach out.

Left to Right: Piedmont Rabbit Project, County Council Flag making, Cloverbud end of the year party, and 2023 Horse judging winners.

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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

Our Livestock Agent, Mackenzie Hall and Intern Tom are excited to offer learning experiences for youth interested in chicken, geese, ducks, peafowl, turkey, quail and other fowl again this year. 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! Join Mackenzie and Tom Tuesday's from 5-6pm for practices at the 4-H/Extension Office. State competition is July 18th&19th in Raleigh.

Piedmont Rabbit Project

4-H'ers had the opportunity to borrow rabbits from a local farm to raise, train, and to learn to show. These youth have had their rabbits for about 6 weeks and showed them on Saturday, May 6th. Participants attended educational zoom sessions to learn how to care and show their rabbits. The youth have also been working with Agents Mackenzie and Molly to increase their showmanship skills. This has been a great opportunity to learn showmanship, care for a rabbit, and try a new experience. Congraduations to all the winners and we hope you learned something new! We hope you join us again next year!



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 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. This is 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.

Molly

MAY 2023

Summer Programs

This Summer will be doing all summer programs in person at a variety of locations. Check out our summer programs at

<https://cabarrus.ces.ncsu.edu/2023/03/cabarrus-4-h-summer-fling/>. 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 9-14 Registration \$525 spots are limited and scholarships are available.

Day Camps & SPIN Clubs- These great one-session classes or multiple session clubs are an easy way to explore a new interest. Classes include Pokemon SPIN Club, Wildlife Camp, Make It and Take It, Electric Camp, Small Acts of Kindness, Farm to Table and so much more! Register at go.ncsu.edu/registercabarrus

NC 4-H Congress - This state-wide teen leadership program allows for civic engagement, community service and workshops for professional development. Registration is open at go.ncsu.edu/registercabarrus Cost is \$400.

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.

7 FUN FACTS ABOUT THE SUMMER INTERN!

We are excited to welcome Thomas, Tom, Dollyhite out summer intern! Tom will be a junior this coming fall at NC State. Tom's favorite thing to do in his free time is to spend time with his family, friends, and my dog, Cleo. Tom is looking forward to learning more about the different activities and all the different clubs that 4-H has to offer.

Fun Facts

- Tom have a rod in my leg from where I broke it
- Tom used to play soccer in High school
- Tom was president of my high school's FFA chapter
- Tom's favorite color is orange
- Tom likes ice cream, his favorite is chocolate
- Tom likes the home button on his phone and that why I don't want a newer one
- Tootsie rolls are the best candy



ART ENTRIES

Thank you to the Cabarrus Art Council for displaying our art entries this year. We also want to thank them for host our 2023 4-H Entertains competition. They are being collected and will be available for pick up. Don't forget you can enter your work in the Cabarrus County Fair. The fair offers premium money for those who place 1st-3rd, along with ribbons and other prizes! Showcase your local work in the fair and earn money for your next activity or adventure.

See more info on our website

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

Mark Your Calendars!

- June 5th - AIRE Deadline 5pm
- June 2-4 - NC 4-H Honor Club Conference
- June 6th - Project Record Book Work Session 6:30pm
- June 13th - Homestead in the City Meeting
- June 15th - NC 4-H Ambassador Due to County 4-H Staff
- June 10th - Youth Market
- June 17th- South Central District Activity Day - Rowan
- June 20th - Camp Orientation Meeting
- June 21st-22nd Citizenship Focus
- June 30th - 4-H State Presentation Deadline

Meet Intern Emily

We are excited to welcome Emily Mullis as another Summer intern in the office! Emily is a senior at Wingate University. She will be in the office in the mornings Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays! We are so excited to have her here with us this summer!

Fun Facts About Emily

- From Concord
- Loves Popcorn
- She is a triplet (2 boys and 1 girl)
- She has 5 dogs
- She loves cows!
- Her favorite color is purple!

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

NC State University and NC A&T State University commit themselves to positive action to secure equal opportunity and prohibit discrimination and harassment regardless of age, color, disability, family and marital status, genetic information, national origin, political beliefs, race, religion, sexual identity (including pregnancy) and veteran status. NC State, NC A&T, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and local governments cooperating.

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SOUTHEAST DAIRY YOUTH RETREAT

July 9-12, 2023 | Statesville, NC

Monday :

Dairy Foods Workshop
Leadership Skills
Creamery Tour and
Judging Workshop

Tuesday :

Lazy5 Ranch Tour
Research Station Tour
and lunch
Dinner and Barn Dance

Wednesday :

Dairy Plant and
Farm Tours
Fun Day @ Arcade
and Race Track

Thursday:

Wrap up, check out
and "See Ya Next
Time!"

[Click here to register](#)