



Winter 2013

Forsyth County 4-H

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4-H SCHOLARSHIPS AND 4-H HONOR CLUB APPLICATIONS

4-H Scholarships for college freshmen and upper classmen should be emailed to 4H@forsyth.cc by 5 PM on January 16th for proofreading. You can download the updated applications from the following url: <http://www.nc4h.org/youth/4-h-awards-incentives-programs>. See corresponding sections for Scholarships and Honor Club Applications. There are parts of the application that cannot be emailed (your transcript) so it is

recommended that you hand deliver those by Monday, January 28th. You only need to submit one copy of the sealed transcript, but other documents require four copies. Mrs. April and Mrs. Kathy will make copies of the final emailed materials. The 4-H Honor Club is for those 4-H members age 16-21 that have excelled in their 4-H career. Only a small percentage of 4-H'ers are accepted. 4-H Scholarships are for entering college freshmen.

4-H PRESENTATIONS

Forsyth County 4-H Presentation and Public Speaking competition will be held on Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30 PM at the Forsyth County Extension Center. The top two winners in each age category in every subject category will advance to district competition to be held at NC A&T State University on March 23rd. You

must register for the county competition by February 26th at 5pm. Please visit <http://forsyth.ces.ncsu.edu/2012%204-H%20Presentation%20Information/> to register and for category descriptions, rules, etc. Please contact Mrs. April at april_bowman@ncsu.edu or 703-2855 to schedule a time for help with your presentation.



GRANT AVAILABLE

Youth-led Groups: Youth Grantmakers in Action Wants Your Grant Applications! Youth Grantmakers in Action (YGA) of The Winston-Salem Foundation is a diverse group of young people from across Forsyth County that come together to gain leadership experience, represent teens in their community, voice their opinions and make grants to youth-directed projects that address community issues and challenges in Forsyth County. YGA is currently seeking grant applications that fulfill these basic requirements: project must have a positive impact on

youth in Forsyth County, be completed by July 15th, 2013; and planned and carried out by a group of youth, the majority of which should be between 13 and 18 years old. Each group must have an adult ally/advisor and a sponsoring organization. This sponsoring organization can be a community group or school. The Foundation is offering a **grantseekers workshop on January 9th at WSF offices**. You can find more detail in the application forms online. **The application deadline is 5:00 pm on January 18th!**

MR. DON RETIRING

Many of you know Mr. Don Mebane who works ½ time as a 4-H Agent and ½ time with the Community Resource Development Program. After 36 years of service with NC Cooperative Extension, he has announced his retirement. March 28th will be his last day in the office and even then we plan to have him helping with the plant sale!

TRAILBLAZER 4-H CLUB UPDATE

The Trailblazer 4-H Club has had a very busy Fall! In addition to our monthly meetings at Kerner Ridge Assisted Living we had many members who entered projects in the Dixie Classic Fair. Our club entered a Christmas Tree and a Booth at the Fair. Our Snowman Christmas Tree won 2nd place and our kid decorated booth won 4th place!

Many of the Trailblazers helped sell Clovers at the Tractor Supply Company to help raise money for 4-H. Ms. Karen entered a photo of a group of us into a contest---and it won! We received money to spend at the 4-H Mall. We bought supplies for our club and a gift for each clubber and then used the rest to purchase items to add to Operation Christmas Child boxes. We helped the Teen Trailblazers send 50 boxes to OCC. We are sending a photo to Tractor Supply Company with our group holding the items we bought with our award money.

Our November meeting was VERY busy. We held our 2013 club officer elections. We made crafts to give to the residents of Kerner Ridge. Our Planning Committees met to plan our Kerner Ridge Thanksgiving Social. We discussed setting goals for 2013---we are proud that the current 4-H State President,

Nathan Barrick used to be in our club. We talked about how he probably set goals when he was our age. At the end of our meeting, Nathan stopped by to take a photo with our club.

We held our Thanksgiving Social at Kerner Ridge the week after Thanksgiving. We played games and served Thanksgiving food to the residents. We played Thanksgiving trivia and bingo. Each resident told us what they are thankful for and what their favorite Thanksgiving food is. We handed out Thanksgiving door prizes that had decorated the tables. We are looking forward to getting together with the residents for Christmas in a few weeks. We will give them the craft we made and sing carols and have a live nativity scene!

Bryna Phagan, Trailblazer 4-H Club Reporter



4-H TALENT SHOW ENTRIES

The 4-H Talent Show (both performing and non-performing) and Fashion Revue will be held on Tuesday, February 12th at 6:30 PM. Entries are due on Tuesday, February 5th. Complete the form below or email this information to 4H@forsyth.cc.

Youth Name: _____ **Age (as of 1/1/13):** _____

Club Name: _____ **Email:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Performing Act (up to two). List title and type of act.

(ex. "Amazing Grace" - Singing)

Title	Description (Piano, singing, dance)
1.	
2.	

Non-Performing Act (up to two). List Title and type of act.

(ex. "The Rose" – pencil sketch)

Title	Description (photo, sculpture, etc.)
1.	
2.	

Fashion Revue (an article of clothing or outfit you sewed yourself to be worn and modeled)

(ex. Shirt, blouse, skirt, pants, dress, etc.)

1.

List Special Equipment Needed: (Piano, microphone, chair, music stand, c.d. player, etc.)

4-H VOLUNTEER LEADERS CONFERENCE

4-H volunteers are encouraged to attend the annual NC 4-H Volunteer Leader's Conference between Duham and Raleigh February 1, 2 and 3rd. If you register before January 11 the cost for the entire weekend is \$140 (and does not include your hotel room). Registration for Saturday only is \$95 if you register early. This is a

great time to network with other 4-H volunteers, and gain new information that can help you, help your 4-H members. Workshops will be released in early January as will a brand new registration site called cvent where volunteers can register themselves using their credit card. There are a limited number of

scholarships with priority given to new club leaders. Transportation will not be available this year from the extension office, but carpooling might be an option. Please email or call April if you would like more information at april_bowman@ncsu.edu or 703-2855.



NCD 4-H wants to Sock It To 'Em



Together let's help keep our military
men and women in clean socks!

We are collecting clean, white
tube socks for the troops

*** We ask that all socks be at least 70% cotton! ***

Donation Drop Off:

Forsyth Extension Center, or at
any North Central District event
between now and April 5, 2013!

For more information contact:

April Bowman, april_bowman@ncsu.edu

703-2855 or

Meaghan Gerring, Alamance County 4-H'er

at mng4-h@live.com



4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

Everyone is invited to attend 4-H Achievement Night on Tuesday, February 5th at 6 PM at the Forsyth County Extension Center for a special recognition ceremony of all of our 2012 events and activities and a free meal. Wear your finest attire and join us for the Emerald Clover Awards. Please RSVP by Tuesday, January 22nd so that we know how many meals and programs are needed.

Join us for the Emerald Clover Awards!

Forsyth County's 4-H Achievement Awards
Tuesday, February 5th, 2013 at 6pm
At the Forsyth County Agriculture Building



RSVP by Tuesday,
January 22, 2013

Wear your finest
apparel (don't buy
anything new!)

Menu: Roasted Chicken
with Vegetables

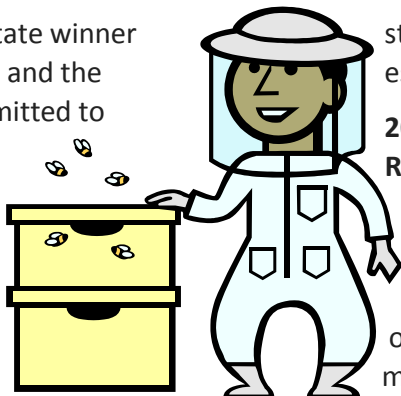
Emcee: State 4-H
President and Forsyth
County 4-H Member,
Nathan Barrick

For accommodations for
persons with disabilities,
please contact Kathy
Hepler at 336-703-2850
no later than 5 days before
the event.

North Carolina State University and North Carolina A&T State University commit themselves to positive action to secure equal opportunity regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex, age, veteran status, or disability. In addition, the two Universities welcome all persons without regard to sexual orientation

BEEKEEPING ESSAY

The North Carolina state winner receives a \$50 award and the winning essay is submitted to the national contest through the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees. If selected as a national winner, 1st place is \$750, 2nd is \$500 and 3rd is \$250. Our state essay topic and judging criteria follow the national program. Please see the announcement below for the topic and essay guidelines.



state winning 2012
essay!

**2013 Essay Topic:
Reducing the Usage of
Bee-Killing Pesticides
in my Community**

Pesticides are a fact of modern life, but misuse or overuse of pesticides, or making poor choices when selecting and applying pesticides can be devastating to honey bees and other pollinators. The 4-H'ers are encouraged to learn about bee-killing pesticides being used in their communities – by homeowners, businesses, or farmers. Then, they should investigate how the impact of those pesticides on honey bees can be lessened.

The scope of the research is an

essential judging criterion, accounting for 40% of your score. The number of sources consulted, the authority of the sources, and the variety of the sources are all evaluated.

Personal interviews with beekeepers, farmers and others familiar with the subject are valued sources of information and should be documented. Sources, which are not cited in the endnotes, should be listed in a "Resources" or "Bibliography" list.

Even if dated 2012, all rules still apply: <http://ipm.ncsu.edu/4-H/essay.html>

National Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees: <http://honeybeepreservation.org/2012/05/2013-essay-contest-topic/>

State beekeeping essays are due January 25, 2013. Please send all essays **ELECTRONICALLY** to April Bowman at april_bowman@ncsu.edu.

Congratulations to 4-H'er, Gabby Venturini, of Wilkes County on her

DISTRICT 4-H OFFICERS

If you are interested in running for a district 4-H office, you must be nominated at our January 8th County Council meeting. You may run for President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer or Reporter. You must be at least fourteen years old and have been an active 4-H'er for at least two years to be nominated. If elected, you must attend NC 4-H Congress, Teen Retreat, State Council Conference, the 4-H Lifetime Achievement awards in April, District Activity Day, as well as district council officer planning meetings.

4-H CLUB and INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

4-H clubs and individuals are encouraged to do a write-up on how they have implemented the State Project theme of "Revolution of Responsibility" this year. Entries are due January 25th. Last year there were ONLY TWO individual entries and three 4-H club entries in the entire STATE so start writing! There is no application for this award—please write (handwritten or typed) at least 3 pages explaining how you participated in the State 4-H Project this year. There is no formal application form to fill out. To enter, please put your awards, story, pictures, articles or supporting information together in a folder. On the outside of the folder specify if it is an Individual or a Club/Group

awards application. Applications will be awarded as Individual, Club/Group and County: Gold, Silver and Bronze Winners. State Winners will be the best of the Individual, best of the Club/Group, and best of the County applications.

In addition, clubs are encouraged to enter the 4-H Club Community Service Award. They are also due January 25th and can be found at <http://www.nc4h.org/uploads/documents/publications/forms/2003commservrecord.pdf>.



CIA 4-H CLUB UPDATE

The CIA 4-H club has been busy the past two months. At our meeting in November, we made 50 Christmas cards for nursing home residents. The band also practiced Christmas songs to perform in December. Instead of meeting in December, the CIA club went Christmas caroling at Kindred Care and The Danby House. The residents enjoyed singing along to familiar songs like "Jingle Bells", "Frosty the Snowman", "Joy to the World" and many more. Some of the instruments used were guitar, mandolin, piano, penny whistle, bass fiddle, saxophone and bongos. Our club is looking forward to more musical opportunities in the new year.

Respectfully submitted by Sidney Hooker

SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS POLICY REMINDER

As a reminder, we offer 4-H "scholarship dollars" every time you participate in a competitive event. The dollars that you earn are put into a ledger and tracked so that you can pay for 4-H registration fees or be reimbursed for 4-H Project expenses. In order to be reimbursed, you must submit your original receipt within three months of the purchase. We request that you don't have any other purchases on your receipt. In addition, in order to receive funds, you must sell \$25 worth of plants for the annual 4-H Plant Sale held in March. The complete policy is on-line at http://forsyth.cc/ces/4-H/Documents/Scholarship_Dollars_Policy.pdf. This is a GREAT way to earn money to help pay for 4-H expenses!



POWER POINT CLASS

We have had some interest in holding a Power Point class to help youth ages 9-18 prepare for 4-H presentations. Our county Management Information Systems department is willing to offer these classes for us in the computer lab of the Forsyth County Government Building (if we do it during regular working hours).

We are looking at Thursday January 31, from 3-5. If you are interested please email 4H@forsyth.cc or call Mrs. Kathy at 703-2852 with the following information as soon as possible:

Name: _____

Age: _____

____ Yes I could attend on January 31st

____ No, I cannot attend, but would like to. _____ is a better day/time of the week for me (list all that apply).

I have (check all that apply): _____ PowerPoint 2003
_____ Power Point 2007
_____ Power Point 2010
_____ LIST Other (ie. Google Drive Presentations)

TRAILBLAZER TEENS 4-H CLUB UPDATE

It's been a busy few months for the Trailblazer Teens. We kicked off fall with working on our Dixie Classic Fair Booth. The fair booth's theme this year was 'The Revolution of Responsibility', our booth was Revolutionary War related. The Teen's placed second on the fair booth. Again this year, the Teen's had the opportunity to participate in the trash pick-up at the fairgrounds. Earlier in the year, the Teen's won a \$500 grant for our ongoing Hungry to Help project

with the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission. Since then we have put the money to use, providing meals for the men in the New Life program at the Mission. This December we had a Christmas party with the men. We had snacks, played games, exchanged gifts, and had a wonderful time of fellowship with them.

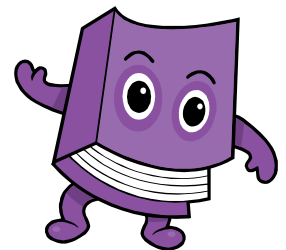
In November, we packed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Our club filled 57 shoeboxes. Then in

December, the Teen's went to Samaritan's Purse in Boone to process shoeboxes. We always have a wonderful time working in the warehouse for this wonderful ministry. We had such a wonderful time that many of us went back again to process more. As one 4-H mom said, "It's a good kind of tired."

Making the best better!
Laura Hutchins
Trailblazer Teen 4-H Club Reporter

4-H PROJECT RECORD BOOKS

4-H Project Record books are a great way to set goals, work toward achieving those goals and to learn to re-direct when you are no longer on target. Start your 2013 books NOW with goal setting. Visit <http://forsyth.cc/ces/4-H/forms.aspx> to download the project record forms, instructions sheets and more. Project records from 2012 are due to the Extension Center by 4 PM on Tuesday, January 8th. Cumulative records (books that contain up to three years worth of work in the same project area) are due Tuesday January 15th. Youth must be at least 13 years old to submit a Cumulative record book.



4-H Coming Events

Below are some upcoming dates. Contact us for more information on any of these events.

<http://www.forsyth.cc/CES/4-H/>

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Jan 8	Project Record Books Due
Jan 8	County Council Meeting, 4 PM
Jan 15	Cumulative Record Books & Achievement Plans due, 4PM
Jan 16	Honor Club & 4-H Scholarship Applications due, email to 4H@forsyth.cc by 5PM
Jan 17 & 18	Mrs. April at a Meeting
Jan 21	Holiday - Extension office closed
Jan 25	Group/Club Community Service Awards Applications Due 5pm
Jan 25	4-H Beekeeping Essays due, email to 4H@forsyth.cc by 5PM
Jan 25	Leaving for Judging in January 4pm
Jan 26	Judging in January at NCSU Beef Educational Unit
Jan 29	Achievement Night RSVP deadline, 5PM
Feb 1 - 3	NC 4-H Volunteer Leaders Conference at Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Research Triangle Park
Feb 5	4-H Achievement Night, 6 PM
Feb 5	4-H Talent Show Entry deadline 6:30 PM
Feb 8	District 4-H Officer Applications Due by email to 4H@forsyth.cc
Feb 8	Training for Extension Master Gardeners in Youth Development
Feb 9	Youth Horse Judging and Horse Bowl Clinic in Raleigh
Feb 11	2nd Grade Embryology Teacher Training, 4 PM
Feb 12	4-H Talent Show (Performing, Expressive Arts and Fashion), 6:30 PM
Feb 16	NC District 4-H Horse Bowl Contest in Guilford County
Feb 19	Snow Date for Achievement Night or Talent Show if needed
Feb 26	County Presentation Registration due by 5 PM!
Feb 28	Entries due for Clover Classic 4-H Livestock Show
March 2	State 4-H Horse Bowl and Hippology Contests at A & T State
March 5	County Presentations, 6:30 PM
March 6	Plant Sale Orders due
March 1-2	Eastern NC 4-H Livestock Showmanship Clinic
March 13/14	Mrs. April at a Meeting
March 15	Teen Retreat registration deadline
March 15-17	Clover Classic 4-H Livestock Show
March 20-22	Mrs. April in D.C. (personal)
March 23	NC District Activity Day in Guilford (presentations, public speaking)
March 27 & 28	4-H Plant Sale Pick Up (NOTE: This is a Wednesday & a Thursday.)
March 29	Holiday

4-H CALENDAR

The calendars on <http://forsyth.cc/ces/4-H> and <http://forsyth.ces.ncsu.edu> should both be up to date with our 4-H deadlines and events. In addition, there is a pdf of our 2013 calendar available at http://forsyth.cc/ces/4-H/Documents/2013_4H_Calendar.pdf. The <http://forsyth.ces.ncsu.edu> calendar is a google calendar. If you use an electronic calendar, you can add these events directly to your calendar!