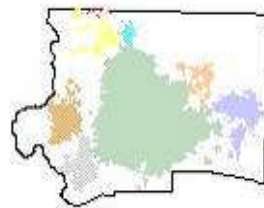


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As many of you know, summer is fast approaching. Here at the Forsyth County 4-H Department, it is no different. We have been actively preparing an exciting Summer Adventures program for our youth to participate in. Along with our summer programs, we have lots of other exciting events coming up, so please see our calendar of events for listings. We hope you enjoy reading what is going on in the world of 4-H in Forsyth County. Our contributors are not only staff, but volunteers, both youth and adult.

So, with that being said, don't forget to register for your favorite events NOW, before they become full! Feel free to contact our office for answers to any questions and additional information on our programs!

Making the best better,



April W. Bowman

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- For a complete list of 4-H **project curriculum** offered by 4-H, please contact the 4-H office or visit http://www.forsyth.cc/CES/fourH_forms.aspx. We have hundreds of pieces of curriculum for you to choose from for some extra summer learning!
- You are invited to a retirement reception in honor of **Mr. Toby Bost, Horticulture Agent**. The reception will be held on May 29th from 3-5:30pm at the Forsyth County Ext. Center.
- Look for Blue Belle **4-H Centennial Cupcake ice cream** at your local Wal-Mart.

SUMMER
ADVENTURES
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Keep your animal friends' comfort & safety in mind this season with these simple tips.

- Beware when using fertilizer. Most chemical plant & lawn fertilizers can harm your pets, causing anywhere from skin disorders to cancer. If using fertilizer, you may want to keep your pet off of the lawn for a couple of days or until the agent completely dries.
- It does get warm in springtime, so make sure your critter has adequate shade. Weather can be unpredictable in the spring, so give your pooches ample access to a doghouse, carport, etc.
- Burlap bags filled w/cedar shavings make great beds for the doghouse. Fleas hate cedar.
- Change your critter's water bowl/bucket every day. Mosquitoes like to breed in stale, stagnant water.
- It is not a good idea to leave pet food outside at night. It draws in unwanted animals such as opossums, raccoons, etc.
- Don't forget those vaccinations! The deadly parvovirus is very common and can even be carried in on your shoes.
- Use flea & tick treatments. Tick bites can cause paralysis, lethargy, and Lyme Disease which can be spread to pet owners. Spot-on applications seem to be the most effective, but any flea & tick treatment from the supermarket will suffice. Follow the directions carefully.
- All pets are vulnerable to parasites, **even indoor pets**. Before treatment, it is highly recommended that your pet be screened by a veterinarian, especially regarding heartworms.

By: April Mendenhall, 4-H Member

Career Exploration A 4-H POSTER CONTEST!

We welcome youth ages 5-18 to participate in our 4-H Poster Contest, with the theme of Career Exploration (for example- "Explore Nursing"). Posters must be on **standard poster board** (22" x 28") - *other sizes are ineligible*. Please note that 5-8 year olds will **ONLY** be recognized at the county level. Posters are scored on originality, accurate information, theme, message, and overall general appearance. The top 2 posters in each age division from each participating county will move onto the District Competition, which will be held on June 24th at District Activity Day. Please visit: www.nc4h.org/publications/forms/2008_career_poster.pdf to download an entry form. Entries are due to the 4-H office by Tuesday, June 17th.



The World of 4-H



Photography Contest

**DO YOU ENJOY TAKING PICTURES?
THEN THE 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST IS FOR YOU.**

NC 4-H Congress Photography Contest Entry Rules

- All Entries must be into the Forsyth County 4-H office by no later than June 3rd.
- This exhibit is **ONLY** open to North Carolina 4-H members, ages 5-18.
- Please note that 5-8 year olds will *ONLY* be recognized at the county level.
- Only **ONE** photo in each of the three categories may be submitted.
("4-H in Action", "Nature's Beauty", "Humor")
- Separate and Completed entry forms must accompany each individual photo entered.
- Photos may be in color **OR** black-and-white. Any size, 8x10 inches or smaller will be accepted.
- For Digital Media, please include a print of that image **AND** a copy of the digital file on a disk, CD or DVD.
- Images made from a negative **MUST** include the original negative **OR** a photographic print from it.

For More Information, please visit <http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/agcomm/4-HPhoto/rules.htm> or contact us for a copy of the entry form.

District Project Record Book Winners

Congratulations to the following winners!

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>PLACING</u>
David Allen Pledger	9-10	Animal Science	Gold
Ikenna Nzewi	11-12	Citizenship and Civic Education	Gold
Seth Barrick	13-15	Communication Arts	Gold
Samuel Barrick	9-10	Environment and Natural Resources	Gold
Ikenna Nzewi	11-12	Science and Technology	Gold
Joshua Nzewi	13-15	Science and Technology	Gold
Allison Wise	11-12	Citizenship and Civic Education	Silver
Nathan Barrick	11-12	Communication Arts	Silver
David Allen Pledger	9-10	Healthy Lifestyles	Silver
Joshua Nzewi	13-15	Leadership and Personal Development	Silver
Samuel Barrick	9-10	Citizenship and Civic Education	Bronze
Kabe McCallister	13-15	Communication Arts	Bronze
Allison Wise	11-12	Consumer and Family Science	Bronze
Bryan Richardson	13-15	Healthy Lifestyles	Bronze
Jessica Goodard	13-15	Cumulative Citizenship and Community Service	Gold (District)
Jessica Goodard	13-15	Cumulative Expressive Arts	Silver (District)
Meghan Crawford	13-15	Cumulative Science and Technology	Gold (District) & Silver (State)

Trailblazer's Teen Club Report

Ah the joys of summertime—4-H Summer Adventures, fundraisers, time off from school and... doing the robot in a local pizza place?

Well, at least, that's what one of my friends and I were doing at our Trailblazer Teen's 4-H meeting on April 4th, 2008.

Of course, we didn't just meet to do the robot to "Funkytown." In fact, we met to discuss a walkathon we will be hosting. You see, The Trailblazer Teens are a community service oriented 4-H group, and currently we've undertaken the task of raising \$8,000 to build a school in a third-world country through Samaritan's Purse Ministries. So, as you can imagine, we need a *lot* of fundraisers.

As I've already mentioned, our current 'big' fundraiser is hosting a walkathon for the Walkertown Home Educators (WHE). Last year we raised a couple thousand dollars—we're hoping to raise at least that much again! However, this year, things are a little different. You see, we have *prizes* this year, so we hope to have people raise a lot more money.

Another fundraiser we are doing, is a benefit lunch. We've hosted one or two pizza lunches, lasagna lunches and even hot dogs one time. We're getting ready to try out a Mexican Fiesta, with piñatas, a mariachi band (okay... so it's just me and three other members...) and lots of sombreros! Oh, and food—we can't forget the food! I mean, can you imagine going to a benefit *lunch* and not having food?

So, the Trailblazer Teens have split into two committees. Can you guess what they are? That's right!—Walkathon and Benefit lunch committees! In our committees, what we needed for each event. Such as getting sponsors to donate prizes for the top achievers in our walkathon, and deciding what sort of theme we wanted our next fundraising lunch should be.

During our meeting, we also played a game where everyone was assigned a letter of the alphabet, and we had to try and think of a Bible character whose name started with that letter. If you couldn't think of a name, you had to do a penalty, such as reciting the alphabet backwards, reciting your name backwards or reciting EVIL tongue twisters! (I mean really, try saying "The sixth sheik's sheep is sick" or something to that effect 5 times!)

Another thing one of our members managed to accomplish during our meeting was eating a whopping 14 pieces of pizza! We also decided that we were all sick of 80's music after two hours!

Finally, after much fun and discussion, our meeting was adjourned.

See you next month!

Jessica Goodard

Trailblazer Teen's Reporter



Teen County Council Report

On April 8th, 2008, the Forsyth County Teen County Council started talking about the wonderful, exciting and all around exhilarating 4-H centennial! With so many ways to celebrate, the possibilities are endless! Mainly though, the Council thought it would be fun to have a 4-H day at the Dixie Classic Fair in 2009 as well as trying to get 4-H incorporated into the Dixie Classic Fair's '09 theme.

Of course, we couldn't *just* talk about the 4-H centennial. We also talked about the most exciting event of the summer—4-H Summer Adventures.

After much deliberation we finally came to a decision on our Summer Adventure's T-Shirts. Our first, and preferred choice would be the tie-dyed shirt with the brushstroke 4-H logo (with Forsyth County) on the front. The second choice, and probably the cheaper of the two, is a bright orange (somewhat neon), with the logo on the front.

Once we got past the t-shirts we actually realized we had to talk about the Summer Adventure classes. Let me tell you something—this year's schedule looks really awesome! With many, many, *many* workshops to choose from, the list is almost completely full. Everyone made awesome suggestions for classes and programs—I can't wait to see the final plan!

After all this talking and being excited, the meeting adjourned. We all had a nice little snack, and Kabe McCallister (our recreation coordinator) lead us in a great leadership game. It was suggested that to help celebrate 4-H's centennial, we have a 4-H float in some of the upcoming North Carolina parades. In your local Christmas parade, keep an eye out for a float with lots of clovers that looks like it belongs in Saint Patrick's Day—that'll be us!

Just think about it—100 years of 4-H, 100 years of changing lives—100 years of delightful little green clovers! It's a lot to think about, and a lot to celebrate. 4-H has helped so many people—I can't wait to see what we accomplish in the future.

So, now do you see why I was so excited? I'm a 4-H'er—and I'm proud of it. Say it with me, **"WE ARE 4-H!"**

Until next time,

Jessica Goodard

Forsyth County Teen County Council Reporter

Summer Adventures

Boy have we got an exciting line-up of programs for our youth this year! From babysitting to bottle rocketry, cows and goats to Native Americans, we have something for everyone! Please make sure that you visit our website for a copy of the Summer Adventures Program. Be quick, because the spaces will fill up faster than you think!

Along with Summer Adventures participants, we are always looking for additional volunteers to help us make our programs as successful as possible. Volunteers may be adults or older youth and must fill out a 4-H Volunteer Application. If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering this summer, please contact a member of the Forsyth County 4-H staff.

4-H: Come. See. Express.

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

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

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May 26	HOLIDAY!!!
May 29	Toby Bost, Horticulture Agent, Retirement Reception 3-5:30pm
June 3	Photography Contest Entries Due
June 11-12	S.A.P.– Gardening with the Guru, 9:00-4:00
June 16-20	S.A.P.– Chef and the Child, 9:30-12:00
June 17	Poster Contest Entries Due
June 17	Northwest Jr. Livestock Show, Dixie Classic Fairground
June 24	District Activity Day; Lexington Senior High School
June 25-26	S.A.P.– Critters in the Creek, 10:00-2:00
June 26	Equine First Aid/Working with Your Veterinarian. 6:30pm, Forsyth County Extension Office. Contact Dr. Tim Potter, 336-703-2850
June 29-July 4	4-H Camp at Millstone 4-H Camp
July 1-2	S.A.P.– World Travelers, 9:00-1:00
July 8 & 9	4-H Livestock Judging and Skill-a-thon Contest, Nash Co.
July 9-13	State 4-H Horse Show, Raleigh
July 14	S.A.P.– Sciworks, 9:45-2:45
July 15-16	S.A.P.– Bottle Rocketry, 9:00-3:00
July 18	4-H Poultry Poster Contest Entries Due
July 21-22	S.A.P.– Physics from the Junk Drawer, 9:00-3:00
July 22	State 4-H Presentations, Raleigh
July 23	S.A.P.– Native American, 9:30-1:30
July 28-August 1	S.A.P.- Farm To Table, 9:00-4:00
Aug 3-7	4-H Poultry Science Institute, NCSU
Aug 5 & 7	S.A.P.- Horsin' Around at Tanglewood Farm, 11:00-2:00
Aug 8	NC Youth Dairy Day, Rowan County Fairgrounds
Aug 9	Yadkin-Davie Livestock Show, DC Fairgrounds
Aug 12	S.A.P.– Babysitting 101, 9:00-12:00
Aug 13-14	S.A.P.– Adopt a Grandparent, 10:00-1:00
Aug 15-16	4-H Ambassador Retreat, Raleigh, NC
Aug 19	S.A.P.– Electric Workshop, 9:30-11:30
Aug 22	S.A.P.- Electric Workshop, 2:30-4:30
October 3-12	Dixie Classic Fair
October 17-26	NC State Fair
Oct 16 & 17	4-H Turkey Show at NC State Fair

****S.A.P– SUMMER ADVENTURES PROGRAM****



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