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North Central District 4-H Teen Retreat

Are you a teen ages 13-18? Do you want to gain leadership and teambuilding skills, do community service and interact with other 4-H teens from a 17 county area? Join us for the **North Central District 4-H Teen Retreat** at Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center **April 13 & 14th**. The cost will be \$80 and includes your meals, lodging, transportation and insurance. Registration is due March 27 in cash, check or 4-H scholarship dollars.

Making the best better,

April W. Bowman

April Bowman

Donald Mebane

Donald Mebane



4-H Clothing Competition

Youth ages 5-18 can sew a garment to be judged at the county 4-H Clothing Competition on Tuesday, May 1st. The top two winners in the 9-10, 11-13 and 14-18 year old categories will have the opportunity to advance to the first ever North Central District Clothing competition to be held Tuesday, June 19th in Granville County. Entries are due April 17th but start picking out your fabric and start sewing NOW! Visit

<http://forsyth.cc/ces/4-H/?StoryID=17256> for entry forms and specific rules.



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4-H Achievement Night



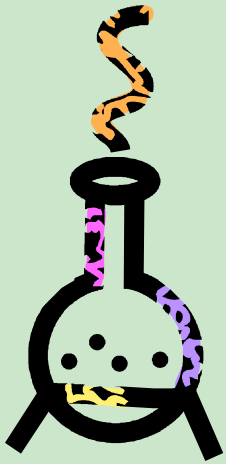
You are invited to play the Feud! Join us for an evening of "4-H Feud" on **Tuesday, February 7th at 6 PM** at the Forsyth County Extension Center as we recognize all of our 4-H members and their achievements at our annual **4-H achievement night**. Following a meal of pizza and salad, we will play the feud and recognize our 4-Hers. In order to do this, we would like to ask that all youth ages 18 and under that are attending **RSVP** with the total number in their party before **January 31st at 4 PM** Kathy at 703-2852 or at kathy_hepler@ncsu.edu. We also need a list of all the 4-H events and activities that you have participated in during 2011, any district or state awards that you won in 2011, club or county 4-H officer positions that you held and if you had perfect attendance at your 4-H club meetings. We would like to recognize EVERY youth that attends with a certificate so PLEASE RSVP. We would also like a picture of you: this can be a head shot or a photo of you in action at a 4-H event.

Children / Celebrity Chef Cook Off

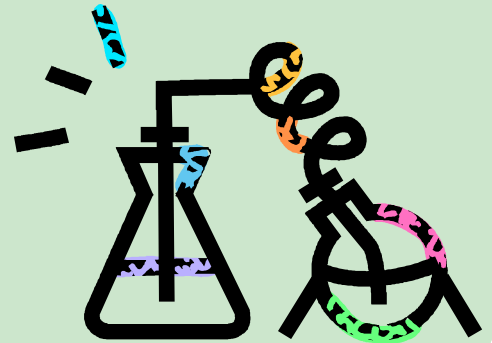
Are you a previous participant in the 4-H Chef and the Child program? We need ten youth that successfully completed the program to participate in a cooking challenge on Sunday, **February 19th** at The Millennium Center, Winston-Salem, opposite the Transportation Center. The **Children/Celebrity Chef Cook Off** will begin at 1:30 with instructions and then each team will prepare a meal. There will be four teams that consist of a team of chefs and ten youth competing for the top prize. The awards will be presented at 6 PM. Medals will be given. Parents are invited to stay and watch, however, they must make a \$30 donation to the Chef and the Child program if they wish to stay for the reception that includes food and entertainment. Visit www.thestockedpot.com for information. Every participant will receive a chef hat, apron, souvenir recipe/autograph book, food sample gift bag, certificate of participation and medal. Don't forget to advise us of any medical concerns/food allergies. You should dress comfortably in close-toed non-slip shoes. Register by contacting Mrs. April at 703-2855 or at april_bowman@ncsu.edu. Registration is first-come.



Kid Science Challenge



Do you like science and inventing? The Kid Science Challenge gives 3 science topics every year for them to create, invent and discover more about. Visit www.kidsciencechallenge.com to read the rules and get tools to help you with your entry. There are many cool prizes. Entries must be received or postmarked by Feb 29, 2012.



PROJECT LEARNING TREE WORKSHOP

For Parents/Teachers/Home Educators, etc.: Would you like to teach your children or groups of other children about the environment in a fun, hands-on manner that is age appropriate? Attend a FREE Project Learning Tree (PLT) workshop. What is PLT? It is an interdisciplinary environmental education program designed for educators of ANY background. The hands-on activities facilitate the exploration of topics including communication, economics, energy and fuels, geology, government, history, recycling, transportation, watersheds, wildlife, and much more! These workshops are open to anyone that works with youth and wants to provide engaging and hands-on activities including classroom teachers, 4-H Agents and volunteer leaders, church and youth group leaders, and homeschool educators.



For more detailed information please visit <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/plt/calendar>.

February 3-4, 2012

PreK-8 Workshop: *Energy & Society*

[Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Library](#)

Greensboro, NC

To Register: Melanie Buckingham melanie.buckingham@greensboro-nc.gov 336-373-2923

NO COST for workshop or materials. Workshop includes Friday dinner and Saturday lunch, tours of sustainable energy sites, Project Learning Tree PreK-8 Guide and the PLT Energy & Society Kit (a \$35 value!).

February 17, 2012

PreK-12 Workshop

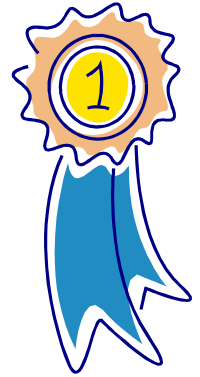
Dobson, NC

To Register: Martha Hyde hydema@surry.k12.nc.us

Features PreK-8 Guide and the Forests of the World module (no cost and lunch provided)

Congressional Award

Many of you complete numerous hours of community service through your participation in 4-H. One program that you may want to consider participating in as a part of your community service is the **Congressional Award**. The program is for youth ages 14 and up and has four main areas: Volunteer Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness and Expedition/Exploration. You **MUST** register for the program before you can begin counting any of your hours towards these areas. Visit <http://www.congressionalaward.org/about.php> for additional information.



Clover Classic Livestock Show—Service Opportunities

Youth needing **community service hours** that would like to volunteer to help Mrs. April with the **Clover Classic 4-H Livestock show** please let her know. The show is March 17 & 18 at the Dixie Classic fairgrounds. No prior knowledge of animals is needed. We need:

- announcers to read the award winners names
- people to hand out ribbons
- people that can help on Friday and Sunday with setting up/taking down sheep and goat pens
- people willing to scoop poop on Saturday
- people to call out the names of people in the next class and line them up in order
- people to help carry people's fans, chairs, tack boxes, etc. to unload/load their trailer
- help spread shavings (by hand) Friday and clean up the shavings on Sunday evening
- There is also an opportunity for a 4-H club to operate a concession stand as a fundraiser.

From sorting cans at the Second Harvest Food Bank to feeding the homeless at the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission, the Trailblazer Teens 4-H Club was certainly busy in 2011. In addition to volunteering at the food bank and serving the men at the mission, the club planned and hosted a Summer Adventures music camp for eleven children with a music from around the world theme. The youth enjoyed learning the Mexican Hat Dance, playing hand-bells and penny whistles, and listening to a traditional Scot-Irish Bagpipe played by local bagpiper Pipe Major, Mark Elliot. In August, twelve club members planted over one thousand dollars worth of plants at a local church. These plants were donated by the Pender Nursery in Wake County. The club packed fifty shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child and made their annual trip to Boone, NC, to sort shoeboxes in the OCC warehouse in December. After such an exciting year, I am eager to see what great things the club will accomplish in 2012.

Nathan Barrick
Reporter, Trailblazer Teens 4-H Club

2011 National 4-H Congress

Nathan Barrick and Brandon Joyce were among the 14 youth that were chosen to attend the 2011 National 4-H Congress, held in Atlanta, Georgia. They earned this honor through winning the 4-H Application, Interview, Resume and Essay contest. They spent five days with more than eight hundred and eighty youth and adults representing 4-H programs across the country gathered to participate in educational, service and recreational opportunities.

This year's theme "Become a Catalyst of Change" focused on ways for 4-H'ers to accept the challenge of global awareness, exploration, service and action. Workshops, speakers and group activities encouraged National 4-H Congress delegates to think broadly and to become a catalyst of change to make their club, community, country and world a better place.

Nathan, an avid piano player and instructor, was selected to perform a variety of Christmas music before the opening ceremony to entertain the delegates. He also served as the State's flag bearer.

During workshops participants had a chance to participate in sessions ranging from service learning to robotics. National 4-H Congress speakers challenged participants to reach out and to make a difference in the world. One way participants reached out to help others was by donating money to help build the third 4-H Clover Habitat for Humanity house. In a morning set aside for community service, 4-H participants traveled to different parts of Atlanta and surrounding areas to participate in community service activities. This year's Congress delegation also participated in the dedication of the second 4-H Clover Habitat for Humanity House. The closing banquet featured Miss America 2011, Teresa Scanlan as the speaker.

The history of the National 4-H Congress goes back ninety years. An educational tour to Chicago was the forerunner to what would eventually become known as National 4-H Congress. Today National 4-H Congress provides a great opportunity for 4-H members from across the country to come together and learn about community involvement, culture diversity, and service to others while meeting new friends.





4-H Coming Events



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

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Jan 16	Office Closed for Martin Luther King Day
Jan 17	Cumulative Record Books Due, 4PM
Jan 17	4-H Forestry Judging Practice, 5 PM
Jan 18	4-H Scholarships and Honor Club applications due!
Jan 19-20	Mrs. April at the North Carolina Assn. of Extension 4-H Agents meeting
Jan 21	North Central 4-H Winterfest Teen/Pre-Teen Event, Person County
Jan 24	Group/club 4-H Community Service Award applications due
Jan 28	Judging in January, Livestock Judging Contest, NC State University
Jan 31	RSVP Deadline for Achievement Night!
Jan 31	NEW 4-H Volunteer Applications due
Feb. 4	NC 4-H Volunteer Leaders Conference, Research Triangle Park
Feb. 7	Forsyth County 4-H Achievement Night, 6 PM
Feb. 11	North Central District 4-H Horse Bowl Competition, Greensboro
Feb. 14 & 15	Mrs. April in Raleigh for 4-H and Awards Committee Meeting
Feb. 15	4-H Clubs with Checking accounts must complete EIN 990N!
Feb. 16 & 17	Mrs. April at Leadership Training
Feb. 18-19	State 4-H Council Congress Planning Meeting
Feb. 21	4-H Advisory Committee Meeting
Feb. 21	Nutrition Fair entries due
Feb 23	State 4-H Officer Applications Due to Mrs. April
Feb. 27	5 th grade Vermicomposting Teacher Training
Feb. 28	Mrs. April in Volunteer Recognition Training
Feb. 29	Clover Classic 4-H Livestock Show entries due
March 3	State 4-H Horse Bowl and Hippology Contests, A & T State
March 5	2 nd Grade Embryology Teacher Training
March 6	4-H Nutrition Fair, 6 PM
March 12	4-H Plant Sale Orders Due
March 13 & 14	Mrs. April at the 4-H Training Institute, Winston-Salem
March 17 & 18	Clover Classic 4-H livestock show, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
March 23-25	State 4-H Horse Leaders Conference, Herndon, VA
March 27	4-H Teen Retreat Registration Due (\$80)
March 27	Entries due for the 4-H Talent Show
March 29-30	4-H Plant Sale Pick-up
March 30-April 1	Holiday Classic Open Horse Show, Raleigh, NC
April 1	Registration due for the Western NC Spring Fling cattle show
April 9	2 nd grade embryology teacher training
April 10	4-H County Council Meeting, 4 PM
April 13-14	North Central District 4-H Teen Retreat, BJ Penn 4-H Center
April 17-19	Mrs. April at Leadership Training
April 20	Volunteer Appreciation Banquet
April 20-21	Western North Carolina Spring Fling Cattle Show
April 24	OMK Visual Arts Contest entries due
April 24	State 4-H Horse Artistic Expression entries due
April 27	NC 4-H Citizenship Focus registration due
April 30	4-H Volunteer applications due