4-H Clover Connections

Wilson County 4-H
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4-H Achievement Night
February 12th

All 4-H'ers and parents are invited to attend the upcoming 4-H Achievement Night on Friday, February 12th at 7:00 pm. 4-H will enjoy a night of awards, desserts brought by 4-H'ers and a countywide community service project.

We would like to encourage all 4-H'ers to donate to either of the selected projects of donating food for the NC Food Bank or supplies to make Hero Packs for the Operation: Military Kids program. For a list of items needed, please call the 4-H office at 237-0113.

Remember: The 4-H Clover Spirit Award will go to the club that shows the best spirit and donates to our community service project!

Bring a dessert & enjoy the evening!

DONATE!

Volunteer...anyone?

UNC TV

NC 4-H is very excited to volunteer for the UNC-TV Festival on Saturday, Feb. 27th from 7:30-11:30 am. 4-H needs 25 volunteers to man this shift (4-H volunteers, alumni, and 4-H'ers) and accept pledges while on-air at the TV studio. Volunteers will receive a NC 4-H T-shirt (to be worn during this session) and breakfast!

If you're interested, please call James Draper at 919-515-3242 or email James_Draper@ncsu.edu

Space is limited, so call ASAP!
**Freedom Wildlife Habitat and Refuge**

Keith Griffith, manager of the Freedom Wildlife Habitat and Refuge, would like to invite all 4-H clubs to take advantage of the facilities located on 350 acres of woodland. There are excellent opportunities for groups to take advantage of OR if you’re looking for a great community service/beautification project...this is the one for you!

This habitat offers several campsites, 1.6 mile trail through woodland area, bluebird, owl & bat boxes, 3 wooden bridges, and an educational area on the front trail.

They are also in the process of building bathroom facilities near their outdoor picnic shelter and plans to construct an indoor classroom facility within the next year.

They would like the community to visit, free of charge, but do require a waiver to be completed prior to coming onto the property.

For more information, please contact Mr. Griffith at 246-7256.

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**Bridgestone Tire Plant**

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**4-H Cumulative Record Training: February 8 at 3:30-6pm**

If you have been actively involved in 4-H for a minimum of 3 years and are between the ages of 13-18 as of January 1, 2010...this may be the next project for you!

A training is set for all interested on Monday, February 8th (3:30-6pm). We will review the requirements, give you tips and suggestions to complete the record and provide with the necessary forms to turn in to the State 4-H Office BY MARCH 1st!

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**Get the 4-1-1 on PRESENTATIONS: February 15 at 6:00 p.m.**

**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS, 4-H’ers & LEADERS:** We would love for you to come to the 4-H Presentation training on February 15th from 6-7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

The 4-H County Council Officers along with staff will train you on how to get that gold medal at CAD, DAD & CONGRESS! If you want to know more about it.....come and find out more!

Cloverbuds (ages 5-8) are eligible to participate...this is an excellent start to their public speaking career! Start them early....develop speakers and leaders for the future!

The Presentation program is for all youth ages 9-19.
4-H Favorite Food Show: Workshop: Feb. 24th

Move over Paula Deen... 4-H’ers are going to cook and show off their talents at this next event!

What is the 4-H Favorite Food Show?

A fun event for 4-H’ers to cook and serve their favorite food!

- Six food categories to choose from: Breads, Vegetables, Fruits, Milk & Milk Products, Meats & Sweets.
- There are 5 age divisions: 5-8 (non-competitive), 9-10, 11-12, 13-15 and 16-19.

The 4-H Favorite Foods Show will be held at the Wilson Ag. Center on April 7th. To get ready for this event, we are offering a “secret to winning” workshop on February 24th from 1:30-4:30 pm. You will have a chance to learn about the requirements and even try your cooking skills in our kitchen! Workshop participants will enter in a drawing for a prize!

Come, Cook, Eat & Enjoy your hard work while learning how to win in this fun event!

Workshop: Feb. 24th Time: 1:30-4:30pm

Call or email to register for the workshop today! Let us know if you need help with transportation to the office.

DO YOU HAVE A GREEN THUMB?
Want to grow a record breaking watermelon?

Are you interested in learning how to grow a prize winning watermelon for the county and/or state fair? Come to the Wilson Ag. Center on April 6th to listen to our local expert, Mr. Larry Boyette. He has won many ribbons for his record breaking watermelons...so, we will definitely learn from the best! Mr. Boyette will give his prize-winning seeds away to any 4-H’er that plans to participate at the county and/or state fair. All you need is a personal garden! Learn all about it at this upcoming workshop!

Date: April 6th Time: 6:00 p.m.
TRY-it TEAM

TRY-IT (Teens Reaching Youth through Innovative Teams) FIND OUT MORE SESSION will be offered to all 4-H teens (ages 13-19) along with interested adults to begin the process of starting TRY-IT Teams.

- Each team must be comprised of 3-4 teens and 1 adult as coach
- Possible teams can be based around these subjects:
  - Physical Fitness & Nutrition Team
  - Health Rocks
  - Animal Science
  - Agriculture
  - Gardening/Horticulture
  - Environment/Conservation
  - Science
  - Any other categories can be added, if enough people are interested in starting the program.

Southeast District 4-H Teen Retreat

Teens (6-12th grade) are invited to participate in the upcoming SED 4-H Teen Retreat. The event will be held at the Trinity Center at Atlantic Beach in Carteret County. Cost of the retreat is $60/person which includes lodging and 3 meals (Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast). More information will follow (workshops are still in the planning stages).

Register at the 4-H office if you’re interested in participating! This is an excellent opportunity to meet other 4-H’ers from across the district and a fun leadership conference too! Come join us! Limited spaces are available...register today!

Saturday with AJ at the Movies

“Saturday with AJ... Movies with Character” returns in 2010. Wilson Education Partnership will sponsor movies at Carmike Cinemas in support of the school system’s character education initiatives. Each movie is free, fun-filled opportunity for families to share a Saturday morning entertainment emphasizing good character.

Free concessions are provided for children. Movies start at 10am. Seating is available for 500.

- February 27: Madagascar 2: Return from Africa
- March 27: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs
### Head, Heart, Hands….Horses?

Horse Club members: Please do not forget to meet all the requirements of the SED Horse-Council in order to be eligible to compete in 4-H shows. All requirements must be met prior to receiving an eligibility card from the 4-H office. Let’s strive to get all paper work in by April 1st (if possible) in order to get cards issued for contestants. If you have any questions, please let Tanya know.

### Important Info!

**Important Dates:**
- NC State 4-H Horse Judging Contest: April 17, 2010 at Martin Community College in Williamston, NC
- SED 4-H Horse Show Dates: May 22-23, 2010 at the Bob Martin Ag. Center in Williamston.

### Important Info for the NC Shooting Sports Program

If you are interested in learning how to get more involved in the shooting sports club, please call the 4-H office. This club is designed to teach safety and marksmanship in rifle and shotgun. This club is for youth ages 9-19. Meetings are held during the months of January-Sept.

We are in desperate need for any parent or volunteer to get trained in a discipline for the shooting sports club to continue the program (must have certified instructors). If you’re interested, please contact any of the club leaders or Tanya Heath at 237-0113.

**Dates for the certification training are:**
- Spring: April 9-11
- Fall: October 22-24

**Shooting Sports Tournament:** September 25-26, 2010

### Newswriting Team---Media & Marketing Club

Wilson County 4-H is looking for a great group of teens (middle-school & high-school aged) to help produce 4-H newsletters, interview and possibly even produce videos & PSA’s to promote 4-H.

We want someone that would like to learn the ins and outs of the media industry…the “behind the scenes” of the local newspaper, radio and even TV stations.

If you’re interested and/or the skills to add flare to this team...please call or email Tanya by March 1st. We want to get this group started as soon as possible. Come join us!!!
4-H needs your help in collecting items for upcoming art activities.

Please bring your plastic bottle CAPS (not bottles) and any size of TIN CANS to Debbie Skinner at the 4-H office.

Thanks for your help!

Club Reports:

Kickin’ Klovers 4-H Club Report

January was a month of service & learning. The club members made Valentine’s Day Cards for Give To The Troops program and delivered them while also putting care packages together for the soldiers and for the Haiti Relief. Ricky Hayes, Soil & Water Conservation employee taught us about animals in a fun interactive game.

Sims 4-H Club: Discussed items to bring for the Lucama Family Care Center for February. The program consisted of Mr. Ezzard teaching a history lesson on Indians and how they came to North America. He talked about how they lived and how they used rocks to make weapons and tools. He showed his collection of tomahawks, spearheads, arrowheads and numerous other artifacts he has found.

Attention Club Reporters: Let us hear from you! Turn in your monthly information after your meeting for us to publish in the next newsletter if room allows.
Wilson County 4-H
Photography & Poster Contest
April 7, 2010 (Contest begins at 10am)

Age divisions: 5-8 (non-competitive), 9-10, 11-12, 13-15, 16-19.

4-H Photography Contest: Each contestant can enter 1 photo per category

Operation: Military Kids (OMK) NC 4-H Visual Arts Contest

Themes (photos must be taken by the contestant between Jan. 1, 2010 and the time of entry)

- Celebrating Military Careers
- Honoring Our Heroes
- Growing Up in America

Contest Structure Size of Photographs: Each photograph must be 8 inches by 10 inches in dimension. Mounting of Photographs: All prints must be permanently mounted solid on PHOTOGRAPHIC MOUNT BOARD (mat board material) or a THIN FOAM BOARD no larger than 8 inches by 10 inches suitable for hanging without an additional frame. Masonite, photo folders, corrugated cardboard or thin poster board is not acceptable. Double faced tape, glue or rubber cement is not allowed for mounting purposes. (Use dry mounting if possible.) Matting (of any kind) is not allowed and will result in disqualification. Call the 4-H or visit 4-H website for more guidelines.

Wilson County 4-H Visual Arts Contest

Themes: (photos must be taken by the contestant within 1 year of the contest date)

- What is 4-H?
- Outdoor Living (scenery, portrait, etc.)
- Animals (domestic, livestock, wildlife, etc.)
- Most Unusual

Contest structure size of photographs: Must be 5x7 or 8x10 mounted on a foam board or framed. NOTE: We will display the winners at our county offices and possibly mall. Please list name, age (as of Jan. 1, 2010) and category on the back of the photo frame or mounted board.

4-H Poster Contest Guidelines:

Each 4-H’er (ages 5-19) can enter one poster in the categories listed below.

- Go Green...I Did!
- Favorite animal!
- Join 4-H!
- Future Careers for me!

Poster can be 1/2 sheet to full sheet poster size. Judging will be based on creativity, neatness and educational message.