Caswell 4-H Notes

News and Upcoming Events

Winter/Spring 2015

Is 2015 the year for you to attend 4-H Camp?

Sign Up NOW!!!

Caswell County youth ages 8-12 have the opportunity to attend 4-H Summer Camp at Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center June 28th – July 3rd. What better way to spend a week of your summer than meeting new friends, swimming, canoeing, and enjoying the climbing wall and so much more. Caswell County residents can apply for 4-H Camp scholarships!!! If you apply for a scholarship the full week of camp will cost $200 or less (depending on the scholarship you receive).

For more information on Caswell County 4-H please contact Brandi Boaz, 4-H Agent at 336-694-4158 or brandi_boaz@ncsu.edu

You can also follow us on Facebook “Caswell County 4-H”

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, or disability. In addition, the two Universities welcome all persons without regard to sexual orientation. North Carolina State University, North Carolina A&T State University, US Department of Agriculture, and local governments cooperating.
We show LOVE to our family and friends during Valentine’s Day! So why not share that love and admiration with our troops serving overseas? So get out your pens, markers, and stickers and have a great time making Valentine cards for the troops! They are due into the 4-H Office or to me (if you see me) by January 26th. Remember if you don’t have time to do cards, you can also donate Valentine candy.

Here are some FAQ that may help you out!

1. Do my cards have to be store bought?
   No, they can be homemade or store bought as long as they have a wonderful, kind sentiment inside.

2. Do I need an envelope?
   No, and if you do, please do not seal them.

3. Do I sign my name?
   Yes, it can be your first name or your entire name.

4. What type of candy can I buy?
   Right now it’s cool enough that any candy will work. Just make sure it is individually wrapped.

5. When are they due?
   They are due in the 4-H Office no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, January 26th. This will give us time to get them in the mail.

6. What do I write?
   We want you to be encouraging. Let these men and women know that you are rooting for them!

   *Just remember that we want these cards to be positive, so no mention of death, missing family members, or suggestive material!

We have lots to do in 4-H!!!!
Project Records

You know all that amazing stuff you did in 2014? Well, let’s take that and put it in a project record book! It’s as easy as 1,2,3!

Contact the 4-H Office or go to http://www.nc4h.org/youth/4-h-awards-incentives-programs to pick your age as of January 1, 2014 and fill out the forms. If you need help, you can give me a call or check out Person County’s awesome examples at https://www.facebook.com/PersonCounty4H/photos_stream?tab=photos_albums

You can look on the photo stream and find the project record album.

Project records are due in the 4-H Office no later than Friday, February 13th at 5:00 pm.

Teen Retreat

Attention all teens (13-18)!!

March 21st and 22nd Caswell 4-H will be traveling to Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center in Reidsville to meet up with our friends from 19 other counties. Our District Teen Retreat will include fun workshops focused on leadership, new skills, and volunteerism! After the workshops we will enjoy a fun filled night full of games, dancing and end by staying in the cabins! Cost for this trip is $30, this will include food and lodging for the event.

2015 Turkey Show

Registration for the 2015 NC State Fair Youth Market Turkey Show is now open. How would you like to take a day old poult and raise it into a beautiful full-grown turkey to show at the State Fair? The 4-H turkey project is a fun poultry project for youth who may have limited space. All you need is a safe place, inside at first then outdoors, for your turkey to grow and prosper. You will receive two turkey poults around the first week of June and raise them into adulthood. Then on Friday, October 15th you and your family will go to the NC State Fair to show your turkey! **Deadline to sign up for the NC State Fair Turkey Show is February 20th!!**
Honey Bees are hardworking, tirelessly gathering nectar and pollen to share with their hive. They provide a vital ecological service by pollinating agricultural, garden and native plants. Explore more about these fascinating insects by participating in the North Carolina 4-H Beekeeping Essay contest. The essay provides a platform for youth to creatively express their working knowledge and research of the craft of beekeeping.

Topic: “Planting for Bees from Backyards and Up”
Beekeeping has become difficult due to a lack of native plants for forage. In this essay, you will be required to discuss ways that habitats can be modified to become “bee friendly”. Does your community allow roadsides and open land to grow wildflowers and encourage native planting of bee friendly plants? Survey your community to see what is being done to help honey bees. Include your state in your survey to see if there is a wildflower planting program available or any other program that could aid the honey bee.

Guidelines:
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 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. For more detailed rules and guidelines, please call Mrs. Tonya at the 4-H Office at 336-694-4158.

*Note that “honey bee” is properly spelled as two words, even though many otherwise authoritative references spell it as one word.

The North Carolina state winner receives a $50 award and the winning essay is forwarded to the National Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees to participate in their national essay contest. Essays are due into the 4-H Office by 5:00 pm on February 12th.
We are excited to have so many youth interested in continuing strong agricultural heritage in our county. This year we have 30 youth showing in the 67th Annual PCYLA Show and Sale at the Olde Dominion Ag Center in Chatham, VA. We hope that many of you will come and join us in cheering on our youth. Show schedule is as follows:

Friday, April 24th  8:00 am  Showmanship and Market Classes for hogs, meat goats, lambs and beef cattle  
                      Youth Classes (6-8 year old)  
                      7:00 pm  Sale begins, so come out and purchase an amazing animal to take home or just support the future of our livestock industry.

Saturday, April 25th  8:00 am  Breeding Show (gilt, does, ewe lambs, heifers)  
                                Dairy Show

Make plans to come out to this free event and support our youth!

4-H Presentations  -  County Competition

Do you like to tell people about your favorite things to do? Well, 4-H Presentations are just that, only a little more formal. How do you feel about picking your own topic, it could be science, fashion, etiquette, animals or any topic and make a presentation on the topic? 4-H Presentations are great because you get to pick the topic and learn more about public speaking. For more information on 4-H Presentations, please contact Brandi at 694-4158. We will have our county competition on Monday, May 11th. Please call to get your time slot for May 11th from 12:00 – 6:00 pm. If you win at the county level, you will be eligible to attend District Activity Day at NC A&T on Saturday, June 13th.

County 4-H Entertains

Would you like to show off your talents? Do you sing, dance, recite poetry, or have a comedy or magic act? We would love for you to come to our 4-H Entertains competition. Your act can include as many people as you need but has to remain under the five-minute time limit. Please call to get your time slot for Monday, May 11th from 12:00 – 6:00 pm. If you advance from the county level you will be competing at District Activity Day at NC A&T on Saturday, June 13th.

Persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency may request accommodations to participate by contacting Joey Knight, III, County Extension Director at 336-694-4158 or by email at joey_knight@ncsu.edu by fax at 336-694-5930 or in person at the Caswell County Extension Office at least 5 days prior to the event.
Operation: Military Kids Programs

Here are some awesome opportunities for you all to share with ANYONE you know in the military with kids! These programs are for military youth and their parents (current military, reserve, or veterans serving post 9/11). Everyone is invited!

Much Ado About Northing:  

A Day of Musical Wonder:  

Teen Advance: Leadership Weekend:  
http://www.nc4h.org/uploads/documents/Teen_ADVANCE.jpeg

A Day at the Theatre:  
http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/?attachment_id=333597

Additional paperwork will need to be filled out, so please contact the 4-H Office for that information.

For more information on extra programming contact Scott Enroughty at scott_enroughty@ncsu.edu or 919-515-8500!

Caswell 4-H’s purpose is to engage youth to reach their fullest potential while having fun, developing leadership and communication skills and becoming overall productive and concerned citizens of their communities.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Extension Agent  
4-H Youth Development

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Keep up to date on 4-H happenings by liking us on our Facebook page “Caswell County 4-H”! To have information emailed to you, please send an email to Mrs. Tonya at tonya_wingate@ncsu.edu to be added to our list serve!