4-H Summer Fun Schedule Announced

This summer will be very busy with 4-H summer fun workshops! The schedule is enclosed with this newsletter. Registration is currently open and you may register Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in person at the Extension Office. No registrations will be taken over the phone or by mail.

RACE 4-H Open Horse Show

The first of two RACE 4-H Open Horse Shows of the year will be held Saturday, May 1 at Ellis Park Event Center, 2054 E. Ridge Road, Salisbury, NC. Gates will open at 8 a.m. with the show beginning promptly at 9 a.m. Entry fees are $5 per class or $45 for 10 or more classes. For more information, class list and rules, go online and check out the RACE 4-H Blog (http://race4-h.blogspot.com/). Spectators are always welcome!

RACE Showmanship/Halter/Show Prep Clinic

A Showmanship/Halter/Show Preparation Clinic will be held Saturday, May 8 at Ellis Park Event Center, 2054 E. Ridge Road, Salisbury, NC. Bring your horse and learn to compete in showmanship and halter classes. The clinician is Robin Lovin. Robin will also enlighten participants about 4-H District and State Horse Events. There are 2 sessions: Session 1 from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. and session 2 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Limited to 10 participants per session. Unlimited number of auditors are allowed. The cost is $15 per horse and rider or $5 per auditor. Call 704-216-8970 by April 30 to register.
Dive into a Career 4-H Poster Contest

The Career Poster Contest will help you learn more about a career that interests you! Pick any career you would like. Age divisions are 9-10, 11-13 and 14-18. Cloverbuds, ages 5-8, may participate on the county level. The county entry deadline is Friday, May 14 by 5 p.m. The entries will then be judged and on display at County Activity Day. The top two posters in each age division will move on to district competition at District Activity Day in June. For official rules and an entry form, go online to http://rowan4h.com or contact Sara at 704-216-8970.

PALS/County Council Meeting

PALS/County Council will be meeting on Thursday, May 13, at the Extension Office. Please call 704-216-8970 by Tuesday, May 11, if you plan on attending. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting at 7 p.m. We will be discussing fall trainings and events. All parents, volunteers, club officers/representatives and at-large members are encouraged to attend.

ARIE Applications Due in May

ARIE also known as Application, Interview, Resume & Essay is a 4-step process by which youth are chosen to attend National events such as National Congress, National Conference and International Leadership Conference. Youth ages 14-18 (as of January 1) are eligible to participate. Youth ages 11-13 aspiring to participate in the AIRE program are encouraged to participate this year in a non-competitive “Interview” process during 4-H Congress in July. All applications are due by May 14, 2010. All forms can be downloaded from the 4-H Website (http://rowan4h.com).

County Activity Day

Our County Activity Day will be held Tuesday, May 25 at 7 p.m. at the Extension Office. If you are interested in giving a presentation at the county or district level, here is your opportunity. Your presentation can be on any topic you choose. There are three age categories, 9-10, 11-13 and 14-18. Cloverbuds (ages 5-8) may participate on a non-competitive basis. Please call 704-216-8970 by Friday, May 21 if you are planning on participating. Please come out and support our presenters! All Expressive Arts, Photo Contests and Career Poster Contest entries will be on display!
Expressive Arts Night
Entries from the Expressive Arts, Career Poster and Photo Contests will be on display at County Activity Day on Tuesday, May 25 at 7 p.m. Please call 704-216-8970 by Friday, May 21 if you are planning on attending.

Poultry Poster Contest
The 2010 theme for the poultry poster contest is "Avian Health and Bio-Security." Ages divisions at the county and state level are: 9-10, 11-13 and 14-19. Youth ages 5-8 participate on a non-competitive basis at the county level only.

For more information on the contest including rules and an entry form, please visit the Rowan County 4-H website (http://rowan4h.com). Posters are due to the Extension Office by Wednesday, June 30.

Dairy Poster Contest
The theme for the 2010 Dairy Poster Contest is "Dairy Makes Cents - June Dairy Month." Age divisions at the county and state level are: 9-10, 11-13 and 14-19. Youth ages 5-8 participate on a non-competitive basis at the county level only.

For more information on the contest including rules and an entry form, please visit the Rowan County 4-H website (http://rowan4h.com). Posters are due to the Extension Office by Wednesday, June 30.

What Can Green Do For You? Workshop
Have you ever wondered what you can do in 4-H? This workshop will give you the opportunity to explore the many different competitive events 4-H has to offer. You can choose between expressive arts events, presentations, horse events and much more! The workshop will be held Tuesday, June 29, at the Extension Office, 2727 Old Concord Road, Salisbury, from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The cost is $5 and the workshop is open to youth ages 9-18. Lunch and snacks will be provided. You must come to the Extension Office to register.
Mark Your Calendars!

There will be a few summer workshops for 4-H members only. These will not be advertised through the summer fun brochure. The dates are:

- July 1 – 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. – Horse Nutrition and Body Score
- July 6 – 9 a.m. – Project Record Workshop/Workday for Cloverbuds and 9-10 year olds
- July 7-9 – 9 a.m. – Project Record Day Camp for 11-18 year olds
- July 16 – 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. – 4-H Hippology

Watch the June Newsletter for more information!

Club Spotlight

What is “Club Spotlight?” This section of the newsletter is devoted to 4-H club news. Club reporters should submit club news to the 4-H office after each meeting. This information will be “spotlighted” in the 4-H newsletter each month.

REMEMBER TO SEND IN YOUR CLUB REPORT

East Equine Explorers

At the East Equine Explore’s April 1st meeting Mrs. Hudson-Tolles showed us how to take professional pictures of horses. We learned all of her tricks to get the horse’s ears to be straight. We got a chance to take pictures and showed them to Mrs. Hudson-Tolles to see what she thought. It was a wonderful meeting and we all had a great time. Out next meeting is May 6 at 6 p.m. at Rockwater Farm, we will elect officers.

By: Michaela Patterson

NC Kids

At our meeting on 3-31, we made garden stepping stones. We mixed up some concrete, poured it into molds, such as a pie pan, jug bottoms or plastic tubs. We all brought various beads, shells, colored rocks & glass, etc. to share, and created our own designs from these things to add to the wet concrete. We took them home to dry. It was a lot of fun. On April 14, we met at the Rowan County Wildlife Association. The kids 12 and older went in the woods to search for animal tracks. When tracks were found, they made a mold of the tracks with plaster. The younger kids went on a scavenger hunt on a pretty trail in the woods, looking for different plants. The things we found, we put in a bag, brought them back to the shelter, where we put the leaves in the middle of a folded paper. With a crayon, we did a rubbing, making cool leaf pictures. We taped our findings on paper.

By: Holly Wallace
Outstanding State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl and State 4-H Dairy Skillathon Contests Held

On Saturday April 17, a total of 17 teams (9 junior teams and 8 senior teams) competed in the 2010 State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl and State 4-H Dairy Skillathon Contests at the Iredell County Agricultural Center in Statesville, NC. This was the largest participation in these contests in recent years.

The State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest is a contest with dairy topic questions. Teams compete with each other in giving oral answers to questions posed by a contest moderator. A multiple choice exam is also part of the contest.

The State 4-H Dairy Skillathon Contest is a fun activity that is designed to help youth learn more about our dairy industry. Youth compete as a member of a team or as individuals in a fun and interesting contest format that includes, but is not limited to: identification of dairy products; identification of feedstuffs; identification of milking and dairy equipment; evaluation of forage samples; evaluating and judging dairy cattle; and team problem-solving. A multiple choice exam is also part of this contest for both the junior and senior divisions.

The results of the 2010 State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl and State 4-H Dairy Skillathon contests are:

2010 State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest

Junior Division:
1. FCS Holy Cows (Coach: Marjie Grubb)
2. Rowan County (Coaches: Brad Johnson & David Correll)
3. Silk Hope Southern Belles (Coaches: Megan and Robin Mann)

Senior Division:
1. Rowan County (Coaches: Brad Johnson & David Correll). The winning senior division team (Rowan County) will represent North Carolina and compete at the North American 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest in Louisville, Kentucky in November.
2. Eastern Randolph (Coaches: Stevie Landrie and Marjie Grubb)
3. Randolph/Guilford (Coaches: Jason and Heather Wright)

2010 State 4-H Dairy Skillathon Contest

Junior Division:
1. Western NC All-Stars (Coaches: Tony McGaha, Stephanie Parkins and Sara Medford)
2. Randolph/Guilford (Coaches: Jason and Heather Wright)
3. FCS Holy Cows (Coach: Marjie Grubb)

Senior Division:
1. Rowan County (Coaches: Brad Johnson & David Correll)
2. Randolph/Guilford (Coaches: Jason and Heather Wright)
3. Northwest Area A Team (Coach: Elizabeth Moretz)

Paper Clover Promotion Featured at Local Tractor Supply

Rowan County 4-H would like to thank those volunteers who manned the booth at Tractor Supply Co. during the Paper Clover Promotion! It was a great way to market 4-H and let the community know what is happening with the 4-H program in Rowan County. The windows were adorned with paper clovers!
Calendar of Events…

May
1  RACE 4-H Open Horse Show
3  Speak Up
8  RACE 4-H Showmanship/Halter/Show Prep Clinic
10  Speak Up
13  PALS/County Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
14  ARIE Applications Due
17  Speak Up
22  WCD Horse Show
25  County Activity Day – 7 p.m.
31  Holiday ~ Office Closed

June
1  Pre-Camp Meeting – 6 p.m.
7  Registration Deadline for District Activity Day
10  County Council Meeting – 7 p.m.
13-18  4-H Camp
14-16  4-H Citizenship NC Focus
23  District Activity Day
28  Registration Deadline for Congress
29  What Can Green Do For You?

Don’t forget to register for Summer Fun!

Sincerely,

Sara Drake
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4-H Youth Development