

Clover Connection

Rowan County 4-H Newsletter

June 2018



New 4-H Agent, Laura Allen

I'm excited about my new position as the Rowan County 4-H agent! I hope that you'll work with me as I get adjusted to this new role.

My goal is to publish a monthly newsletter via Constant Contact on the 1st of every month (or the first Monday of the month if the 1st is on the weekend). If you have any brief information or a 4-H picture & caption that you want published in the newsletter, please send it to me by the 25th of the month prior to the newsletter publishing date. For example: if you want something to be included in the July 1 newsletter, email the information to me by June 25.

Please contact me if you have any questions, ideas or concerns regarding 4-H. I look forward to working with our county 4-H'ers and volunteers so that together we can continue helping 4-H grow and thrive!

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Order a 4-H T-shirt!

I have created a t-shirt for Rowan County 4-H! This will be great for youth to wear at 4-H events (teen retreat, winter enrichment, 4-H Congress, etc) and for anyone to wear to advertise 4-H! Cost is \$10 each. If you want to order one, please fill out this google form: [T-Shirt Order Form](#). You will pay at pickup. **All orders must be put into the order form by Friday, June 15.** Email or call if you have questions.





4-H Summer Fun still has some openings!

4-H Summer Fun is filling up quickly! Currently 9 of our 17 events are full and many are close to being full. Don't delay; register today! Please fill out the completed [4-H Enrollment Form](#) and payment (cash or check) with you when you come to the Extension Office to sign them up!

Club Leaders

I need your help! Please update your leader contact information, meeting time/location/date AND your current member roster on the google sheet sent to you via email on May 8, 2018. There are tabs at the bottom where you can find the "leader" page and also a tab for your club. This will be extremely helpful to me as I make sure enrollment forms are up-to-date and as I plan to visit club meetings. If you can no longer find the google sheet, email laura_allen@ncsu.edu and I will resend it to you. Thanks for your help!



4-H Congress

4-H Congress will be held in Raleigh on July 21-24, 2018. Any 4-H member ages 13-18 as of January 1 can participate in this overnight trip. Our agenda will be similar to that of Cabarrus County, but we will travel separately. I will soon have all of the information about the event including agenda, leaving date/time, housing location, cost per member and more. Keep in mind: those who participate in District Activity Day and are District GOLD winners in all age categories are eligible to compete in State Presentation Finals held on July 21. The 11-13 and 14-18 age category SILVER winners are eligible to compete as well. If your child or club member is interested in attending, please email laura_allen@ncsu.edu ASAP!



[Learn more » 4-H Congress Explanation](#)

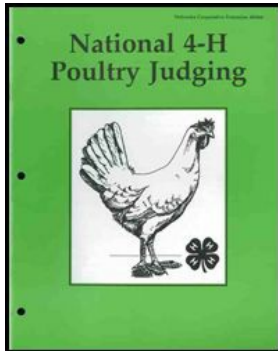
4-H Broiler Project



Any 4-H member with interest in poultry should participate in the 4-H Broiler Project. To participate, fill out and return the Broiler Project Application to Morgan Watts, county livestock agent. You must attend a mandatory orientation on July 9, 2018 at 6 PM at the Extension office. Birds must be checked in to the Rowan County Fair on Friday, September 14. Application

deadline is June 22, 2018. There is a \$20 registration fee to participate. For questions, email amwatts@ncsu.edu.

[Learn more » Broiler Project Application](#)



4-H Poultry Judging

Rowan County 4-H'ers are currently practicing to prepare for the NC 4-H Poultry Judging contest that will be held in Raleigh on July 20. The planned practice dates are:

June 6: Extension office, 3:30-5:00, focus on Ready to Cook birds

June 20: Extension office, 3:30-5:00, focus on chicken parts

July 11: meet at the home of David & Cheryl Correll to practice live birds & oral reasons

July 18: Extension office, 3:30-5:00, mock contest



4-H Livestock Judging

The NC 4-H Livestock Judging contest will be held in Raleigh on July 26-28. If any youth are interested in participating, please contact Morgan Watts, Livestock Agent, at amwatts@ncsu.edu.

4-H Shout-outs!

-Congratulations to all 4-H'ers who have qualified for District Activity Day and for the NC 4-H State Horse Show!

-Emily Barlow, Anthony Blandino and Kayleigh Hill will be attending Citizenship Focus in Raleigh on June 13-15 to learn more about the NC General Assembly and how government works.



Online Agriculture Classes

Extension Agents were sent an email about this opportunity

and I wanted to pass it along. The Nelson Academy of Agricultural Sciences Online provides an online option for ag. classes for middle and high school youth and adult education. April Garris lives in NC and is a teacher with this group. She is willing to speak to any 4-H clubs or parents about these classes if you're interested. You can contact her at april.garris@k12.nd.us.

[Learn more » All Ag Online website](#)

Upcoming Events

June 5: RACE meeting, 6 PM
June 7: 8 am: Mentoring Group Ropes Course (meet at Ext. office at 7:30 am)
June 7: PALS & County Council meets, 6 PM
June 13-15: Citizenship Focus
June 15: 4-H T-Shirt Orders Due
June 19: District Activity Day
June 22: Broiler Project Application due
July 4-8: NC 4-H State Horse Show
July 9: Broiler Project Mandatory Meeting, 6 PM
July 10-12: Electric Congress
July 17: County Council meets, 6 PM
July 20: NC 4-H Poultry Judging Contest
July 21: Farmers Day, China Grove (come work at the 4-H Booth)
July 21: NC 4-H State Presentation Finals
July 21-24: NC 4-H Congress
July 26-28: NC 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
August 18: Central Region Shooting Sports Tournament
August 24-25: NCACC Youth Voice Summit

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