







Clover Connection

Rowan County 4-H Newsletter

January 2019



From the Agent:

In January, we had 28 Project Record Books/Portfolios turned in for work done in 2018. We also held volunteer club leader training and had a shooting sports informational meeting. Lots of good things happening!

There are tons of updates in this newsletter, so take time to read through it. If you are interested in 4-H Camp, County 4-H Event Scholarships, local college scholarship applications, horse/dairy/poultry updates, and other exciting opportunities, read below!

Don't forget that the deadline is quickly approaching to RSVP for Achievement Night. Please also fill out the Achievement Night Certificates link for each 4-H member enrolled in 4-H in 2018! (More info in a section below)

As a reminder, 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 (which is typically the 1st of the month).

Show 4-H some love this month by participating in events, supporting fundraisers, making a donation, and/or donating your time to help 4-H'ers or club leaders!

Laura

My contact information: laura_allen@ncsu.edu 704-216-8970

4-H Achievement Night

Achievement Night will be held on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 6 PM at the ag. center. The theme is "Welcome to the Rodeo" and you are encouraged to dress in western wear!



This night will highlight 4-H'ers and their achievements from 2018. 2019 4-H officers will be installed too. 4-H'ers and their families are invited to attend, so please put this date on your calendar. This year, the entire meal will be catered. Please use the forms below to help us plan for food and to prepare for recognizing our 4-H'ers.

If a 4-H'er DOES NOT fill out the award recognition form, then they will not be recognized for their individual achievements and will not receive a years of service pin. It is imperative that this form is filled out by each 4-H'er who participated in 2018!

Forms MUST be filled out by February 15!

Fill out this form to be recognized for 2018 4-H Achievements (due by Feb. 15) RSVP for Achievement Night (due by Feb. 15)

You can also find all of this information at the Rowan County Cooperative Extension webpage: Rowan County Cooperative Extension



4H@nline updates

4-H'ers and 4-H volunteers MUST ENROLL in 4HOnline ANNUALLY. The 4-H year runs from January-December, which means you must re-enroll 4-H'ers NOW to make them eligible for 4-H in 2019.

4HOnline is a new enrollment system and those involved in 4-H in 2018 were just put into this system in November. I realize that was only a couple months ago, but it's a new year and a new time for re-enrolling.

Please login ASAP and get 4-H'ers enrolled. You are not an active 4-H if you are not in this system. You cannot compete, receive recognition, get scholarships, etc. if you are not enrolled in 4HOnline for 2019.

**If you need to know your login email, please email Laura at laura allen@ncsu.edu. If you need help, please let Laura know. If you would like to come into the office and get help with the process, email Laura to set up a time.

The website is nc.4honline.com. All new members must complete the entire form. Those members who enrolled in 2018 will just have to update their forms and fill in a few areas...much of the information is still in the system from 2018.

Volunteers and 4-H'ers must do this annually!

If you need assistance, please visit this site for helpful

hints: https://nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/4honline/

Please let me know if you have questions! If you are a club leader, please have new club members submit their enrollment via 4HOnline!



Spring Plant Sale Going on Now!

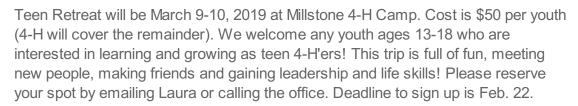
Once again, it's Plant Sale time! This fundraiser is a fundraiser for all program areas at Rowan County Cooperative Extension, including 4-H. This year (for the first time in a long time) we are offering lots of new plants, along with what we traditionally offer. We have flyers available at the office if you would like to distribute them.

Deadline to order is Thursday, Feb. 28. Plant pick up is Thursday, March 7 from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.

To look at the flyers and to access the online ordering link, visit: Cooperative Extension Spring Plant Sale

Teen Retreat

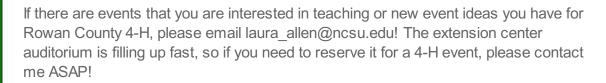
Opportunity for youth ages 13-18 as of January 1.





2019 4-H Dates

This google doc is up-to-date with 2019 dates/events that have already been planned. I will update it as more events are planned. You can also find dates on the Rowan County Extension website calendar at the top of the webpage. Find it here: Rowan County Cooperative Extension



2019 Rowan County 4-H Events Calendar



Rowan County 4-H Cloverbucks & Scholarship Programs Available in 2019



Rowan County 4-H is now offering opportunities for youth to receive additional financial support to attend 4-H events.

Cloverbucks are earned scholarship vouchers awarded to any 4-H'er for participation in particular 4-H activities. These vouchers can be used to offset costs associated with 4-H trips and events. We have outlined several areas where youth can receive Cloverbucks. Please note that youth WILL NOT receive actual cash in hand through this process.

Additionally, we have outlined parent costs associated with overnight 4-H trips and programming that are offered through the county office. These costs are what the parents will owe for these particular events; 4-H will be covering the remaining balance for each of the outlined trips.

A scholarship program has also been created for youth to apply for additional funding to offset parental costs for any 4-H opportunity offered through the county 4-H program or through 4-H clubs. A youth can receive no more than \$150 annually through this scholarship process. Youth may not receive the full amount they ask for; it will be at the discretion of the scholarship committee based upon the application, scholarship money available and number of applicants.

Rowan County 4-H Scholarship Applications are due <u>APRIL 1, 2019</u> to the Rowan County 4-H Office.

Rowan County 4-H Event Scholarship Application Cloverbuck & Event Scholarship Guidelines

This information can also be found at the Rowan County Cooperative Extension webpage: Rowan County Cooperative Extension



4-H Camp for Summer 2019

Rowan County 4-H will be attending traditional 4-H camp on **July 7-12**, **2019** at Betsy-Jeff Penn camping facility in Reidsville, NC.

The NC 4-H Camping program is a wonderful program for youth! The camp is fully staffed and is accredited through the American Camp Association. Rowan County 4-H has not had 4-H'ers attend camp in the last couple of years, so I would LOVE to have some 4-H'ers attend this summer!

Traditional 4-H Camp costs \$495. For current, active Rowan County 4-H'ers, Rowan County 4-H will cover \$195 per camper. So, the family cost is only \$300. Non-active 4-H'ers must pay the entire cost of \$495. To attend traditional camp, you will register through Rowan County 4-H, not the state camping website.

-To reserve your spot, please pay a \$150 non-refundable deposit to Rowan

County CES by Friday, March 29, 2019 and turn it in along with this registration form: Rowan County 4-H Camp Registration Form (can be mailed or brought by the extension office)

Other details:

- -The remaining balance is due by Tuesday, June 4.
- -A required "Camp Meeting" must be attended on Tuesday, June 4 at 6:30 PM at the Rowan County Extension Center. This meeting is for the camp participant AND at least one parent/guardian.
- -Child must be enrolled in 4-H Online: nc.4honline.com
- -Other required camp paperwork must be completed (will be provided at later date)

During traditional 4-H camp, youth will be involved in the following:

- Canoeing and Kayaking
- Crafts
- Swimming
- Hiking
- Field Games
- Ropes Courses
- Shooting Sports (archery, riflery, and shotguns)
- And Much More!

**Other more specialized camps are offered through NC 4-H as well (horsemanship, shooting sports, etc). Parents must register their youth for these camps via the camping website. Camping scholarships may be available through Rowan County 4-H.

Learn more about the NC 4-H Camping Program: NC 4-H Camp Website



4-H Presentations

It's time for youth to start thinking about 4-H Presentations! Youth will compete at the Rowan County level at County Activity Day on April 29. Those who qualify for the district level will compete at District Activity Day on June 14 in Lincoln County. District qualifiers will compete at State Presentations Finals on July 20.

Here are just a few reasons why youth should compete in 4-H Presentations:

- -develop public speaking skills
- -learn more about a topic
- -gain confidence
- -learn to answer questions extemporaneously
- -gain responsibility
- -learn life skills
- -meet new people
- -develop skills in conducting research

4-H Presentation Categories
Additional 4-H Presentation Information



4-H Embryology

We are still seeking 2nd and 7th grade classrooms in the Rowan-Salisbury School System who are interested in doing embryology in their classrooms. The 4-H curriculum correlates with the essential standards in 2nd and 7th grade. Please help spread the word about this awesome opportunity! We currently have 21 home-school, charter school or private schools involved in the first cycle of embryology.

During this program, teachers must go through a training with Laura on embryology. An incubator, chick life cycle kit, curriculum, instructions and fertilized eggs will be provided for those who participate in this program. All supplies and chicks will be returned to Rowan County 4-H at the conclusion of the program.

The cost associated with this program will be \$10 per classroom or homeschool family. This money will help us with purchasing needed supplies and replacement materials.

The required training and pick up date for public schools include: Feb. 26 (1st public school cycle)

March 26 (2nd public school cycle).

Public School teachers must pre-register by February 8.

4-H Shooting Sports program update

Thanks to all those who attended the 4-H Shooting Sports informational meeting. We had over 35 folks in attendance! Charles Young, NC Shooting Sports Coordinator did a great job explaining the program and how it works.

Several folks signed up as being interested in Hot Shots, led by Beth & Glenn Stebe. If you would like to contact her about this club and how to join, please email her at bethstebe@gmail.com.

There were many folks who signed up as being interested in starting an additional Shooting Sports Club. I have received word from a location that can be used for shooting. However, to make this club happen, there MUST be adults willing to go to the official 4-H shooting sports instructor training. This club cannot run unless that happens. We need at least one person to head up getting this club started and being the primary leader. We'll also need instructors who have completed the 4-H training in at least one of the disciplines listed below.

4-H competition occurs in the areas of Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, Pistol, Muzzleloading, and Hunter Skills.

If you are interested in going to the 4-H Shooting Sports Training on March 29-31, 2019 at Millstone 4-H Camp, please email laura_allen@ncsu.edu soon. The total cost is \$125, but 4-H will help offset some of this cost. The next training is not until



If you are interested in your child participating in 4-H Shooting Sports, please contact laura allen@ncsu.edu.



College Scholarships Available

It's time for high school seniors to be applying for college scholarships. There are many out there, and lots of local ones, so be on the lookout! Below are some that are available through 4-H or here locally:

Rowe McNeely 4-H Scholarship

(specifically for 4-H'ers in Rowan and Iredell Counties)

South Central District 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association Scholarship

Rowan County Holstein Club Scholarship

Justin Michael Sloop Scholarship

Herter-O'Neal Scholarship Application Herter-O'Neal Scholarship information

NC State Fair Livestock Scholarships

All of these scholarships are due SOON! Please note due dates for each scholarship and where to send completed applications!



Upcoming Meetings

County Council: These meetings are for any 4-H'er ages 12-18 as of January 1. We will meet in the Suite A Conference Room at the extension Office.

February 18, 2019 February 22, 2019, 4 PM (to finalize Achievement Night decor) March 28, 2019 April 9, 2019 May 16, 2019 June 18, 2019

PALS: These meetings are for any parent, alumni, or leader (or anyone at all) who supports 4-H. If you are interested in 4-H or new to 4-H, you are invited to attend these meetings as well! Please come share your ideas for 4-H and help us find ways to support Rowan County 4-H. This group will meet at the Rowan County Cooperative Extension office in Auditorium A.



Horse Updates

- 1. 4-H Volunteer Maggie Boreman has volunteered to coach youth interested in 4-H Horse Judging. Youth must be ages 8-18 as of Jan. 1, 2019. The contest is on Saturday, April 13, 2019 in Williamston, NC. Practices are tentatively scheduled for: Thursday, 2/7; Friday 2/15; Friday 2/22; Thursday 2/28 at 4:30. March after-school dates to be determined. There will also be practices on 3/9 and 4/6. If you are interested, please email laura_allen@ncsu.edu ASAP and I will let Maggie know!
- 2.The most recent NC 4-H Horse Program Newsletter can be found here: NC 4-H Horse Newsletter. This issue highlights some of the recently voted changes to the NC State 4-H Horse Show classes and divisions, as well as new divisions for Hippology and Horse Judging.
- 3. The 2019 NC 4-H Horse Calendar of Events can be found here: NC 4-H Horse Calendar for 2019
- 4. The 2019 NC 4-H Horse Program Rules and Regulations Manual has been posted. There are several changes, so please read it carefully. <u>2019 Horse Program Rules & Regulations Manual</u>
- 5. The requirements for getting a horse eligibility card have changed. Any 4-H horse member (must be in a 4-H club) who wishes to show their project animal must have a valid eligibility card that is distributed through this system, which also will declare which qualifying show they will attend.

You MUST complete this google form in order to receive an eligibility card: <u>MUST fill</u> <u>out this form to get a Horse Eligibility Card</u>. **This form MUST be filled out by April 1, 2019.**

Once the form is filled out, the state will send me the eligibility card and then I will be in touch with you to get it to you and get the correct signatures. Please let me know if you have any questions!

6. The plan is for Rowan County 4-H to have a horse quizbowl team in 2020. The 2019 competitions are quickly approaching and we don't think there is enough time to have a team trained for 2019. Maggie Boreman has volunteered to train this team. If anyone is interested in helping, please let Laura know.

NC 4-H Horse Program Information



Dairy Updates

1. We have 14 youth who will be participating in 4-H dairy judging contest! Reminders of upcoming practices:

Feb. 9: We will meet at a farm in the morning (exact time/place to be determined)

Feb. 16: We will meet at a farm in the morning (exact time/place to be determined)

Feb. 21: Meet at extension office from 4:15-5:30 PM (bring all study materials & paper)

Feb. 23: We will meet at a farm in the morning (exact time/place to be determined)

As a reminder, all youth MUST be enrolled in 4HOnline to participate in the 4-H contest. Please get this done sooner than later if you have not already: nc.4honline.com. If you enrolled in 2018, you must re-enroll for 2019.

Also, the contest is Friday, March 22. Please let me know if you need a letter for your child's school stating why they will be absent that day.

2. The NC 4-H Dairy Quizbowl contest will be in May 2019. Please email Laura if you are interested in being on this team.



Poultry Updates

1- The 4-H Poultry Judging contest is on July 19. We will start practicing in May.

2. Youth Market Turkey Show:

Is your 4-Her interested in learning about raising animals for show but you aren't sure where to start? Why not have them participate in the Youth Market Turkey Show! Participants receive poults as well as 5lbs of starter feed to get their birds off to a great start. Registration begins on March 1st. Spots are limited to 300 participants, due to space at the state fair and the availability of birds. Spots do fill up fast!

- 3. Poultry Science Summer Institute
- 4. NC 4-H Poultry Program updates

NC 4-H Program looking for volunteers to judge Project Record Books and/or Portfolios!

One of the best ways to learn how to do 4-H Project Records or Portfolios is to actually come and judge for at least one day. Judges will see a variety of records and will learn how to go back and help 4-H'ers on the county level complete records. NCSU will pay for lodging and most meals for our judges. Email Laura if you think you might be interested!



Date: April 26-28, 2019

Location: SpringHill & Suites Cary, NC

Portfolio Judging

Date: April 29 - May 1, 2019

Location: SpringHill & Suites Cary, NC

For our 4-H Club Leaders:

- -Thank you to all 4-H Clubs that turned in your chartering/re-chartering information on time! If you have not turned in your packet, PLEASE get it to me ASAP. It is past due. Those who had to finalize a few forms, please turn those in to me as soon as you get them completed!
- -Thanks to those who attended the required club leader training. I think it was a positive experience for all of us to get on the same page! If you were unable to attend, you must make up this training. Please refer to the email I sent you about possible make up dates.
- -Please read the "Achievement Night" section and help/encourage your members and parents to get the forms filled out. We need an accurate head count for food and need member/parent info in order to properly recognize 4-H'ers. I have also sent forms for club leaders to fill out (in an email). These forms are for the Outstanding Club Member and a form to get a list of all 2018 club members/leaders of you club. PLEASE fill these out to ensure everyone in your club gets the proper recognition.
- -PLEASE get your current club members and yourselves (and all 4-H volunteers) reenrolled in 4HOnline. I know we just went through this for 2018, but we have to renew everyone in 2019. All new members should enroll in 4HOnline. Thanks for helping me with this new process!
- -Please make sure your club elects new officers by early February 2019. All club officers will be installed at Achievement Night on Monday, February 25, 2019.
- -Paper Clover Week for the Spring is March 27-April 7. Go ahead and be thinking about what days/times you want your club/club members to work the booth at Tractor Supply. I will be sending out a sign up sheet at a later date.
- 4-H'ers can earn \$15 of Cloverbucks per day worked.
- -Remember that as a club leader, you MUST attend 1 volunteer training during the calendar year to be able to re-charter your club. For Emerald Seal, you must attend 2 volunteer trainings.
- -Please push your 4-H'ers to do a project record book or to get involved in 4-H in a new way! There are many deadlines in January. Note the dates listed above in this newsletter!



THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!!!!

Click here for more information:

<u>Achievement Plan</u>

<u>Project Record Books and Presentations</u>

4-H Ambassador Program



4-H Opportunities for Soil Day!

These opportunities were shared to me by Liz Driscoll, 4-H Youth Specialist in the Departments of Crop and Soil Sciences, Entomology and Plant Pathology, and Horticultural Science at NC State. Please let me know if your 4-H'er plans to participate in any of these events!

NC 4-H Beekeeping Essay (due Feb. 15): <u>Beekeeping Essay Information</u>
NC Youth Institute (paper due Feb. 1, program is April 5): <u>Youth Institute Information</u>
Horticultural Science Summer Institute (July 7-12): <u>Program information</u>
Resource Conservation Workshop (June 23-28): <u>Workshop Information</u>



4-H Club Opportunity

Would a club like to set up a display booth at the We Dig Salisbury event? They are looking to have a 4-H precense at this event. The booth would need to display information on recycling, trees, plants, natural resources, etc and advertise for 4-H. If interested, contact Laura! The event is March 2, 2019 from 10 AM-2 PM.

We Dig Salisbury event flyer

4-H Opportunity

I received an email about this opportunity to help volunteer at an upcoming Alpaca Show. Please read the email I received and respond to Carol Guzewicz (contact info. is below) if interested).



We would love to have some students (or adults) volunteer at our upcoming alpaca show at the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center in Concord, NC. We will gladly complete a form for hours worked for any credits they may be able to use in their schools.

The show website is http://carolinaalpacacelebration.com/ and has all the information. This is a direct link to the volunteer page: http://carolinaalpacacelebration.com/volunteer-for-the-southern-alpacacelebration/.

I would be happy to answer any questions you have or the students may have. We have a real variety of opportunities from working around the animals to doing administrative work, working with the public, or working with sales.

They can call me or email me if they have questions. Email is typically better as I am usually outside on my own farm.

828-749-3288 carol@hiddengapfarm.com

Let me know if this is something that the 4H'ers may be interest in.

Thank you,

Carol Guzewicz Volunteer Coordinator for Carolina Alpaca Celebration

4-H Livestock Camp

Do you have a child that is interested in livestock? If so, check out this Livestock Science Camp opportunity at NC State this summer! Youth must be 14-17 years old. Registration ends in March.



Livestock Science Camp Flyer

How to Start a New 4-H Club!

Are you interested in starting your own 4-H club to meet the needs and interests of your family or community? If so, here are the requirements to charter a new 4-H Club:

- 1. Must have at least 1 approved volunteer to lead the group (having co-leaders is also recommended). Volunteers must fill out an application and go through a background check.
- 2. The club must have at least 5 members from at least 3 different families.
- 3. A written program of work must be completed for the first 6 meetings and must be been submitted to the county Cooperative Extension office.
- 4. The club is organized with appropriate youth leaders that are either rotated or elected.
- 5. A club roster is completed and submitted to the county Cooperative Extension office.

An approved 4-H charter application must be on file at the Rowan County Cooperative Extension office and each club must re-charter annually. 4-H members must fill out 4-H enrollment and medical forms annually.

Please email laura_allen@ncsu.edu if you are interested in starting a club!

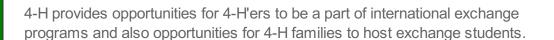


4-H Shout-outs!

-Thanks for all the youth who turned in project record books or portfolios in January with their 2018 records! We had 28 total submissions!



4-H International Exchange Program





The Summer Outbound Program is available to 4-H'ers who have participated in a county or state program. These 4-H youth can apply to travel to Costa Rica, Japan, Finland and South Korea.

This summer, NC 4-H will be hosting 12 Japanese delegates and 3 Costa Rican delegates. The Costa Rica Exchange will take place June 26th-July 21st and the Japanese Exchange will take place around the same time as last year: July 21-25 to August 18-22. Please check out the link below for more details!

International Program Information



4-H Hot Shots Visit Salisbury Veterans Cemetery By: Laney Gabosch, Hot Shots Reporter

On December 15, 2018 the Rowan County 4-H "Hot Shots" were given the opportunity to go visit the

Salisbury Veterans Cemetery for their wreath placing and ceremony. We chose a few of the past veterans to

highlight and share information about their life with you.

Wren Harold Hilliard was one of the many thousands of men that served the US in World War II. He was born in Ohio, December 8th, 1924. He lived to be 76 years old. He is survived by his wife Ruth, sons Vernon and Harold, and daughter Corine. Another veteran is Francis Smith, or "Smitty" as his friends know him. He served in the Navy during the Korean War. Then later became the superintendent of the Johnson Concrete block plant (later becoming the sales manager), as well as a father and husband, until his death July 17, 2017. Smitty and Wren were some of the many veterans that were honored and appreciated during the Ceremony. The Ceremony was a large event at the Salisbury Veterans Cemetery, a place any local veterans can be buried and honored there. During the ceremony, all branches of the military (along will all those MIA) were recognized by the placing of a wreath. When the ceremony was over everyone who attended was allowed to go place provided wreaths on the graves memorializing the fallen soldiers/veterans.



4-H Honor Club Induction
Submitted by: Cheryl Oster

Sam Oster was inducted into the 4-H Honor Club during 4-H Congress on Saturday July 21, 2018. After years of involvement in the 4-H program, Sam submitted his application and was considered by the committee members. Sam did not find out if his application was approved until the tapping in ceremony. This is a great honor that few 4-H members achieve. Sam is very happy to be a part of this great group of dedicated 4-H'ers. He is looking forward to attending Honor Club conference and giving back to the 4-H program.

Shared Folder for 4-H Pictures

I've had requests for some of the 4-H pictures I have taken at different events. To make it easier for everybody, I've created a shared folder in my Google Drive and have added all of my 4-H pictures in there. Please do not delete them, but you can copy ones you want to save, you can add pictures taken at 4-H events, etc. Also, be



mindful that not all 4-H'ers have signed waivers allowing their picture to be taken. If I see any added pictures that include youth without that signed waiver, I will delete them. Here is the link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16GQ50QsLH10AVBFeg2y1EHfoOP0DGkZm?usp=sharing

Upcoming Events

February 5, 12, 19, 26: Speak Up workshops

February 18: PALS & County Council, 6 PM

February 22: County Council (work on decorations), 4 PM February 24: Set up for Achievement Night, 2:30-4 PM

February 25: Achievement Night, 6 PM

March 9-10: Teen Retreat (Millstone 4-H Camp)

March 22: NC 4-H Dairy Judging contest, Winston Salem, NC

March 27-April 7: Paper Clover Week at Tractor Supply

March 28: County Council meeting, 6 PM

April 1: 4-H Event Scholarships Due

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