

## Clover Connection

Rowan County 4-H Newsletter

March 2020



### From the Agent:

If you haven't yet, now is the time for ALL 4-H'ers and 4-H Volunteers to enroll in 4HOnline for 2020! You must enroll every year starting in January. Please register at [nc.4honline.com](https://nc.4honline.com).

Thanks to all of those who attended Achievement Night. We had 149 in attendance and had a very successful event. Special thanks to County Council for their work in planning this event!

Check out our 4-H dates for 2020: <https://rowan.ces.ncsu.edu/events/>

### **This newsletter highlights some exciting upcoming 4-H opportunities:**

- County Activity Day (sign up to give a speaking presentation, perform a talent or enter into the art categories).
- Rowan County Pullet Project (NEW project offered by our Livestock Extension Agent).
- Apply for 4-H Event Scholarship by April 1.
- Horse Eligibility Cards due by April 1.
- HELP US WITH THE PORT-A-PIT FUNDRAISER!!!

Keep reading for the details about these upcoming events!

Laura

My contact information:  
laura\_allen@ncsu.edu  
704-216-8970



### **Apply NOW for Rowan County 4-H Event Scholarships Due April 1, 2020 Open to 4-H'ers to help them attend 4-H events in 2020!**

Please find the updated Cloverbucks document and 4-H Event Scholarship application on the Rowan County Cooperative Extension website or click [HERE!](#)

4-H Event Scholarships are available for Rowan County youth to help assist them with expenses for upcoming 2020 4-H Events. **All 4-H Event Scholarship applications should be filled out by the**

## Local Scholarship Applications Available for Rising College Freshmen

Are you a high school senior looking for scholarship applications? If so, check out these scholarships to see if you are eligible. Deadlines are quickly approaching!

<https://rowan.ces.ncsu.edu/2019/02/4-h-and-other-local-scholarship-available/>



## Help us with the Rowan County 4-H PALS Port-a-Pit Fundraiser!

We need YOU to help us have a successful Port-a-Pit Fundraiser! The event will be on Friday, April 3, 2020. **We must pre-sale tickets, which should be sold and turned in by March 13.** Please come by the Extension office to pick up tickets to sell. **The 4-H club who sells the most tickets wins \$50!**

Use these forms, flyers and sign up sheets:

[Port-a-Pit 8+ Orders Delivery Order Form](#)

[SIGN UP here to tell us what businesses you are notifying of this fundraiser](#)

[Volunteer Sign Up for April 3 Event....we need LOTS of volunteers!](#)

[Port-a-Pit Flyer](#)

[Dessert Sign Up \(REQUIRED by 4-H Clubs, but more are needed\)](#)

Contact [laura\\_allen@ncsu.edu](mailto:laura_allen@ncsu.edu) for questions!

# Rowan County 4-H PALS

All proceeds benefit 4-H youth development programs & scholarships

# Port-a-Pit BBQ Chicken



**Friday, April 3, 2020**

**11 AM-3 PM**

**Eat In or Take Out**

**Pre-Order**

**\$10  
per plate**

**Half chicken, baked  
beans, slaw, roll,  
dessert**

**\* Eat in orders include drink\***

**Tickets  
Now!**

**Delivery  
available**

**(with orders of 8 or more to  
Rowan County locations)**

**NC Cooperative Extension,  
Rowan County Center  
2727 Old Concord Road  
Salisbury, NC 28146**

**Orders due by**

**March 13**

**To order contact:**

**[laura\\_allen@ncsu.edu](mailto:laura_allen@ncsu.edu)**

**704-216-8970**

**REGISTER for 4-H Camp at Betsy-Jeff Penn on  
June 28-July 3, 2020**

4-H Camp is for youth ages 8-14. It is an 5 night, 6 day overnight camp from a Sunday-Friday during the summer. We officially have camp dates and a location! We will be going to Betsy-Jeff Penn in Reidsville, NC on June 28-July 3, 2020.

**It's time to register for camp! The registration form (linked below) and non-refundable payment of \$150 is due by March 25 to reserve your spot.**

Camp costs \$420 per person. 4-H'ers who are active in a 4-H club or multiple county level events for at least 6 months prior to the registration date will owe \$375. If we receive donations from local groups, the cost may be less per person, but we will not know that until closer to time.

If you want to see what camp looks like, Betsy-Jeff Penn will be having an **OPEN HOUSE on May 3 from 2-6 PM**. You and your family can drive to Reidsville to explore the camping facility!



[4-H CAMP REGISTRATION FORM](#)

To learn more about camp, check out:

[Rowan County 4-H Camp details & deadlines](#)

[NC 4-H Camping Centers](#)

[Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Educational Center](#)

[Millstone 4-H Camp](#)



## REGISTER NOW for upcoming public speaking, talent and art competitions held during County Activity Day!

Does your child love competition? Are you wanting your child to develop their public speaking skills? Does your child have a unique talent that they want to share? Is your child artistic? If so, they should participate in Rowan County 4-H County Activity Day on April 27!

It's time for youth to start preparing for 4-H Presentations, Expressive Arts and 4-H Talent, all of which will occur at County Activity Day on April 27, 2020 (held at the N.C. Cooperative Extension of Rowan County)! **To participate in any of these events, you MUST pre-register by April 9, 2020.**

All Expressive Arts artwork must be brought to the Extension office by **Friday, April 17**. If it is not turned in by then, it will be disqualified from judging. You must still pre-register on the google form, too.

**4-H TALENT COMPETITION WILL BE AT 4 PM ON APRIL 27, 2020.**

**4-H PRESENTATIONS WILL BEGIN AT 6 PM ON APRIL 27, 2020.**

To register and find helpful links and explanations of events and competition categories, please visit: [County Activity Day 2020 information and registration link](#)

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## NEW: Rowan County Pullet Project Registration due by March 19. Limited to 20 participants.

Check out this new opportunity provided by Morgan Watts, Livestock Extension Agent!

The Rowan County Pullet Project is an opportunity for youth (ages 5-18 as of January 1) to learn more about the livestock industry. Through this project, youth will raise laying hens. In September, youth will participate in a pullet show, where they will demonstrate to the judge their knowledge of the bird. Training for this project will be provided through

workshops.

For more information and the application please [click here](#).

For questions call the Rowan County Extension Office: 704-216-8970.



# Rowan County Pullet Project



### What is the Pullet Project?

The Rowan County Pullet Project is an opportunity for youth (ages 5-18 as of January 1) to learn more about the livestock

*Teaching youth responsibility,  
animal husbandry, and money*

(ages 8-16 as of January 1) to learn more about the livestock industry. Through this project, youth will raise laying hens. In September, youth will participate in a pullet show, where they will demonstrate to the judge their knowledge of the bird. Training for this project will be provided through workshops.

*management through raising and selling chickens.*

**Must have a minimum of 5 participants and a maximum of 20 participants.**



**For more information, contact:**  
 Morgan Watts, Livestock Agent  
 704-216-8970  
 amwatts@ncsu.edu



**Save the Date!**

<i>Registration Deadline:</i>	<i>Workshops:</i>	<i>Chick Pick-up:</i>	<i>Show:</i>
Registration forms must be received by <b>Thursday, March 19.</b>  <b>Location:</b> Extension Office 2727-A Old Concord Rd., Salisbury	Orientation- Monday, March 23 at 6:00 p.m. *The two other workshops are TBD based on participant schedules  <b>Location:</b> Extension Office 2727 Old Concord Rd., Salisbury	April 2020  The actual date is to be determined.  <b>Location:</b> Extension Office 2727-A Old Concord Rd., Salisbury	September 25, 2020  Check-in time: TBD Show time: TBD  Participants will be notified closer to show date.  <b>Location:</b> Rowan County Fairgrounds

**Register NOW for Rowan County 4-H's first SPIN (SPecial INTERest) 4-H Club!**



**REGISTER NOW FOR THE**

**PLAYFUL PAWS  
4-H SPIN CLUB**

**THIS SPECIAL INTEREST 4-H CLUB WILL MEET FOR 5 WEEKS FROM 6:45-8 PM. NO COST!**

**Event dates: 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12**

**Location: Dog Paws Dog Park**

(behind Salisbury Civic Center)

**LIMITED TO 12 YOUTH AGES 5-18 (AS OF JAN. 1) AND THEIR DOGS.**

- ALL DOGS MUST BE UP-TO-DATE ON RABIES SHOTS.
- COPY OF DOG IMMUNIZATION RECORDS DUE BY APRIL 7.



Focus will be on:  
**Dog Obedience  
 & Safety**

**Must register by March 31.**

To register, contact:  
 Laura Allen  
 Rowan County 4-H Agent  
[laura\\_allen@ncsu.edu](mailto:laura_allen@ncsu.edu)  
 704-216-8970

NC State University and N.C. A&T State University are collectively committed to positive action to secure equal opportunity and prohibit discrimination and harassment regardless of age, color, disability, family and marital status, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, political beliefs, race, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation and veteran status. NC State, N.C. A&T, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and local governments cooperating. Persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency may request accommodations to participate by contacting Laura Allen, Rowan County 4-H Agent, at 704-216-8970 or [laura\\_allen@ncsu.edu](mailto:laura_allen@ncsu.edu) at least 3 days prior to the event.

### 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 at 6 PM.

March 30, 2020  
 April 20, 2020

\*\*additional dates are listed on the Rowan County Cooperative Extension calendar.

**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 at 6 PM.

April 3, 2020: volunteer with Port-a-Pit fundraiser  
 April 20, 2020

\*\*additional dates are listed on the Rowan County Cooperative Extension calendar.

### Upcoming Teen Trips & Events...pre-registration required!



**SIGN UP  
NOW!**

### **Citizenship Focus (for youth ages 14-18 as of Jan. 1)**

Citizenship Focus is a leadership and citizenship conference for NC 4-H'ers. This year's conference will be held in Cary, NC on June 15-17. Only 3 youth per county can attend. Rowan County pays in full for this event (\$200) for each participant, while the NC Electric Cooperatives pay the remaining fees for each child (total cost per attendee is over \$600). It is FREE to you and is a wonderful experience! Conference highlights include: Citizenship themed workshops, panel discussions, distinguished speakers, visits with elected officials, community service projects, and off site visits in Raleigh.

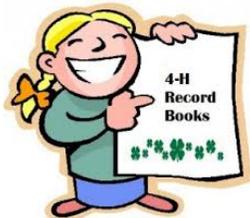
**If you are interested, please email [laura\\_allen@ncsu.edu](mailto:laura_allen@ncsu.edu). no later than May 1.** Those who have never attended before will be given first preference, but repeat attendees are invited to attend again. It is limited to 3 Rowan County 4-H'ers.

### **4-H Congress (for youth ages 13-18 as of Jan. 1)**

4-H Congress is the highlight of the 4-H year at the state level! 4-H'ers attend workshops & leadership sessions, listen to motivational speakers, participate in the process of electing officers, conduct community service projects and more! We stay on the campus of NC State University for this event. We will leave on Friday, July 17 and return on Tuesday, July 21. **If you plan to attend 4-H Congress, please RSVP by May 1.** Congress will cost \$175 per child with the county covering the remaining cost (total cost is over \$300 per child).

### **YouthVoice (for youth ages 14-18 as of Jan. 1)**

This event is in conjunction with the NC Association of County Commissioners annual meeting. One 4-H'er from Rowan County can attend. Those who attended in the past are not eligible to attend again. If you are interested in being the Rowan County 4-H attendee this year, please notify Laura by May 1. The attendee will have to speak in front of the County Commissioners at one of their upcoming meetings.



## **PLAN NOW for Project Record Books, Achievement Plans, & More!**

**If you are wanting your child or club member to turn in a Project Record Book or Achievement Plan for the year 2020, please start NOW! The completed books/plans will be due in January 2021, but the work included in them will be the items they do from January-December 2020.**

**Use the links below to help you! If you have questions or need help to get started, let Laura know!**

Use these links to help you:

[Project Record Book for Rowan Cloverbuds \(5-7 years old\)](#)

[Project Record Book for 8-12 years old](#)

[Project Record Book for 13-18 years old](#)

[Helpful Hints for doing Project Record Books](#)

[Achievement Plan](#)

[NC 4-H Incentives & Awards Programs](#)\*\*\*\*has the grading rubrics and record books provided

## **Apply Now for Youth in Action Scholarships**

The 4-H Youth in Action Program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse



backgrounds and unique perspectives in our core pillar areas: agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM.

Each Pillar Winner will experience an exciting year of telling their 4-H story and celebrating their leadership. Winners receive:

- \$5,000 higher education scholarship
- Promotional video showcasing their 4-H impact story
- All-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards
- Networking opportunities with 4-H celebrities and other prominent alumni
- Recognition as the official 4-H youth spokesperson for their pillar

One Pillar Winner will be selected as the 4-H Youth in Action National Award Winner and will receive an additional higher education scholarship.

[Learn More and Apply Here!](#)

The best way to learn about how Project Record Books should be done is to judge them! Here is an opportunity to judge the best of the best! Contact [laura\\_allen@ncsu.edu](mailto:laura_allen@ncsu.edu) if you are interested and she can get you registered. **Must contact Laura no later than March 7 to register!** We already have 2 volunteers from Rowan County attending!



The poster features a green and black background with white polka dots. At the top right is the NC State Extension logo, which includes a green four-leaf clover with 'H' in each leaf, above a red box with 'NC STATE' and 'EXTENSION' below it. The main title '4-H Record Judges Needed' is in large white font. To the left is a yellow pencil with 'Come help judge 4-H Record Books' written vertically on it. The text lists 'Project Record Judging' (April 24-26, 2020, SpringHill & Suites Cary, NC) and 'Portfolio Judging' (April 27-29, 2020, SpringHill & Suites Cary, NC). A green speech bubble says 'You will learn so much about about records by judging!' and 'Come meet new friends and have fun while judging!'. At the bottom right, it says 'Contact your 4-H Agent for more details!' and provides the registration link 'go.ncsu.edu/recordjudging'.

  
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## 4-H Record Judges Needed

Come help judge 4-H Record Books

**Project Record Judging**  
Date: April 24-26, 2020  
Location: SpringHill & Suites Cary, NC

**Portfolio Judging**  
Date: April 27-29, 2020  
Location: SpringHill & Suites Cary, NC

You will learn so much about about records by judging!  
Come meet new friends and have fun while judging!

Contact your 4-H Agent for more details!

Registration Link for Judging:  
[go.ncsu.edu/recordjudging](http://go.ncsu.edu/recordjudging)



## Application, Interview, Resume, Electronic-Video (AIRE)

AIRE is a workforce development and college prep program for youth ages 11-18 (as of Jan. 1).

Youth are eligible participate in this program in one of two ways.

**Option 1:** Youth participate in this program by completing the four (4) AIRE candidate packet components. All candidates submitting a complete packet will be invited to participate in either the State-Level competitive program (open to youth ages 14-18) or in the non-competitive program (open to youth ages 11-13). **Youth participating in the competitive AIRE program are eligible to be selected to attend national events such as National Congress, National Conference, and International Leadership Conference.**

**\*\*This option requires youth to submit their packets to Laurano later than June 1, 2020.**

**Option 2:** Youth participate in this program by completing the AIRE program components as self-study and/or as part of their local 4-H program. This option does not require the participant to submit their AIRE packet for State-level review.

Read more at: <https://nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/youth-3/application-interview-resume-essay-aire/>



## Horse Updates

Are you interested in 4-H Horse Judging, Hipplology or Quizbowl? If interested, please email [laura\\_allen@ncsu.edu](mailto:laura_allen@ncsu.edu) as soon as possible!

[2020 Horse Eligibility Cards](#) \*\*\*\*Due by April 1\*\*\*\*

State 4-H Horse Show: July 8-12, 2020

[Dates of 2020 State Qualifying Horse Shows](#)

[NC 4-H Horse Program February 2020 Newsletter](#)

[NC 4-H Horse Program 2020 Calendar of Events](#)

[NC 4-H Horse Program Rules & Regulations Manual \(updated Dec. 2019\)](#)

[NC 4-H Horse Program Dressage & Combined Training Manual](#)

[NC 4-H Horse Program Information](#)



## Dairy Updates

**Practice dates:**

March 4, 18, 25 at 4 PM

\*\*Farm locations will be emailed to you prior to that practice. We will not practice on March 11

practice on March 11.

There is a Dairy Judging 101 workshop coming up in Greensboro on March 14. RSVP if you can attend. You will have to travel there on your own.

The competition is Friday, March 27 in Winston Salem.

# DAIRY JUDGING 101 WORKSHOP

FOCUS ON REASONS

## FOR WHOM?

Dairy youth from North Carolina and nearby states

## WHEN?

March 14<sup>th</sup> 10 AM (check-in) to 4 PM

## WHERE?

Guilford County(NC)  
Extension Office

3309 Burlington Rd, Greensboro, NC 27405

## WHY?

- To prepare for the spring/summer judging contests
- To gain skill and confidence in your reasons

## ONLINE REGISTRATION

<http://bit.ly/DairyJudging101NC2020>

**There is no registration fee but please do register in advance.**

- **Sponsors sought.** All donations beyond workshop expenses will benefit the Virginia Tech Dairy Judging Team Endowment. •

## THE PROGRAM

### Morning: Reasons 101

1. Priorities – what to say, when
2. Terminology – how to say it

### Afternoon: Reasons 102

1. Practice: Getting GOOD!!
2. Contest day strategy

## CONTACT

### **Brittany Heizer**

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### **Nancy Keith**

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## FEATURING

### **Dr. Katharine F. Knowlton**

Dairy Science Professor &  
Coach, Virginia Tech Dairy  
Judging Team



**AND** 2018 &  
2019 VT Team  
members!!





## Poultry Updates

Poultry Judging practice for 2020 will start back in April or May 2020. The contest date is July 19, 2020 in Raleigh, NC.

We are also looking to have an Avian Bowl team this year, too!

## Jr. Master Gardeners 4-H Club report

02/25/2020

Today was a great day for painting! Our theme was a "spring inspired" field of daffodils. We learned new skills such as blending and different ways to paint grass to show depth. And an opportunity to create our own art!

Submitted by: Julie Cagle, Reporter



## Opportunity for 4-H'ers to help a local family by donating their artwork

I received this email in January. If you see fit for your family or 4-H'ers to help, please do so. If your 4-H'ers have artwork to donate contact Courtney Hawke at 704-224-4302 or courtneyhawke@gmail.com. Read her email below:

We are a local family in the process of adopting 2 teenage girls. We are nearing a light at the end of the tunnel, however we still need to fundraise for the remainder of our adoption fees. Which is why I



**Hawke Family Adoption**  
2509 Wedgewood Dr.  
Salisbury, NC 28146  
704-224-4302

the tunnel, however we still need to fundraise for the remainder of our adoption fees. Which is why I am hoping we can work together! We are hosting an even called "Noodles and Doodles" (or something similar, it's a work in progress) where we will serve a spaghetti meal to guests. During the event we would like to hold a silent auction of art work. I was wondering if there is any type of artwork that students or staff would be willing to donate toward our cause? We are open to all art types and appreciative of any and all support! Please contact me to let me know if you'd be interested. Thanks!

## Horticulture Opportunities

NC 4-H Beekeeping Essay: Due March 15



*North Carolina*  
**4-H Beekeeping Essay**  
Cultivating curiosity about honey bees through writing

**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.

### 2020 Beekeeping Essay Topic

**"Overwintering: Bee Survival through the Cold Season"**

Honey bees have developed special skills to overwinter in the United States. Please discuss one of these skills and then include a discussion about what you do to prepare your hives for winter. Include a photo of one of your hives, either using infrared technology or showing winter wrap, hay bales, special feeders, etc. to demonstrate how you prepare your hives for winter.

### Essay 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.

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



A honey bee worker tending to larva

**Beekeeping Essay Deadlines**  
North Carolina Essays are due  
March 15th, 2020 at 5pm

Essays should be emailed to  
[liz\\_driscoll@ncsu.edu](mailto:liz_driscoll@ncsu.edu)



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## North Carolina 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest Rules

1. The contest is open to active 4-H Club members only. 4-H'ers who have previously placed first, second, or third at the national level are not eligible; but other state winners are eligible to re-enter.
2. Requirements (failure to meet any one requirement disqualifies the essay)
  - Write on the designated subject only.
  - Essay must be typewritten or computer-generated on single-sided pages and formatted following standard manuscript format using double-spaced type and 12pt font in legible font face
  - Length: 750 to 1000 words. Note: Youth that are in the 9-10 age category, only need to write an essay that is between 400-500 words.
  - Word count does not include sources, works cited or the writer's biographical statement.
  - All factual statements and interview references must be cited in a "sources" or "bibliography" list.
  - On a separate page, please include a brief biographical statement of the writer including mailing address, email address and phone number.
3. Essays will be judged on (a) scope of research- 40%; (b) accuracy- 30%; (c) creativity- 10%; (d) conciseness- 10%; and (e) logical development of the topic- 10%.
4. NC 4-H youth will compete in the following age divisions; 1). 9-10 2). 11-13 and 3). 14-18. Youth awarded first in the 9-10 and 11-13 category will receive \$25 each. Youth in the 14-18 age category will receive \$50 and their winning essay will be sent on to the national competition. Youth can only place first one time within an age category.

## National 4-H Beekeeping Essay

The winner of the North Carolina 4-H state Beekeeping Essay is forwarded to the national Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees to participate in their national essay contest. Each state 4-H Office is responsible for selecting the state's winner and should set its deadline so state judging can be completed at the state level in time for the winning state essay to be mailed to the Foundation office by April 1st, 2020. No essay received after April 1 will be considered. Each state may submit only one entry.

Final judging and selection of the National Winner will be made by the Foundation's Essay Committee, whose decision is final. The National Winner will be announced June 1st, 2020. All National entries become the property of the Foundation and may be published or used as it sees fit. No essay will be returned. National winning essays will be posted at the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees 4-H Essay website. National prizes include: First Prize: \$750.00, Second Prize: \$500.00, and Third Prize: \$250.00.



**Contact: Liz Driscoll, 4-H Youth Specialist**  
North Carolina 4-H Crop and Soil Science, Entomology,  
Plant Pathology and Horticulture  
NC Cooperative Extension / NC State University  
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office: (919) 513-7346 / email: [liz\\_driscoll@ncsu.edu](mailto:liz_driscoll@ncsu.edu)  
[www.growforit.org](http://www.growforit.org)

**GROW FOR IT**

# HORTICULTURAL SCIENCE SUMMER INSTITUTE



July 5-10th, 2020 at North Carolina State University

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** are invited to spend a week at NC State University climbing trees, grafting tomatoes, snacking on raspberries, discovering new genes and so much more. The Horticultural Science Summer Institute is a residential, hands-on, pre-college program designed to engage youth into the many career opportunities within horticulture. Students will dig into workshops led by faculty, staff and students on topics ranging from breeding better vegetables, propagating ornamental shrubs, lengthening the life of cut flowers, learning sustainable production and design practices and delving into practical tools that enhance our understanding of plant processes. Students will visit unique and innovative North Carolina farms, markets, greenhouses and gardens. Youth will also explore college-making decisions and leadership development, enjoy evening entertainment and team-building activities, live in a campus residence hall with campus dining. The camp provides a close-knit forum for high school students across the state (and country) to gather together and broaden their interest and knowledge about horticulture.

Any high school student with a career or hobby interest within the field of agriculture and horticulture are encouraged to apply to the summer institute. The cost for the week is \$600 and includes on-campus lodging in the dorms, most meals, field trips, workshop materials, and entertainment. There may be some scholarships for underserved youth and participants with financial need, or payment plans can be arranged. Please contact Liz Driscoll, program coordinator at [liz\\_driscoll@ncsu.edu](mailto:liz_driscoll@ncsu.edu) for more information.



### CONTACT

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o (919) 513-7346 | c (919) 886-3424  
[www.growforit.ces.ncsu.edu](http://www.growforit.ces.ncsu.edu)

### APPLY NOW!

[www.go.ncsu.edu/hssi](http://www.go.ncsu.edu/hssi)



## 4-H Shout Outs

Thanks to everyone who attended Achievement Night on Feb. 24.  
We had 149 people in attendance!



## Important Info for 4-H Club Leaders:



**ALL OFFICIAL 4-H VOLUNTEERS: Please report your 2020 contacts by the 10th of every month after the month for which you are reporting (January reports are due by Feb. 10):**

**<http://go.ncsu.edu/2020monthly4hreport>**

**-The 4-H year runs January-December. All volunteers and club members MUST be re-enrolled in 4HOnline in January 2020, regardless of when they registered in 4HOnline in 2019. If they don't enroll, they can't participate!**

**-If you are seeking reimbursement from your club's account OR if you are needing money out of your club's account to pay a bill, please use the [PALS money use form](#).**

**-Please notify Laura of any club fundraisers you plan to do or club donations you plan to seek.**

**-If your club receives money (donation, club fee, fundraiser money, etc) the money MUST be RECEIPTED and TURNED IN to the Extension office within **3 DAYS** of receiving it! If you need a receipt book, please let Laura know.**

**-Please use the 4-H Club Leader Resource folder (link emailed to club leaders) No need to "reinvent the wheel" when we have great resources we can share! If you don't have access and would like to have access to this folder, email Laura!**

**-Please push your 4-H'ers to do a project record book, Achievement Plan or to get involved in 4-H in a new way!**

**-Brief club information and/or a 4-H picture & caption can be submitted for 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).**

**-Don't forget that your club MUST do at least 1 service project each year!**

**-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.**

**THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!!!!**

Click here for more information:

[Achievement Plan](#)

[Project Record Books and Presentations](#)

[4-H Ambassador Program](#)



## NC 4-H International Exchange Programs

NC 4-H is seeking HOST FAMILIES for Costa Rican and Japanese exchange students during the summer of 2020!

### Japanese Inbound

- We will be hosting 12 Japanese delegates and a Japanese chaperone this coming summer.
- **Applications for the Japanese program are DUE by May 22nd!**
- Hosting dates for the Japanese delegates: arrival on July 25th and departure on August 22nd.

[Click here to learn about NC 4-H International Exchange Programs](#)

## **Awesome opportunity for high school students to learn more about forestry, soil science, wildlife management and water quality while living on NC State's campus for a week-long camp!**

Check out this cool opportunity with the Soil & Water Conservation District! Please contact Kelli Isenhour if you have questions at [kelli.isenhour@rowancountync.gov](mailto:kelli.isenhour@rowancountync.gov) or 704-216-8998.

Resource Conservation  
Workshop

Summer 2020 NC State University



**ATTENTION** high school students! If you are interested in a career in natural resources you will want to attend this hands-on, week-long, residential camp. Students meet and work with NC State professors and professionals in the fields of **forestry, soil science, wildlife management, and water quality.**

For more information visit:

<https://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/educational/RCW.html>



The Rowan Soil and Water Conservation District is offering a full scholarship to a qualified student.

Application deadline is May 11, 2020

For application, contact Kelli Isenhour

[Kelli.Isenhour@rowancountync.gov](mailto:Kelli.Isenhour@rowancountync.gov)

704-216-8998



## Farm Bureau offers IFAL program for rising HS seniors



If you are currently a junior in high school and are interested in pursuing an agricultural major, you should apply for IFAL! IFAL stands for Institute for Future Agriculture Leaders. This free summer camp is offered at NC State University and NC A&T State University.

[Learn more about IFAL here!](#)



## Join a Rowan County 4-H Club



- monthly meetings
- educational activities
- parliamentary procedure
- leadership skills
- public speaking
- hands-on learning
- fun
- new friends
- service projects



For more info, contact:

### Focus: Horses

- ERSC Blazing Hooves 4-H Club
- Happy Trails 4-H Club  
(both in East Rowan area)

### Focus: Shooting Sports

- Hot Shots 4-H Club (Salisbury)
- Lead Drivers 4-H Club (Mt. Ulla)
- \*must be 8 years old as of Jan. 1\*

### Focus: Cooking

- Rowan Rolling Pins 4-H Club  
(Mt. Ulla)

### Focus: Livestock, Dairy, Poultry

- Livestock 4-H Club  
(Salisbury)

### Focus: Plants/Nature for homeschool youth

- Jr. Master Gardeners 4-H Club  
(Salisbury)

### Focus: variety of topics

- Rowan Researchers 4-H Club  
(Rockwell/China Grove)
- West Rowan 4-H Explorers 4-H Club  
(Mt. Ulla)



**For youth ages 5-18  
(as of January 1).**



**All club leader volunteers are screened & trained.**

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## 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 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](mailto:laura_allen@ncsu.edu) if you are interested in starting a club!

[Click here for more information:](#)





## 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>

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NC State University and N.C. A&T State University work in tandem, along with federal, state and local governments, to form a strategic partnership called N.C. Cooperative Extension.

Extension's 4-H program is the largest youth development organization in North Carolina. We help over 247,000 young people grow into active, contributing citizens each year.