

July 30, 2004

TO: Teachers for Grades 6-8, Counselors, and Principals

FROM: Glenn Woolard, County Extension Director

RE: 4-H Youth Incentive Program for Grades 6-8

Chatham County 4-H is conducting its Youth Incentive Program for grades 6 – 8 during the 2004-2005 school year. This program is to encourage students to improve their performance in an academic or behavior area identified jointly by the student, teacher, and principal. Participation in the 4-H Incentive Program is on a volunteer basis. Students who successfully reach his/her goal at the end of each grading period will receive recognition and incentives.

Chatham 4-H will provide incentives for the first three nine-week periods only. We will not provide an incentive for the last nine-week period. The incentive will be either pizza for lunch or sausage biscuits for breakfast.

At the end of each nine-week period, please complete the attached contract completion form and send us a copy of the contracts (via school courier) for all those who successfully meet their goals. We need this information to report participation data and program impact data back to the state and federal government and to elected officials.

It is very important that we are able to report the specific program impacts---number of youth improving grades, improving behavior/conduct, meeting AR reading goals, making A/B honor roll, reducing school absences, or whatever the goals may be.

Go to the Cooperative Extension / 4-H web site at <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/chatham/4H/index.html> to print the contract forms and contract completion form. If you have any questions call the 4-H office at 542-8202 or email Paulette Thomas, Extension Secretary at paulette_thomas@ncsu.edu.

United Way has currently cut funding for this youth incentive program. We hope to have better participation data and impact data to try to get United Way funding reinstated for the next fiscal year. We are using other funds to support this program for the current school year.

We can use “designated” United Way contributions to help fund this program. If you make donations to United Way, please consider designating your contribution to “Chatham County 4-H”. The allocation committee for this fiscal year restricted the general United Way 4-H allocation to be used only for the summer 4-H day camp program.

Thanks for participating in the 4-H youth incentive program.

Sincerely,

Glenn Woolard
County Extension Director