

4-H News

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I hope you find this newsletter helpful and informative. If you have ideas or suggestions for future issues, please call or stop by my office. My door is always open and I always welcome your feedback!

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A Note From The Agent

Wow! What a great summer it has been for Chatham County 4-H! One hundred and ninety-one youth ages 6-12 attended 4-H Jordan Lake Day Camp and were able to participate in activities such as Environmental Education, Healthy Lifestyles and Plants and Animals. They also participated in activities such as fishing, swimming, crafts and bike rodeos.

Fifty seven youth ages 9-12 had fun while attending the Forestry Wildlife Camp and participated in activities relating to the forest and wildlife!

Nutrition Day Camp was a great success with 21 youth ages 6-12 attending and learning how to eat healthy, make healthy snacks as well as learning about safety in the kitchen.

Also this summer, four youth participated in District Activity Day on June 24th, one participated in the State 4-H Horse Presentation Program, and two participated in the District and State 4-H Horse Show!

I can't leave out the fun we had while at NC 4-H Congress which was held in July on the campus of North Carolina State University! We participated in great workshops, lots of fun dances and were able to elect our new slate of NC 4-H State Officers!

The summer culminated with 31 youth attending Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Camp in Reidsville. These youth were involved in activities such as rock climbing, canoeing, archery, swimming, horseback riding and more! With summer coming to a close, we are looking forward to a lot more fun as school starts back. Thanks to all of those who helped make my first summer with Chatham County 4-H so much fun!



Important Dates



- August 8– RGA Golf Tournament in Raleigh, NC
- August 8– Rock Eagle Registration Due
- August 25– Chatham County School Starts!!!
- September 13-17– Chatham County Fair
- September 15– Student Day at the County Fair
- September 8– 4-H Back to School Kick Off and Ice Cream Social
- October 1-4– Rock Eagle in Eatonton, GA
- October 2-8– National 4-H Week
- October 13-22– North Carolina State Fair

Rock Eagle Volunteer Leader's Conference

Calling all 4-H Volunteers who would like to have a great time as well as learn new things! If you are answering this calling, the Rock Eagle Volunteer Leaders Conference is for you. Held October 1-4 at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Georgia, the four days promise to be full of exciting times as well as lots of learning. The cost for the event is \$200 and must be turned in, along with registration papers to the Chatham County Center of the Cooperative Extension Service no later than 5 pm on Monday, August 8, 2005. The cost includes all meals, lodging and t-shirt as well as workshop costs.

We hope you will make plans to join us for this very fun event. If you have any questions or for more information, please feel free to contact Sarah Hardison, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development.



Upcoming Club Meetings

Silk Hope 4-H Horse Club:

September 17th - tentative - at the home of Dedrah Earles

September ?? - Horse Show and Dinner– date depends on date of show

For more information with the Silk Hope Horse Club, please contact Dedrah Earles at earlesclan@aol.com

Chatham County Charging Champions Livestock Club:

August 4th– 6:30 pm– Brenda and Rodney Morris' Farm in Pittsboro

For more information on the Chatham County Charging Champions, please contact Sarah Hardison at sarah_hardison@ncsu.edu



Chatham County Fair

It's that time again...FAIR TIME!!! The Chatham County Fair will be had September 13-17. 4-H members and leaders are encouraged to make and enter craft items, art work, foods, plants, and other items as indicated in county fair premium catalog. 4-H clubs are also encouraged to set up 4-H club exhibits to promote 4-H and to recruit members for your club. Think about other ways to be involved in the county fair.

For more information about the fair, including hours of operation and cost, please contact David Scotten at 663-3177.





Congratulations to Chatham County 4-H'ers

A big congratulations go to the following Chatham County 4-H'ers for their participation in 4-H activities this summer.

Abe Herbert - county and district winner and state presentation participant in horse public speaking

Allison Powell - county winner and district runner-up in breads presentation

Hailey Allen - county winner and district participant in 4-H Entertains. Hailey also participated in the District and State 4-H Horse Show

Heather Allen - county winner and district participant in 4-H Entertains. Heather also participated in the District and State 4-H Horse Show

RGAs Golf Tournament

Attention golfers!! It is time for the second annual Raleigh Golf Association (RGA) golf tournament in support of NC 4-H Camps. All money raised goes directly to counties to support their recruitment and financial support of those youth who would ordinarily not be able to attend camp. The golf tournament is set for August 8, 2005, with a 10:00 am shotgun start. Prices start at \$125 per player with other sponsorship opportunities and packages available. The cost includes the green fee, cart rental and three meals.

Thanks to this tournament, Chatham County was able to provide support to 11 4-H youth for camp this summer. For more information or to participate, please contact Sarah Hardison.



Back To School Kick Off

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!!

Join Chatham County 4-H for a Back to School Kick Off and Ice Cream Social on Thursday, September 8, 2005, at 6:30 pm in the auditorium of the County Agriculture Building.

Come ready to make your favorite sundae and learn about our new point system...a way for you to earn money, prizes and more, all while having fun! Please rsvp to Paulette Thomas at 542.8202 or paulette_thomas@ncsu.edu by September 6th if you will be attending, so we will be sure to have enough ice cream.



North Carolina State Fair— October 14-23

That's right, it's almost time for the State Fair and you have the opportunity to enter to win money and ribbons through 4-H. Categories in which you may enter include : Basketry, Block Printing, Braided Articles, Candle Making, Fabric Painting, Jewelry, Needlework, Pottery, Stained Glass, Recycled, Woodworking and many more!!

All entries are due no later than Monday, October 10 at 5:00 pm in Raleigh. For more information please visit www.ncstatefair.org or review your State Fair 2005 Premium Book. Chatham County 4-H has a few of these books, if you would like a copy, please contact Sarah Hardison.



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