

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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Project and Cumulative Record Judging

Are you a 4-H Volunteer who would enjoy learning more about Project and Cumulative Record Books? If so, then this opportunity is for you. Project Record Judging will be held in Stanly County April 15-17, 2005. If you are interested in going, please call Sarah Hardison, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development by March 21, 2005. Sarah will be attending the event and welcomes anyone who is interested to join her. In addition, Cumulative Record Judging will be held April 12-14 in Raleigh. For both of these events, the cost of lodging will be covered. If you have any questions, about either of these events, please contact Sarah at 542.8202.



Mark Your Calendars

Mark your calendars for this year's 4-H Day Camp at Jordan Lake. The weeks for the camp are June 6-10, 13-17 and 20-24 and the cost for each week is \$75. While at the camp you are sure to enjoy many fun activities! Educational programs will be held in the morning and recreational activities will be in the afternoon including swimming and fishing! Flyers will be mailed out in our next newsletter. Also if you are 17 or older, you are invited to apply to be a counselor at Day Camp 2005. More information about this will also be included in March's newsletter. Should you have any questions, please contact Sarah at 542.8202.



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Important Dates

February 4-6, 2005- Volunteer Leaders Conference at the Sheraton RTP in Raleigh, NC

February 12, 2005- South Central District 4-H Horse Bowl, Moore County.

February 21, 2005- Meet the 4-H Agent Pizza Party. This event will begin at 6:30 pm in the auditorium of the Chatham County Center of the Cooperative Extension Service. The cost of the event is FREE, so come prepared to meet other 4-H'ers, enjoy yummy pizza, make a fun craft as well as learn what 4-H can do for you! Please let Paulette Thomas, Extension Secretary know if you are able to attend by February 18, 2005. You may reach her at 542.8202 or via email at Paulette_Thomas@ncsu.edu

March 5, 2005- State Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest

March 19-20, 2005- South Central District Teen Retreat, Southern Pines, NC. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Sarah Hardison by **March 1, 2005** to reserve your spot. Cost for the event is \$68 for youth and \$88 for adults. More information can be found on our website: www.ces.ncsu.edu/chatham/4H/4Hindex.html

Please see enclosed calendar for other important upcoming events.



Forestry Wildlife Camp

Forestry Wildlife Day Camp this year will be May 31-June 2 at the Jordan Lake Educational State Forest. Come learn about nature and animals! The cost for this three day camp is \$ 25.00 For more information, please contact Glenn Woolard, County Extension Director, at 542.8202.



Camping Spots Still Available

Spots are still available for Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Camp. The dates for this trip are July 24-29, 2005 and the cost is \$295.00. If you are interested in participating in a week of fun and adventurous activities, please contact Sarah Hardison at 542.8202.

All requests will be fulfilled on a first come, first serve basis. When registering, you will need to pay a \$100 deposit. Partial scholarships may be available to those that qualify. Please contact Sarah for more details.



4-H Fun Facts



4-H is the largest youth-serving organization in the world. In North Carolina membership is open to all youth ages 5 to 19.



Youth between ages 9 and 19 can compete for various awards in the traditional 4-H programs.



All 50 states and more than 89 countries world-wide have 4-H programs.



People of all ages participate in 4-H. From children as young as 5 to grandparents...4-H has something for everyone!



The list of 4-H projects is so varied that every 4-H member and adult can find something they enjoy!

Volunteer Spotlight



This month's Volunteer Spotlight is on Patty Moreland, leader of the Rocky River Riders 4-H Club. Patty has been a 4-H club leader for 6 years. Patty started leading the Rocky River Riders thanks to Margaret Moore who asked Patty to teach a lesson to her 4-H club. Prior to this, Patty had never worked with children and all of her lessons had been geared for adults. Patty enjoyed her experience so much, she started teaching lessons to all ages!

Patty, an experienced rider herself who has been riding horses for over 30 years, says in addition to riding, she enjoys teaching kids. She says, "Kids and horses go together and create a magical experience." Patty says she enjoys teaching because the kids keep her young and through teaching kids how to ride, she discovers more about herself. Patty says she enjoys watching a shy and skeptical child, become very trusting with a horse.

In addition to teaching riding lessons and leading the Rocky River Riders, Patty is a wonderful mom to two children, Roby, 13 and Vanessa, 20. Roby is a member of the Rocky River Riders and Vanessa helps her mom with activities of the club. Thanks to Patty for all she does for the youth of Chatham County and for being an excellent 4-H leader!

Club News

The Rocky River Riders met on January 30, 2005 for a clean the clubhouse meeting and pizza party! This was a very productive and fun time for everyone involved.

The Rocky River Riders in addition to having fun at the club meetings are participating in a variety of activities including fundraising! This club was able to hold a very successful fundraiser in which they raised \$175 for the US Equine Rescue League! At the meeting, the group also discussed other fundraising ideas as well as made the club calendar for the year.

The next meeting of the Rocky River Riders will be February 13th where the club will be taking pictures for a calendar, which will be for sale at a later date. More information about how to purchase one of these calendars will be included in a following newsletter.

If you are interested in joining the Rocky River Rider's 4-H Club, please contact the Chatham County 4-H Office for more information.

Thanks to this dynamic club for all they are involved in and for continuing to "Make the Best Better!"



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