

# 4-H News

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## Calling All Presenters



March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm, all youth are invited to come and learn more about 4-H presentations. Through giving public presentations, 4-H members learn to:

- express themselves clearly and convincingly.
- organize their ideas and present them in a logical order.
- research subjects.
- develop confidence in themselves.
- emphasize the major points of a presentation through the use of visuals and/or examples.
- listen to the opinions of others.

The purpose of 4-H presentations is to give youth a chance to choose a topic they are interested in and give a short speech on that topic in front of peers and adults. 4-H presentations teach excellent public speaking skills as well as techniques for creating and delivering a fun and interesting speech.

Youth who choose to participate in the presentation program are eligible for scholarships, awards and trips! There are 3 and in some cases 4 levels of the presentation program. First youth participate on the county level at County Activity Day. Chatham County's County Activity Day is scheduled for April 14 at 6:30pm. Next, those youth who are declared county winners move on to district competition, where they will compete with other youth from the South Central District. Next is the state level and after that in some cases, there is a national competition.

Topics youth can choose from include Horse Public Speaking, Livestock and Dairy Production, Fabric and Fashion Design, Bugs and Bees, and many more.

For more information as well as a complete list of categories youth can present in, please come to this very important meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting will be held in the upstairs Lab at the Chatham County Center of the Cooperative Extension Service. Snacks will be provided. If you can't make it to the meeting, but are interested, please contact Sarah Hardison, Extension Agent, 4-H at 919.542.8202 for more information! (Thanks to New Jersey 4-H for some information in this article.)

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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## Important Dates

**March 17:** Happy St. Patrick's Day! Wear 4-H Green!



**March 19-20:** South Central District Teen Retreat

**March 22:** 6:30pm, 4-H Presentation Program to be held in the upstairs Lab of the Chatham County Center of the Cooperative Extension Service.

**March 27:** EASTER

**April 7:** Friends of Extension Dinner

**April 14:** 6:30 pm, Chatham County Activity Day to be held in the Auditorium of the Chatham County Center of the Cooperative Extension Service. For more information, please contact Sarah Hardison, Extension Agent, 4-H.

**April 15-17:** Project Record Judging in Stanly County. If you are a 4-H club leader, volunteer, parent or other adult and would like to participate in this event, please contact Sarah Hardison no later than March 21st to sign up!

**April 20-21:** Central Piedmont Livestock Show and Sale



## 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.



## Forestry Wildlife Day Camp

Do you enjoy being outside and learning more about nature? If so, then we have the camp for you! This year's forestry wildlife day camp will be held at the Jordan Lake Educational State Forest, located on 2832 Big Woods Road. It will be held Tuesday-Thursday, May 31-June 2. The camp is designed for boys and girls ages 9-11.

Drop-off time is from 7:30 to 8:00 am and pick-up time is from 4:30 to 5:00 pm. All participants must be picked up by 5:00 pm. No transportation for this camp is provided. All drop-offs and pick-ups are at the picnic shelter at Jordan Lake Educational State Forest and camp hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

The cost for this 3 day, jam packed fun camp is only \$25. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information. For questions contact Glenn Woolard, County Extension Director at 919.542.8202.

## Day Camp

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 \$85. 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! Please see the enclosed flyer for more information. Should you have any questions, please contact Sarah at 542.8202.



## Announcing Two New Chatham County 4-H Clubs



Chatham County 4-H is proud to announce the two newest clubs to join the 4-H program! The first club, The Chatham County Charging Champions, are a livestock club with 21 members. This club plans on being involved in events such as livestock shows like the Central Piedmont Junior Livestock Show and Sale, Junior Beef Roundup and the NC State Fair. Other activities include livestock judging and quiz bowl events.

All youth ages 5-19 are encouraged to join this club if you are interested in learning to care for and show livestock. Youth do not have to own livestock to participate. The club meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month in Siler City. The location varies, so please call the Chatham County 4-H Office for the location of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, because of an Extension conflict on the first Thursday. This meeting will be held at the farm of Livestock Agent, Sam Groce, at 6:30 pm and a cattle grooming demonstration will be performed on Kaylyn Groce's beef heifer that will be shown at the upcoming Central Piedmont Livestock Show. A hotdog supper will follow, so if you are interested in attending, please call for directions and to sign up so we have enough food.

Our second club has named themselves the Silk Hope 4-H Horse Adventures Club. This group had their organization meeting in late February with 11 people in attendance. This group will meet at Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church at 6pm on the third Monday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup>. The leader of this group is Dan Sundberg, but all parents are taking an active role in the club. The Silk Hope 4-H Horse Adventures Club plans on discussing topics such as grooming, nutrition and basic health of a horse as well as many other fun topics. The group also plans on participating in trail rides as well as horse shows. Youth ages 5-19 are invited to participate and you do not have to own a horse to be a member. All youth, regardless of skill level, are invited to participate. Please call the Chatham County 4-H Office for more information.



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**THANK YOU!!**

A special THANK YOU goes out to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and teachers as well as school administrators at Siler City Elementary School. On February 25, this school hosted a Health Fair for the 4<sup>th</sup> graders and invited Chatham County 4-H to participate! 4-H talked about how to eat healthy when eating out at fast food restaurants. The program included an interactive demonstration where students chose their favorite restaurant and foods and saw how their choices fit into their daily nutritional needs. Ms. Phyllis Wilkie did an excellent job at organizing this event!