

# 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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## 4-H Jordan Lake Day Camp & Other Summer Fun Programs Announced

Summer is just around the corner and Chatham County 4-H is pleased to announce our summer programs for 2006. Along with this newsletter, you received our official summer fun packet with registration forms for each of the events. I hope you will plan on joining us this summer because we are planning on having a lot of fun! Our summer fun schedule is :

- June 13-15—4-H Forestry Wildlife Camp—ages 9-11
- June 19-23 & 26-30—4-H Jordan Lake Adventure Day Camp—ages 6-12
- July 10-13—Cake Decorating and Table Etiquette—ages 6-8 (July 10&12) & 11-13 (July 11&13)
- July 23-28—Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Camp—ages 8-14
- July 31, Aug. 2, 8, & 10—4-H Lifestyles for Fitter Kids Day Camp—ages 6-8 (July 31st & Aug. 2) & 9-12 (Aug. 8-10)
- August 14-15—Knitting and Sewing—ages 9-15

For more information, or to sign up, please contact Chatham County 4-H! We hope to see you this summer!

## Chatham County 4-H Advisory Board Formed

Ten very willing volunteers have come together and have agreed to serve on the Chatham County Advisory Board. They have agreed to serve a 3 year term and will help guide the 4-H program in Chatham County. If you are interested in serving on this dynamic leadership team, please let me know as we would love to have you join us! The members of the group and the area of 4-H they represent are:

- \* John Allen-Equine Program
- \* Janet Allen-Equine Program
- \* Julia Austin-Volunteer Leaders Association
- \* Gary Cox-Community
- \* Matthew Graham-Youth
- \* Phyllis Graham-Homeschool Community
- \* Craig Thomas-Livestock
- \* Jean Thomas-Livestock
- \* Logan Thomas-Youth
- \* Sarah Thomas-Youth



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## Important Dates

**March 4**—State Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest

**March 18**—Horseman's Day at NCSU

**March 23**—Chatham County Friends of Extension Dinner

**March 25-30**—National 4-H Conference

**March 31-April 2**—Project Record Judging

**April 1-2**—State 4-H Horse Leaders Conf.

**April 3-5**—Cumulative Record Judging

**April 11**—Chatham County 4-H County Activity Night

**April 14**—Holiday

**April 15**—State 4-H Horse Judging and Hippology Contest

**April 17**—Horse Creative Writing and Expressive Arts due to 4-H office

**April 19-20**—Central Piedmont Show and Sale

**May 8**—Day Camp Registrations Due



## Horseman's Day

The Student Chapter of the American Association of Equine Practitioners will be offering a Horseman's Day for Youth at the College of Veterinary Medicine on Sat, March 18th. Kids ages 7-18 are invited to attend a full day of activities focused on equine anatomy, physiology, and veterinary care. The cost is \$25 per person and includes breakfast and lunch. Please visit

<http://clubs.ncsu.edu/equine> or email [SCAAEP@yahoo.com](mailto:SCAAEP@yahoo.com) for more information.



## North Carolina 4-H Specialty Camps

Several 4-H specialty camps are being offered this summer. Below is just a sample of what there is to choose from. For more information on these and other camps please visit our website or contact Sarah Hardison for a printed copy.

### Millstone Specialty Camps include the 24th Annual Fur, Fish, and Game Rendezvous

Beginning campers can earn their Hunter Education Certification while taking part in courses including firearm safety and marksmanship, falconry, bird dogs, trapping, wildlife identification, taxidermy, first aid, orienteering, and much more! Advanced Campers experience many different careers in the natural resource field and expand their outdoor skills working side by side with wildlife biologists and others. Swimming, canoeing, fishing, archery and other traditional camp experiences will also be included.

### Millstone Specialty Camps include Target Shooting Sports Camp

Participants are taught how to safely handle, load, and unload a variety of shooting sports equipment. Campers will receive personalized instruction and have plenty of range time. They will also explore a variety of informative and educational topics such as hunting ethics and responsibility, wildlife identification, field techniques, orienteering, firearm handling, shooting, and hunting.

### Sertoma Specialty Camps include the Sertoma Deaf Camp

This camp is sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Regions Sertoma Clubs. This camp is open to any child that is speech or hearing impaired. Camperships are available.

### Eastern 4-H Center Marine Science and Sailing Camp

Whether in the water or on the water, this week of camp will WET your appetite for all things aquatic. Sail Bulls Bay and discover, first hand, the fascinating world of marine life it supports. A simple teaspoon of water becomes a living classroom for chemistry, geology, and biology. Dissect a fish, follow the tides, learn the parts of a sailboat and discover the thrill of making them work with the winds to set you on your way!

### Betsy-Jeff Penn Specialty Camps include Teen Adventures

This new option is especially for teens that love all the fun of camp, but have aged out of traditional opportunities. Enjoy canoeing, archery, swimming, horseback riding, and more with other older campers. Space is limited, so register fast!

### Betsy-Jeff Penn Specialty Camps include Trekker Plus

This exciting new opportunity is especially for teens that have aged out of traditional camp, but still love the camaraderie and adventure. Participants will spend the first part of the week learning canoeing and rock climbing skills. The group will then go off-site for a river canoe and rock climbing trip. The group will camp one night at Pilot Mountain State Park. Space is limited, so register fast!



## Announcing Community Service Opportunity

It is almost time for Litter Sweep Spring 2006. This event will be held April 17-30, 2006 and volunteers are needed to help with roadside cleanup. Things to do to prepare for this event include:

- Make plans to participate
- Set aside time on your calendar
- Notify others of the upcoming dates
- Determine clean up supplies you will need (safety vests, litterbags, gloves etc.)

For more information visit : [www.ncdot.org/~beautification](http://www.ncdot.org/~beautification) or call the litter sweep hotline at 1.800.331.5864. Remember that community service hours count on your points of success, so don't forget to record your hours worked!!



## 2006 WHEP ( Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program) Contest

WHEP is a national 4-H program that:

- teaches 4-Hers about the fundamentals of wildlife management
- brings 4-Hers together to develop team skills
- promotes and develops leadership skills among 4-Hers
- provides an opportunity for 4-Hers to work with natural resource professionals.

The state contest will be held on Saturday, April 29, from 10am to 5pm at Latta Plantation and Nature Center in Mecklenburg County. This years contest will consist of wildlife identification, on-site habitat recommendations, habitat evaluation using aerial photos, and identification of wildlife foods. Entry forms are due to the 4-H office no later than April 3rd. For more information, contact Sarah Hardison.

## Staff Spotlight

For the next few newsletters, we will be spotlighting one member of the staff with the Chatham County Cooperative Extension Service .We are doing this, so you will know a little bit more about what CES does as well as the people who work on the Chatham County staff. This month's spotlight is on Glenn Woolard, County Extension Director. Glenn has been the County Extension Director in Chatham County since September, 1987. He worked as a 4-H Extension Agent in Warren County for ten years before coming to Chatham. He continued to do 4-H work in Chatham for about three years. He started the 4-H day camps at Jordan Lake during this time. Glenn has three degrees from North Carolina State University --- undergraduate degrees in Natural Resources Recreation and Management, and Recreation and Park Administration both in 1976. He received his Masters degree in 1985 in Adult and Community College Education with a minor in Public Administration. In addition to his administrative duties, he also has subject matter responsibilities for forestry, and community and rural development. Glenn has a wife Carolyn and four children – David, Brandon, Brittany and Nathan. Glenn can be reached by email at [glenn\\_woolard@ncsu.edu](mailto:glenn_woolard@ncsu.edu) or by phone at 542.8202.

## 4-H TRIVIA

Congratulations to the last trivia winner. Only one person knew that the 4-H motto was "To Make the Best Better". A big congratulations goes to Heather Allen for knowing this answer!

This month's trivia question is: 4-H (including Cloverbuds) is an organization for boys and girls ages \_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ .

The first three people to email Paulette Thomas at [paulette\\_thomas@ncsu.edu](mailto:paulette_thomas@ncsu.edu) with the correct answer will receive a prize and will be recognized in the next newsletter. Be sure to email your answer in as soon as possible. If you do not have access to email, feel free to call Paulette at 542.8202.

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### **4th Grade Students at Pittsboro Elementary Become New Parents**

Students in Mrs. Stanford's 4th grade class at Pittsboro Elementary became new parents during Chatham County 4-H's Session II Embryology Project! This group of students participated in the project and as a result of their hard work hatched 26 baby chicks! Congratulations to these students and a special Thank You to Mrs. Stanford for her dedication to this project!



4-H is a community of young people across American who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.



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