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## Scotland County 4-H Newsletter April/May 2006



### **SCOTLAND COUNTY LEADERS ENJOY NORTH CAROLINA STATE 4-H VOLUNTEER LEADERS CONFERENCE**

The 4-H Motto, “*To Make the Best Better*” was taken to heart by volunteer leaders from across the state who attended the North Carolina 4-H Volunteer Leaders Conference February 3 - 5. The weekend long event at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Towers in Raleigh included workshops designed to help the volunteer leaders learn about different programs to bring to 4-H youth. Representing Scotland County were John and Hazel McPhatter, William Byrd and Walter and Alicia Brown. Congratulations to Walter Brown, Alisha Brown and Hazel McPhatter who were elected Parliamentarian, Treasurer and Reporter respectively for the South Central District Volunteer Leaders Association. We are proud to have you all represent Scotland County 4-H on the district level!

### **4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING**

The annual 4-H Public Speaking event was held on March 3 at the Laurel Hill Auditorium. Those participating included: Jasmine Davis, Taylor Davis, Langston Byrd, Brianna Chavis, Quanesha Amangele, DeAngelo Byrd, Shautel Chavis, Clay Brooks and Irene Davidson. The Junior I division winners were: Langston Byrd (1<sup>st</sup> place) and Brianna Chavis (2<sup>nd</sup> place). The Junior II division winners were: Shautel Chavis (1<sup>st</sup> place), Quanesha Amangele (2<sup>nd</sup> place) and DeAngelo Byrd (3<sup>rd</sup> place). The Senior Division winners included: Clay Brooks (1<sup>st</sup> place) and Irene Davidson (2<sup>nd</sup> place). Hats off to all our participants!

### **4-H ENTERTAINS**

The annual 4-H Entertains was also held on March 3 at the Laurel Hill Auditorium. 4-Her's participating included: Markeeta Chavis, Langston Byrd, DeAngelo Byrd, Clay Brooks, Irene Davidson, Elizabeth English and Kevin Norton. Division winners included: Markeeta Chavis (1<sup>st</sup>-Junior I), Langston Byrd (2<sup>nd</sup> –Junior 1), DeAngelo Byrd (1<sup>st</sup>- Junior II), Irene Davidson (1<sup>st</sup>-Senior), Clay Brooks (2<sup>nd</sup> –Senior) and Elizabeth English (3<sup>rd</sup> – Senior). A special thank you to our judges Pearl Caulder and Robert Bowen!

### **4-H DISTRICT TEEN RETREAT**

The annual 4-H District Teen Retreat was held March 25 - 26 at the Clinton Inn in Laurinburg. Scotland County 4-Her's in attendance were: Brittany Jones, Melissa Bethea, Kenya McNeill, Brandi Smith, Irene Davidson, Cherrell Brown, Tequan McPhatter and Donte Prince. The youth enjoyed workshops on leadership, health and fitness, preparing for college and the 4-H Livestock Program. Kenya McNeill was elected as South Central District Secretary/Treasurer for 2006 –

2007. Scotland County was also the recipient of the South Central District Spirit Stick for their enthusiasm and participation in the retreat. Way to go Scotland County 4-H!

### **SOUTHERN REGION LEADER FORUM (ROCK EAGLE) PROPOSALS**

Proposals are being accepted now through May 29 for the 2006 Southern Region Leader Forum. This is an outstanding opportunity to present at a regional conference where more than 600 volunteers and Extension staff attend for training annually. The forms for North Carolina proposals are posted at <http://www.nc4h.org/volunteers/srlf/> as both word and pdf files for your convenience.

### **4-H COUNTY ACTIVITY DAY**

Scotland County 4-H Activity Day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9 from 3 pm to 5 pm at the Extension Office. County Activity Day is when 4-H youth give presentations in a variety of areas to qualify for District Activity Day scheduled for Thursday, June 22 in Moore County. The registration deadline is Thursday, May 4 before 5 pm. Please be prepared to give your topic and presentation area from the following categories: Communication & Expressive Arts, Consumerism & Family Science, Environmental Education, Healthy Lifestyles, Plants & Animals, Science & Technology, and Personal Development.

### **SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT 4-H ACTIVITY DAY**

The South Central District 4-H Activity Day is scheduled for Thursday, June 22nd in Moore County At Union Pines High School. More information will be provided as received.

### **SUMMER/SPECIALTY 4-H CAMPS PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR 4-HERS**

The North Carolina 4-H Program offers a variety of summer and specialty camps for youth. This year the Scotland County 4-H Program has scheduled summer camp for ages 8 to 12 **June 25 - 30 at the 4-H Eastern Center in Columbia, NC.** The one-week session provides age appropriate, small group experiences in a fun non-competitive environment. The cost is \$275. *Transportation will be provided by Briggs Bus Lines.* Those interested in camping with the Scotland County delegation or other camping opportunities are asked to contact the Extension Office at 277-2422 to obtain additional information. You do not have to be a 4-H member to attend camp.

### **APPLICATION, RESUME AND INTERVIEW (ARI)**

All applications and resumes for the ARI process will be due August 1, 2006. They must be postmarked by this time, entered on the web registration or hand delivered by 4:30 on this same day. Training will be offered September 15 – 17, to prepare 4-Her's for the ARI process. Details will be forthcoming in the near future concerning registration, etc. The ARI training will be open to 4-H'ers age 13 - 18 years old as of Jan. 1, 2006. Focus will be placed on application writing, resume building and interview skills. Competition for the national trips will still be open only to those 4-H'ers who are 14-18 as in the past. 4-H'ers who wish to interview only must be able to attend their interview time on the 16th if they do not choose to be at the entire weekend training. 4-H'ers do not have to participate in the weekend in order to interview.

### **AMBASSADOR PORTFOLIOS**

Ambassador candidates may submit their portfolios for the next level of achievement by April 17. They must be *postmarked* by that date to be accepted. Find current information and forms on the website at <http://www.nc4h.org/youth/ambassadors/>. Please note that the agent must review and sign your portfolio prior to mailing, therefore please be sure to make an appointment by April 10

to allow time for this process. The 2006 Ambassador Retreat is scheduled for August 19-20, 2006 at Betsy Jeff Penn. Ambassador candidates must begin the program via a retreat, and receive all required bronze level classes at this retreat.

### **2006 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

Scotland County 4-H members with an interest in photography are encouraged to enter in the annual North Carolina 4-H Congress Photography Contest. Winning entries will be displayed at 4-H Congress in July. The purpose of this exhibition is to provide a showcase of 4-H members' photographic accomplishments. After Congress, the winning photos will be displayed at selected meetings and events throughout the year. Entries for the 2006 contest must be postmarked NO LATER THAN June 12, 2006, and should be \*original\* images created from June 2005 to June 2006. Contest categories this year include "4-H in Action," "Nature's Beauty" and "Interesting People." Each category will be divided into a Junior (Ages 9-12) and Senior (Ages 13-19) division. For more information, including rules, entry forms and winning entries from previous years, please visit the following: <http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/agcomm/4-HPhoto/index.html>.

### **NEW 4-H CODE OF CONDUCT, MEDICAL AND MEDIA FORMS**

North Carolina 4-H has updated their Code of Conduct, Medical and Media forms. The most significant change has been with the Medical Release form. This form requires a notarized signature from the parent/guardian of the 4-H'er in addition to a signature from the 4-H'er. A notary will be available at no cost through the Extension Office. Please contact the Extension Office to schedule an appointment. Parents/guardians must bring a form of identification to be used for the notarization of the form. Please note that these forms must be completed prior to a youth attending any out of county functions. The deadline for these forms to be returned is Friday, April 28, 2006. These forms will be valid for one year.

### **4-H ENROLLMENT FORMS**

It is time again to update 4-H enrollment forms. 4-H Volunteer Club Leaders should have all 4-Her's complete a new enrollment form and return the completed forms to the Extension Office by Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure that all information is complete. ***Those who do not turn in enrollment forms by this date will be ineligible to participate in 4-H activities.***

### **4-H VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS**

It is also time to update 4-H Volunteer applications. We are required to update applications on all 4-H club leaders and volunteers that have contact with our youth. ***It is the responsibility of all 4-H club leaders to provide the Extension Office with a list of volunteers with your club and to provide them an application.*** There is an application attached with this newsletter and others may be obtained at the Extension Office. ***Once the application is completed, it should be sent directly to the Extension Office due to confidentiality.*** The deadline for all applications is Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. ***Volunteers who fail to return a completed application will be restricted from 4-H involvement.***

## Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Ambassador Candidate Portfolios	<b>Deadline:</b> Postmarked by April 17 (must be checked & signed by 4-H Agent by April 10)
4-H Enrollment Forms	<b>Deadline:</b> April 28, 2006 by 5 pm
4-H Volunteer Applications	<b>Deadline:</b> April 28, 2006 by 5 pm
County Activity Day	<b>Event:</b> May 9 <b>Deadline:</b> May 4 by 5 pm
2006 4-H Photography Contest	<b>Deadline:</b> Postmarked by June 12, 2006
District Activity Day	<b>Event:</b> June 22 <b>Location:</b> Moore County <i>Details to be Announced</i>
4-H Summer Camp	<b>Event:</b> June 25 – 30 <b>Location:</b> 4-H Eastern Center, Columbia, NC
ARI applications	<b>Deadline:</b> August 1, 2006
ARI Training	<b>Event:</b> September 15 - 17 <i>Details to be Announced</i>

### **Greetings to the Scotland County 4-H Community!**

**I hope that you will find our newsletter helpful in planning your participation in our upcoming events as well as remembering those events recently attended as the 4-H program continues to grow in our community.**

**Sincerely,**

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