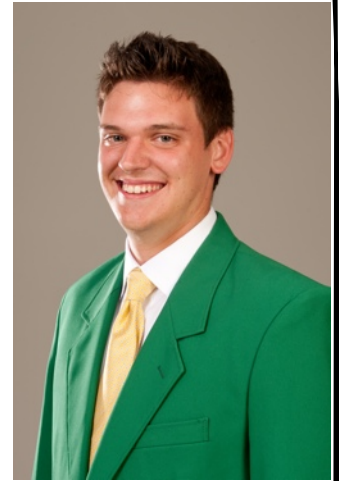


STATE 4-H COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

President's Challenge

It is hard to believe it was two months ago when my fellow state officers and I were elected to serve the 235,000 4-H'ers in North Carolina. In that time, we have learned a lot, shared some laughable experiences, and bonded as a team. It is always exciting to travel around our state and see active 4-H'ers participating in their projects. We have done so much, yet we know the fun has just begun. We are looking forward to National 4-H Week, which we will spend in Raleigh visiting with elected officials and 4-H donors.

North Carolina 4-H's initiative this year is the Revolution of Responsibility. As the election draws near, what are you doing as a responsible citizen? I was able to vote for the first time in the primary earlier this year and will have the opportunity to vote in my first Presidential election this fall. If you are able to vote, I encourage you to do so. If you are too young to vote, that does not mean you do not have a voice! There are many ways you can get involved. Contact your local party affiliation or a candidates' campaign and ask how you can help. Set up a voter registration drive in your community. Share your knowledge of the candidates and important issues with others. However you get involved this year, make sure you are doing your part as a responsible citizen and 4-H'er.



Nathan Barrick
2012-2013 State 4-H
Council President
Forsyth County 4-H'er

State 4-H Council Conference Returns!

Your State 4-H Council is excited about exploring the Revolution of Responsibility with you at this year's State 4-H Council Conference. November 3-4, 4-H'ers from across North Carolina will meet in Raleigh to participate in workshops, hear speakers, compete for the 4-H Spirit Stick and participate in dances and other fun night activities. Be sure to check with your 4-H Agent about the deadline to register. You don't want to miss out on this opportunity!

CALS Tailgate



The CALS Tailgate was held on September 15 with over 1,900 people in attendance. The State 4-H Officers shared the National 4-H Day Science Curriculum - 4-H Eco-Bot Challenge. Youth and adults stopped by the 4-H booth to build Eco-Bots and learn how robots could help in the case of an environmental disaster. Be sure to ask your 4-H Agent for more information



From Your District Reporters

West

Submitted by Lee Gover

The West District has been busy as bees since returning from Congress. On July 28, 2012, the first West District Shooting Tournament took place at the Polk County Gun Club. 4-H'ers participated in Rifle, Shotgun, Archery and other events. The next 4-H event was attending the Asheville Tourist baseball game. Then following this event, our members had to get ready for the fairs. Haywood County, Macon County and the W.N.C. Fair were all taking place. We had a lot of entries from livestock to cake decorating. We were also represented with community booths. On September 22, 2012, the first West District Auction was held at the Agriculture Fair Grounds to raise money for 4-H Clubs and individuals. A Blackberry Wine Cake went for over \$100.00. That's what I call true 4-H support! Some of the livestock shown at the fair was auctioned off. Our district officers have met twice by Skype. That was new for some of us. So you can see West District has had a lot of fun exciting firsts! Coming up on October 13, 2012 from 9 am to 12 noon there will be a Family Fun Day at Swannanoa 4-H Camp. Please come, last year it proved to be an exciting day. See you October 13th or the first weekend in

Northeast

Submitted by Nathan Moore

The NED officers met on September 13th, 2012 to discuss their workshop on soil sampling which will be presented at the State Council Conference. We also learned about the 4-H dress code. Our next meeting will be on October the 19th at the Washington County Extension Office. And we are also planning our district wide meeting for October 22nd at 6:30 at the Northampton County Extension Office in Jackson.

Pitt County will be hosting a Political Meet and Greet on October 9th, 2012 at the Pitt County Ag Center. Local and State candidates are invited to discuss their platforms and youth issues with 4-H members and the public.

South Central

Submitted by Langston Byrd

Rowan County 4-H has been busy, as we just finished our county fair. We are also working on our state fair booth. RACE 4-H (Rowan Advisory Council for Equestrian 4-H Clubs) is hosting three English and Western Dressage Clinics, with a schooling show in December. Our fall RACE Open Horse Show is scheduled for October 20. The Hot Shots 4-H Shooting Sports Club had three members attend the state shooting sports tournament at Millstone 4-H Center. Rowan County 4-H will also be participating in the 4-H National Science Experiment during National 4-H Week.

Alexander County 4-H'ers have been busy the past two months reorganizing clubs for the new 4-H year. Our 4-H County Council is planning exhibits for United Way Halloween Event, ESL Day and Operation Military Kids Trunk or Treat for our Taylorsville National Guard Armory families. All these events are on the same day. We are also busy finalizing plans to 2012 Kids Vote where 4-H'ers operate a voting booth at all 16 precincts for youth to vote on election day. Over 85 volunteers will be needed to assist with this project.

In Scotland County, we have the John Blue fair coming up soon, so everyone is getting ready to do their best in this annual Ode Timey fair. We are also working on having the selected new officers along with some other volunteer 4-H'ers to help work at the Highlands games where they'll volunteer a couple of hours on the different variety of activities. We are currently finalizing the details of what to do for National 4-H week and had decided on doing at least one community service project for each day and to spread the word about 4-H so the program receives recognition for its work in the community and gain membership through its publicity. Our Achievement Night will be held on December 11 at Laurinburg Presbyterian Church; we will hold County Council Officer Elections on November 28.

Do you have information to share? Be sure to share it with your district 4-H Reporter to see it in the next State 4-H Council Newsletter!

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