

# Up To Date: Randolph County 4-H



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Welcome to our next edition of *Up To Date with Randolph County 4-H*. This newsletter is brought to you by our 4-H Youth Development Team and our wonderful 4-H youth clubs and participants! We hope you enjoy our new look and we welcome your input!

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## FROM BARB'S DESK

Dear 4-H Families,

We have begun our work re-enrolling 4-H club members for the next 4-H year. This means that every current club member signs a form indicating they want to be involved in 2013 and parents fill out a new medical release form for coverage during 2013.

Some families wonder why we ask for an updated medical release form. We do this because we know that over time, some families medical situation changes, new insurance carriers, children's needs change as well, children may discover allergies that would need to be noted on a medical form. They may have food restrictions that would need to be attended to on an ongoing basis. Without a current medical release form, we cannot provide the best possible supervision of your most precious resource, your CHILD. Thank you 4-H families for working with us to turn these forms into your club leaders.

Thank you for your participation in this dynamic program we enjoy so much. Contact us if we can answer any of your questions.

Sincerely,

Barbara Dunn Swanson, Extension Agent  
4-H Youth Development

## TREATS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF NOV. 9

Randolph County Government will hold its annual Chili Cook-Off to raise money for United Way on Friday, November 9. The request for yummy desserts from 4-H families has already been made. If you can make treats wrapped individually to donate, please call Jody at the Extension Office at 318-6013. Drop off at our office on November 8 (Thursday afternoon) prior or early Friday, November 9.



## INVITATION TO 4-H VOLUNTEERS



Would you be interested in traveling to Alamance Community College on **Saturday November 17** for the annual North Central District 4-H Volunteer Leader Fall Day? There is no cost to attend. While at this meeting you will meet volunteer leaders from across the district and learn strategies that other 4-H leaders use with their clubs. Let us know if you should like more information.

## DISTRICT ACTIVITY DAY MARCH 23, 2013

DAD is an event when Randolph County 4-H members give Educational Presentations. This year the event will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2013 in Guilford County. In the past, this event was scheduled in June. With the earlier event, now is the time to begin identifying a topic and practicing the presentation at club meetings. Both Jody and I can assist club members in preparing for District Activity Day.

## WELCOME NEW 4-H CLUB!

During National 4-H Week, a group of interested folks met to organize a new 4-H club in Randolph County. Special thanks to Michele Martin for stepping in to lead this new club! If you should like more information about joining this group, email Michele Martin at: [michelemartin93@yahoo.com](mailto:michelemartin93@yahoo.com)



## NC 4-H STATE COUNCIL CONFERENCE

North Carolina 4-H State Council Conference was held on Saturday, November 3- 4 in Raleigh. This is always a great trip full of interesting workshops and a terrific way to keep up with 4-H members across the state. The following youth attended: Dustin Hill, Kaeli Chapman, Kaley Allred, Zoe Roberts and Rachel Osborne. Ask one of them what a wonderful trip this was the next time you see them!

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Are you senior in High School this year? If so, you may be interested in applying for a 4-H scholarship! Here is the link to go to on our NC 4-H Website to access information about the 4-H scholarships.



<http://www.nc4h.org/youth/awards.html>

Click on the two links for scholarship. One is for information and one is for the application. It will be due to our office by JANUARY 10, 2013.

## RANDOLPH COUNTY 4-H FALL UPDATES



Congratulations to Preston Long, member of the Country Kids Livestock Club for his reserve champion hen shown in the Gobbler Division at the North Carolina State Fair in October.

### TALKING TURKEY

The following youth raised turkeys to show at the North Carolina State Fair: Kaley Allred, Garrett Allred, Chris Dunn, Will Dinsmore, Kerri Cox, Elizabeth Moody, Evan Gunter, Preston Long, Joshua Allred, Owen Spencer, Nicole Smith, Kyle Smith, Laura Jessup, Will Cox, Wyatt Cox, Walter Jonson, Allie Johnson, Hayden Thomas, Elizabeth York, Timothy York, Jackson Allred, Josie Allred, Kaitlyn Brady, Nathan Connor, Emery Crofts, Maddie Crofts, Adam Davis, Alex Davis, CJ William Davis, Lane Frazier, Kolby Hollingsworth, Kyle Hollingsworth, Joe Ingold, Chaz Justus, Alexandria Ketison, Sawyer McCollum, Garith McDonald, Cody Millikan, Dekota Shaw, Katie Smith, Jerry Turner, Travis Wood and Elmer York.



Dairy Judge Jason Zimmerman evaluating Evan Gunter's Dairy Cow at the Junior Dairy Show in October.



### 4-H JUNIOR DAIRY SHOW

4-H members participating in the Junior Dairy show included: Chase Willard, Lacy Allen, Lily Webster, Makayla Hoell, Preston Long, Laura Jessup, Carter Webster, Ali Butler, Shanna Langley, Sarah Thomas, Coby Kivett, Meghen Teague, Mikayla Mann, Mickey Jo Grubb, Molly Teague, Gavin Langley, and Evan Gunter. Special thanks to Sheela Wright and the cost of volunteers who prepare for the show each year!

## **4-H CRAFTS AT THE FAIR**

Congratulations to the following youth for having items at the North Carolina State Fair 2012. Due to the top quality items shown by Randolph County, we placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the state overall! Great job Kimberly Chapman, Kaeli Chapman, Sarah Cox, Daniel Ellison, Nathan Ellison, Samantha Ellison, Sarah Hunsucker, Cole Koenig, Mackenzie Koenig, Jesse Osborne, Rachel Osborne, Shenandoah Osborne, Adalynn Parrish, Grayson Roberts, Zoe Roberts, Owen Spencer, Hayden Thomas, Brenton West and Wyatt Yow.

## **DATES TO KEEP IN MIND.....**

### **RECORD KEEPING....January 4, 2013**

How are you coming along with those record books so far? This year we would like them turned in to the Extension office on or before January 4, 2013. There's no harm in turning them in early or calling us up and asking for some help. You can call Barb or Jody to get some pointers or just help talk you through the process. Keeping record books in different categories of interest is an excellent way of cataloging your efforts over time and seeing the growth you have experienced. It is also a great tool for school and work projects that require all that important information about yourself! Good Luck!

### **TEEN RETREAT.....April 5-6, 2013**

Are you a 4-H club member 13 years of age or older? You are invited to participate in 4-H Teen Retreat to be held on Friday - Saturday, April 5-6, 2013. The event is in the planning stages but fun with friends, workshops and election of officers is always on the agenda. Cost to attend is approximately \$50. Randolph County 4-H United Way fund helps to pay for the remaining cost of this event. Watch your mail for your invitation.

### **JUNIOR 4-H CAMP PLANNED.....July 14-19, 2013 (reserved down payment Feb. 1, 2013)**

Are you interested in going to camp in 2013? We will be camping at Millstone 4-H Camp in Ellerbe NC from July 14 - 19. Any child 8 - 12 years of age is invited to attend; you don't need to be a member of 4-H to attend. If you like hiking, swimming, meeting new friends, and doing crafts and learning about the great outdoors, you will love camping at Millstone. We are reserving camping spots on a first come-first served basis and all spots require a \$50 down payment by February 1. Contact Barb or Jody for more information.

### **4-H TALENT 2013**

Randolph County 4-H Entertains is coming back and better than ever! What talent would you like to share with our 4-H families? Get creative and practice, practice, practice! Stay tuned for more information.

## **HUMAN RACE..... March 23 in 2013**

The HUMAN RACE Walk/Run will be held in downtown Asheboro on March 23, 2013. (Same day as District Activity Day) Let's raise as much money as possible and do some fun and exciting 4-H things with the money in 2013! We are sending a challenge out to 4-H clubs and all of our 4-H families to come up with some unique ways to raise money for our county 4-H program. The earlier we start, the more money we raise!

## **CUMMULATIVE RECORDS.....February, 2013**

Did you know that if you are 4-H member 13 years or older, and have been enrolled in a project area for at least two years, you are eligible to complete a cumulative record of your accomplishments? Each year many 4-H members from Randolph County complete Cumulative Records. These books are due in early February. The categories are as follows:

Agriculture, Beef, Dairy, Poultry, Horse Sheep, Vet. Science Swine, Citizenship, Public Speaking, Expressive Arts, Forestry and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Sciences, Food and Nutrition, Health and Safety, Sports Nutrition, Achievement, Leadership, Personal Development, Plant and Horticultural Science, Electric Energy and Science and Technology

## **ADOPT-A-FAMILY**



You may or may not be aware that with so many deployed E1-E6 ranked military returning home in the last few months they now live *without* that extra combat, hazard, and imminent danger pay. With those reductions, the economy and returning now right before the holidays, we can help to bring some abundance to their holidays and add our thanks for their sacrifices during the war. Whether you are one donor, a family, or a company – all are welcome to participate to “Adopt” a military family in the Carolinas for the holidays (North and South Carolina)! And you're welcome to adopt as many families as you choose. This is a great opportunity for any clubs or families to get into the holiday spirit!

**Adopt-a-Family** is offered through [www.operationhomefront.net/carolinas](http://www.operationhomefront.net/carolinas) . The program **pairs Donors (You) with Military Families** who are in need of some extra help for the holidays. Registration is open to donors first in order to get an idea of how many families need to be adopted. Registration for the families will follow. In order for each family to get an equal amount, prices are set at **\$75 for a holiday meal** and **\$50 per child for gift(s)**. *All of this money comes to us for tracking the donation, then goes directly to the families* and you get a credit for a tax-deductible donation. We do not send the family cash, but instead buy gift cards with your funds (or some of you prefer to send us the gift cards). We're trying not to lose money on the project this year but instead **break-even by asking you to include an extra \$9** for us to buy the special envelopes, postage and insurance to send cards to the families.

Families and donors are kept anonymous, UNLESS you want to be known and therefore you can send a card that we will pass on to the family. They will be writing a thank you back to you (donor #) through us and may include a note, photos and their name. It's up to them. Many families are embarrassed that they need extra help so we keep their names confidential but give them a Family #. You will receive a description of your family, # of kids, and why they are seeking help this year.

Please go to this website to sign-up for the program, [www.operationhomefront.net/carolinas](http://www.operationhomefront.net/carolinas) . If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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**Randolph County 4-H  
Wishes You.....**

