

STATE 4-H COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

It Is Almost Time!

Are you asking what it is almost time for? We are less than two months away from one of the most exciting times for North Carolina 4-H'ers. It is almost time for 4-H Congress! This year 4-H Congress is going to look different. Some of the changes are that 4-H Congress is being held in June - June 22-25 to be exact. 4-H Congress delegates will also choose a track to participate in. You can either participate in a Citizenship track or a Leadership track. Both tracks promise to be full of dynamic workshops full of hands on learning experiences. 4-H Presentations are going to be on a Saturday and are going to be on the campus of NC State. With all of these exciting changes, some things are still going to remain the same, although how they are done might be a little bit different. We will still have traditional Congress activities such as our flag ceremony, Honor Club tapping, a donor event, State Council elections our candlelight clover and more! These are activities that all of our delegates will participate in. Your Council is working hard to make sure that this year is a great 4-H Congress and is a great celebration for all of your hard work in 4-H! We look forward to seeing all of you very soon!



State 4-H Council Conference Recap

On November 3-4, 2012 over 150 4-H'ers, Agents and Volunteers gathered in Raleigh for State 4-H Council Conference. We had a great time participating in district meetings, leadership workshops, fun workshops, dances and social activities and of course the spirit stick competition. Congratulations to the West District for showing the most spirit and taking home the spirit stick for this year! We also recognized our State and District Youth Volunteer Award recipients.

Those receiving this great honor for 2012 were:

State Award: Justin Lawrence, Pitt County; Amanda Wheaton, Wayne County

Northeast District: Jordyn Moore, Pitt County; Jonathan Stead, Pitt County

Southeast District: Mary Dunn, Wayne County; Earon House, Wilson County

South Central District: Cody Johnsen, Lincoln County

West District: Jacob Bryant, Henderson County; Hope Robinson, Yancey County



Congratulations to these winners and thank you to everyone who came out and made State 4-H Council Conference a great event!

From Your District Reporters

North Central

Submitted by Jacob Dickerson

The North Central District Officers have been hard at work meeting once a month since October. Since all of the Congress changes are happening, we decided it would be best not to plan a Winterfest. We instead decided to plan a fall event in place of Winterfest. We attended two State Council meetings, one held in September 2012, and the other held on February 16-17, 2013. It's amazing to be able to work with the other district officers and the State officers as well! We were able to plan State Council Conference as well as Congress. We had our District Activity Day March 23rd, 2013 at North Carolina Agriculture & Technology State University. There were a lot of great people and amazing presenters expressing themselves and what they love. We were honored as a district to have Dr. Marshall Stewart there to speak and hand out awards to our young 4-Hers. Two weeks later on April 5th & 6th we had our North Central District 4-H Teen Retreat. It was held at Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Center in Reidsville North Carolina. It was filled with many workshops taught by district officers, Dr. Mitzi Downing, and other respected 4-H'ers. We had a fun star gazing activity and a dance with 4-H DJ Ryan Short. Our new district officers are eager to be inducted at NC 4-H Congress! We know they will do a great job! Serving as the North Central officers for 2013-2014 are: Gabby Venturini-President, Khalil Lawson-Vice President, Killian Davis-Secretary/Treasurer., and Madaline Jones-Reporter!

West

Submitted by Lee Gover

West District continues to be very busy with activities. Each county has been working hard to complete their County Activity Day to be prepared for District on April 27, 2013. During the winter, we had a ski night that was enjoyed by all. March 8-9 was our Teen Retreat at Swannanoa. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed the classes. Some of the classes included Archery, Line Dancing, Scrapbooking, Military Kids and Ice breakers. Our new district officers were elected after some wonderful skits and booth displays. The spirit award for teen retreat was won by Rutherford County. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Congress.

South Central

Submitted by Marcus McIver

We are proud to announce that we had 115 members at winter enrichment and over 101 youth come to teen retreat.



Southeast

Submitted by Kevin Artz

The Southeast District Teen Retreat was held on March 8-9th at Bethany Christian Church in Craven County. The evening started with a fun welcome and ice breaker while we waited for everyone to arrive. Dinner was catered by Golden Corral and afterwards we moved on to the business meeting where the district officer candidates performed their skits and speeches. With the business meeting out of the way we moved on to our FUN time, which consisted of a dance and a scavenger hunt. After all the fun, we went to Hampton Inn for a snack and a good night's rest. On Saturday, we got up bright and early for a day of awesome workshops. The first workshop was Leadership Initiatives taught by Erin Morgan, Jones County 4-H Agent, the second was Diversity taught by Sarah Harrelson Delap, Pamlico County 4-H Agent, and the last was called IMPROVe Yourself which was taught by the Southeast District Officers. A big thank you to our wonderful workshop presenters, you guys were great! After the workshops, we continued the business meeting with the Spirit Stick Competition. All the counties did a fantastic job! The competition was close, but in the end, Craven County took home the Spirit Stick. Congratulations Craven County! Nearing the end of the day, we began our community service project where we made thank you cards for the church for letting us use their facilities. Finally, we adjourned and wished everyone a safe ride home!

The Southeast District Winterfest was held on January 21st in Wayne County. We all had a great time at Winterfest. The day started off with a 4-H version of Jeopardy and a warm welcome to all the counties that attended. We then moved on to our business meeting where we talked about our district meeting at State Council Conference and talked about upcoming events and what all we were going to do that day. After a filling lunch, we went off to the workshops. The two workshops that were provided were Teambuilding taught by Shea Ann DeJarnette, Robeson County 4-H Agent, and Cooking taught by Kevin Artz, Southeast District Reporter. Thank you to our great workshop presenters! Our community service project was lead by officers Abi El-Ramey and Hannah Ferrell, in which we made melted crayon shaving hearts for Valentine's Day a nursing home in Wilson County. Finally, we adjourned and wished everyone a safe trip home.

