

# State 4-H Council Newsletter



December 2013 Edition

## Quote of the Month

“Leadership is the challenge to be something more than average.”

~Jim Rohn

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Have something you'd like to see in the next edition of the State 4-H Council Newsletter?

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## Thanks for a Wonderful Year!

As December is well on its way and the year is nearly at a close, the State 4-H Council would like to say a huge *thank you* to all of you who made 4-H great this year! We're proud to be a part of an organization that is over 237,000 strong, and know that it wouldn't be possible without the participation and dedication of all those involved. Each and every person in our 4-H family makes a difference. So, whether you're a youth member, a 4-H agent, or an adult volunteer, know that we couldn't have done it without YOU!

# Thank you for making OUR best better!

# National 4-H Congress

Over Thanksgiving weekend, fourteen delegates from our state attended National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia, where over 800 youth from across the country gathered for an unforgettable five days! Youth had the opportunity to attend diverse workshops, participate in community service projects, listen to outstanding speakers, learn about leadership, explore the city, and connect with youth from across the United States.

Delegates were awarded this trip by participating in the AIRE (Application, Interview, Resume, Essay) competition. You can learn more about AIRE by visiting:

<http://www.nc4h.org/youth/4-h-awards-incentives-programs>

“National 4-H Congress was beyond a phenomenal trip and I wish everyone got to experience it. I have never seen so many young people come together as one to celebrate part of our time as 4-Hers. Someone once told me that you'll come back as a different person after Congress and they were 100% accurate. With the things I learned, I definitely feel as if I can make a difference in anything I do, which is what this wonderful organization is all about.”

*~Sarah Thomas,  
Chatham County 4-H'er*



**National 4-H Congress Delegates (left to right)**

Top row: Vanette McKinney (adult volunteer), Eve Kindley (4-H agent), Wyatt Johnsen (Lincoln County), Cooper McAuley (Cabarrus County), Andrew Torres (Henderson County), Sarah Kotzian (State 4-H Staff), Thearon McKinney (adult volunteer)

Middle row: Micah Lee (Wayne County), Mitchell Kreisel (Currituck County), Jamie Hauser (Currituck County), Rebecca Dietrich (Wake County), Hannah Lee (Wayne County)

Bottom row: Mary Dunn (Wayne County), Elizabeth Kenny (Alamance County), Daniella Agostini (Wilson County), Ruth Perkins (Lincoln County), Sarah Thomas (Chatham County), Kimrey Dillon (Guilford County)

# State 4-H Council Conference



On Saturday, November 16th, over two hundred of NC 4-H's best and brightest gathered in Raleigh for State 4-H Council Conference 2013! At the conference, one of the annual statewide 4-H events held in North Carolina, youth came excited to meet new friends, reconnect with old, and engage in a variety of activities that follow the 4-H model of "learning by doing."

We kicked off State Council Conference at the McKimmon Center with the opening assembly

before traveling to the heart of NC State University campus to participate in "AEE Day," hosted by Agriculture and Extension Education. The event featured student-led teambuilding activities and a tour of NCSU's beautiful campus. The delegation then attended the NCSU vs. Campbell basketball game, and wrapped up the evening back at McKimmon with a fantastic dance!

On Sunday, youth participated in workshops led by your district and state officers. Districts also had the chance to show their 4-H pride with district skits and chants as they competed in the annual



Spirit Stick Competition. (Congratulations, North Central District!) District and State award winners were recognized for their outstanding accomplishments at the Awards Assembly, then delegates said farewell...until next time!

**Thank you all for an amazing SCC 2013!**

*Congratulations to all of our district and state award winners! We are very proud of everything you have accomplished and look forward to seeing the ways you will continue to make the best better!*

*~ The State 4-H Officer Team*

# Season's Greetings



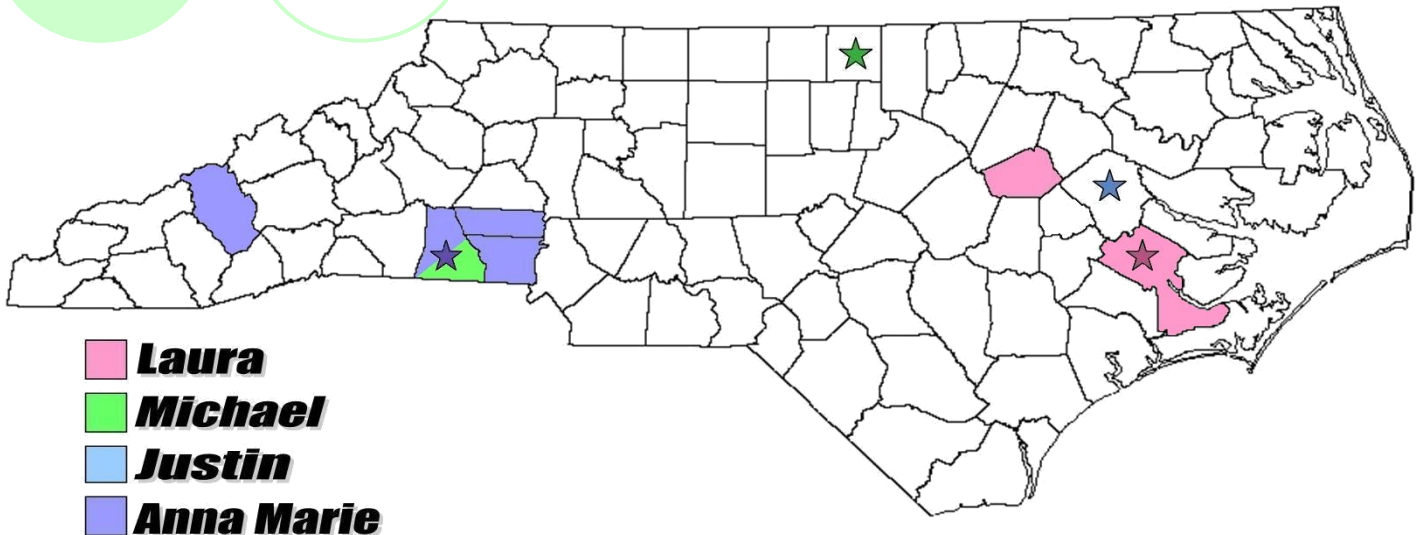
*The State 4-H Council wishes you a very happy holiday season!*

Have an outstanding 4-H'er you'd like to spotlight in the next newsletter? A county project you'd like to see featured? Information on 4-H opportunities?

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## ***Building the Leadership Pipeline***



The new year is approaching! The State 4-H Officers have already had the opportunity this year to visit several counties in our state, and want to continue this in 2014 by making sure as a team that they work together to fill up the Leadership Pipeline map! If you are having a county event where you would like a state officer to attend and bring greetings, speak, help hand out awards, teach a workshop, etc., please contact Sarah Kotzian at least one month prior to the event and she will work with the officer team to see if one of them can attend. While it might not be possible to accommodate every request, we will do our best to try. Our State Officer team is looking forward to "building the leadership pipeline" from the county level up, and hopes to see many of you in your home counties soon!

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