



4-H Newsletter



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From the Agent

In an effort to go **green**, we will only produce four newsletters this year. We will also be posting information on our county website and Facebook at <http://columbus.ces.ncsu.edu/> or <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Columbus-County-4-H> This is an exciting time for all of us.

In these hard economic times, 4-H is rising to the challenge of maintaining an excellent program with many opportunities for youth at every level; county, district and state.

This year is truly an opportunity for our county 4-H to shine. There are so many prospects for you to excel and succeed. We hope that you will let us be a part of your journey to excellence.

Sincerely,

Nakoma Simmons

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Extension Agent

4-H Youth Development



4-H Workshops

There will be a workshop held at the county office every month. Check Facebook and the county website for dates and times. The first workshop will be Saturday, February 7, 2015 from 9:00 am – 12 pm. The title is *Presentations*. Make plans to join us; RSVP by calling 910-640-6607.



Volunteer Training

Training will be offered on Wednesday February 11th at the office from 11am - 12pm. The title is *Parliamentary Procedures*. Please call the office 910-640-6607 to RSVP. Light refreshments will be served.

Beekeeping Essay

From Liz Driscoll:

2015 Beekeeping Essay Topic

Planting for Bees from Backyards & Up



Beekeeping has become difficult due to a lack of native plants for forage. In this essay, you will be required to discuss ways that habitats can be modified to become “bee friendly”. Does your community allow roadsides and open land to grow wildflowers and encourage native planting of bee friendly plants? Survey your community to see what is being done to help honey bees.

Include your state in your survey to see if there is a wildflower planting program available or any other program that could aid the honey bee.



Essay Guidelines

The scope of the research is an essential judging criterion, accounting for 40% of your score. The number of sources

consulted, the authority of the sources, and the variety of the sources are all evaluated. Personal interviews with beekeepers and others familiar with the subject are valued sources of information and should be documented. Sources, which are not cited in the endnotes, should be listed in a “Resources” or “Bibliography” list.

Note that “honey bee” is properly spelled as two words, even though many otherwise authoritative references spell it as one word.

North Carolina 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest Rules

1. The contest is open to active 4-H Club members only. 4-H’ers who have previously placed first, second, or third at the national level are not eligible; but other state winners are eligible to re-enter.

2. Requirements (failure to meet any one requirement disqualifies the essay)

- Write on the designated subject only.
- All factual statements must be referenced with bibliographical-style endnotes.
- A brief biographical sketch of the essayist, including date of birth, gender, complete mailing address, and telephone number, must accompany the essay.

• Length – the essay proper: 750 to 1,000 words.

• The word count does not include the endnotes, the bibliography or references, nor the essayist’s biographical sketch – which should be on a separate page.

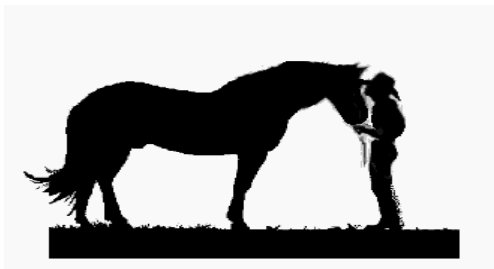
• Prepare your essays double-spaced, 12-pt. Times or similar type style, following standard manuscript format. Submit as a Microsoft Word compatible document.

3. Essays will be judged on (a) scope of research - 40%; (b) accuracy - 30%; (c) creativity - 10%;

(d) conciseness - 10%; and (e) logical development of the topic - 10%.

4. One state winner is selected and awarded \$50 by the North Carolina State Beekeeper’s Association.

5. Essay is due in Raleigh by February 15th at 5pm.



Waccamaw Equestrian

Awards Show

February 28th at the Boys and Girls Home in Lake Waccamaw from 9 am – until Youth and adults will participate in a fun show, enjoy lunch and receive awards for the 2014 season.

NC 4-H Livestock School

When: February 28th - March 1st

Where: Eastern Carolina Ag & Education Center in Tarboro

Who: This event is open to all youth ages 9-19. Youth have the opportunity to learn about all aspects of showing livestock. Youth are asked to pick one species of livestock that will be covered the entire weekend (Swine, Meat Goats, Lambs, and Cattle). This is a hands on clinic. Youth are encouraged to bring their own animal but it is not required.

Judges Needed

From Shannon McCollum:

Another exciting successful year in 4-H has come to an end and the 2015 year looks to be even more exciting for the program as we continue to make the best better in 4-H! This is the time of year that the 4-H'ers are completing their project record books, cumulative record books and various other projects for county competition. We all know that judges are a vital part of this process and we are writing to request your help. The dates for judging are: *Project Record Judging* – April 10th -12th *Portfolio* - April 13th -15th . Our judges are one of the reasons that our 4-H youth can excel. Judge's constructive comments help to improve our 4-H'ers record keeping skills. This is why we are asking for your help. We are expecting a larger number of records to be turned in this year. Due to space and budget

limitations we will only be able to accommodate 3 judges for each day of project record judging and 25 judges for each day of cumulative record judging. Judges will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis and all registrations for judging must be entered online no later than March 9, 2015.

Once again we are going to try to complete all the judging for Project Records in ONE weekend. This means that we will be judging at the minimum 1,000 Project Records books on that weekend. Because of the limitations we are having to place on the number of judges this year and because we need each of these judges, please only volunteer if you are serious about coming to help and serious about coming to work. If you sign up to judge and find out that you can no longer judge, please give us at least a one-week notice. If you do not give this notice, you will be invoiced for the charges (lodging, meals, snacks, etc.) that are incurred during the time for which you registered to help. In the past, we have had a huge problem with people saying they are coming to judge, we book hotel rooms and purchase meals and then they do not show up. Please understand that we are not trying to discourage anyone from judging, we just need a firm commitment, in order to assure we have enough judges and that we are good stewards of our resources. If you are available to help, please mark the dates for judging on your calendar. Please also feel free to share this opportunity with others as we are always looking for additional judges to help with this process. Your participation in this process will benefit the 4-H'ers as well as yourself. Due to budgets this year we cannot provide travel and some meals, so we encourage you to carpool if possible. You will also have some meals on your own. If you are only able to help judge one day, we suggest Saturday for Project and Monday for Portfolio, but we welcome help on any of the date selections! We will do a quick orientation each day to help prepare new volunteers.



Bright Ideas Go Here

We Want to Hear From You!

If you have any suggestions for new activities *or* ideas *or* how to make the existing program better, please feel free to contact the 4-H Office. This is your 4-H program and we are here to help you make it the best it can possibly be!!

What's Happening

Upcoming Events

Presentation Workshop	Feb. 7 th
Parliamentary Workshop	Feb. 11 th
Beekeeping Essay	Feb. 15 th
Awards Show	Feb. 28 th
Livestock School	Feb. 28 th - March 1 st
Project Book	
Judging Deadline	March 9 th

For accommodations for persons with disabilities, contact Nakoma Simmons at 910-640-6607 no later than five business days before the event.

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