

# Pasquotank 4-H

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## Message from Your 4-H Agent

Hello to all the wonderful 4-H'ers, volunteers, and parents. It has been another great summer with many wonderful summer programs, camps and other trips that we have had the opportunity to take part in. I would like to start off by thanking all the 4-H'ers for their hard work this summer with their projects and to the parents for encouraging your kids to do their very best. We have the best kids in our 4-H program and each day they prove it. The

summer is coming to an end and school is about to start. We need to start focusing on our schoolwork for the upcoming year as well as our 4-H clubs. I encourage each of you to invite some new friends to come out to your 4-H club meetings. 4-H is fun because we get to learn by doing but also it is fun because of the people who we are learning with. The best way to have friends at your club meeting is to recruit them yourselves. Some of you participate in 4-H but aren't a member of a club. I challenge you to change that and get active in one of our 4-H clubs. Club leaders work hard to make sure

that the club meetings are fun, informative, and interactive for all members. The club meetings help us all learn parliamentary procedure a skill that comes in very handy when you're in groups, clubs, or organizations. I would like to see each club grow their numbers this year by 10 more youth. We are going to try to offer more countywide activities for all the 4-H'ers this year. If you have any fun ideas for activities then please feel free to call me. I look forward to coming around to the club meetings this year and even being more involved in the clubs by hosting an archery class for each club.

### Dates to Remember

August 19 – 4-H Youth Council

August 26 – 4-H Volunteer Leaders

December 22 – Record Books and Achievement Forms Due

January 12 – 4-H Achievement Banquet



## District Activity day & Congress

First let me thank each and every one of you who participated in District Activity Day. I know that it takes some preparations to get ready for the big day but I was very proud of each and every one of you.

On Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> Pasquotank County had 16 youth travel to Franklinton High School in Franklinton, NC, where they participated in prepared speeches on a specific topic area or they could show off their cooking skills by grilling different types of meat. As a result of their hard work and dedication we brought home 4 gold medals, 6 silver medals, and 2 bronze medals.

Because the youth participated in District Activity Day they had the opportunity to attend 4-H Congress on the campus of NC State in Raleigh. We had one gold medal winner while at Congress. Congratulations to Alliyah Kato who won the 9-10-year-old division of the Beef

Char Grill.

Austin Carawan, 18, son of James and Monica Carawan of Newland, and Danny Wallace, 18, son of Joe and Lisa Wallace of Elizabeth City, were inducted into the 4-H Honor Club, one of the highest honors a 4-H'er can achieve. New Honor Club members were tapped during a candlelight ceremony Saturday night, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Membership in the Honor Club is based on service to the 4-H program, leadership, moral standards, 4-H activities and project achievement. Less than one-half of 1 percent of North Carolina 4-H'ers are selected for membership each year.

## 4-H

## 4-H Youth Council

The Pasquotank County 4-H Youth Council consists of boys and girls who are between the ages of 13 – 18. They meet at the Pasquotank Extension Center monthly, one month will be a business meeting and the next month there will be a fun activity scheduled.

Our first meeting of the year is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** If you are interested, please call the extension center at 338-3954 or email Christy at [Christine\\_boyce@ncsu.edu](mailto:Christine_boyce@ncsu.edu) to let her know that you will be attending. Please bring your calendars and some ideas of what you would like to do this year so that we can set our meeting dates and start to get ideas of fun activities that we can do as a group.





## Thank You

Summer time is the time of year where we are really busy around the office with summer enrichment programs. I wanted to just take this time to say thank you to all the volunteers who came out and assisted with the programs either by teaching or assisting me. We had a great time with our two weeks of clover bud camps, our culinary camp, sewing camps, engineering week, hunter safety, babysitting and electric camps just to name a few. We are always looking for new classes

to teach so if you have a special talent or skill and would like to come teach a class on a weekend or next summer please let me know. You may reach me by phone at 338-3954 or email me at [mason\\_lawrence@ncsu.edu](mailto:mason_lawrence@ncsu.edu).



## Chowan County Fair

The Chowan County Fair is coming up soon. It is going to be September 22 – 26 at the Edenton Chowan County American Legion Fair Grounds. If you would like to enter items for exhibit and judging they are due September 19<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 5 p.m. or September 20<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 6 p.m. This is a great opportunity to show off your crafty skills, baking or even plants you have grown. The fair also offers a talent show for kids and a “Little Miss” and “Miss” Chowan pageant. For more information please visit the website at <http://www.chowanfair.com/>. I look forward to seeing some of you out at the fair.

## Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Educational Center

During the week of August 2 – 7, 2015 Pasquotank County took 25 boys and girls, ages 9 – 13 to Reidsville, NC. They enjoyed a week of fun in age-appropriate sessions with small-group experiences focusing on outdoor recreation in a safe environment. It was a week filled with swimming, boating, archery, making crafts, learning about nature, rock climbing and horseback riding. We had a great week and look forward to everyone joining some of our other activities that we have going on during the year.

Be on the lookout for information concerning the 2016 4-H Summer Camp coming out in December.





## Aspire classes

What is ASPIRE? Well it is an ACT test prep class. The A.S.P.I.R.E. Program is designed to bridge deficits in rural high school students' performance on the ACT College Entrance Examination in order to increase the number of students pursuing higher education. This is a cooperative initiative through the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at North Carolina State University and North Carolina Cooperative Extension. This program is a 10-week course that meets once a week on Monday's from 4:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. at Northeastern High School in the Agriculture Building. With this program you are given the Princeton review books and materials along with 4-practice test. This program will start in early January. For more information please contact the extension center at 338-3954 and ask for Mason Lawrence. There is an application that you will need to fill out ahead of time so that you can be admitted to this program.



**\*\*If you wish to be taken off our mailing list please contact Christy at 338-3954 and ask to be removed.**

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