







Clover Connection

Rowan County 4-H Newsletter

March 2019



From the Agent:

February was a busy and exciting month!

Thanks to all those that came to Achievement Night. According to my records, we had 124 people in attendance. It was a great night of 4-H recognition! A special shout out to County Council for all of their work in creating a wonderful Achievement Night celebration!

There are tons of updates in this newsletter, so take time to read through it. If you are interested in 4-H Camp, County 4-H Event Scholarships, camp scholarships, local college scholarship applications, horse/dairy/poultry updates, and other exciting opportunities, read below! There is also information about registering for County Activity Day, so start preparing your presentations, artwork and talent!

The deadline to register to go to 4-H Camp with Rowan County 4-H is March 29. The 4-H Dairy Judging competition is on March 22 and the Shooting Sports Instructor Training is March 29-31. Paper Clover Week also begins in March.

As a reminder, if you have any brief information or a 4-H picture & caption that you want published in the newsletter, please send it to me by the 25th of the month prior to the newsletter publishing date (which is typically the 1st of the month).

March is a great month to wear from 4-H green!

Laura

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4-H Paper Clover Week (please sign up)

Spring Paper Clover Week is quickly approaching! This is a 12 day event where



Tractor Supply Company will be selling paper 4-H clovers to support 4-H programs. Donations given to the Tractor Supply in Salisbury supports Rowan County 4-H and helps to offset costs to certain 4-H programs like 4-H Camp and 4-H Congress.

Last Fall during Paper Clover Week, 4-H'ers helped man the 4-H booth and sold paper clovers. Bob, the manager at Tractor Supply said that this greatly helped bring in more money! So, we again need 4-H'ers, 4-H leaders/volunteers, 4-H Clubs and 4-H families to help man the booth at Tractor Supply! The goal is to have 4-H'ers, parents and/or volunteers there at some point EVERY DAY during this event!

The 4-H members who work will receive \$15 of Cloverbucks per day that they work.

<u>The event is March 27-April 7</u>. It's super easy to spend a couple hours at Tractor Supply talking about 4-H alongside a 4-H display board.

I've linked the sign up below. Please sign up and include the time(s) that you will be there. You can do this as a club or family or individuals. It's ok if we have various people working the same day at different times, but I want to make sure all days are covered. You can also work multiple days. Please plan to stay for at least 1-2 hours when you work.

Let me know if you have questions! I'll send out reminders closer to the event. Go ahead and fill up the sign up sheet so that I don't have to start calling and soliciting volunteers!

Paper Clover Week sign up sheet



4-H Camp for Summer 2019

Rowan County 4-H will be attending traditional 4-H camp on **July 7-12**, **2019** at Betsy-Jeff Penn camping facility in Reidsville, NC.

The NC 4-H Camping program is a wonderful program for youth! The camp is fully staffed and is accredited through the American Camp Association. Rowan County 4-H has not had 4-H'ers attend camp in the last couple of years, so I would LOVE to have some 4-H'ers attend this summer!

Traditional 4-H Camp costs \$420 by registering with the 4-H office. For those that register directly through the camping facility, it costs \$495. For current, active Rowan County 4-H'ers, Rowan County 4-H will cover \$120 per camper. So, the family cost is only \$300. Non-active 4-H'ers who register through Rowan County 4-H must pay the entire cost of \$420.

-To reserve your spot, please pay a \$150 <u>non-refundable</u> deposit to Rowan County CES by Friday, March 29, 2019 and turn it in along with this registration form: <u>Rowan County 4-H Camp Registration Form</u> (can be mailed or brought by the extension office)

Other details:

-The remaining balance is due by Tuesday, June 4.

- -A required "Camp Meeting" must be attended on Tuesday, June 4 at 6:30 PM at the Rowan County Extension Center. This meeting is for the camp participant AND at least one parent/guardian.
- -Child must be enrolled in 4-H Online: nc.4honline.com
- -Other required camp paperwork must be completed (will be provided at later date)

During traditional 4-H camp, youth will be involved in the following:

- Canoeing and Kayaking
- Crafts
- Swimming
- Hiking
- Field Games
- Ropes Courses
- Shooting Sports (archery, riflery, and shotguns)
- And Much More!

**Other more specialized camps are offered through NC 4-H as well (horsemanship, shooting sports, etc). Parents must register their youth for these camps via the camping website. Camping scholarships may be available through Rowan County 4-H.

Learn more about the NC 4-H Camping Program: NC 4-H Camp Website

4-H Event Scholarship Applications due April 1, 2019

Rowan County 4-H is now offering opportunities for youth to receive additional financial support to attend 4-H events.



Cloverbucks are earned scholarship vouchers awarded to any 4-H'er for participation in particular 4-H activities. These vouchers can be used to offset costs associated with 4-H trips and events. We have outlined several areas where youth can receive Cloverbucks. Please note that youth WILL NOT receive actual cash in hand through this process.

Additionally, we have outlined parent costs associated with overnight 4-H trips and programming that are offered through the county office. These costs are what the parents will owe for these particular events; 4-H will be covering the remaining balance for each of the outlined trips.

A scholarship program has also been created for youth to apply for additional funding to offset parental costs for any 4-H opportunity offered through the county 4-H program or through 4-H clubs. A youth can receive no more than \$150 annually through this scholarship process. Youth may not receive the full amount they ask for; it will be at the discretion of the scholarship committee based upon the application, scholarship money available and number of applicants.

Rowan County 4-H Scholarship Applications are due <u>APRIL 1, 2019</u> to the Rowan County 4-H Office.

Rowan County 4-H Event Scholarship Application Cloverbuck & Event Scholarship Guidelines

This information can also be found at the Rowan County Cooperative Extension webpage: Rowan County Cooperative Extension



Register Now for County Activity Day on April 29

It's time for youth to start preparing for 4-H Presentations, Expressive Arts and 4-H Talent, all of which will occur at County Activity Day on April 29! Those who qualify for the district level will compete at District Activity Day on June 14 in Lincoln County. District qualifiers will compete at State Presentations Finals on July 20.

To participate in any of these events, you MUST pre-register by April 12, 2019.

All Expressive Arts artwork must be brought to the Extension office by **Thursday**, April 18. If it is not turned in by then, it will be disqualified from judging. You must still pre-register on the form too.

To register for Presentations, Expressive Arts or Talent please fill out this form: County Activity Day Registration Form

For more information and details about the many categories that you have to choose from for competition, please use these links!

4-H Presentation Categories

Additional 4-H Presentation Information

Horse Artistic Expression & Creative Writing Competitions

NC 4-H Photo Contest

4-H Entertains



4-H'ers and 4-H volunteers MUST ENROLL in 4HOnline ANNUALLY. The 4-H year runs from January-December, which means you must re-enroll 4-H'ers NOW to make them eligible for 4-H in 2019.

4HOnline is a new enrollment system and those involved in 4-H in 2018 were just put into this system in November. I realize that was only a couple months ago, but it's a new year and a new time for re-enrolling.

Please login ASAP and get 4-H'ers enrolled. You are not an active 4-H if you are not in this system. You cannot compete, receive recognition, get scholarships, etc. if you are not enrolled in 4HOnline for 2019.

**If you need to know your login email, please email Laura at laura_allen@ncsu.edu. If you need help, please let Laura know. If you would like to come into the office and get help with the process, email Laura to set up a time.

The website is <u>nc.4honline.com</u>. All new members must complete the entire form. Those members who enrolled in 2018 will just have to update their forms and fill in a few areas...much of the information is still in the system from 2018.

Volunteers and 4-H'ers must do this annually!

If you need assistance, please visit this site for helpful hints: https://nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/4honline/

Please let me know if you have questions! If you are a club leader, please have new club members submit their enrollment via 4HOnline!



4-H Camp Scholarships

The NC 4-H Program has acquired funding to offer 150 scholarships to help youth attend 4-H Camp this summer. Preference is given to youth who have not attended before or whose county has not attended in the last 5 years, but any 4-H'er attending camp can apply.

All of the details can be found here: <u>NC 4-H Camp Scholarship Information & Application</u>.

PLEASE apply!

The deadline for those who haven't attended 4-H Camp before is <u>March 15</u>. The deadline for any other 4-H'er is <u>March 27</u>.

From what I understand, you can also apply for these scholarships if you are attending a specialty camp (horse, shooting sports).

The South Central District is also offering scholarship for Horsemanship Camp (look for details in further down in the newsletter under "Horse Updates").



AIRE: First Steps Workshop Series

Rowan County 4-H and Cabarrus County 4-H are partnering to present a series of 4 workshops about AIRE. AIRE stands for Application, Interview, Resume and Electronic-Video. 4-H'ers ages 11-18 (as of Jan. 1) can participate.

There have been CHANGES to how the AIRE process works, which is one of the reasons this workshop is being offered. Each week, we will talk about a different section of the process.

All classes will meet at Rowan County Cooperative Extension. The dates are May 14, 21, 28 and June 4 from 4-5:30 PM.

More information will be shared about registration, but please put these dates on the calendar.

For more information: AIRE information

2019 4-H Dates

This google doc is up-to-date with 2019 dates/events that have already been planned. I will update it as more events are planned. You can also find dates on the Rowan County Extension website calendar at the top of the webpage. Find it here: Rowan County Cooperative Extension



If there are events that you are interested in teaching or new event ideas you have for Rowan County 4-H, please email laura_allen@ncsu.edu! The extension center auditorium is filling up fast, so if you need to reserve it for a 4-H event, please contact me ASAP!

2019 Rowan County 4-H Events Calendar

4-H Shooting Sports program update

Thanks to all those who attended the 4-H Shooting Sports informational meeting. We had over 35 folks in attendance! Charles Young, NC Shooting Sports Coordinator did a great job explaining the program and how it works.



There were many folks who signed up as being interested in starting an additional Shooting Sports Club. I have received word from a location that can be used for shooting. However, to make this club happen, there MUST be adults willing to go to the official 4-H shooting sports instructor training. This club cannot run unless that happens. We need at least one person to head up getting this club started and being the primary leader. We'll also need instructors who have completed the 4-H training in at least one of the disciplines listed below.

4-H competition occurs in the areas of Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, Pistol, Muzzleloading, and Hunter Skills.

If you are interested in going to the 4-H Shooting Sports Training on March 29-31, 2019 at Millstone 4-H Camp, please email laura allen@ncsu.edu ASAP.



Registration is due very soon. The total cost is \$125, however those going to the training will only have to pay <u>\$50</u>. The next training is not until October 2019.

If you are interested in your child participating in 4-H Shooting Sports, please contact laura allen@ncsu.edu.



College Scholarships Available

It's time for high school seniors to be applying for college scholarships. There are many out there, and lots of local ones, so be on the lookout! Below are some that are available through 4-H or here locally:

Rowe McNeely 4-H Scholarship

(specifically for 4-H'ers in Rowan and Iredell Counties)

South Central District 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association Scholarship

Rowan County Holstein Club Scholarship

Justin Michael Sloop Scholarship

Herter-O'Neal Scholarship Application Herter-O'Neal Scholarship information

NC State Fair Livestock Scholarships

NC Association of Agricultural Fairs Scholarship

All of these scholarships are due SOON! Please note due dates for each scholarship and where to send completed applications!



Upcoming Meetings

County Council: These meetings are for any 4-H'er ages 12-18 as of January 1. We will meet in the Suite A Conference Room at the extension Office.

March 28, 2019 April 9, 2019 May 16, 2019 June 18, 2019

PALS: These meetings are for any parent, alumni, or leader (or anyone at all) who supports 4-H. If you are interested in 4-H or new to 4-H, you are invited to attend

these meetings as well! Please come share your ideas for 4-H and help us find ways to support Rowan County 4-H. This group will meet at the Rowan County Cooperative Extension office in Auditorium A.

April 9, 2019 June 18, 2019



Horse Updates

1. 4-H Horse Judging is going on now!

Maggie Boreman is working with 4-H'ers to prepare them for the contest on April 13. Her next practice dates include: 3/7 at Emerald Rose Farm, 4:30-5:30 3/9 Cabarrus County Saddle Club 3/15at Emerald Rose Farm, 4:30-5:30 3/22 at Emerald Rose Farm, 4:30-5:30

3/28 at Emerald Rose Farm, 4:30-5:30

4/6 at Cabarrus County Saddle Club

There is also a joint effort with 4-H and FFA, thanks to 4-H volunteer Cheryl Correll, to plan some additional practices that 4-H and FFA youth can attend. Cindy Stewart from Gaston County drove to Rowan County to practice with these youth recently. She will be coming back on March 11 and March 18 at 7 PM at the Extenion office to offer more practices. Any 4-H'er, FFA member, volunteer or parent is welcome to attend! Cindy judged as a 4-H'er, judged on the NC State team while in college, has served as a judge in the state judging competition and has lots of horse judging experience.

Those competing in the 4-H Horse Judging competition MUST be enrolled in 4HOnline: nc.4honline.com. Please complete this by March 15.

2. The requirements for getting a horse eligibility card have changed. Any 4-H horse member who wishes to show their project animal must have a valid eligibility card that is distributed through this system, which also will declare which qualifying show they will attend. After emailing the NC 4-H horse folks for clarification, youth can compete in 4-H horse shows if they are in any type of 4-H club OR if they are at-large members.

You MUST complete this google form (linked below) in order to receive an eligibility card. This form MUST be filled out by April 1, 2019.

NC 4-H Horse Program Eligibility Card Request Form

Once the form is filled out, the state will send me the eligibility card and then I will be in touch with you to get it to you and get the correct signatures. Please also make sure they are enrolled in 4HOnline for 2019. Please let me know if you have any questions!

- 3. The most recent NC 4-H Horse Program Newsletter can be found here: NC 4-H Horse Program Newsletter (Feb. 2019) This issue features the names of the state qualifying teams from the 2019 district 4-H Horsebowl contests. This issue also provides reminders about eligibility card procedures and a link to the 2019 North Carolina 4-H Horse Program Rules and Regulations Manual. Future issues of the North Carolina 4-H Horse Program Newsletter will be sent via Constant Contact. The last page of the newsletter has a link to sign up for the mailing list.
- **4.** The South Central District is offering **Horsemanship Camp Scholarships**. Please read these forms to learn about the application. **Applications are due by March 15.**

Horse Camp Scholarship Information
Horse Camp Scholarship: 4-H'ers Info Letter

- **5.** The 2019 NC 4-H Horse Calendar of Events can be found here: NC 4-H Horse Calendar for 2019
- **6.** The 2019 NC 4-H Horse Program Rules and Regulations Manual has been posted. There are several changes, so please read it carefully. <u>2019 Horse Program Rules & Regulations Manual</u>
- **7.** The plan is for Rowan County 4-H to have a horse quizbowl team in 2020. Maggie Boreman has volunteered to train this team. If anyone is interested in helping, please let Laura know.

NC 4-H Horse Program Information



Dairy Updates

- **1.** We have 11 youth who will be participating in 4-H dairy judging contest! Reminders of upcoming practices:
- -Friday, March 1: 4:30-5:30ish at Extension office (make sure you have your reasons notes memorized when you get here)
- -Saturday, March 2: 10 AM at La-Foster Farm (RAIN OR SHINE), 1685 Carson Rd. Cleveland, NC 27013
- -TENTATIVE: Thursday, March 7, 4:15 PM at Lutheridge Farm, 455 Cline Road Mount Ulla, NC 28125
- -TENTATIVE: Friday, March 15, location TBD
- -TENTATIVE: Thursday, March 21, location TBD

As a reminder, all youth MUST be enrolled in 4HOnline to participate in the 4-H contest. Please get this done sooner than later if you have not

already: nc.4honline.com. If you enrolled in 2018, you must re-enroll for 2019.

Also, the contest is Friday, March 22. Please let me know if you need a letter for your child's school stating why they will be absent that day.

2. The NC 4-H Dairy Quizbowl contest will be on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 6</u>. Please email Laura if you are interested in being on this team. **4-H volunteer Jackson Noble has already begun practicing with youth to prepare for this contest.**



Poultry Updates

1- The 4-H Poultry Judging contest is on July 19. We will start practicing in May.

2. Youth Market Turkey Show:

Is your 4-Her interested in learning about raising animals for show but you aren't sure where to start? Why not have them participate in the Youth Market Turkey Show! Participants receive poults as well as 5lbs of starter feed to get their birds off to a great start. Registration begins on March 1st. Spots are limited to 300 participants, due to space at the state fair and the availability of birds. Spots do fill up fast!

- 3. Poultry Science Summer Institute
- 4. NC 4-H Poultry Program updates

NC 4-H Program looking for volunteers to judge Project Record Books and/or Portfolios!

One of the best ways to learn how to do 4-H Project Records or Portfolios is to actually come and judge for at least one day. Judges will see a variety of records and will learn how to go back and help 4-H'ers on the county level complete records. NCSU will pay for lodging and most meals for our judges. Email Laura if you think you might be interested!



Project Record Judging Date: April 26-28, 2019

Location: SpringHill & Suites Cary, NC

Portfolio Judging

Date: April 29 - May 1, 2019

Location: SpringHill & Suites Cary, NC

-All 4-H volunteers and club leaders: **PLEASE** make sure you report your contacts for each month. They are due by the 10 of the month after the month you are reporting for. Your February report is due by March 10. Please do your January report too if you have not completed it already.

http://go.ncsu.edu/2019monthly4hreport

- -Thank you to all 4-H Clubs that turned in your chartering/re-chartering information on time! A few of you still owe me a form or two. Please get those in by the end of March.
- -PLEASE get your current club members and yourselves (and all 4-H volunteers) reenrolled in 4HOnline. I know we just went through this for 2018, but we have to renew everyone in 2019. All new members should enroll in 4HOnline. Thanks for helping me with this new process!
- -Please push your 4-H'ers to do a project record book or to get involved in 4-H in a new way! County Activity Day will be here soon (April 29), so please help get your 4-H'ers prepared for presentations!
- -All 4-H Club accounts are currently under the 4-H PALS account umbrella. If you are seeking reimbursement from your club's account, please follow the new format that was presented at the February PALS meeting. You must fill out this <u>reimbursement form</u>. Please bring that form with a copy of the receipt to the Extension office to give to Laura or to Melva. It will then be turned over to Carole Massey, PALS treasurer, who will cut you a check.
- -Thank you for your help in getting your club members recognized at Achievement Night and for encouraging attendance!
- -Paper Clover Week for the Spring is March 27-April 7. The sign up link is in this newsletter. Get your club and 4-H'ers involved! **4-H'ers can earn \$15 in Cloverbucks per day worked.**
- -Remember that as a club leader, you MUST attend 1 volunteer training during the calendar year to be able to re-charter your club. For Emerald Seal, you must attend 2 volunteer trainings.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!!!!

Click here for more information:

Achievement Plan
Project Record Books and Presentations
4-H Ambassador Program



4-H Opportunities relating to Horticulture/Nature!

These opportunities were shared to me by Liz Driscoll, 4-H Youth Specialist in the Departments of Crop and Soil Sciences, Entomology and Plant Pathology, and



Horticultural Science at NC State. Please let me know if your 4-H'er plans to participate in any of these events!

Horticultural Science Summer Institute (July 7-12): <u>Program information</u>
Resource Conservation Workshop (June 23-28): <u>Workshop Information</u>
Turfgrass Academy (April 5-6): <u>Information</u>, <u>Student Registration</u>, <u>Mentor Registration</u>
Fight the Bite poster contest (due April 12 in Raleigh): <u>Contest Info</u>



Celebrating NC 4-H: Ever GREEN invitation

The North Carolina 4-H Development Fund and

The North Carolina 4-H Youth Development Program invite you to

Come celebrate ALL that is good in NC 4-H ...

Celebrating North Carolina 4-H: Ever GREEN

Rekindle lifelong friendships among 4-H families, friends, alums, volunteers, staff, and donors and Celebrate 4-H legends across our great state as we salute the following honorees:

NC 4-H HALL OF FAME
PARTNERS IN 4-H AWARDS
FAMILY LEGACY AWARDS

Saturday, April 6, 2019

KOURY CONVENTION CENTER SHERATON GREENSBORO AT FOUR SEASONS GREENSBORO, NC

RECEPTION AT 5:30 PM | DINNER AND PROGRAM - 6:30 PM BUSINESS ATTIRE

Please RSVP at go.ncsu.edu/4HEverGREEN or you may respond on the enclosed card by March 22, 2019

Celebrating North Carolina 4-H:

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If you would like to attend this event, you will be responsible for all costs associated with it. If you plan to attend, please let Laura know!

4-H Livestock Camp

Do you have a child that is interested in livestock? If so, check out this Livestock Science Camp opportunity at NC State this summer! Youth must be 14-17 years old. Registration ends in March.



background check.

How to Start a New 4-H Club!

Are you interested in starting your own 4-H club to meet the needs and interests of your family or community? If so, here are the requirements to charter a new 4-H Club:

- 1. Must have at least 1 approved volunteer to lead the group (having co-leaders is also recommended). Volunteers must fill out an application and go through a
- 2. The club must have at least 5 members from at least 3 different families.
- 3. A written program of work must be completed for the first 6 meetings and must be been submitted to the county Cooperative Extension office.
- 4. The club is organized with appropriate youth leaders that are either rotated or elected.
- 5. A club roster is completed and submitted to the county Cooperative Extension office.

An approved 4-H charter application must be on file at the Rowan County Cooperative Extension office and each club must re-charter annually. 4-H members must fill out 4-H enrollment and medical forms annually.

Please email laura allen@ncsu.edu if you are interested in starting a club!

Click here for more information:

4-H Clubs

4-H Shout-outs!

- -Thanks to County Council for working hard to make Achievement Night a success!
- -Good luck to the following 4-H'ers whose project record books or portfolios will be competing at the district level:

-The following youth will be attending South Central District Teen Retreat on March 9-

Allison Mares-Animal Science, 9-10

Talton Correll-Animal Science, 11-12

Madisyn White-Animal Science, 11-12

Madisyn White-Communication Arts, 11-12 Josie Correll-Animal Science, 13-15 Jaysa Causby-Animal Science, 13-15 Javsa Causby-Personal Development & Leadership, 13-15 Charlene Holt-Personal Development & Leadership, 13-15 Sam Oster-Personal Development & Leadership, 16-18 Sam Oster-Electric Energy, 16-18 Sam Oster-Electric Portfolio, 16-18





10, 2019 at Millstone 4-H Camp: Trent Adams, Emily Barlow, Jaysa Causby, Holly Wallace.

4-H International Exchange Program



4-H provides opportunities for 4-H'ers to be a part of international exchange programs and also opportunities for 4-H families to host exchange students.

The Summer Outbound Program is available to 4-H'ers who have participated in a county or state program. These 4-H youth can apply to travel to Costa Rica, Japan, Finland and South Korea.

This summer, NC 4-H will be hosting 12 Japanese delegates, 2 Japanese chaperones, and 3 Costa Rican delegates. The Costa Rica Exchange will take place June 26th-July 21st and the Japanese Exchange will take place around the same time as last year: July 21-25 to August 18-22. Please check out the link below for more details!

2019 NC 4-H International Exchange Program Information



Shared Folder for 4-H Pictures

I've had requests for some of the 4-H pictures I have taken at different events. To make it easier for everybody, I've created a shared folder in my Google Drive and have added all of my 4-H pictures in there. Please do not delete them, but you can copy ones you want to save, you can add pictures taken at 4-H events, etc. Also, be mindful that not all 4-H'ers have signed waivers allowing their picture to be taken. If I see any added pictures that include youth without that signed waiver, I will delete them. Here is the link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16GQ50QsLH10AVBFeg2y1EHfoOP0DGkZm?usp=sharing

Upcoming Events

March 22: NC 4-H Dairy Judging contest, Winston Salem, NC

March 27-April 7: Paper Clover Week at Tractor Supply

March 28: County Council meeting, 6 PM

April 1: 4-H Event Scholarships Due, Horse Eligibility Cards Due

April 12: County Activity Day Registration Due

April 18: Expressive Arts/Photography due to Extension Office by 5 PM

April 29: County Activity Day

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