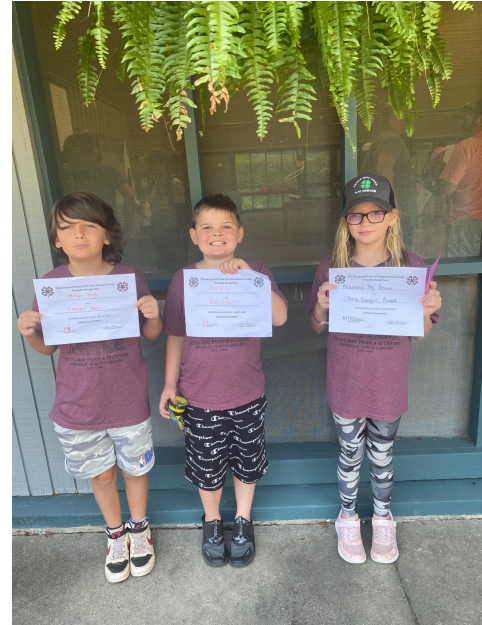


Wilkes County 4-H'ers had the opportunity to attend residential camp at Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Educational Center (BJP) from July 10-15th. Campers participate in a number of different activities while at camp, and build friendships that can last a lifetime. This week also provides a great opportunity for campers to unplug and enjoy the outdoors and build relationships with their peers.

Wilkes brought three 4-H'ers to BJP this summer! Mason Rash, Abe Rash, and Ally Brown (pictured left to right) all had a wonderful week at camp, and were ready to remain at camp rather than returning home!



Youth arrive at camp on Sunday afternoon with anticipation for the week ahead. For those who have never experienced camp, this anticipation is amplified by their inexperience. The counselors and camp staff work very hard to ensure that each child has an enjoyable and memorable time to ensure they are excited to come back next summer! At the Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Educational Center, youth engage in several activities including canoeing, swimming, crafts, and much more!

4-H camp also has opportunities for youth that are not within the traditional camper age range (8-12). Youth between the ages of 12-14 years old can participate in the Adventurer and Trekker programs. These programs help develop outdoor skills in preparation for an overnight camping trip away from BJP. Trekkers canoe down the Dan River and go rock climbing at Pilot Mountain. Older youth between the ages of 15 and 17 can participate in the LIT, or Leader-In-Training program, which allows them to work with camp staff to gain leadership experience. LIT spots are limited to 6 male and 6 female positions, and candidates must go through an application process.



Make 4-H Camp a part of your child's next summer!  
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