

»»» NEWSLETTER «««



# WILKES COUNTY 4-H



"Make the Best Better"



## THE PLACE TO BE IN WILKES

**TELL US  
WHAT YOU  
THINK!**

In order to gauge the needs in the community, we need your help! Please complete our needs assesment ([click here](#)).



This is a new format of the Wilkes County 4-H Newsletter we are trying out! We believe this will make sharing news about all things 4-H easier.

Our Goal is to provide fun and educational programs for Wilkes County youth. We would love for your child to join us and participate in one of our activities or programs.



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# SCHOOL ENRICHMENT IS BACK!



## »»» EMBRYOLOGY

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## MORE TO COME!

**THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF OUR SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS. IN SPRING 2024, WE WILL OFFER OUR BUTTERFLY PROGRAM WHEN THE WEATHER IS APPROPRIATE.**

**IF YOU ARE A WILKES COUNTY TEACHER THAT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN 4-H SCHOOL ENRICHMENT IN YOUR CLASSROOM, CONTACT ALEX AT [AKISSIN@NCSU.EDU](mailto:AKISSIN@NCSU.EDU) OR (336)651-7347.**

## »»» MOOVING MILK FROM THE FARM TO THE FRIDGE

Ever wonder how dairy products make their way to your local grocery store? Students learn about dairy cattle from birth to maturity and different dairy products. We also compare the cattle life cycle to other organisms including ours!





# SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS

## ➤➤➤ INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

NC 4-H Shooting Sports will hold its fall instructor training on October 28th at the Eastern 4-H Center. All interested coaches are required to attend a training session in order to coach each discipline. Cabins are available on Friday and Saturday night for those with long drives.

## ➤➤➤ ELIGIBILITY

4-H members that are at least 8 years old by January 1st are eligible to join 4-H Shooting Sports. All volunteers and coaches need to be registered in 4-H Online and abide by all safety rules set by the coaches.

## ➤➤➤ PRACTICES

In order to participate in the tournaments, youth must attend practices led by our trained 4-H volunteers. Practices occur every other week on Saturday.



## 4-H TOURNAMENTS

There are two 4-H Shooting Sports tournaments that 4-H members can participate in each year; regionals and state.



# 4-H NEWS



## ➤➤➤ NORTH WILKESBORO SPEEDWAY

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## ➤➤➤ WILKES COUNTY FAIR

October saw the return of the Wilkes County Fair. Youth from across the county submitted a ton of wonderful entries, and we want to congratulate them on a job well done!





# 4-H PRESENTATIONS

## >>> DEVELOPING PUBLIC SPEAKING

Public speaking is one of the most important skills anyone can develop. 4-H offers youth the opportunity to develop this skill while talking about something they are passionate about through the 4-H Presentation program.

## >>> "WHAT CAN I PRESENT ABOUT?"

We have a category for everyone! Anything youth are passionate about can fit into one of our presentation categories, and there is an open category to catch everything else. Have a child who is obsessed with baseball? Present on the equipment needed to play. Have a young gardener? They can talk about their home garden and how they prepare their garden site.

## >>> PRIZES

Along with the experience of developing public speaking skills, winners for each category and age group move on to the state presentation contest at NC 4-H Congress. Prize amounts vary based on the category.

## >>> DISTRICT ACTIVITY DAY

Presentations take place at both the district and state level. Our district presentations (District Activity Day) takes place in June at NC A&T State University.





# NORTH CAROLINA 4-H CONGRESS

## >>> OVERVIEW

Each July, 4-H members (ages 13-18) from across the state come together to Raleigh for the annual North Carolina 4-H Congress. This week long event allows youth to meet their peers from other parts of the state while developing their leadership skills. Participants will also get the chance to visit N.C. State's campus during free time.



## >>> HOW CAN I GO?

Participants must be enrolled in 4-H prior to registering. If you have never participated in 4-H before, no problem! This is a great way to learn more about 4-H. We do ask that all participants present at District Activity Day in order to go to congress.





# YOUTHVOICE



## »»» COMISSIONERS & YOUTH

YouthVoice allows 4-H members to meet County Comissioners and learn more about how county government operates.

Each county is allowed one delegate to attend, and they are required to attend a

## »»» WHEN & WHERE

YouthVoice takes place at the County Comissioner's state association meeting in August. The location changes year to year. Transportation will be provided for our county's delegate.

If your child is interested in participating in this program, contact Alex!



# HUNTER ED & OUTDOOR PROGRAMS



## >>> HUNTER EDUCATION

One of our newest offerings through Wilkes County 4-H is the opportunity for youth to earn their Hunter Education certification. This course allows young or new hunters learn to be safe and ethical hunters. It is also required for hunters to hunt by themselves after their sixteenth birthday. Be on the lookout for announcements about upcoming offerings.

## W.H.E.P.

The Wildlife Habitat Education Program is designed to gauge youth's knowledge of wildlife and the world they live in!



Are you an outdoorsman or love wild places? Then this is the 4-H contest for you! Youth ages 8-18 are eligible to compete in the state contest.



We will be joining forces with Alexander County 4-H this year for a joint team.  
State contest will be April or May at a TBD State Park.

Our next practice will be 10/25/23 at 4PM at the Wilkes County Extension office. If you have any questions please contact Alex at [akissin@ncsu.edu](mailto:akissin@ncsu.edu) or (336)651-7347



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## >>> W.H.E.P

The Wildlife Habitat Education Program allows youth with an interest in wildlife to expand their knowledge in a ompetitive way. To learn more visit the following link: [What is WHEP?](#)

Congrats to Wilkes County 4-H'er, Finn Mash on his opening day buck!

If your child has harvested a deer and wants to be featured, please let us know!



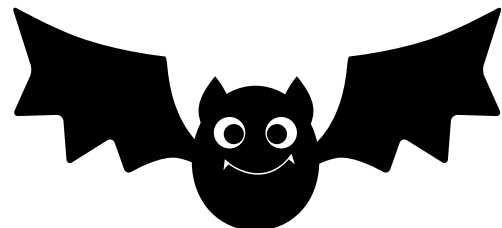


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### ➤➤➤ SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE

Facebook: [Wilkes County 4-H](#)

Website: [wilkes.ces.ncsu.edu](http://wilkes.ces.ncsu.edu)



### ➤➤➤ CONTACT US

There is a ton of opportunities in 4-H for youth to find their SPARK! To learn more about 4-H and how your child may participate, contact our 4-H Agent, Alex Kissinger, at [akissin@ncsu.edu](mailto:akissin@ncsu.edu) or at (336)651-7347

