

Clover Connection

Rowan County 4-H Newsletter

April 2021



From the Agent:

Happy Spring! I hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather we have been having, even though it's been intermingled with rain and some cool days!

As many of you know, I will be having a baby in May and will be out on maternity leave during the summer. If you have specific 4-H questions or needs, please let me know sooner rather than later. Otherwise, while I am out, please direct your questions to:

Amy-Lynn Albertson (County Director): alalbert@ncsu.edu
Brooke Peeler (secretary): brooke_peeler@ncsu.edu
704-216-8970

All 6 of our 4-H Clubs have now met in-person or will begin meeting in-person starting in April. Now is a great time to get involved! Please look at the current [club list](#) and find a 4-H club to participate in for 2021!

There are LOTS of NEW & IMPORTANT topics in this newsletter, including:

- 4-H Presentation & Talent competition info (DUE APRIL 1)
- 4-H Event Scholarships (DUE APRIL 1)
- Summer Fun classes (REG. OPENS APRIL 5)
- Pullet Project (DUE APRIL 6)
- 4-H Camp registration information (DUE APRIL 7)
- 4-H Port-a-Pit Fundraiser information
- Links for the required training for youth & parents attending in-person 4-H events in 2021
- Upcoming Events (info & deadlines)

Contact me!
laura_allen@ncsu.edu
704-216-8970 (office)
704-216-8983 (office--direct line)

Stay safe!
Laura

REGISTER NOW for upcoming public speaking & talent competitions held during County Activity Day!



Does your child love competition? Are you wanting your child to develop their public speaking skills? Does your child have a unique talent that they want to share? If so, they should participate in Rowan County 4-H County Activity Day!

All 4-H Presentation (public speaking) participants will be scheduled to present via Zoom on April 19-21.

Those who plan to do 4-H Talent will submit a pre-recorded video for competition. **The video is due no later than April 9.**

Youth must **PRE-REGISTER** by **April 1, 2021.**

[Click here](#) for all details & registration link.

If you are interested in Outdoor Cookery, we will schedule a separate time for you to compete in-person at the Extension office. Please note that District Outdoor Cookery presentations will be held in-person on June 25 at the Rowan County Extension office. State level Outdoor Cookery qualifiers will compete in-person this fall.

Those who qualify for the district level for presentations and talent will compete VIRTUALLY at District Activity Day via pre-recorded video. Those who qualify for state competition will also compete VIRTUALLY at State Presentations Finals via pre-recorded video.

THE 4-H EXPRESSIVE ARTS COMPETITION TYPICALLY HELD DURING COUNTY ACTIVITY DAY HAS BEEN CANCELED.



Apply NOW for Rowan County 4-H Event Scholarships, **DUE BY APRIL 1**

Are you a current 4-H'er who needs financial help to attend upcoming 2021 4-H events like 4-H Camp, 4-H Congress, District or State Horse Shows, etc? If so, apply for a Rowan County 4-H Event Scholarship!

[CLICK HERE](#) for all rules/guidelines
and the application.
DUE BY APRIL 1.

Special thanks to Rowan County 4-H
PALS for offering these scholarships!



4-H Summer Fun registration is open April 5-May 7.

In-person programs & kits offered.

**Must register in-person & pay
at time of registration.**

Limited availability, so register ASAP!

[Click here for registration form & all details!](#)

Register NOW for the Pullet Project!

Due by April 6!

PDF packet, including registration form, [found here](#).



Rowan County Pullet Project



What is the Pullet Project?

The Rowan County Pullet Project is an opportunity for youth (ages 5-18 as of January 1) to learn more about the livestock industry. Through this project, youth will raise laying hens. In September, youth will participate in a pullet show, where they will demonstrate to the judge their knowledge of the bird. Training for this project will be provided through workshops.

*Teaching youth responsibility,
animal husbandry, and money
management through raising and
selling chickens.*

Must have a minimum of 5 participants and a maximum of 15 participants. \$20 fee to participate. Youth will be allowed to keep the pullets at the conclusion of the show.

For more information, contact:

Morgan Watts, Livestock Agent

704-216-8970

amwatts@ncsu.edu



Save the Date!

<i>Registration Deadline:</i>	<i>Workshops:</i>	<i>Chick Pick-up:</i>	<i>Show:</i>
Registration forms must be received by Tuesday, April 6, 2021. Location: Extension Office <small>2727-A Old Concord Rd., Salisbury</small>	Orientation-Monday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m. <small>*The two other workshops are TBD based on participant schedules</small> Location: ZOOM	May 6, 2021 Location: Extension Office <small>2727-A Old Concord Rd., Salisbury</small>	September 2021 Check-in time: TBD Show time: TBD Participants will be notified closer to show date. Location: TBD

Register NOW for 4-H Camp at Betsy-Jeff Penn!

July 4-9, 2021

Available for youth ages 8-14

DUE BY APRIL 7!

Rowan 4-H will be going to Betsy-Jeff Penn in Reidsville, NC on July 4-9, 2021. It is a 6

day, 5 night overnight camp. 4-H Camp has made lots of plans so that camp can happen in-person this summer, despite Covid-19.

The registration form (linked below) and non-refundable payment of \$200 is due by April 7 to reserve your spot. Camp costs \$450 per person. 4-H'ers who are active in a 4-H club or multiple county level events for at least 6 months prior to the registration date will owe \$410. If we receive donations from local groups, the cost may be less per person, but we will not know that until closer to time. There are also some scholarships available.



****This year, families will have to provide transportation to camp for drop-off and pick-up. Rowan County 4-H will NOT be able to transport youth this summer.**

[Click here](#) to find all camp information, registration form, and plans made due to Covid-19.

Questions? Contact Laura Allen, 4-H Agent.

4-H PALS Port-a-Pit Fundraiser: April 30, 2021

Help us reach our goal of selling 1000 plates!

PLEASE SELL TICKETS to family, friends, local businesses, etc. We need YOUR help to reach our goal!

Pre-orders & pre-payment due by April 9.

Pre-order online at
[**go.ncsu.edu/rowan4hportapit2021**](https://go.ncsu.edu/rowan4hportapit2021)

Rowan County 4-H PALS

All proceeds benefit 4-H youth development programs & scholarships

Port-a-Pit BBQ Chicken



Friday, April 30, 2021

11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Online ticket orders accepted at:
go.ncsu.edu/rowan4hportapit2021

Drive Thru Only

\$10

per plate

**Half chicken, slaw,
baked beans, roll,
dessert**

Can also order by
contacting:

**laura_allen@ncsu.edu
704-216-8970**

**Pre-Order
Tickets Now!**

**Delivery available
with orders of 8 or more to
Rowan County locations**

**NC Cooperative Extension,
Rowan County Center
2727 Old Concord Road
Salisbury, NC 28146**

**Orders & payment
due by April 9.**

**Cash or checks made out to
Rowan County 4-H PALS**



Upcoming Meetings

County Council: These meetings are for any 4-H'er ages 12-18 as of January 1. We will meet online via Zoom until told otherwise.

-April 12 at 6 PM on Zoom

-May 4 at 6 PM on Zoom

****We will not meet June-August.****

PALS: These meetings are for any parent, alumni, leader or supporter of Rowan County 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.

-April 12 at 7:15 PM on Zoom

We will not meet June-August).

[PALS Constitution and Bylaws](#)

NC 4-H Teen Event Dates

SAVE the DATES for these events available to youth ages 13-18 (as of Jan. 1)

-June 14-16: Citizenship NC Focus (**virtual**)

-July 19-22: 4-H Congress (**virtual**)

-August 13-14: YouthVoice (Free; Will be **in-person** in New Hanover County; ONE 4-H'er who has never attended may attend; Must be 14-18 as of Jan. 1 to attend.)

**times and any fees are TBD.



If you are interested in attending any of these events, please let Laura know ASAP! Deadline to register for state summer events is May 3, 2021!

Now is the perfect time to start planning your child's 4-H year! Start preparing NOW for 2021 Project Record Books, Achievement Plans and more! Have questions? Reach out to your club leader or Mrs. Laura.

Helpful links:

[Project Record Books](#)

[4-H Achievement Plans](#)

[Portfolios and Project Record Books \(scroll down to correct section\)](#)

[NC 4-H Ambassador Program](#)

To participate in 4-H in 2021, your child MUST be enrolled in 4-HOnline. This must be completed annually starting in January each year. Don't delay any longer!



[Click here](#) for all enrollment information & enrollment link.

Additionally this year, the following must be completed in order to participate in-person:

-**[Training Video](#)** (each person who plans to attend a 4-H meeting/event must watch & fill out the form; required once annually)

-**[Adult Attendee waiver](#)** (any non-volunteer adults attending a 4-H club event must complete this)

-pre-registration for 4-H event (club leaders will send out a link for each meeting so you can pre-register to attend)

Volunteer Opportunities



4-H Virtual Volunteer Conversations

6:00pm CST/7:00pm EST

01/26 - Volunteer Training & Leadership Opportunities
04/27 - Program Communication Strategies
07/27 - Developing Regional Partnerships
11/30 - Innovative Ideas for Clubs

share ideas and connect with other
volunteers throughout the country

Register at:

<http://bit.ly/4HVolCall>

*All 4-H volunteers and professionals
are welcome to attend!*



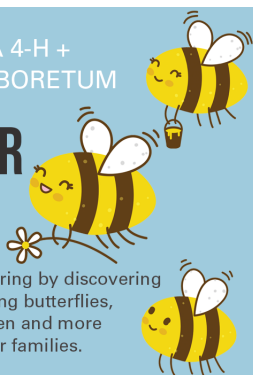
BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE VOLUNTEER
SPECIALISTS OF THE SOUTHERN REGION

NORTH CAROLINA 4-H +
JC RAULSTON ARBORETUM

POLLINATOR GROW BOX

Celebrate the arrival of spring by discovering
pollinators including raising butterflies,
creating a pollinator garden and more
with this April program for families.

REGISTER NOW: go.ncsu.edu/growboxsignup



Pollinator Grow Box

The Grow Box is a "subscription box" program that delivers garden fun for families right to their door. It is a partnership between North Carolina 4-H and the JC Raulston Arboretum and is intended to grow and nurture the agricultural curiosity of our current and new 4-H families. The box comes with all the supplies and instructions you need to learn about pollinators.

- Enjoy planting a pollinator garden, discover the different pollinators in your backyard, raise butterfly larva, make chapstick and much more!
- Register by April 8th: *Estimated shipping date: April 12, 2021*
- [Register here.](#)
- Cost=\$30 per box.

Horticulture Science Summer Institute

Do you love plants? Are you in high school?
Join NC State's Department of Horticultural

Science for an exploration of horticulture through a virtual program that includes hands-on live workshops, do-it-yourself activities, videos and more. We will dig into topics like plant propagation, plant identification, garden design, growing fruits and vegetables and much more. This year's program is virtual, but will include a box full of the supplies you need to really engage in learning about horticulture.

Each day there will be a live zoom session (that will also be recorded) focused on a favorite horticultural topic. Youth will also have the opportunity to delve into asynchronous material to further fuel their passion for plants. Youth will be able to access the material all summer long.



**HORTICULTURAL SCIENCE
SUMMER INSTITUTE**

Join us for a virtual, hands-on horticulture experience for high school students!
Register Now: go.ncsu.edu/hssi

June 21-24, 2021
\$35 Registration

Register here!

4-H Curriculum for teachers homeschool families & club leaders

NC 4-H has created an online 4-H curriculum website that is open to the public. Please explore the website as there are lots of awesome learning opportunities available! If you are interested in any of the curriculums, please let 4-H Agent Laura Allen know. You will have to submit the demographics of your participants before you can receive the passcode to get into the full site.

Go to: nc4hcurriculum.org

NC 4-H Camps Present.....Nature Adventures

Perfect for classroom teachers & homeschool families!

[Register here!](#)

[Learn more here!](#)



SPRING 2021

NATURE ADVENTURES

WITH NC'S 4-H CAMPS

A virtual learning program for educators and families

SCHEDULE

LIVE events at 1 pm ET

February 22 - Giants of the Coast
Hosted by The Eastern 4-H Center

March 5 - Stories in the Stars Astronomy

March 18 - Run, Duck, Hide Predator/Prey Relationships
Hosted by Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center

April 1 - Winged Wonders
Hosted by Millstone 4-H Camp

April 13 - Taking Flight Birds of Prey
Hosted by The Eastern 4-H Center

April 20 - Let's Go on a Night Hike!
Hosted by Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center





Horse Updates

Check out the [February 2021 NC 4-H Newsletter](#) for the latest on all of the NC 4-H Horse Opportunities! LOTS of upcoming virtual opportunities available for you!!!

Qualifying Horse Show & Eligibility Card info found in the February newsletter linked above.

Follow the [NC 4-H Horse Program](#) on Facebook for all the latest workshop offerings and 4-H horse program information!

[NC 4-H Horse Program Newsletters](#)

[NC 4-H Horse Program Information](#)

[NC 4-H Horse Program Rules & Regulations Manual \(updated Feb. 2021\)](#)

[NC 4-H Horse Program Dressage & Combined Training Manual](#)



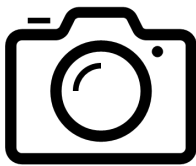
Poultry Updates

If you are interested in 4-H Poultry Judging and/or 4-H Avian Bowl, please contact amwatts@ncsu.edu.



Livestock Updates

Rowan County 4-H will be participating in Livestock Judging this year! Contact amwatts@ncsu.edu for questions.



Access Rowan County 4-H Pictures

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 view and copy ones you want to save.

[Click here to access 4-H pictures](#)

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NC State University and N.C. A&T State University work in tandem, along with federal, state and local governments, to form a strategic partnership called N.C. Cooperative Extension.

Extension's 4-H program is the largest youth development organization in North Carolina. We help over

247,000 young people grow into active, contributing citizens each year.