

Clover Connection

Rowan County 4-H Newsletter

March 2021



From the Agent:

Happy March! Celebrate green this month and promote 4-H!

We have 6 4-H Clubs re-chartering for 2021. 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 Online Enrollment
- 4-H Presentation & Talent competition info & due dates
- Links for the required training for youth & parents attending in-person 4-H events in 2021
- Upcoming Events (info & deadlines)
- 4-H Embryology dates & registration information
- 4-H Camp registration information
- 4-H Port-a-Pit Fundraiser information
- 4-H March Kit
- 4-H Event Scholarships: Due April 1

The doors to our building continue to be open, but masks are required. Currently, I am only in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays and am working from home Wednesday-Friday.

Contact me!

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704-216-8970 (office)

704-216-8983 (office--direct line)

Stay safe!

Laura

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.

All youth who plan to participate in 4-H in 2021 AND all adults who plan to officially volunteer for 4-H in 2021 MUST be enrolled in 4-HOnline2.0 for 2021. Once you enroll, enrollment is good from now until December 31, 2021. Enrollment has to be completed annually.

If you are interested in being an official 4-H Volunteer, please learn more [here](#).

If you had a login for the old 4HOnline system used in 2018-2020, then your email login and password will still work. If you have forgotten your password, you can get the site to send a new one to your email address.

4-H PALS Port-a-Pit Fundraiser: April 30, 2021
Help us reach our goal of selling 1000 plates!

Pre-order online at
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**

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

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**

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

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

Register NOW for a March 4-H Kit!

[Click here to register!](#)

Rowan County 4-H March Kit

In this kit, you will have supplies to make:
Rice Krispie Treats w/ green sprinkles
Bird Feeder Ornaments
4-H Friendship Bracelet

FREE

25 kits available.
For youth ages 5-18 (as of Jan. 1).

Pre-register: February 26- March 5
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/142101971823>
Kit Pick Up: March 15 & 16

Questions? laura_allen@ncsu.edu or 704-216-8970



North Carolina Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity provider.

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](#)

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.

-March 8 at 6 PM on Zoom

****Make sure you've looked over the 4-H Presentation topics and have an idea of what you want to do a 4-H Presentation on this year!**

-April 12 at 6 PM on Zoom



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.

-March 22 at 7:00 PM on Zoom (Port-a-Pit Planning only)

-April 12 at 7:15 PM on Zoom

[PALS Constitution and Bylaws](#)



4-H Shout Outs

Congratulations to those who turned in a 2020 Project Record Book! Their rank at the county level is denoted below. Those with *** will be going to district competition.

Cloverbuds:

Luke Allen, participation

John Tucker, participation

11-12 year olds:

Nathan Croyle, 1st place, Science & Technology***

Nathan Croyle, 1st place, Animal Science***

13-15 Year Olds:

Tiffin Jacobs, 1st place, Animal Science***

German Jaramillo, 1st place, Science & Technology***

German Jaramillo, 1st place, Plant Science***

Olivia Stirrup, 1st place, Healthy Lifestyles***

Our 2021 Achievement Plan recipients are:

Green Clover: Nathan Croyle

Bronze: German Jaramillo

Congratulations to the following who participated in the NC 4-H Virtual Hay Bale and Virtual Craft contests:

-Olivia Stirrup, Family Division: 2nd place, Hay Bale Decorating Contest

-John Tucker, Cloverbud participation in the 4-H Craft contest in the areas of drawing (2) & trash to treasure.

-Rilynn Moore, Cloverbud participation in the 4-H Craft contest in the area of paper craft.



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.**

Graduating Seniors:

[Click here](#) for local college scholarship applications.

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

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

July 4-9, 2021

Available for youth ages 8-14

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.



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.

Register NOW for 2021 4-H Embryology

There are a few spots left for Cycle 3. Register ASAP!

Seeking **2nd grade & 7th grade** classrooms in RSS, private schools & charter schools, as well as homeschool families, to participate in....

4-H Embryology

Cycle 1 (schools only):

Zoom training:
Jan. 20, 3-4 PM

Drive by pick up:
Jan. 25, 3-5 PM

Drive by return:
Feb. 19, 3-5 PM

Cycle 2 (homeschool & private/charter schools only):

Zoom training:
Feb. 23, 3-4 PM

Drive by pick up:
March 1, 3-5 PM

Drive by return:
March 26, 3-5 PM

Cycle 3 (schools only):

Zoom training:
April 7, 3-4 PM

Drive by pick up:
April 12, 3-5 PM

Drive by return:
May 7, 3-5 PM

All materials will be picked up at Rowan County Cooperative Extension.
All chicks & materials must be returned to Rowan County Cooperative Extension.

Cost:
\$10 per classroom
Exact cash or check
made to Rowan CES
*payment due at or before pick up



To register, contact:
laura_allen@ncsu.edu
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NC State University and N.C. A&T State University are collectively committed to positive action to secure equal opportunity and prohibit discrimination and harassment regardless of age, color, disability, family and marital status, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, political beliefs, race, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation and veteran status. NC State, N.C. A&T, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and local governments cooperating. Persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency may request accommodations to participate by contacting Laura Allen, Rowan County 4-H Agent, at 704-216-8970 or laura_allen@ncsu.edu at least 14 days prior to the event.

In case you missed our Virtual Achievement Night....go check out the video!

go.ncsu.edu/rowan4h2020recognition

Don't forget to come by and pick up your

**child's awards no later than March 12.
Info below!**

A green poster with white polka dots. At the top left is the 4-H logo. To its right is the text "Rowan County 4-H". Further right is the "NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION" logo. Below these is the word "Virtual" in a script font, followed by "Achievement Night" in a large, bold, white font. Below this, a white box contains the text "Video can be watched at the following locations:" followed by two bullet points: "-Rowan County 4-H Program Facebook page on February 23, 2021 at 7 PM" and "-Youtube: go.ncsu.edu/rowan4h2020recognition". Below the box, another white box contains the text "All 4-H'ers who are recognized during the video will be receiving a certificate, at the minimum. All awards can be picked up at the Extension office from February 24-March 12." At the bottom, a third white box contains contact information for Laura Allen, 4-H Agent, including her email and phone number, and the address "2727-A Old Concord Road, Salisbury, NC 28146".

 **Rowan County 4-H** 

Virtual
Achievement Night

Video can be watched at the following locations:

- Rowan County 4-H Program Facebook page on February 23, 2021 at 7 PM
- Youtube: go.ncsu.edu/rowan4h2020recognition

All 4-H'ers who are recognized during the video will be receiving a certificate, at the minimum. All awards can be picked up at the Extension office from February 24-March 12.

Questions? Contact Laura Allen, 4-H Agent, at laura_allen@ncsu.edu or 704-216-8970.
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Do you plan to attend an in-person 4-H club meeting or event in 2021? If so, our NEW COVID PROTOCOLS require that 4-H'er and parent attendees do the following:

Step 1: Go to go.ncsu.edu/rowantrainingcomplete and watch the embedded training video. Each 4-H'er/parent who attends a 4-H club meeting or event **MUST** watch the video and **EACH PERSON MUST** fill out the form stating they completed the video training. This **MUST** be done before attending a 4-H event. Once you have completed it , it is good for each 4-H event moving forward.

Step 2: REGISTER IN 4-HOnline2.0 to complete enrollment and the latest liability waivers.

IF YOU ARE AN OFFICIAL 4-H VOLUNTEER, YOU MUST ATTEND A LIVE ZOOM TRAINING IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN 4-H IN A VOLUNTEER ROLE. From now on, these will be done on an

NC 4-H Teen Event Dates

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

- March 26 & 27: South Central District Teen Retreat (virtual)
- June 14-16: Citizenship NC Focus (virtual)
- July 19-22: 4-H Congress (virtual)

****times and any fees are TBD.**

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



Horse Eligibility Cards due by March 30

If you plan to participate in a 4-H District Qualifying Horse Show, you MUST complete your eligibility card no later than March 30.

[Click here](#) to complete this!

Check out the "horse updates" section below for more 4-H horse info.

4-H Youth in Action Awards

- open to 4-H'ers ages 15-19
- application due by March 29
- information & application available [HERE](#)



NC AWWA Youth Poster Contest

- Hosted by the NC section of the American Water Works Association
- For youth Kindergarten-8th grade



- Theme for poster contest: "The Power of Water"
- Electronic submissions due by 3/26

All info found [HERE!](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

A poster for 4-H Virtual Volunteer Conversations. It features a QR code, the 4-H logo, and a list of dates and topics. The text reads: "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".A photograph of a laptop on a wooden desk. The laptop screen displays a video call with many participants in a grid layout. A hand is visible on the laptop keyboard.

Gardening & Food Donation Opportunity for Families

[Register here!](#)

Goodnights Growing to Share Program



Our Mission

Goodnights Greenhouse wishes to work with community members to provide healthy vegetables to our neighbors in need. We have partnered with Main Street Marketplace and Meeting Place to distribute your harvests. Our vision is to provide families with a fun and rewarding community service activity, as well as instill a lifelong love of gardening for our youth.

How it Works

Goodnights Greenhouse will donate two plants of your choice per household (tomatoes, squash, zucchini, cucumbers, bell peppers, or okra), and in return, we ask that you donate the produce harvested from these plants to Main Street Marketplace and Meeting Place. Of course, extra blessings are always welcome. We welcome all ages and gardening skill levels to participate.

How to Register

We will accept 100 applicants for Spring 2021. Please only register 1 person per household on or by March 15, 2021. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/2021growing2share>. Contact Caroline at csbrandt14@gmail.com or 980-622-6276 for additional program information.

Opportunity for youth in grades 8-12. Register by March 5.

Orange County i2i



Join Orange County 4-H for 5 critical conversations around the topics of: Race, Diversity, Culture, Self-Awareness, and Stereotypes. This program for 4-H youth in grades 8-12 will build your cultural competence and prepare you to be a champion for your community.

Register at <https://orangei2i.eventbrite.com>
by March 5

MARCH 11 - APRIL 8
THURSDAYS 6:30 - 8:00 PM
SESSIONS HELD ON ZOOM

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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



LIVE events at
1 pm ET

SCHEDULE

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.

March 1: Applications due to NC 4-H for the NEW [NC 4-H Horse Achievement Award.](#)

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](#)



Livestock Updates

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

June 28-July 3, 2021



**LIVESTOCK SCIENCE
CAMP**

NC STATE ANIMAL SCIENCE

- **Do you enjoy Biology, Nutrition, Chemistry, Genetics, Physiology, or Health?**
- Are you considering a career in a **STEM** field but just don't know what options exist with animals?
- Would you like to explore the science of animals?
 - Are you willing to try new things?
- Will you be between 15-18 years old in June 2021?
- If you answered **YES**, then the **NC State hybrid Livestock Science Camp** may be just the thing to do this summer summer!

Information available at:

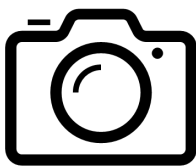
<https://cals.ncsu.edu/animal-science/extension/livestock-science-camp/>

- Applications will be accepted through April 1, 2021
- <https://forms.gle/YbDjsJsW2uwNoq7w7>

Questions: Dr. Carrie: Carrie_Pickworth@ncsu.edu
919-513-0262

Livestock Science: livestocksciencecamp@gmail.com
Department of Animal Science

NC STATE UNIVERSITY College of Agriculture and Life Sciences



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.