

Clover Connection

Rowan County 4-H Newsletter

May 2021



From the Agent:

As many of you know, I will be having a baby in May and will be out on maternity leave during the summer. My last day of physically being in the office is May 10. I will be working from home May 11-May 14 and then will be on leave. I plan to return on August 25.

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

There will be no 4-H newsletters June-August. Once I am back in the office, we most likely will be using Active Campaign instead of Constant Contact for newsletters.

All 6 of our 4-H Clubs have now met in-person. 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:

- Deadline to register for Summer Teen events (May 3)
- NC 4-H Photo Contest (due by noon on MAY 5)
- Summer Fun classes (REG. ENDS MAY 7)
- District 4-H Presentation Videos (due by May 7)
- 4-H Camp scholarship information (due by May 7)
- 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

NC 4-H Teen Event Dates

**Must register
with Laura by
May 3.**



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

-June 14-16: Citizenship NC
Focus (**virtual**); Rowan County 4-
H will pay fee
***Must register for this "event"
in 4-HOnline by May 3.**

-July 19-22: 4-H Congress
(**virtual**); will cost approx. \$60

-YouthVoice has been
CANCELED for 2021.

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

**Participate in the NC 4-H Photography Contest!
Entries to to Rowan 4-H
by noon on Wed. May 5**

If you are a 4-H'er who loves taking pictures, get that camera ready and participate in the NC 4-H Photography Contest. I have set a quick turnaround to get your pictures submitted this year, so act quickly!

**Please note you MUST
be 8 years old as of
January 1 to participate.**

Email submissions to
laura_allen@ncsu.edu.

Represent Rowan County 4-H
in the...

NC 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Open to 4-H'ers ages
8-18 (as of Jan. 1)

Submit entries to
laura_allen@ncsu.edu
by NOON on 5/5/21

Categories:
4-H in Action
Nature's Beauty
My Best Friend

Youths can
submit one
entry per
category

Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity provider.



Please provide a title for the photograph, the child's name who took the photograph, which category it is for, and the child's age as of Jan. 1.

[More details
found here.](#)



**LAST DAY TO
REGISTER FOR 4-H
SUMMER FUN IS 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!](#)

In-Person Classes Still Available Include:

- Dash & Dot Robotics: grades K-3rd, Monday June 21, 9 AM-12 PM
- Robotics: grades 4th-7th, Tuesday, June 22, 8:30 AM-1 PM
- Robotics: grades 4th-7th, Wednesday, June 23, 8:30 AM-1 PM
- Advanced Robotics: grades 4th-7th, Thursday, June 24, 8:30 AM-1 PM **(2 spots open)**
- Nature's Nighttime Magic: ages 9-12 years, June 28-30, 1-4 PM each day
- Fabulous Fruits & Victorious, Glorious Vegetables: ages 5-8, Monday, July 12, 9 AM-12 PM
- Spa-alicious: ages 9-13 years, Wednesday, July 14, 9 AM-12 PM
- It's in a Jar: ages 9-13 years, Thursday, July 22, 9-11 AM
- Farm Tours: ages 9-18 years, Tuesday, July 27, 9-11:15 AM
- Nature's Nighttime Magic: ages 5-8 years, August 2-4, 1-4 PM each day **(1 spot open)**

Kits Still Available Include:

- Horticulture Kit (ages 5-8)
- Sewing Kit (ages 8-18)
- STEM Kit (ages 8-18)

Two 4-H Camp Scholarships Available to Low-Income Families. Apply ASAP!

Rowan County 4-H has been granted TWO full-ride scholarships to 4-H Camp at Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Camp, a \$450 value (each)! **But, we need youth to apply for these scholarships!**

**Rowan County 4-H is
going to camp on
July 4-9, 2021.**

Stipulations for applying are that the family is a low-income family. If your child receives free or reduced lunch, then they are eligible to apply!

**We have a tight turn-
around for this. PLEASE
APPLY BY MAY 7.**



We have one scholarship available for youth ages 8-12 for the traditional camping program and we have one scholarship available for youth ages 12-14 for the adventurer or trekker program.

****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, scholarship application, and plans made due to Covid-19.

Questions? Contact Laura Allen, 4-H Agent.



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.

-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.

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

[PALS Constitution and Bylaws](#)



If you conducted a 4-H Presentation during Virtual County Activity Day in April, you are eligible to submit a pre-recorded video for district competition!

All videos are due to Mrs. Laura no later than Friday, May 7. Check your email for all details!

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)

4-H Volunteer Training Opportunities

[SAVE THE DATE](#) for the 2022 NC 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association Conference.

For more information, [click here](#) and scroll to "Upcoming 4-H Volunteer Conferences".

North Carolina 4-H is planning to host a FREE virtual volunteer training this Fall and we want to know what training topics you would like to see offered during this 1/2 day training opportunity. **Share your training topic ideas [here](#).** 3 volunteers will be selected at random to receive a 4-H surprise!



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

"I Love My County Because" art contest

In an effort to bolster civic education and educate communities on the role of county government, the National Association of Counties (NACo) is launching the "I Love My County



Because" art contest in conjunction with National County Government Month.

Entries are due by May 31.

Must be 18 years or younger and in grades 1-12 during the 2020-2021 school year are eligible to participate.

[Click here](#) for all details & submission guidelines. **DO NOT submit this to the Extension office.** Please follow the submission guidelines at the link above.



4-H Shout Outs!

Thanks to all those who sold tickets and/or volunteered during our Port-a-Pit fundraiser on April 30. We sold over 1000 plates and had a great fundraiser!

Congratulations to those who participated in 4-H Presentations, Outdoor Cookery and Talent during Virtual County Activity Day. Participants included:

4-H Presentations:

5-7 years old:

Luke Allen, Category: Cloverbud, Award: Participation
Maggie Jane Deal, Category: Cloverbud, Award: Participation
John Tucker, Category: Cloverbud, Award: Participation

8-10 years old:

Guy Deal, Category: Agricultural Safety & Health, 1st place

11-13 years old:

Nathan Croyle, Category: Open Class, 1st place

14-18 years old:

Josie Correll, Category: Public Speaking, 1st place
Ryleigh Fulghum, Category: Family & Consumer Sciences, 1st place
German Jaramillo, Category: Fisheries & Aquatics, 1st place
Olivia Stirrup, Category: Small & Companion Animal, 1st place
Madisyn White, Category: Health/Fitness, 1st place

Outdoor Cookery, 14-18 years old:

Christian Stebe, Category: Beef Char-Grilling, 1st place

Talent:

John Tucker, Cloverbud, Award: Participation

All of the 4-H'ers participating in 4-H Presentations & Outdoor Cookery are eligible to participate in Virtual District Activity Day.

You can read about these achievements in the [Salisbury Post](#).

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



Horse Updates

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](#)

If you are interested in participating in the 2021 Artistic Expression Contests, please see the flyer below with all deadlines and details.

If you plan to enter but are NOT showing at the horse shows, please coordinate with the Extension office so that your child's artistic expression items can be taken to the State Horse Show and picked up by those who will be showing.

Details can also be found [here](#).



NC State 4-H

Horse Program

2021 ARTISTIC EXPRESSION CONTESTS

Entry Deadline: June 15

Registration Fees Due: June 20

Projects Submitted for Judging: July 9, 10-4

Projects/Awards Available for Pick Up: July 10, 4-6

CONTESTS

CLOVERBUD, JUNIOR, SENIOR DIVISIONS

- Crafts Horse
- Horse Drawing
- Horse Painting
- Horse Poster
- Horse Photography (Standard)
- Digitally Enhanced Horse Photography
- Sewing Horse

Exhibits must be submitted in the dining room of the James B. Hunt Horse Complex in Raleigh at the NC State 4-H Horse Show on July 9 from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Be sure to read through the appropriate pages of the NC 4-H Horse Program Rules and Regulations Manual for the contests in which you are entering.

If you have any questions, please contact Lori Stroud at l1stroud@ncsu.edu.



Poultry Updates

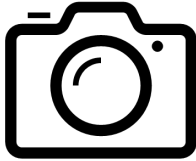
If you are interested in 4-H Poultry Judging and/or 4-H Avian Bowl, please contact

**amwatts@ncsu.edu. Practices will
be starting soon!**



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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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.