

4-H Starting Again in the New Year

Hey Jackson County Families,

2024 has begun and we have more fun 4-H activities planned! This spring, we are having a **Makers Series**, where we will explore different ways to express ourselves creatively. Once a month until summer break, we will be doing artistic activities together: making chocolate mousse (on Valentine's Day!), visiting the Green Energy Park for a glassblowing and blacksmithing demo, arranging flowers with a local flower farm, and creating yummy Vietnamese-style spring rolls with one of our very own 4-H'ers! All of these activities are FREE to participate in. For our chocolate mousse class and our trip to the Green Energy Park, youth must be at least 8 years old, but for flower arranging and our spring roll class, all ages are welcome. To stay tuned on the Makers Series, please follow us on Facebook at Jackson County NC 4-H, or give us a call at 586-4009.

You can now call to register for the Chocolate Mousse class on February 14! In honor of Chocolate Month (February), a local chocolate-making business, La La Land Organics, will be leading the class. Our instructor will be teaching us about the health benefits of chocolate, as well as healthy ways to eat it. Then, we will make chocolate mousse to take home! The class is at the Extension office (876 Skyland Dr, Sylva) and will be from 4:30-6:00 pm. We hope that by providing something for your child to do on Valentine's Day, you parents and guardians can spend some time together or go out for an early dinner! RSVP required. Please RSVP by February 9. Class max is 10 participants.

Our 4-H clubs, the Youth Livestock Group and the Outdoor Club, are also starting to meet again. As a part of the Youth Livestock Group, kids can learn about livestock, raise an animal, learn how to care for an animal, show the animal at the fair, and more. Owning livestock is not a requirement, but if you do, all livestock are welcome, including backyard livestock. This club meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month (subject to change). Primary meeting location is the Extension office, but meeting locations will vary depending on group activities. Please call us if you would like to attend.

The Outdoor Club will begin meeting again in February or March on Tuesdays. Please stay tuned on our Facebook page for more information that will be coming soon.