

4-H newspaper article for June 2023

It's almost summer and Jackson County 4-H has some exciting events planned for the month of June and the beginning of July! I hope you will come out and join us for some 4-H fun. Remember, you do not have to be a previous member of 4-H to participate.

Baseball, anyone? The Asheville Tourists are having their annual 4-H Night on June 21 at 6:35 pm at McCormick Field, and 4-H'ers in Jackson County are invited. It will be a home game against the Hickory Crawdads. All ages are welcome— come as a family! Travel on your own. Make sure to wear green to represent 4-H. A ticket is \$14 and includes a hot dog, chips, and a drink. Please bring cash or a check to our office (876 Skyland Dr. Suite 6) by June 9 to confirm your ticket.

If your child would like to learn how to make a pendant by wrapping a stone or shark's tooth with wire, then please come out to our Wire Art 101 class on June 29 from 5:30-6:30 at our office! This class is free and all materials are provided. Ages 5-18. Participants can choose to enter their final products in the Swain County Fair in August. Please RSVP for the class by June 27 by calling 828-586-4009.

Our 4-H Photo Contest begins July 3. This is an opportunity for Jackson County youth to get creative, explore photography techniques, show off their photography skills, and have FUN! Categories are: Nature's Beauty, Special Effects, and 4-H in Action. The age divisions are junior (8-13), senior (14-18), and adult (19+). Photos from all over the state will be judged, and winners will have their photos displayed on the State 4-H Photography Contest website. Participants are encouraged to research how to take great photos, connect with a professional photographer to learn how to take that one amazing shot, and practice, practice, practice to get the best results! Deadline to submit photos (electronically) is August 1. Please call me for more information on how to participate.

There are more fun events coming in July! Stay tuned.

One last thing! There are 2 summer camp spots left for girls aged 8-12 at the Eastern 4-H Center from June 25-30! This week-long camp offers boundless fun, including kayaking, crabbing, rock climbing, swimming, archery, and more! Jackson County campers will be riding a charter bus to camp with other western NC campers. Cost is \$200, but can be adjusted if needed. Please give me a call if you are interested in sending your child to camp!

I hope you all have a great start to summer!

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