



New Hanover County

4-H

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4-H ...

It's More Than You Think!

Often when people think about 4-H, thoughts of blue ribbons, county fairs, and agriculture come to mind. This mental picture might have been accurate more than 50 years ago, but 4-H today paints a very different picture.

"Today 4-H is the largest non-formal youth educational program in the United States for youth ages 5-18. It provides youth with an opportunity to develop skills to succeed in the workplace, improve goal-setting and decision-making skills, become a community leader, and have lots of fun. Youth also make lasting friendships, help solve problems facing youth today, and pursue careers in science and technology." In 4-H, we want to take you places, show you things and dare you to try new things.

All this and more is possible through 4-H. Young people from all walks of life participate in 4-H through school and

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Summer Recap

It was a busy summer for New Hanover County 4-H! I look forward to summer every year because it always brings with it a higher level of activity and energy. This year 4-H members participated in state presentations, 4-H Congress, Electric Congress, Science Camp, and Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Camp, as well as some new activities at our local libraries! And, as always, we could not have done all of this without the help of some WONDERFUL volunteers! A huge thank you to everyone who gave a helping hand this summer!

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Summer Fun Photos



*Pictured from left are
Brad Shepard, 4-H
volunteer;
Aidan Shepard, age
13; and Wayne
Huddleston,
Duke Energy*

Aidan Attends Electric Congress

Aidan Shepard attended the 67th annual 4-H Electric Congress July 14-16 at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee. Two hundred 4-H'ers, adult leaders, and Extension agents from 59 counties attended the three-day event. Since 1947, Duke Energy and Dominion North Carolina Power have sponsored the annual congress to emphasize energy conservation and safe electricity use.

The 4-H electric energy program is one of the most popular activities among Tar Heel 4-H'ers. Aidan shared his knowledge of electricity with the 4-H Science Camp this summer by teaching them how to make their own can lamps.

*Participants had fun during
electric workshops,
community service, a
dance, awards, and even
rafting!*



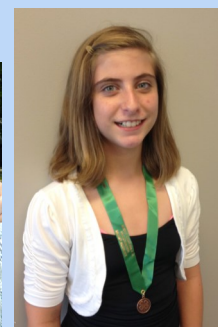
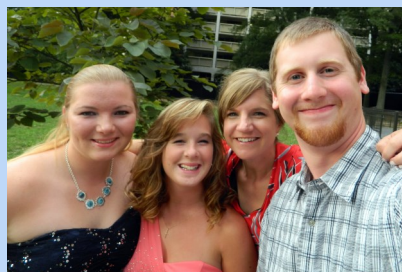
New Hanover County 4-H'ers Receive Honors at State 4-H Congress

New Hanover County 4-H'ers received honors at the recent State 4-H Congress. This year's 4-H Congress, held in Raleigh June 21-24, attracted 541 youth and their adult leaders for activities including presentations on a variety of subjects, leadership and citizenship training, service opportunities, officer elections and more. This year's 4-H Congress also included 4-H Citizenship Focus, where 4-H'ers engage with their elected leaders in the N.C. General Assembly.

Samantha Sharpe, 10, daughter of Phil and Tina Sharpe of Hampstead, and Rachel Mumey, 16, daughter of Roy and Terri Mumey of Wilmington, received honors in contests designed to test 4-H'ers' knowledge of a variety of subjects. Samantha won the bronze medal in the 9-10 year-old division of the food and nutrition competition for her demonstration on making delicious Red Velvet Cookies.

Rachel Mumey was a state winner in the ARIE competition. ARIE -- Application, Resume, Interview and Essay competition -- is a four-step process by which youth are chosen to attend national 4-H events including National Congress, National Conference and International Leadership Conference. Rachel will attend National Congress this fall.

Also participating in state presentations were Ashley Oyler, 17, and Emily Oyler, 14, daughters of David and Kim Oyler of Burgaw, and D'Anna Dininny, 15, daughter of Larry and Julie Dininny of Hampstead. Robert Shivers, 18, son of Fran Perry of Wilmington, and Elanna Dininny, 15, daughter of Larry and Julie Dininny of Hampstead participated in leadership and citizenship training as well as a 4K to raise money for the Cape Fear Literacy Council. Together, New Hanover County 4-H raised \$168 through donations.



Explore Your Interests with a 4-H Project



4-H has a long history of record-keeping as a life skill gained by 4-H members. Completing project record books give youth an opportunity to reflect on their yearly work and document their skill development and learning experiences in a portfolio. Project record books also encourage youth to set goals and develop plans to meet those goals. Cumulative record books are very similar to project record except they are more comprehensive and cover up to 3 years' worth of work in a project area.

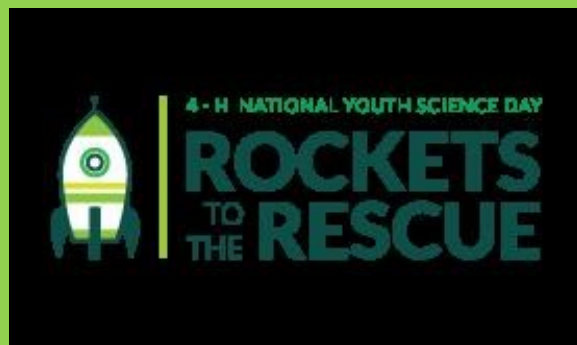
4-H Project record books are due January 5th and will reflect project work done from January through December 2014. Download the form from nc4h.org (click on "Youth" then "Awards & Incentives"). When submitting a project record or cumulative record for 2014, make sure you use the appropriate form for the 4-H member's age on January 1, 2014. Age divisions are 9-10, 11-12, 13-15, and 16-18 year olds. Cloverbuds (ages 5-8) may submit a book for participation. Please email leslie_dill@ncsu.edu for the Cloverbud form as it is not available online.

More Than You Think

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Ashley Reece interviewed Commissioner Jonathon Barfield in preparation for the 4-H Youth Summit in August where she represented New Hanover County 4-H during the two-day conference. Great work, Ashley!



community clubs, special interest groups, after-school programs, camps and other activities.

All of these opportunities are available through your local New Hanover County 4-H program. There are many ways to become involved and the fall is the perfect season to jump in. Join one of the several clubs already in place, start a new club, or join individually as a member-at-large. A few examples of what's available through 4-H include seven existing clubs, an exciting and educational summer camps, an active teen council, multiple opportunities for community service, leadership conferences, and more! There are also multiple ways to volunteer. Become a club leader, school enrichment volunteer, office helper, or teach a special interest program.

Make this your best "4-H year" ever!

TEEN CHALLENGE Making the Best Better!

4-H Teen Council News, Maia Cheatham, News Reporter

On August 18th, the New Hanover County Teen Council had its monthly meeting. Maia Cheatham, Ashley Reece, Aidan Shepard and three new members, Liz Sharpe, Carson Durham and Ramiro Martinez along with leaders Leslie Dill and Lisa McDow were in attendance. Get-to-know each other games were played. Leslie Dill described teen council to the new members and also spoke about the officer positions available. Officer elections will be held during the September meeting. The members present unanimously voted to move the New Hanover Teen Council officer minimum age from 14 to 13.

On August 15-16, Ashley Reece attended the Youth Summit in Asheville, NC where county commissioners came to talk to the youth about their careers.

New Hanover County Teen Council provides great opportunities to volunteer, gain leadership experience, and meet other active teens across North Carolina. The next 4-H Teen Council meeting will be held on Monday October 27th from 6-7:30pm at the Extension Office.

2014-2015 Officers

President: Maia Cheatham
Vice President: Aidan Shepard
Secretary: Elanna Dininny
News Reporter: Ashley Reece



The **2014 National Science Experiment, *Rockets to the Rescue***, provides young scientists the opportunity to explore how aerospace engineering can be used to solve real world challenges—such as food distribution in emergency situations—to make a positive impact in our world.

Join us on October 8th from 4-6pm at the Main Library in downtown Wilmington.

Learn more at www.4-H.org/NYSD



September

3 Advisory Council Meeting
6-7 State Council Conference, Raleigh NC
15 Teen Council Family Cookout
24 Club Leaders Meeting

October

4 Arboretum 25 year Celebration
8 National Youth Science Day, Main Library
17 Achievement Banquet
TBD Annual Wreath Sale

November

1 Goat Show, Cape Fear Fair & Expo
5 Advisory Council Meeting
8 Rabbit Show/Skillathon, Cape Fear Fair & Expo
11 Club Officer Training, Wilmington
12 Club Leaders Meeting

January

5 Project Record Books Due

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