

Avery County 4-H

Monthly Newsletter - February, 2024



1st Annual 4-H Achievement Banquet

The Avery County 4-H Program will host the first annual 4-H Achievement Banquet on Saturday, March 2nd at 5 p.m. at the Avery County Cooperative Extension Center. Please use the link below to RSVP by February 20th.

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Time to re-enroll in 4-H Online

It's that time of year again to enroll or re-enroll in 4-H online for 2024. All youth participating in 4-H activities or events must enroll in 4-H online. Visit the 4-H online website to complete enrollment. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jennifer Woodruff, Extension Agent - 4-H Youth Development, at 828-733-8270 or by email jennifer_woodruff@ncsu.edu

<https://v2.4honline.com>



Did you know?

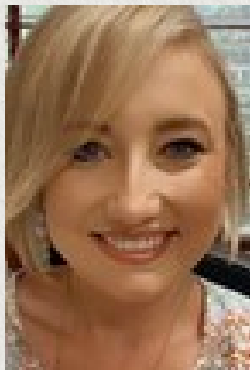
4-H is America's largest youth development organization, empowering nearly 6 million young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime!



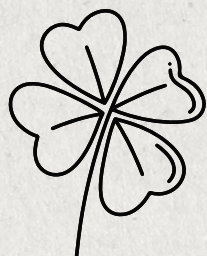
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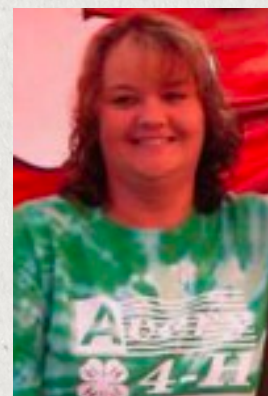
Meet your 4-H Staff:



Hi! My name is Jennifer Woodruff and I am the 4-H Agent for Avery County. I became the 4-H Agent in June of 2023 and I am excited to meet you and work with you to “make the best better”. I have worked with youth for 17 years through afterschool programming, children’s church, homeschool co-ops, and 4-H. I grew up in Avery County, in the Minneapolis community. I enjoy traveling, cooking, and spending time with my family.



Hi! My name is Alicia Hicks and I am the 4-H Program Assistant for Avery County. I became the 4-H Program Assistant in August of 2005. I have worked with children for the past 30 years in many different capacities, through different sports leagues, church groups, day cares, and 4-H. I enjoy spending time with my family and grandchildren.



Join an Avery County 4-H Club!



4-H Clubs are a great way to support long-term youth development and build community amongst our youth while instilling essential life skills such as leadership, commitment, and nurturing relationships. Whether they are working together on projects in Science & Technology, or focusing their club efforts on environmental awareness, 4-H Club youth learn the importance of becoming engaged in the community, country, and world. Below are the 4-H Clubs Avery County 4-H currently offers:

- **Avery County 4-H Saddle Club:** Open to youth ages 5-18, focusing on equine science and horsemanship.
- **Avery County 4-H Shooting Sports Club:** Open to youth ages 8-18, focusing on marksmanship, teamwork, and firearm safety.
- **Avery County 4-H JAM (Junior Appalachian Musicians) Club:** Open to youth in grades 4-12, focusing on Appalachian music education and traditional string instrument instruction.
- **Avery County 4-H Homesteaders Club:** Open to youth in grades K-5, attending Riverside Elementary.

To join a club or for more information, call Jennifer Woodruff at 828-733-8270 or email: jennifer_woodruff@ncsu.edu

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Avery County 4-H JAM Club Spring Semester Schedule

February Instruction:

2/6 & 2/13

Youth Community Jam:

2/27

March Instruction:

3/5 & 3/12

Youth Community Jam:

3/26

April Instruction:

4/9

Youth Community Jam:

4/23

May Instruction:

5/7 & 5/14

Youth Community Jam:

5/28



***Avery County 4-H JAM Club will
meet at the Newland First Baptist
Church Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.
until 5 p.m.***

Avery County 4-H Saddle Club February & March Schedule

February :

2/1 - Horsebowl and Hippology
2/5 - Saddle Club Meeting
2/8 - Horsebowl and Hippology
2/12 - Horsebowl and Hippology
2/10 - West District Horsebowl and
Hippology Competition
2/15 - Horsebowl and Hippology
2/19 - Horsebowl and Hippology
2/22 - Horsebowl and Hippology
2/26 - Horsebowl and Hippology
2/29 - Horsebowl and Hippology

March :

2/4 - Saddle Club Meeting
3/7 - Horsebowl and Hippology
3/9 - State Horsebowl Competition
3/18 Advanced Saddle Club Meeting

***Avery County 4-H Saddle Club will meet at
the Avery County Cooperative Extension
Center at 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.***





School Enrichment

Teachers: Contact Jennifer Woodruff or Alicia Hicks if you'd like to incorporate 4-H in your classroom!

4-H has a variety of curricula that have been designed to develop essential life skills in alignment with the NC standard course of study. Along with personal learning benchmarks, the curricula align with specific objectives of grade level standards. 4-H offers training to school professionals on the curricula and can provide materials to support the classroom.

Connect with us!

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