Chatham County 4-H
Summer Fun Programs Announced

It is always hard to think about summer when we are bundled up in our coats and gloves, but we know this is what you’ve been waiting for! Below are our Summer 2012 Day Camp/Special Activity listings and all related registration forms are included in this newsletter. 4-H hopes you will be a part of all of our summer fun!

Northwest District Park in Silk Hope. The cost is $75 per week if your registration is received by May 11th. This fee includes a t-shirt and this camp is for ages 6-12. Limited scholarship money is available on a need basis thanks to the support of United Way of Chatham County and Triangle Community Foundation’s Send a Kid to Camp™ program.

This is our third year with the Science Discovery Traveling Day Camp for youth ages 9-13. This year the event will be held July 9-12, 2012 and the cost of $50 will include transportation, insurance, costs at each stop, and lunch three days. The four day traveling day camp will focus our events/activities on science related topics and careers. Some activities this year include visiting: visiting North Carolina A&T State University for a Science and Technology program, Imax Theater, Museum of Life and Science and much more. Limited scholarship money is available on a need basis thanks to the support of United Way of Chatham County.

Chatham County Farm Safety Days – New for 2012! This year the Cooperative Extension Service in Chatham County will offer a two day event in August that will focus on all aspects of farm safety. Topics may include tractor safety, ATV safety, fire safety, sun safety, and much more. More information will be available later this summer.

As you can see 4-H is the place to be for summer 2012. With all of the fun activities being offered, there is something for everyone! If you have any questions, please email the 4-H office at extension.programs@chathamnc.org or call (919) 542-8202. Be sure to register early as all events are sure to fill up fast!
Millstone 4-H Camp

This year Chatham County 4-H will be attending Millstone 4-H Camp the week of June 24-29. The camp is located in Richmond County and will include activities such as swimming, crafts, archery, canoeing, etc. Cost for this camp is $350. Limited scholarship money is available on a need basis thanks to the support of United Way of Chatham County and Triangle Community Foundation’s Send a Kid to Camp™ program.

Betsy - Jeff Penn 4-H Camp

Chatham County will be at Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Camp in Reidsville, NC the week of July 22-27, 2012. Camp activities include swimming, crafts, archery, canoeing, nature hikes, etc. Limited scholarship money is available on a need basis thanks to the support of United Way of Chatham County and Triangle Community Foundation’s Send a Kid to Camp™ program.

County Activity Day

The annual County Activity Day will be held Thursday, May 3rd in the County Ag Building at 6 pm. For those of you not familiar with CAD, it is an event where youth are able to present a demonstration/presentation on a topic of their choice in front of a panel. Topics can range from outdoor cooking, sewing, animal science, space, community service, electricity, and so on. This program helps to promote self confidence, skills in research methods, and the ability to speak in front of a group. After the county level, youth will be eligible to move on to district competition. Contact the 4-H office for information on County Activity Day.

Achievement Night Re-cap!

Chatham County 4-Her’s were recognized at the annual Chatham County 4-H Achievement Night and Dinner on February 24, 2012. At this event, 4-Her’s were honored for their hard work as well as community service. 4-H volunteers and Advisory Council members, youth who attended Betsy Jeff Penn and Millstone 4-H Camps, 4-H Jordan Lake Day Camp and North Carolina 4-H Congress were all recognized. In addition, youth who participated in clubs, fairs, and livestock and horse events were recognized as well. Also those youth who participated in the point program were recognized with certificates and scholarships to 4-H events of their choice.

Over 50 people attended the banquet all of the accomplishments of our Chatham County 4-H youth. In addition to certificates, trophies, plaques, and scholarships, every person who attended received a Chatham County 4-H re-useable tumbler. Congratulations to all of the Chatham County 4-H’ers and volunteers and keep up the great work!

4-H Happenings

April 11-12 ........ Central Piedmont Livestock Show
April 14-15 ........ NC District Teen Retreat
April 14 .............. NC 4-H Horse Judging Contest
April 19 ............... Advisory Meeting
May 1 .............. ARIE applications due to Raleigh
May 12 ......... County Activity Day
May 15 ........ Equine Artistic Expressions Due to 4-H Office
May 16 .... Ambassador Portfolio Due
May 19-20 ......... North Central District Horse Show
May 30 .......... Holiday
June 1-3 .......... Junior Beef Round Up
June 5 .......... Residential Camp Meeting
June 8 .......... Last Day of School
June 11-13 .......... NC 4-H Citizenship Focus

June 11-15 ........ 4-H Adventure Day Camp—Northwest Park
June 17-23 .......... NC 4-H Horsemanship Camp
June 19 .............. 4-H District Activity Day
June 24-29 .......... Millstone 4-H Camp
June 26 .......... State 4-H Livestock Judging
July 1 .......... Congress registration due to Raleigh
July 4 .......... Holiday
July 9-11 .......... Electric Congress
July 9-12 .......... Science Discovery Day Camp
July 11-15 .......... State 4-H Horse Show
July 16-19 ........... NC 4-H Congress
July 22-27 .......... Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Camp
July 31 .......... Greensboro District Dairy Show
August 1 .......... Guilford County Dairy Show
Fur, Fish, and Game Rendezvous and
Advanced Fur, Fish, and Game Rendezvous
at Millstone 4-H Camp

Beginning campers can earn their Hunter Education Certification while taking part in courses including firearm safety and marksmanship, falconry, bird dogs, trapping, wildlife identification, taxidermy, first aid, orienteering, and much more! Advanced Campers experience many different careers in the natural resource field and expand their outdoor skills working side by side with wildlife biologists and others. Traditional camping experiences including: swimming, canoeing, fishing and archery round out the experience.

Camp Canvasback at the Eastern 4-H Center

Camp Canvasback is a wonderful summer program that encourages and educates young hunters on waterfowl conservation. Through a partnership with the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission, teenage girls and boys participate in activities that help them understand waterfowl biology, wetland ecology, hunting techniques, and other conservation practices. First-year campers will acquire their Hunter Education card, which is needed for hunting! The camp consists of a 4 year tract, with campers progressing to the next tract the following year to build on previously learned skills. Many skills taught are Shotgun Safety, Shooting & Firearm Care, Waterfowl ID, Duck Blind Construction, GPS Navigation, Boat & Water Safety, and First Aid.

Marine Science and Sailing at the Eastern 4-H Center

Beautiful Albemarle Sound is the backdrop for this amazing camp designed especially for teens. Discover, first hand, the fascinating world of marine life. A simple teaspoon of water becomes a living classroom for chemistry, geology, and biology. Dissect a fish, follow the tides, learn the parts of a sailboat and discover the thrill of making them work with the winds to set you on your way! The Albemarle Sound also becomes the classroom for the sailing action, led by an experienced instructor. The sound's warm and shallow waters make this both safe and enjoyable. Throughout the week campers stay in comfortable, climate-controlled bunkhouses and enjoy all the amenities of this state-of-the-art facility. Bring more than one swimsuit. We plan to be wet!

Sertoma Deaf Camp at Sertoma 4-H Camp

Sertoma Deaf Camp is a coed camp for youth who are deaf, hard of hearing, or CODA. Camp week will include three age groups with special camp activities designed for fun and learning. Deaf Camp is held at Sertoma 4-H Educational Center located in the peaceful and beautiful Sauratown Mountains of Stokes County, North Carolina. It is only three miles from Hanging Rock State Park and provides the perfect atmosphere for learning new skills and making new friends.
Chatham County 4-H Wants You!

Are you an adult interested in wildlife, healthy lifestyles, cooking, shooting sports, physical activity? Do you have a passion for working with children? If so, Chatham County 4-H wants you! With over 200 areas to focus in, 4-H is one of the largest youth organizations worldwide. With 4-H almost everyone’s interests can be explored and you can have the rewarding experience of shaping the lives of Chatham County youth.

Chatham County 4-H is currently seeking responsible, caring adults to form 4-H Community Clubs here in Chatham County. Clubs can be focused around any specific area including, but not limited to: physical fitness, horses, livestock, rabbits, home-school activities, nature, general interest, and so much more! Training is available for all adults interested in possibly leading a 4-H club. If enough interest is shown we will host an information meeting for potential leaders this fall, but will always be available for your questions any time. If you’re interested in this wonderful opportunity, please contact the Chatham County 4-H Office at 542-8202 or lauren.irby@chathamnc.org for more information.

We Want to Hear From You!

If you have any suggestions for a new activity or ideas on how to make an existing one better, please feel free to contact the 4-H Office. This is your 4-H program and we in the 4-H office want to make sure you’re happy!