



January 31 – February 2, 2020

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North Carolina 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Conference

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Friday, January 31

5:30 – 8:30 PM	Registration Open	Trinity Pre-Function
7:00 – 9:00 PM	Experience 4-H Curriculum: Make and Take (Sponsored by Dr. Ed Maxa & Family)	Trinity C&D

Saturday, February 1

6:30 – 9:00 AM	Exhibit Set Up, Raffle Set Up, Silent Auction Set Up	
7:00 AM	Registration Opens	Trinity Pre-Function
7:00 - 8:00 AM	Conference Breakfast Floating for all Conference Attendees	Empire Ballroom
7:45 – 8:15 AM	Conference 101: First Timers' Orientation	Trinity A&B
8:00 AM – 5:30 PM	Country Store	Trustees I
8:00 AM – 6:30 PM	Silent Auction & Basket Raffle Open	Trustees I
8:30 – 9:45 AM	Workshop Session 1 4-H Electric Program Fun with Paper Pick Our Brains about Sewing in 4-H Straw Science: Inexpensive Ways to Have Science Fun You CAN Coach A Forestry Team You Had Me at Woof!	University III University I University II Trinity A&B Trinity D Trinity C

Saturday Continued...

9:55 – 11:10 AM	Workshop Session 2 4-H Electric Program Building Critical Skills Through WHEP FUNdamentals of 4-H Growing Literature in Your Garden Playing Chicken! The Unique Tool of Poultry Judging The Skinny on 4-H Records	University III Trinity D Trinity C University II Trinity A&B University I
11:20 – 12:00 PM	Opening Assembly <i>Business Meeting</i> <i>Officer Candidate Introductions</i> <i>Program Announcements</i> <i>Election of State Officers</i>	Empire Ballroom
12:10 – 1:15 PM	Lunch with District Meetings Southeast West South Central North Central Northeast	University II University III Trinity C Trinity D University I
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Workshop Session 3 Embryology in an Eggshell Projects to Contests: Extension Forestry 4-H Programming TEAM work Matters The Bee You Project Wear Tech Dive Into Google Drive	Trinity A&B Trinity D University II University I University III Trinity C

Saturday Continued...

2:45– 3:45 PM	Workshop Session 4 Club Wrap Up – T-Shirt Quilting Iris Paper Folding Fun Kitchen Safety with Children Paper Circuits Team-Building Why Judge Livestock	University I Trinity A&B Trinity D University II University III Trinity C
3:45– 4:00 PM	Break <i>Hospitality Open</i>	Trustees II
4:10 – 5:10 PM	Workshop Session 5 4-H “Bee” GREAT! Community Service: Learning through Action Environmental Science Saturday Academy: A 4-H Pilot Program Lil’ Sprout Fun What To Do With That Wool: Fun With Needle Felting What Would You Do If?	University III Trinity D Trinity C University I Trinity A&B University II

Saturday Evening

6:15 – 6:50 PM	Photos for Award Winners	University Pre-Function
7:00 – 10:00 PM	Awards Banquet & Auction	University Ballroom

Sunday, February 2

8:00 – 8:30 AM	Morning Devotion (<i>optional</i>)	Trustees I&II
8:15 AM	Breakfast Lines Open	University Ballroom
8:45 – 10:45 AM	Closing Session Capnote Speaker <i>Mrs. Heather Sullivan</i> Closing Business Meeting Officer Installation Thoughts from State 4-H Leader <i>Dr. Mike Yoder</i>	University Ballroom
10:50 AM	Conference Adjourns	
10:50 – 11:15 AM	2020 District & State Officers' Meeting	University Ballroom

2020 NC 4-H VLA Conference Responsibilities

North Central – <i>Hospitality</i>	West – <i>Country Store and Auction</i>
South Central – <i>Registration and Table Decorations</i>	
Northeast – <i>Operations</i>	Southeast – <i>Raffle and Exhibits</i>

Planning Ahead: 2021 NC 4-H VLA Conference Responsibilities

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Saturday Workshop Descriptions

4-H "Bee" GREAT!

Limit: 40 people

Scott Enrougthy and Shea Ann DeJarnette

4-H is making the "Best Better" we want our 4-H'ers to "Bee" GREAT! We are taking this literally by introducing S.T.E.A.M. techniques to the topic of pollinators.

Participants will have the opportunity to increase their knowledge about pollinators, make-n-take activities, and explore new technologies to support the topic. So let's "Bee" GREAT together!

4-H Electric Program

Limit: 40 people

Dr. Grant Ellington

The hands-on electric workshop provides the first training opportunity for volunteers, county agents and program assistants to become eligible to receive the free electric kits for their county. Funding is provided by Duke Energy and Dominion Energy. Each year a new kit is introduced and training is required. This is also an opportunity for volunteers and agents to learn more about the Electric Program.

Building Critical Thinking Skills Through WHEP

Limit: 40 people

Renee Strnad

"North Carolina has over 18 million acres of forestland, and over 60% of that land is owned by private forest landowners. How that forest land is managed can greatly affect the wildlife across the state. The 4-H WHEP (Wildlife Habitat Education Program) can help youth understand how forest management can have implications for our wildlife populations; whether it be for hunting, bird watching, or other recreation enjoyment. This session will introduce participants to the NC WHEP Program components, resources, and training tips. All levels of 4-Hers can take part in WHEP, even Cloverbuds!"

Club Wrap Up—T-Shirt Quilting

Limit: 60 people

Nicki Carpenter and Peggy Carpenter

Participants will learn how to incorporate 4-H curriculum into a club or county program to assemble a t-shirt quilt. This specific curriculum is designed for a 4-H Spin Club and easy to follow. The activities are best suited for youth ages 10 and up or that may have previous sewing experience or knowledge.

Community Service: Learning through Action

Limit: 40 people

Maggie Boreman

Service learning has long been a model for 4-H. In this session, participants will discover ways that 4-H members can: a) make an impact in their communities and b) develop their individual skill sets.

Conference 101: First Timers' Orientation**Limit: 40 people*****Diane Sturges***

"What is this? What room is it in? Where am I?" First time at Leaders' Conference, huh? Check out this session to get the knowledge and tools to help you navigate through this weekend. Find out what it is all about; have fun, meet new friends and ENJOY!

Dive into Google Drive**Limit: 50 people*****Brit Wind and Stephanie Castevens***

It's not just a search engine! Go from "Tech Challenged" to "Tech Savvy" with this workshop that introduces the multiple uses for Google that will help you share and collaborate in real-time with your club or community. This workshop will delve into G-Suite including: Google Drive, Slides, Docs, Calendar, Forms, Photos, and Classroom. Participants will walk away with everything they need to be a "Google Guru" as well as their own, fully customized, G-suite account ready for sharing and collaboration. Devices with internet connection highly recommended!

Embryology in an Eggshell**Limit: 40 people*****Mary Fosnaught***

This workshop is designed to share the basics of embryology so that the learner can understand and share what is needed to go from egg to chick. Embryology is a great first step in introducing any student to the egg-citing world of poultry science.

Environmental Science Saturday Academy:**A 4-H Pilot Program****Limit: 40 people*****Pascale Mittendorf and Diana Montgomery***

Program leaders will present and describe the Orange County 4-H Environmental Science Saturday Academy (ESSA). ESSA is a pilot 4-H environmental science program that promotes collaboration between different local and regional environmental conservation entities and focuses on water quality in local streams and rivers in Orange County. ESSA has both an education and a community service component. In small-groups, participants will explore sample activities and equipment, and discuss how to apply elements of this program in their own county. In a large-group session, participants will share their ideas; identify resources to support their plans; and discuss anticipated implementation challenges.

Fun With Paper**Limit: 40 people*****Anne Finch and Suzanne Gilbert***

Quilling, cutting, folding, scrunching are just some of the fun, hands-on activities we will enjoy as we create fun gifts.

FUNdamentals of 4-H**Limit: 40 people*****Molly LaHay***

How is 4-H related to Cooperative Extension? What really is the history of 4-H? How is it set up and organized? All these answers and more will be presented with a fun, final Jeopardy review game using buzzers to discover who REALLY knows 4-H.

Growing Literature in Your Garden**Limit: 60 people*****Jessica Metz***

Explore and learn about Literature in the Garden. This amazing curriculum integrates reading, art, science, environmental education, community action and much more! Activities can be used individually or as a whole for certification. Stations will highlight the 6 picture books used in the curriculum and activities for each. We will also share classroom success stories, service projects and extensions related to this curriculum. Come grow your garden of literature and resources with us!

Iris Paper Folding Fun**Limit: 40 people*****Alesia Moore***

Iris paper folding is a craft created by arranging and layering strips of paper or fabric in a spiraled pattern that resembles the iris of a camera lens. You can use this craft technique to create beautiful pictures, cards, or even embellishments for scrapbook pages. While the finished product looks complicated, iris folding is actually pretty easy and even a little addicting. The most difficult part is following the numbered patterns. Once you understand the basics of iris folding, you can easily follow any numbered patterns you find or even create your own patterns.

Kitchen Safety with Children**Limit: 50 people*****Emily Troutman and Zach Troutman***

Teaching children to cook is a lot of fun but can have many consequences. Join Family and Consumer Science Agents to learn fun activities to teach kitchen safety to your 4-Hers.

Lil' Sprout Fun**Limit: 60 people*****Nicki Carpenter and Lisa Hanlon***

Participants will be able to make and take simple hands-on plant/growing activities back to their clubs and teach youth about seed germination, plant life cycle and the ease of growing your own food/herbs. These activities are a fun and inexpensive way for youth to experience some fun with dirt, seeds and plants. This workshop is great from cloverbud age through teen age 4-H'ers and their adults.

Paper Circuits**Limit: 50 people*****Lisa Hanlon, Jacob Hanlon, and Nick Thompson***

Learn electric concepts with hands-on projects for youth of all ages. You will have lots of projects that you can easily take back to do with your clubs. No Powerpoints in this class.

Pick our Pick Brains about Sewing in 4-H**Limit: 50 people*****Sally Dixon and Diane Floyd***

Do you love to sew? Do you want to get some new ideas? Come pick our brains about sewing, easy projects to use with kids, and custom-designed printed fabric that's accessible to anyone with a computer! We have over 40 years of combined experience with 4-H and sewing! In this workshop, we are going to talk about sewing machines with speed controls, kits that have everything a beginner needs for \$10 (and it's decent stuff), why you should always make a pillowcase as a first project, where to find completely free 4-H curriculum on the Internet, and much more!

Playing Chicken! The Unique Tool of Poultry Judging**Limit: 50 people*****Ashley Brooks, Eva Benoit-Smith, Kaitlyn Baldwin, Tegan Delaney, Sebastian Montes, Ethan Gaskins, and Hunter Doughty***

What started as a one in-school club for teaching poultry turned into a chicken extravaganza as 4 schools now utilize the program across 3rd – 9th Grades. Youth from both city and farming backgrounds joined to learn about this very hands-on, portable program. We will explore different resources and tools as well as suggestions for starting your own group. In addition, we'll look at how you can take students from learners to teachers and expand the program!

Projects to Contests: Extension Forestry 4-H Programming**Limit: 40 people*****Renee Strnad***

"NCSU Extension Forestry offers a variety of opportunities for youth interested in learning about forests and wildlife around them. From projects for individual 4-Hers to statewide contests for 4-H teams, Extension Forestry has it all! We are also the home for the national curriculum, Project Learning Tree, which is correlated to the 4-H Life Skills and provides a great resource for adult volunteers. This session will provide an overview of the materials and resources available, as well as suggested ways to scaffold the programs for maximum learning and fun."

Straw Science: Inexpensive Ways to Have Science Fun**Limit: 50 people*****Heather Campbell and Gabe Campbell***

Using straws to discover the science of sound, air pressure, physics and more as we make horns, whistles, bubble shapes & rockets.

TEAM Work Matters**Limit: 40 people*****Janet Gover and Briana Gover***

Come enjoy participating in team building exercise ideas that you will be able to take back to your group. We will have several interactive games to encourage youth to consider everyone's ideas as they try to decide how to complete the task at hand. This will involve communication and leadership skills as we work together to reach the goal at hand.

Team-Building**Limit: 40 people*****Anne Finch and Christopher Finch***

Why is team building important and how can you incorporate it into your regular meetings? Hands-on learning as we discover various team-builders to use in your club.

The Bee You Project**Limit: 40 people*****Samantha Winship***

This workshop is a training to help build leaders, who desire to educate youth on the amazing world of bees. This workshop will include fun hands-on activities, that will leave each child wanting to learn more. When teaching smaller children it is best to focus on one topic at a time. Attendees will learn how to use an observation hive to teach kids about the roles in the bee hive. How to identify different bees in the hive. It is also a great time, to discuss how bees communicate in the hive. This workshop will also support how to plan a successful workshop that encourages family engagement and future bee keepers. I will incorporate hands-on activities that will help make the learning environment, fun, interactive and a learning experience each child will remember. Community support is a huge part of bee keeping and we will cover how to be successful at receiving community. This workshop is driven to build more leaders who actively, support teaching children the importance of bees and pollination. This sets the path to build more environmentally conscious youth in our communities.

The Skinny on 4-H Records**Limit: 60 people*****Dr. Shannon McCollum***

The 4-H program has a long history of record keeping. The focus reflects the importance of this life skill in our daily lives. In 4-H, young people keep up with their activities, events, profits and losses, skill development and learning experiences, and so much more using the 4-H Record Book system. In addition to record-keeping, the 4-H Record Book gives members an opportunity to reflect on their year, measure their achievements and growth, and set goals, and develop plans to meet those goals. Record keeping is an ongoing process that does not end when the 4-H year ends. In this session, participants will learn what is required to complete a 4-H project record book for competitions and also get a glimpse of what is to come in the future....

Wear Tech**Limit: 40 people*****Anne Finch and Christopher Finch***

Combine technology and fabric to create an item of tech-clothing. Design a circuit and make a battery switch, use copper tape, button batteries and an LED light

What to do with that wool...Fun with Needle Felting**Limit: 40 people*****Alesia Moore***

Needle felting is a fun, creative and inexpensive fiber craft in which wool fleece or roving is sculpted, using special barbed needles. In this class, you will learn a variety of needle felting techniques and create your very own original piece. These techniques can then be used to create many different items including 3-D sculptures, wool paintings, jewelry, ornaments, embellishments and more. You can also use needle felting techniques to applique wool onto your favorite projects including bags, hats, scarves, and other items.

What Would You Do If?**Limit: 40 people*****Stacy Fair***

Real health and safety situations that have happened in youth programs will be presented to each small group gathered at round tables. Small groups will discuss the situations and talk through how they would handle them and then each group will share their situations and ways to deal with them with the large group.

Why Judge Livestock**Limit: 50 people*****Kelly Raynor***

Why Judge Livestock Workshop will provide information on Livestock Judging events in North Carolina and opportunities available to NC 4-H'ers. The workshop will provide information on what you are looking for and how to judge livestock and well as hearing from members of the Lenoir County Livestock Judging team on why they judge and how it has helped them with their 4-H projects.

You CAN coach a Forestry Team!**Limit: 40 people*****Renee Strnad***

The 4-H Forestry program is an easy introduction to outdoor skills for Cloverbuds to your Senior level 4-H'ers! This session will introduce volunteer leaders to all portions of the contest, including hands-on practice (outdoors if the weather permits, indoors if not!) with some of the tools used in the contest. We will also be discussing and sharing local resources and tips to help leaders coach their teams. The NC 4-H Forestry contest is one of two national contests that Extension Forestry leads at the state level.

You Had Me at Woof!**Limit: 40 people*****Pam Davis***

Dogs are everywhere and kids love dogs! Come learn how to put this to use by starting a dog club in your county or adding dog activities to your current club's focus. You will learn what's involved and how you might handle the issues and liabilities. Then we'll try some learning activities you can do with your youth and test your knowledge of some dog info! Also learn how you might set up a short dog activity camp in your summer program. Find the connections between 4-H and the major dog registries as well.

***2020 North Carolina 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association
Volunteer Recognition Banquet***



Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge

Affirmation

Greetings

Volunteer Recognition Presentations

Alisha Brown, NC 4-H VLA President
Pam Davis, NC 4-H VLA President-Elect
Alesia Moore, NC 4-H VLA Vice President
Molly LaHay, NC 4-H VLA Secretary
Marilyn Merritt, NC 4-H VLA Treasurer
Kim Lackey, NC 4-H VLA Past President
Sally Dixon, NC 4-H Honor Club

Closing Remarks

Adjourn

2020 ACE 4-H Master Volunteer Recognition

Bronze Level

Angela Ray, Cumberland County

Renewal or Specialization Level

Alesia Moore, Franklin County



District 4-H Adult Volunteer Recognition

NORTHEAST

Scott Kiser, Edgecombe County

Scott Kiser has been volunteering with Edgecombe County 4-H for 10 years. Scott leads the Busy Bees 4-H Club with his wife, Johnica, and is a certified instructor for the Shooting Sports 4-H Club. He also leads environmental and agricultural education activities at the county and district 4-H levels. Scott gives his time generously and his leadership has made a significant positive impact on the Edgecombe County 4-H program.

SOUTHEAST

DeAna Boren, Wayne County

DeAna is a true go getter. She cares about what the 4-H'ers are learning and wants the best for them. She is a co-leader of the Robo Recruits where she handles paperwork and finances for the club. She is a key component to the club. She encourages the 4-H'ers to participate in all aspects of 4-H and is there to cheer them on at events.

Felicia Crabb, Onslow County

Onslow County 4-H Club Leader, Felicia Crabb started the No Limits 4-H Club in January 2017 with the mission to provide an all-around fun group for interested county youth. Felicia strives to educate and enhance the skills of her club members providing lots of hands-on projects and activities. No Limits 4-H Club is one of the largest 4-H clubs in Onslow County with 33 active members ranging in age from 5 to 17. Her passion for 4-H youth development is undeniable. Her dedication to her craft and role as a volunteer leader is evident in everything she does. She goes above and beyond in her responsibilities and efforts. Onslow County 4-H is lucky to have such an amazing individual to set an example for so many 4-H members and their families.

Megan Merritt, Sampson County

Megan Merritt is the example of true 4-H leadership in action. After aging out of the 4-H program in 2017, Megan came back to the Sampson County 4-H program as the 4-H Majestic Riders Horse Club leader. She has a passion to see the youth succeed encouraging them to participate in Project Books, Presentations, Hippology and Horse Bowl. She does this all while still being a full time college student!

District 4-H Adult Volunteer Recognition Continued**WEST****Peggy Carpenter, Burke County**

Peggy is a multi-generational club leader, that began with her own children to now with her grand-daughters. Peggy insists on providing traditional club structure while including innovative lessons, new 4-H curriculum and 4-H opportunities. Her club participates in monthly community service with local hospice and all members compete in the 4-H project record book and presentation contests. Peggy also continues to encourage, build and lead the West District Volunteer Leader Association during her district presidency.

Lisa Hanlon, Burke County

Lisa is a caring leader that goes above and beyond for her family, 4-H'ers and Extension office in Burke County. Her club benefits from her strong leadership offering a variety of opportunities that inspire a diverse group of youth. Lisa works diligently behind and on the scenes with her 4-H'ers. Her hands-on experiential instruction excites the youth and their families. Her club also dives into the county, district and state opportunities supporting the 4-H program.

Chip Worrell, Henderson County

Chip Worrell began his 4-H journey 15 years ago as a shooting sports coach for the Young Naturalist 4-H Club in Henderson County. Producing many gold winning 4-H'ers, Chip has gone on to coach shooting sports on State 4-H levels. As well, he continues to mentor youth and new volunteers on the Club and District levels. His passion and commitment to helping youth and fellow volunteers succeed is evident through his years of dedicated service.

Ranae Worrell, Henderson County

As the leader of the Young Naturalists 4-H Club for eighteen years, Ranae Worrell nurtured young people who worked so well as a team that they won numerous awards in the Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program at the state and national levels. Ranae helped many 4-H club members develop skills in kindness, having fun, hard work, supporting each other, and serving the community, as well as learning about nature and how to care for our environment.

State Recognition of Individual 4-H Volunteers

SOUTHEAST

Tina Sharpe, New Hanover County

Tina truly exemplifies the true meaning of 4-H! She is proactive with helping create opportunities for New Hanover County 4-H. From soliciting sponsorships to creating new educational locations for 4-H Teen Lead members to experience, Tina is instrumental in “Making the Best Better”. Tina’s strength in leadership, creativity, and commitment reflect in her work with project record book training, presentations, AIRE support, fundraising, mentoring, after-school programs, and advocacy.

State Recognition of 4-H Volunteer Leadership Teams

NORTHEAST

Shanell Knight and Christine Smith, Edgecombe County

Shanell Knight and Christine Smith, leaders of the non-profit Michael’s Angels Girls Club, became 4-H volunteers three years ago when they sought a partnership to expand learning and leadership opportunities for the girls they serve. This team leads a 4-H club, supporting youth development through endless 4-H activities including presentations, healthy living, livestock projects, citizenship and community service. Their commitment to making the best better in our community and our world is outstanding!

SOUTHEAST

AJ and Suzy Linton, Wayne County

AJ and Suzy Linton are long time Wayne County 4-H Volunteers. They have assisted many youth in 4-H competitions, livestock showing, 4-H Presentations, and establishing new clubs. These two are a great role model for other parents and volunteers to ask for guidance in any 4-H program. They are always willing to lend a helping hand and a proud supporter of Wayne County 4-H.

State Recognition of 4-H Volunteer Leadership Teams Continued**WEST****Marcia Torres and Annamarie Jakubielski, Henderson County**

Leaders in Training 4-H Club has developed leaders for over seven years. Marcia Torres and Annamarie Jakubielski oversaw their 4-H club as they learned about citizenship and public speaking, did service projects in the community, and supported the county 4-H program. Members of this club determined the topics to study, field trips, and nonprofit organizations to fund. Many of the club members have been 4-H County Council and West District Council officers.

State 4-H Afterschool Recognition**SOUTH CENTRAL****Chelsei McClellan, Cabarrus County**

Chelsei is such a dedicated staff member of the Bethel Kids: Plus afterschool 4-H program. Her enthusiasm is so contagious at not only her afterschool site but all across Cabarrus County 4-H. Other sites look up to her for her creative and unique activities she provides for 4-H afterschool at Bethel Kids: Plus. Chelsei keeps her 4-H club officers very involved in all the cooking, science, art and community service projects they provide. Chelsei is a true example of a dedicated 4-H volunteer leader who makes her 4-H afterschool program shine.

State 4-H School Enrichment Recognition

SOUTH CENTRAL

Lara Cabaniss, Cabarrus County

Lara Cabaniss is the STEM Coach at three Elementary Schools in Cabarrus County. She is proud to be part of the county's STEM schools, including the first certified STEM school and first K-12 STEM pipeline. Lara integrates 4-H programs in many classrooms, including over 1500 youth in National Youth Science Day experiment and over 400 students in 4-H embryology. Over six years, Lara has connected thousands of youth and teachers to Cabarrus County 4-H.

WEST

Jessica Metz, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Jessica Metz is a teacher and volunteer who has brought 4-H into her classroom and changed the lives of her students for the better! On any day, you can find Jessica and her students learning about plants, gardening, serving others, and being the best people they can be. Her love for 4-H has served as the catalyst for building a garden at New Kituwah Academy, the Cherokee language immersion school on the Qualla Boundary.

4-H Donor Recognition

NORTH CENTRAL

Jeff Smith and Robert Majerick, Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Camp

When Hurricane Michael hit Rockingham County in October of 2018, it raged through the Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center (BJP) causing severe flooding, road washouts and substantial, dangerous tree damage on all 200+ acres of the property. The storm caused so much damage that it threatened to close the center entirely in 2019. When Michael hit, neighbors Jeff Smith and Robert Majerick used their own equipment – tractors, front-end loaders, and logging wenches – to begin clean-up. The two men heroically spent the entire winter into spring of 2019 cleaning up as much of the storm damage as they could, often working 12+ hour days, weeks at a time to ensure the camp could re-open on time.

WEST

Pat Newcomer, Henderson County

Pat Newcomer has led the 4-H Mini-Garden Program in Henderson County for ten years, teaching over 15 young people yearly how to garden, but also developing friendships. Pat's goal, along with a team of volunteers, is that these gardeners will "catch" the love of gardening. She works to market 4-H Mini-Gardening, recruit gardeners, donors, and garden judges. Pat has also served on the 4-H Advisory Committee and donated funds for kids to go to camp.

Extension Staff Volunteer Support Recognition

NORTHEAST

Meg Wyatt, Franklin County

Meg is an enthusiastic and dedicated 4-H agent. She is supportive of Franklin County 4-H volunteers and always goes the extra mile to make sure volunteers have everything they need to run a successful 4-H program. Meg continually looks for ways to grow and train her volunteers (and youth). She appreciates and values her volunteers and welcomes their perspective and input. She is quick to help and is very interactive and hands-on. Meg really does “make the best better”.

SOUTHEAST

Elizabeth Merrill, Sampson County

Elizabeth Merrill is the heartbeat of the Sampson County 4-H program. She has rebuilt our livestock skillathon and judging team. Elizabeth is always looking for new ideas, new crafts, new science experiments and opportunities for the youth of Sampson County. She is a phenomenal encourager to our volunteers and youth. You want to learn about chickens, rabbits, goats, cows , photography, art, becoming a district officer for youth or a volunteer, Elizabeth will find what info you need and take the time to explain what she has found.

Genny Thompson, Sampson County

Genny Thompson has been the Sampson County Agent for the last two years. She has shared her love of horses, team-building skills and camp with all of us. She has helped to reshape our program and worked very hard at getting more kids from our county to camp than ever before. She has revitalized our teen leadership group and has encouraged all of our volunteers to promote 4-H throughout the county.

Volunteer Conference of Southern States Scholarship

Diane Floyd, EBCI

Diane Floyd is a 19 year 4-H volunteer who has served with Haywood County and the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians. She is the leader of the EBCI 4-H Sewing Club and a stalwart presence in the district and state 4-H program.

Kim Lackey, Sampson County

Kim Lackey and Rose Lee are what any 4-H Agent would imagine when we think of dedicated volunteers. These ladies give their heart and soul into their 4-H programs and its apparent in the love their 4-H club members have for them! They encourage them to not let their disabilities, situations in life or other problems hold them back from achieving their goals.

Rose Lee, Sampson County

Rose Lee has been a volunteer in Sampson County for 5 years. She may be club leader of the Cookie Clover Scouts 4-H Club, but that doesn't mean you won't see her helping out other clubs where needed. She is passionate about the needs of 4-H members in our community and goes far and beyond to serve the community. She is also very active with district and state associations.

Alesia Moore, Franklin County

Alesia Moore is currently a volunteer leader for 2 clubs in Franklin County – Eagles in Flight and the Franklin County Poultry Council. She has been a volunteer leader for over 18 years and is currently serving as NED President Elect and State Vice President. She recently returned from her 1st trip to the Volunteer Conference of Southern States and is excited to teach what she learned in her club, county, district and state.

Chi Shipman, EBCI

Chi Shipman is new to 4-H, but her passion for youth and Cherokee culture make up for it! A member of the Wofltown Community on the Qualla Boundary, Chi is a second-language learner of the Cherokee language. She is the lead volunteer with our 4-H Cultural Presentation Team and will gain a lot of friends and ideas from attending this conference.

Anna Williams Memorial Southern Region 4-H Volunteer Forum
Scholarship

Peggy Carpenter, Burke County

Peggy is a multi-generational club leader, that began with her own children to now with her grand-daughters. Peggy insists on providing traditional club structure while including innovative lessons, new 4-H curriculum and 4-H opportunities. Her club participates in monthly community service with local hospice and all members compete in the 4-H project record book and presentation contests. Peggy also continues to encourage, build and lead the West District Volunteer Leader Association during her district presidency.

Dr. Thearon McKinney Outstanding Volunteer of the Year

Angie Dunn, Wayne County

Angie Dunn is Jordan's Chapel 4-H Club Leader. Angie has been volunteering with Wayne County 4-H for 14 years. Angie is a dedicated 4-H Leader who knows the importance of 4-H. She teaches her 4-H'ers about giving back to their community and volunteering. They are active 4-H'ers and have participated in Public Speaking/Presentations, summer camps, county and state fair, livestock showing and judging, Project Record books and Portfolios, AIRE and other 4-H events. She is a great volunteer, she is right there with support for the 4-H'ers. Angie is not just a 4-H Club Leader and volunteer, she is a 4-H Fashion Revue mom, a livestock mom, a shooting sports mom and a 4-H robotics mom. Angie has been fortunate to watch her children and many others grow up in the Wayne County 4-H program. It is an honor to know and work with Angie here in Wayne County.

Achievement Hall in 4-H Leadership

Selma Barker, Granville County

Selma has served as an enthusiastic and dedicated 4-H volunteer leader for the past 19 years. She currently leads the SHOW 4-H Club in Granville County. Selma is an active member of both the North Central District 4-H Leaders Association and the State Leaders Association and is serving as District Treasurer and State Vice President. She volunteers every year to help judge project records, portfolios, and presentation at the district state levels. Selma is very passionate about STEM and the Electric Program. Her club teaches STEM activities to 4th graders at Butner/Stem Elementary School and at the Oxford Elementary Afterschool Program every year. Selma is also passionate about community service. Through her club, she organizes monthly community service activities. In all these activities, club members learn to work as a team and interact with youth and adults. Selma is always encouraging them to teach and to go forward to learn more. This is her greatest joy, knowing that she helped in a system that changes lives for the better.

Dr. Kim Ingold, Stanly County

Dr. Kim Ingold never stopped being involved in the North Carolina 4-H program. Kim was a 4-H'er from Stanly County who developed her love of photography because of her 4-H project work in that area. She developed outstanding leadership and citizenship skills as a member of the county, district, and State 4-H Councils during her 4-H career. Giving back to the community and sharing one's talent was something she did each and every single day. Kim always said that 4-H was a dominant part of her life as a youth and adult. She continued her involvement in 4-H as a camp counselor, leader and supporter of events, and frequently donated her time and skills in photography for 4-H. She was inducted into the NC 4-H Honor Club in 1986. Kim was a valued 4-H volunteer, attending nearly every state-level event to help document and capture memories through photography. Kim held a deep commitment to service and leadership development. She was passionate about educating youth in any way she could. Her dissertation research focus was on youth leadership development in the Shelton Leadership Challenge and examined the impact of that experience on young people's sense of self and others. Kim was never one to say no, often driving late at night or early in the morning to be there to help out. She was always there with a camera, but more importantly with a smile, a kind word, and a hug. She was a valued member of this Association and will forever be missed in the North Carolina 4-H family.

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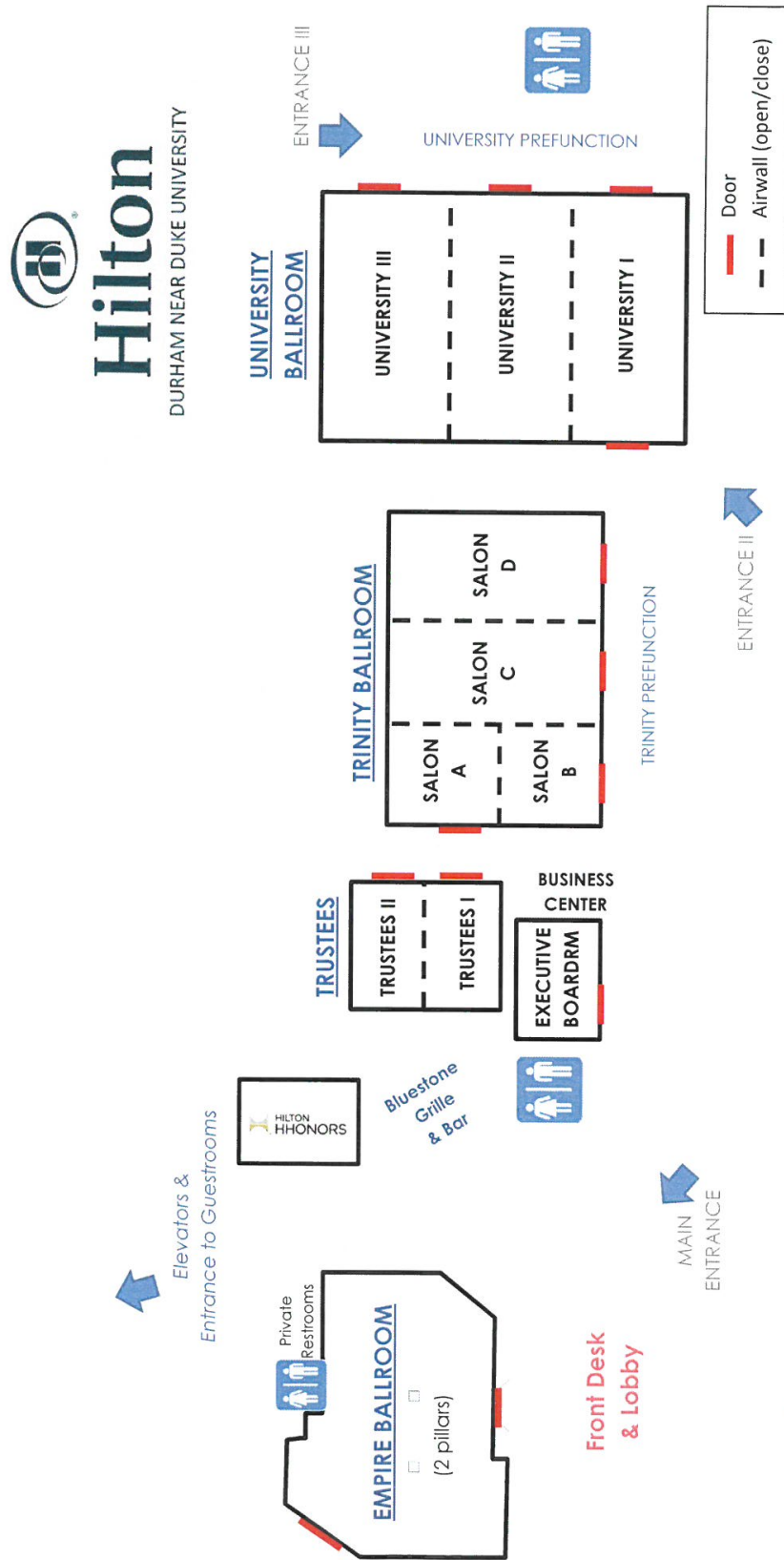
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March 20-21, 2020	NC 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association State and District Officers' Training and Planning Seminar, Cary, NC
June 5, 2020	Youth Volunteer Service Nominations Due In State Office
July 20, 2020	NC 4-H VLA Meeting, Raleigh, NC
September 24-27, 2020	Volunteer Conference of Southern States Rock Eagle 4-H Center, Eatonton, Georgia
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