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# Clover Connection



December 2016

## Junior Leader Club

Rowan County 4-H is excited to announce the formation of a Jr. Leader Club. This club is for members age 12 (as of January 1, 2016) and older. Jr. Leaders will be a club focused on community service, leadership, and fun. When fully operational, the Jr. Leader club will serve as ambassadors for 4-H in the community and serve as mentors to younger 4-H members. Basically, this is the future leadership of our county's 4-H program. This will also be my primary marketing outlet for district and state activities and a great way to take your 4-H membership to the next level.

At our next meeting, we will continue with our service learning project of foster care in Rowan County. The next meeting of the Rowan Jr. Leader Club will be **December 8, 2016** at 6:00 p.m. at Wal Mart parking lot (out where the fireworks stand sits during the summer) in Salisbury. Please call Mr. Matthew with any questions.

## Horse Project Clubs

The horse project area is our largest project area in Rowan County; if you are interested in learning more about horses and would like to join one of our horse clubs, please contact Mr. Matthew at the 4-H Office and he can put you in contact with one of the horse leaders. We have several horse clubs, and they all have a different approach to their focus; some work on non-rider events, some focus on speed events, and some focus on horsemanship and groundwork. If you have an interest, we can find a spot for you in the horse program. You absolutely do not have to have a horse to participate in a horse club, you just need an interest in learning more about horses!

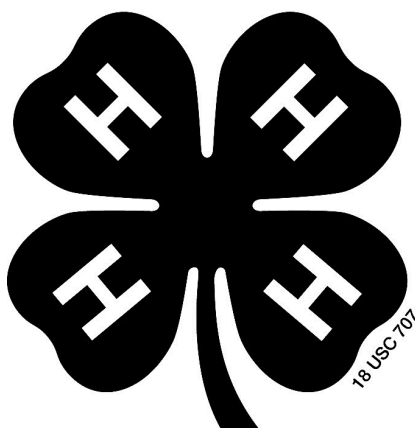


## 2016 Winter Food Show

The 2016 Winter Food Show will be on **December 17, 2016** at the Rowan County Extension Office. This will be a fun day of eating, learning, and sharing. Entry must be done online, and the link can be found below. Entry deadline is December 9, 2016. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Matthew (337-502-2571).

This year, we are also asking that each child participating bring an unopened toy (max \$10.00) or a \$5.00 donation to assist with the Rowan County 4-H Jr. Leader Club's service learning project. The Jr. Leader Club has taken on the project of foster care in Rowan County and has been working on packages that will be donated at the end of the year to children who are removed from their homes and placed in foster care.





# CURIOSITY GROWS HERE.



**Congratulations...Clover Shout  
Out to:**

**4-H State Council Conference Participants: Record Books**

Hunter Lund  
Anthony Blandino  
Heather Stebe  
Holly Wallace

## Upcoming Events

If you are planning on submitting your 4-H records for judging, they will be due at the 4-H office by **January 13, 2017**. I would encourage each of you to complete your records and submit them. These records are the gateway to state awards, scholarships, and national trips as you progress through your 4-H career. If you have any questions about 4-H records, please contact Mr. Matthew at the 4-H office.



### Outstanding 4-H Member Award

Outstanding Individual - (Boy or Girl) - Ten percent of the total enrollment for each club may be nominated. It will be the discretion of the leader to determine the number of boy and girl entries for the club. Areas for judging Outstanding Boy or Girl include: 4-H project work, contest participation, community service, leadership activities, and enthusiasm for the 4-H program. Emphasis is placed on quality, not quantity of activities done or prizes won. An individual may win this award only once in each division. A group of "Honorable Mentions" (where recognition is deserved) will also be given.

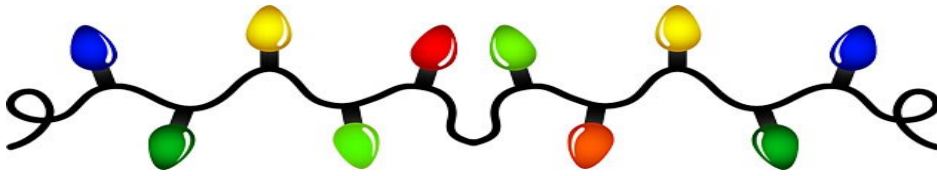
*4-H is on target!*



### 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association Conference

The 2017 State 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association Conference will be held on February 3-5, 2017 at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Raleigh. There aren't a lot of details other than the dates available just yet, but this is an awesome opportunity for our leaders to get some valuable training to assist in running their clubs. To maintain a charter with North Carolina 4-H, leaders are required to attend at least one Extension provided training session each year.





## 2017 Rowan County Achievement Day

Mark your calendars for February 18, 2017 for the annual 4-H Achievement Day. This year's theme is "Mardi Gras". The Jr. Leader Club will serve as emcee at this year's event and they are planning an awesome time for everyone!



### 4-Her of the Year Award

Packets for the 4-Her of the Year Award are available at the 4-H office. Packets are also available from 4-H leaders. Please read the following carefully. All portions of the packet must be turned in by **Tuesday, January 3, 2017**.

This award will recognize a male and female Senior 4-H'er of the Year (ages 14 to 18 as of January 1) and a male and female Junior 4-H'er of the Year (ages 9 to 13 as of January 1). The winners of these awards will represent the Rowan County 4-H Program throughout 2017.

Criteria to be used in judging will be the applicant's 4-H career, participation on various levels (county, district, state, etc.), leadership abilities, and how well the 4-H'er exemplifies the qualities of 4-H. Winners will be chosen by a panel of judges and will be announced at the annual 4-H Achievement Night. Once you have earned 4-H'er of the Year in an age division, you are ineligible to receive the award again in that age division.

There are three parts to this process:

- Complete the application with the help of your parents and leaders. Make sure it is neat and legible.
- Submit up to ten pages (or 5 pages front to back) of awards, photos, personal stories, etc. that represent your 4-H career.
- Attend an interview with the panel of judges. Applicants should dress appropriately and be prepared to answer the judges' questions, plus give an introduction of themselves and why 4-H is important to them. Each applicant will also be given the opportunity to make closing remarks and to thank the committee for their time.

If you need any help with your application, please feel free to contact Mr. Matthew at the 4-H Office.

### Outstanding Club Award

Outstanding Club - One or more clubs in each age division will receive an Outstanding Club certificate. Areas for judging outstanding clubs include 4-H activities, community service projects, and community study activities. Emphasis is placed on the quality of the club's total program, not on the quantity of things done. Activities covered on the Outstanding Club application form must be from the current club year. A club may win this award as many times as they are deemed worthy of it. In the event that no club in a given division is deemed worthy of the award, no certificate will be given in that division for the year.

Applications for all of these awards are available from the 4-H office or club leaders or on our Extension website. Please call Mr. Matthew with any questions.





# Winter Enrichment

South Central District



## UNC - Charlotte Campus

Workshops

Lunch On Campus

Tours

## Defy Gravity Trampoline Park

Afternoon Activity

1.5 hour Open Jump



January 21

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Winter Enrichment 2016

This event is for teen 4-H members (13 and older) and is a district activity. We will have an opportunity to meet and learn from youth from all over the South Central District. In the past, this has been an overnight program, but this year it is a one day deal. I know that on the flyer above it says bring \$20, but we have to pay in advance. Please bring money to the 4-H office by December 15, 2016. Mr. Matthew will provide transportation to this event from the 4-H office. There is also a waiver that will need to be signed when you register for this event; waivers are at the 4-H office.

### Rowan County 4-H Tee Shirts

Rowan County 4-H tee shirts are available for purchase at the 4-H office for \$15.00. These shirts are what our Jr. Leaders will be sporting at the state and district events this year. If you would like one as well, let Mr. Matthew know and he can get you hooked up!

