New Club Leader Training

For more than a hundred years, 4-H has been dedicated to creating opportunities for youth that broaden skills and aspirations nurturing the full potential of youth. We are seeking enthusiastic adults who are committed to helping youth learn and grow to lead 4-H clubs. Club leaders are individuals who recruit club members, organize meetings and communicate with parents. Clubs meet in the community at least once a month to develop life skills and learn about a topic of interest to them through hands-on activities. Meetings consist of business, social and learning activities. Club leaders enjoy the benefits of enriching the lives of youth by providing a positive learning environment in which they can develop life skills. Volunteers do not need to be 4-H alumni, just have the desire to learn!

Sign up today to attend 4-H Club Leader Training to learn everything you need to know about starting a new 4-H club. Training will be held at the Cooperative Extension Office in the Training Room on April 10th from 5:30-8:30pm. Food and drinks will be served. Contact Leslie at leslie_wilson@ncsu.edu or 910-798-7660 for additional information or to sign up. You must submit a volunteer application by April 2nd. Stop by the office for an application or visit http://www.nc4h.org/volunteers/ to download and print.

4-H Members Receive Recognition for Projects

4-H has a long history of record-keeping as an activity by 4-H members. Project record books give youth an opportunity to reflect on their yearly work and be recognized for all of the hard work put into their project. They document the skill development and learning experiences in a written report. Project record books also encourage youth to set goals and develop plans to meet those goals. The following New Hanover County Champions will be submitted to District level competition.

County Champions:
Consumer & Family Science:
   Elise McDow, 16-18 year old category
Consumer & Family Science:
   Christine McDow, 11-12 year old category

Enrollment forms need to be updated every year and are due NOW! Please make sure you turn them in to your club leader or to the 4-H office as soon as possible. For your convenience, forms are available on-line at www.nc4h.org. Click on “Procedures and Guidelines” for the Enrollment Form, Code of Conduct, and Medical Release Form. Don’t forget that the Medical Release must be notarized.
Show Your Patriotism Through the NC OMK Photography Contest

North Carolina Operation: Military Kids (NC OMK) is excited to announce the 5th Annual NC OMK Visual Arts Contest. The contest is open to all North Carolina youth regardless of previous involvement in 4-H. Age categories are 5-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-15, and 16-18. Designed to introduce youth to the Visual Arts as a part of the 4-H Expressive Arts Curriculum, youth will utilize their skills and their artistry to capture their views of America and patriotism. This year’s themes are:

- Love of the USA
- All American Kids
- Spirit of Patriotism
- Military Life
- Honoring Our Heroes

Contest rules and entry forms can be found at www.nc4h.org/military/ ENTRIES are due to the New Hanover County 4-H office no later than Monday, April 16th.

AIRE Workshop

Are you ready for college? How about your first job? Many of the essential skills needed in the workplace and in college are an integral part of the 4-H competition: AIRE. AIRE is a 4-part process of an application, interview, resume, and essay for teens and pre-teens to strengthen their 21st century skills. A workshop for youth 11-18 (parents and volunteers are welcome too!) will be held on Thursday, March 15th at the Extension Office from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Training Room.

- Youth participants between the ages of 11-13 take part in the noncompetitive program. We strongly encourage younger youth to participate in the program. Youth that start the process early are better prepared for the competitive process and the program strengthens their 21st century workforce and college prep skills.

- Century workforce and college prep skills. *FYI: Last year several noncompetitive participants had higher scores than competitive participants.

- Youth participants 14-18 years old take part in the competitive program (Awards to National 4-H Trips).

- Applications are due to the county 4-H office no later than May 10th.
- Register to attend the March 15th [Thursday] workshop with Danyce@ 798-7660.
- Please note that the workshop is FREE, please RSVP by Monday, March 12th.
discussed how it is important to be aware of these characteristics because those are the things people look for when they hire you.

To end the night, we looked at a sample resume and briefly reviewed each section. We all thank Mr. Michael for the time he took to teach us. It was a productive and fun meeting. We all missed you, Lanyce! Our next meeting will be March 19th, from 6:00-7:30pm in the Training Room. Hope to see everyone there!

Be a Star . . . in Communication

Does the thought of doing presentations make you nervous? New Hanover County 4-H is holding a communication workshop just for you! Join us on May 15th from 6:30-8:30pm at the Extension Office Training Room. Participants will learn to communicate with confidence by participating in fun, hands-on activities. Topics covered will include preparing for presentations, overcoming stage fright, writing a speech, and using visual aids. Youth do not have to be current 4-H members but must be 9-18 years old. Snacks will be provided. Cost is $5. Registration payment is due by May 1st. Checks may be made payable to New Hanover County. If current 4-H enrollment forms are not on file they are also due at that time.

Southeast District 4-H Volunteer Leader Meeting

If you are a 4-H volunteer or parent and want to be involved in the bigger picture, then consider joining the Southeast District Volunteer Leaders during their next meeting. The meeting will be held in Sampson County beginning at 10:00am until 2:00pm on Saturday, April 28th at the Sampson County Livestock Facility. During this meeting, workshops will be offered to help 4-H leaders make their clubs successful. Club leaders will not want to miss this opportunity which also counts toward their required annual trainings. Two items of business are to establish a review committee for the 2012 4-H Scholarship applications and the District Activity Day concession stand fundraiser for the 2013 4-H Scholarship. Email Leslie at leslie_wilson@ncsu.edu to register.
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