There are still spots open to camp with New Hanover County 4-H camps are fun, hands-on, and educational and serve as the perfect way to learn something new while making a few new friends along the way. Find out how bubbles are made, take a surfing lesson, discover the wonders of agriculture, or explore your way into health with food and fun! There is something for every young person age 5-18 at 4-H camp this summer. Check out the 4-H Summer Blast Camp schedule and registration forms on our website at newhanover.ces.ncsu.edu today!
Camp Coral

Golden Corral proudly announces the expansion of their summer camp for children of wounded or disabled military families (does not have to be active duty). In the summer of 2012, Golden Corral will send 1,800 children from military families to a week-long camp free of charge (parents are only responsible for transportation to and from camp).

Camp Corral is a one-week camp experience where kids, ages 8 to 15, are free to be kids part from the day-to-day challenges they face as children of wounded or disabled military veterans and service members. Camp Corral will be ‘a week of a lifetime’ providing kids non-stop fun with activities like canoeing, swimming, arts and crafts, target sports, horseback riding and other camping activities in the great outdoors. The week will encourage the campers to create friendships and bond with other kids who share a similar family situation.

2012 Camp Corral information:
• Camp participants – boys and girls ages 8 to 15
• On line registration at www.campcorral.org
• Camp Corral locations, camp weeks and information at www.campcorral.org
• Camp Corral will be managed and staffed by the 4-H Youth Development Organization and is accredited by the American Camp Association
• Campers will have a traditional camp experience with camp crafts, recreational water sports, target sports, horseback riding, ropes course, camp fire stories, etc.

Family Day at Poplar Grove

Family Day will be held at Poplar Grove Plantation as they celebrate children with free, fun, educational activities. Quick, easy, hands-on learning about animals, safety, cooking and gardening for kids. This is an annual event at Poplar Grove and our very own Cape Fear Area Rabbit 4-H Club will have a tent to share their knowledge of rabbits with everyone. Club Leader Melinda Grant will have rabbits on-site along with posters and handouts about rabbits and the club for the public. Make plans to stop out and show your support on Wednesday June 27th from 10am-12pm.
Students at Codington Elementary School participating the after school program had the unique opportunity to learn about science and agriculture through the 4-H program Acres of Adventures. Over the course seven weeks, 4-H volunteers visited the school one day a week to provide hands-on learning experiences on topics such as physical science, healthy food choices, plant science, and life science to the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. While these topics might not sound exciting to a student, presenting them in engaging activities such as building a paper bridge, making glue out of food products and testing the strength, watching seeds germinate, and examining the origins of cookie ingredients create a fun, investigative atmosphere. The twenty-one students served as participants to the pilot of the program in New Hanover County that will be evaluated to be delivered to multiple after school sites during the 2012-2013 school year.

Colleges and employers are looking for individuals with excellent communication skills. There are numerous opportunities for youth to gain public speaking skills through involvement in 4-H. Through 4-H, youth receive the opportunity to gain and improve those skills in a positive environment, all while learning about a topic of their interest.

What: 4-Hers from the Southeast District compete in presentations and demonstrations topic of their choice to give to a small audience in a classroom setting. Presentations are 5-12 minutes in length and should be accompanied with posters or a PowerPoint slideshow and props. A list of topics has been included in this letter. Participants may receive monetary awards at the District or State levels. Awards for Gold winners range from $50 to $200 and can be used as a stipend to attend North Carolina 4-H Congress in Raleigh, NC.

Who: 4-Hers ages 5-18 on January 1st of the current year. The age divisions are 9-10, 11-13, and 14-18. Youth 5-8 are able to participate for experience but are not judged competitively. All gold winners (and silver winners age 11-18 only) will compete at the state level at NC 4-H Congress on Monday July 16th.

When: Friday June 22nd, all day. Check-in begins at 9:00 am and competition at 10:30 am, followed by an awards ceremony at 1:45pm.

Where: Lenoir County Community College. Families may drive there together, or ride with Leslie in a county vehicle. (Spaces are limited.)

Participants must register with presentation topic and title by June 1st by calling the 4-H office at 910-798-7660 or emailing leslie_wilson@ncsu.edu.
Mark Your Calendar

June
1: Registration Deadline: District Activity Day (Presentations)
11: Summer Blast 4-H Camps Begin
11-13: Citizenship Focus
18: New Hanover County 4-H Teen Council
22: District Activity Day Presentation Competition
27: Family Day at Poplar Grove Plantation
29: Registration Deadline: NC 4-H Congress

July
2: Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Camp Remaining Balance Due
9-11: Electric Congress
11: 4-H Advisory Council Meeting
16-19: NC 4-H Congress
23: New Hanover County 4-H Teen Council
29-Aug. 3: Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Camp

August
17-18: Youth Summit in Raleigh, NC
20: New Hanover County 4-H Teen Council

September
5: 4-H Advisory Council Meeting
17: New Hanover County 4-H Teen Council
26: 4-H Club Leaders Meeting

October
6: 4-H Club Fair (tentative)
7-12: National 4-H Week
10: National Youth Science Day Experiment
15: New Hanover County 4-H Teen Council

Summer is upon us and we are gearing up for exciting times at the Arboretum! From District Activity Day to Congress, Camps, and Citizenship Focus, we are ready to do it all. If you haven't registered for one of our 4-H day camps, please take a minute to ready about our fun, affordable camps and tell your friends! Also, the deadline for signing up to give a presentation or demonstration at District Activity Day is quickly approaching. District Activity Day will be held on June 22nd at the Lenoir County Community College. To sign up you'll need to let me know your category and presentation title by Friday June 1st. I'm looking forward to hearing some great presentations! Thank you for your continued dedication and support of New Hanover County 4-H.

Yours in 4-H,

Leslie Wilson