

4-H is Celebrating 100 years!

Since 1909, North Carolina’s youth have been given opportunities to become positive, contributing and compassionate citizens in their communities through the largest youth organization in the world, known as 4-H. North Carolina 4-H is an educational program of NC State University and NC Agricultural & Technical State University and is part of the National 4-H organization. 4-H is the youth development and outreach program of the nation’s largest land-grant university system. Throughout this year there will be competitions for our youth to participate in, from recipe to photography. For a complete list and description of what is to come please visit: www.nc4h.org/4hcentennial/Cent_Guide.pdf

T-Shirt Contest

Its time again to come up with a new 4-H t-shirt! The shirt must have a: Front and back, the clover, New Hanover County and designed for both boys and girls. Also include, the color of your design and the color of shirt you would like the design to go on. The winner will receive a free shirt! County council will choose the winning design. Please have them in by Oct. 1st at 5pm. Anyone can enter the contest so let the creative juices flow! Shirts will sell for $10.

Volunteers Needed

♦ A helper for advance sewing class
♦ A helper for Express yourself (Photography, theater, design, radio and TV)
♦ Co-Leader for Cloverbuds (5-9 year olds) can also be older Teens
♦ JMG Level 1 & 2 one class teachers
♦ Jr. Lego League Club Leader (meet in a different room then level 2)
♦ An assistant for cooking class

Fishing

Fishing classes will consist of a Freshwater Class at Sutton Lake and a Saltwater class on the Inter Coastal Waterway. The class will cost $5 and will include lunch or a heavy snack. Dates and times coming soon!

Special points of interest:

♦ College scholarship
♦ Club Sign-up
♦ “We are 4-H”
♦ Calendar of Events
♦ Project Record Books
♦ Congratulations to Hali Small and Stephanie Batts for participating in State Fashion Show at 4-H Congress this summer!
1. **Rabbit/Pet Club:** On the 2nd and 4th Mondays this club meets to learn how to care for rabbits. They participate in the county fair and you do not have to own a rabbit to join! This group is open to all ages! Melinda Grant at 910-686-4021. Meets at Poplar Grove from 4-5:30pm

2. **Cooking Class** Come learn to cook and bake! We will start with the basics and move on to more intense topics. Club limit is 20 kids so sign-up early! First meeting will be September 15th at 5:00-7:00pm. Meetings are 1st and 3rd Mondays. Rick Sloan: 910-259-1235 for ages 10 & up. Limit 15

3. **First Lego League Level 2:** This is for 11 & up, this club will build Lego structures/machines and compete against other counties. 1st and 3rd Mondays 4-5pm at the library near Wrightsville Beach. This is a serious group and you need to come willing to learn and work without distractions! Limit 5

4. **Shooting sports:** For ages 9 & up, the meeting time is flexible and topics include; bow and arrow, BB gun, gun safety, shotgun, rifle and black powder. The next competition will be September 20th at Millstone 4-H center.

5. **History Club:** Make History come to life with hands-on activities! They will study World, US and election process. Prefer ages 7-14, will meet 2nd and 4th Mondays from 10-12 noon Laura Wilkins montemma2002@yahoo.com

6. **Love of Learning:** Variety of topics discussed, ask for parents to share their talents and loves. 1st and 3rd Mondays from 10-12noon Rachel Fields 231-2331

7. **Sewing Class Level 1:** Learn basic sewing techniques. Starts Sep. 23rd and will be 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 4-6pm. Ages 10 and up, Limit 10

8. **Health Rocks:** Learn about nutrition and participate in all kinds of sports and outdoor activities. For ages 10 and up, First meeting September 22nd at Hugh McRae Park 4:30pm-6:00pm. Run by UNCW students

9. **Astronomy Club:** Learn the solar system, stars and universe. 2nd and 4th Thurs. 6:30-8:00pm Starting Sept. 25th

10. **4-H Homeschool Coop:** Pool together for educational and social activities of interest to members. Create arts and crafts, attend field trips, enjoy outdoor activities and learn in a fun atmosphere.

11. **Horse Club:** If you like to own or ride horses join Wilmington 4-H Horse Club. Meetings are on Tuesdays twice a month 5:30-6:30pm, 5-19 years welcome! For more info visit www.geocities.com/ilm4h/horseclub or email ilm4h@yahoo.com. Alzheimer’s Walk held at Hugh McRae Park November 15 at 10am sign up at http://www.alz.org/memorywalk/overview.asp

12. **County Council:** Currently we are meeting once a mouth. The youth will help plan 4-H events, vote on fundraisers, trips, T-shirt design and take suggestions from the general public. They will also learn Roberts rules of order and other management skills. First meeting will be September 9th at 4:30pm. For 12 & up only except for 2 times a year where we will have a panel for them to sit on to give their ideas and opinions. Limit 12

13. **Big Cypress Farms:** Next Horse show will be September 20th, Currently full but if you are interested call to be put on a waiting list. They meet near Monkey Junction on Fridays at 5pm and learn about livestock, coastal environments and other outdoors topics. Ages 5 & up Julie Congleton: juliecongleton@gmail.com

14. **Cloverbuds:** Learn various topics from gardening to sports. Ages 5-9, 2nd and 4th Thurs from 4:30-5:30. Starting Sept. 25th, Right now Aimee, Limit 10

15. **Envirothon 1 & 2:** Learn about Current events, wildlife, forestry, soils and aquatics. Middle school and high school groups, 5 youth on each team. You will compete at local and district level in New Bern March 17th. Amy Galliher: creeksiderps@hotmail.com, Email Amy if you are interested

16. **Chess/Game club:** Come and play all kids of games. 1 & 3 Mondays from 1-3pm
Important Dates

**September 15th:** Deadline for State Fair entries
**September 20th:** Shooting Sports Competition at Millstone
**September 29th:** Deadline for Youth Volunteer award
**October 2nd-5th:** Southern Region Volunteer Leader Forum, Edenton, GA
**October 31st:** State 4-H Council Conference Registration Deadline
**October 15-16:** State 4-H Council Conference
**Last Week October:** County Fair, Please submit crafts and complete a fair booth
**February 2nd:** Project Record Books Due
**February:** Volunteer Leaders Conference in Raleigh
**March:** Teen Retreat

Spot light on Summer!

Sports and Nutrition Week

4-H Pool Party at Northchase

White water rafting and Cave trip

Tasty Tidbits
It is almost time for the State Fair and the Cape Fear Fair and Expo! These events offer a host of opportunities for 4-Hers. The Extension office has copies of the State Fair Premium book that you can flip through to determine if your youth’s craftiness can win them a ribbon or even a cash prize. Crafts like paintings, scrap booking pages, sewing, and even LEGO models of famous North Carolina Monuments are among the list. Also your child has the chance to show livestock at the fair. The State Fair is Oct 16-26.

At the county fair your club can display a fair booth and win at least $50. You can also enter items for cash prizes in the county fair! The Cape Fear Fair is Oct 30–Nov 8, located at the airport.