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Greetings from the 4-H Office

Dear 4-H Members and Friends,

Here we go! 2016 coming on full speed, and we have a *lot* happening in the next few months. We look forward to being able to do fun and exciting things that will provide great opportunities for our young people. Take special notice of a few things in particular: 1. Presentations are coming up on us quickly! Be sure to have your young people in the process of picking topics and let us know if we can help. 2. Camp signups are starting, and we hope to take as many young people as possible. 3. Teen Retreat signups are happening *right now*, let us know as soon as possible if you want to take part in Teen Retreat, space is limited.

Sincerely,

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Camp!

I am very excited to announce that we will be attending camp at the Eastern 4H Center in Columbia, NC, June 19-24th. Youth ages 8-12 as of January 1st, 2016 are welcome to attend. Enclosed is the Camp Signup form. Please return that form with a \$50 deposit as soon as possible to reserve your spot at camp. Young people will be able to swim, boat, hike, learn teambuilding, and more. The Eastern 4H Center has the most state of the art facilities of any 4H camp in NC. We look forward to having you join us on this great adventure!



TEEN RETREAT

This year, Teen Retreat will be held in Corolla, NC, March 11-13th. This experience is for children 13 and older and will feature excellent leadership training for our young people. Included is a flier with more information. Space is limited and registration is required by February 3rd. This is always one of the best events of the year for our teenage students and we look forward to seeing you there!

North Carolina State University and North Carolina A&T State University commit themselves to positive action to secure equal opportunity regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability. In addition, the two Universities welcome all persons without regard to sexual orientation. North Carolina State University, North Carolina A&T State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and local governments cooperating.

County Council/H2H

County Council is starting back up and we are looking for teens who are ready to be involved in this leadership opportunity! County Council meets on the last Monday of every month right after Hungry to Help. Come help those in need then stick around for County Council.



AIRE

Young people ages 11-18 are invited to participate in this year's Application, Interview, Resume, and Essay program. This is a great opportunity for young people to learn and practice skills that they will be able to carry with them as they apply to jobs and colleges in the future. The culmination of this process is 4H Congress July 16th-19th, but starting early is important to long-term success. We look forward to helping you with this process, please contact our office with any questions.

NEW OPTION FOR 4H CLUB FORMATION

Traditionally, 4H clubs last for an entire calendar year or for an entire school year. This model has been successful in the past and we look forward to keeping it as part of our club options so that it can continue to succeed in the future. However, for many of our volunteers, leading a club for an entire year is too much of a scheduling burden to handle, and, for many students, a greater club variety may encourage their learning style.

To address this, we hope to introduce for 2016 the idea of short term, rotational clubs that do not last the entire year. These clubs would form in the exact same way as normal clubs, with club officers and volunteer leaders, but would only last 2-3 months at a time. The only requirement is that the club meet at least six times over that span.

As an example, say you wanted to form a club to help prepare for district activity day. All the youth who would be presenting would be a part of the club, and the club would only last for the few months before DAD. After DAD, the club would disband and its members could form a new club to learn something else like Shooting Sports or crocheting. The new club could have many of the same youth but different volunteer leaders, allowing the leadership burden to be shared more equally.

If you are interested in doing a rotational club or a traditional club, please contact the 4H office.

PRESENTATIONS!

Pick any topic you want! This year's competition will be May 14, 2016 in Beaufort County, topics are needed by February 12th. We will have a Pizza and Presentations event on February 8th at 6:00pm at the 4H offices. Please let us know if you plan to attend. If you have any questions before then, please do not hesitate to call the office. New and experienced presenters welcome!

Honor Club

In order to be eligible for membership, the applicant must have completed three or more years of 4-H club work and shall be at least 16 years of age and not more than 20 years of age on January 1 of the year of application. The total number of applicants inducted into the NC 4-H Honor Club shall be limited to .05% of the current enrollment of North Carolina 4-H members. A total of 300 Actual Points Scored will be required before an applicant will be considered for membership in the NC 4-H Honor Club. However, the accumulation of these points does NOT guarantee selection. To be considered for membership, the applicant must submit two copies of this application and a photograph of the 4-H'ers involved in a 4-H activity. A minimum of 5 points per category must be documented. To become a member, a selected applicant must be in attendance during the tapping ceremony at the Monday night assembly of the NC State 4-H Congress. In the event that a candidate cannot attend Congress, he/she should notify his/her Extension 4-H Agent prior to Congress that he/she cannot attend. This candidate will be required to resubmit their application the following year and go through the screening process again unless otherwise decided by the executive board. Registration due February 1st

If you would like to receive this newsletter electronically or are on our mailing list, but would no longer like to be, please let us know by contacting the office at (252) 534-2711 or sending an email to zhicks@ncsu.edu. Thank you for your assistance in being wise stewards of our resources.

300 copies of this document were printed at a cost of \$74.40.



2016 4-H Camp Registration Form

Please use one form per camper; this form may be photocopied.

Eastern 4-H Center: Columbia, NC

June 19th-24th, 2016

Boys and Girls, Ages 8-12 at time of camp

Cost: \$420.00 (includes insurance, t-shirt and camp store money)

Name: _____ Age at camp time: _____

Gender: _____ Grade: _____ Race: _____ Birth date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____

Cell Phone: () _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Number (during camp): () _____

*** Your application will not be accepted without a deposit. A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is due with the application. Please note that once we receive payment you are responsible for the remaining balance, even if you cancel. Total balance Due by June 11, 2010 (partial payments may be made before this date). Make checks payable to: "Northampton Program Fund."**

Mail to: Northampton Cooperative Extension
c/o Zachary Hicks, 4-H Agent
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For more information, contact Ann Lawrence or Zachary Hicks at (252) 534-2711.

Once I have completed and submitted a camp application and \$50.00 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit, I verify that I agree to pay the remaining balance for my child to attend 4-H summer camp.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



Northeast District 4-H Teen Retreat

March 11-13, 2016

Corolla, NC

Parents, please note that you must submit a 4-H Enrollment Form, 4-H Medical Release Form, and a Media Release form to the YOUR COUNTY Extension office in order for your child to participate in this event.

- ✿ Lodging provided by Hampton Inn & Suites, Corolla, NC
- ✿ Cost- \$100 for youth ages 13 and older (as of January 1, 2016)

Special Notes:

- ✿ Cost includes transportation, lodging, activities and supplies, Saturday breakfast, lunch, snack and dinner, and Sunday breakfast. Your child will need money for dinner on Friday and lunch on Sunday.

✿ **Registration is due by February 5, 2016.**

Name: _____ Male Female (circle) Birth date: ____/____/____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Youth Cell Number: _____ Grade ____ E-mail: _____

Special Dietary / Medical Restrictions: _____

Parent's Names: _____

Parent's Phone: _____

Parent, by signing below, you are giving your child permission to participate in the above event. You are also indicating that you have reviewed and understand the 4-H Code of Conduct & Disciplinary Procedure and agree that your child is bound by its provisions.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Collected in compliance with federal requirements intended to ensure equitable program administration and availability.

Race or Ethnicity:

___ White ___ Black/African-American ___ American Indian/Alaskan ___ Asian

___ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ___ Hispanic/Latino ___ Other