Spring has finally arrived and I am sure everyone is busy with many activities and programs. Please remember to check your 4-H calendar for the many dates and deadlines for all of our spring programs. I was very pleased and proud of our youth who participated in the Tri County Food Show, Winterfest and also Teen Retreat. Our youth are an inspiration to others and can be counted on to always do great things! As I look forward to spring I hope each of you has set goals for yourself in 4-H, as well as, for your other endeavors.

Melissa Staebner
Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development

Presentations
Wanted youth interested in learning more about a specific subject or who like to talk! 4-H Presentations are a great way to improve your public speaking skills! This year there are new categories so be sure to call the 4-H office and sign up! Sign up by May 31st.

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Special points of interest: Deadlines
- Deadline Waterology April 13, 2007
- Fashion Review & Talent Show, May 7-Deadline 4:00 pm
- Presentations
- ARI Application-May 1-Deadline
- Equine Expressive Arts Contest- May 1-Deadline
- Spring Dairy Judging Training—April 14
- Dairy Skillathon & Quiz Bowl Competitions-May 5
- Career Exploration Poster Contest-Deadline June 1

4-H Waterology An Earth Day Solution

Who: Youth ages 9 -18 (cloverbuds may attend with an adult)
When: April 28, 2007
Where: Wilkesboro, NC Edwin H. McGee Center
What: All Day Workshop on water as a resource including hands on stations and a service learning project.
Cost: free if you sign up!
Deadline to Register April 13, 2007
You must bring a bag lunch and signed and notarized medical release, photo form and code of conduct.
Please call the 4-H office at 679-2061.
ARI—Application, Resume, Interview

What: Opportunity to represent NC 4-H on a National Trip: National 4-H Conference, National 4-H Congress or the International Leadership Conference.

Complete the application, develop a resume and attend the weekend workshop (August 10-12) where you will be interviewed by three judges. All three areas are scored and the youth with the top scores will be awarded trips. If you would like more information or plan to compete you must call the 4-H office by May 1st!

Equine Expressive Arts

May 1st is the deadline for the Equine Expressive Arts Contest. If you plan to participate you need to be sure to have a separate entry fee for each category! The information is available at the NC 4-H Horse Web Page:
http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/4hmain.htm

Animal Science Update

Area Dairy Judging, Quiz Bowl and Skillathon Practices have started! If you are interested in learning more about dairy cattle or participating please contact Nancy Keith @679-2061. April 14 will be the spring Dairy Judging Training from 9-3 in Rowan County. Please call the 4-H office if you plan to attend.

Dairy Skillathon and Quiz Bowl Competitions will be May 5th in Iredell County. If you would like to learn more about Dairy Cattle and the Dairy Industry; these contests are for you! Call Nancy Keith @679-2061.

Youth interested in participating in Livestock Judging or Skillathon—please contact Phil Rucker at 679-2061!
The Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin Food Show was held recently. The show included youth participating in workshops and activities related to healthy lifestyles and competing with their food items they prepared. Congratulations to the many 4-Hers who participated in the area food show. Yadkin County had great representation and again the most participants way to go! Youth from Yadkin County participating were Molly Stokes, Amanda Carter, Ricky Carter, Trevor Hardwick, Jamie Hall Brandi Hall, Emily Osborne, Winston Fleming, Kaitlyn Mann, Tia Tutterow, Ty Tutterow, Peyton Jones, Madaline Jones and Grace Gilyard. Elizabeth Clendenin.

Fashion Review ***DATE CHANGED***

The Fashion Review and Talent Show will be held May 24, 2007 at 6:30 pm. The Location will be announced. Deadline to have items to the 4-H office is May 7th at 4:00 PM.

Youth may enter one item per category no exceptions. Also youth must submit talent act information by May 7th. Youth may do 1 individual act and be in a club act. Scholarship funds will be awarded in both programs.

Teen Retreat Highlights

Amanda Carter, Ricky Carter and Jamie Hall all attended the Northwest/Southwest Teen Retreat at Camp Walter Johnson in Denton NC. The youth participated in a variety of workshops focused on the state 4-H theme Cloverology A Scientific Solution. Sessions included and Electric Workshop, Rocketry, Dance, Poultry Science and Agriculture Careers.

Youth also enjoyed the recreational activities of basketball and the night time dance!
This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words. If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it’s a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you’ve received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you’ve created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.