

Quote of the Month

"Nature gives to every time and season some beauties of its own."

— Charles Dickens"

Yadkin County 4-H Photography Contest-Due April 14th

We are holding this photography contest so you can show off your photography expertise, but also to capture incredible things! Being a part of this competition is really simple! Each participant is allowed to send in three photos (only one per category). The categories are:

Nature's Beauty-This can be anything that can be found in nature such as flowers, plants, wildlife, insects, etc..

The Wonders of Agriculture-This category consists of anything that is considered to be agriculture, which could include livestock, crops, farmland, or even things that assist with agriculture such as tractors and other farm equipment.

Magnificent Structures-This is a new category this year! This category is all about structures that you see everyday or see while you are on trips. They can be human made such as houses, buildings, barns, statues, etc..

4-H'ers ages 5-18 are welcome to participate in this competition. The picture(s) cannot be more than a year old. Please include a short description of your picture when you send it in. Pictures may be in color or black and white. Only registered 4-H'ers are



allowed to be a part of this competition. There will be placings for Juniors and Seniors and Clover Cash for each category! Pictures will be judged and ranked then shared on Facebook for all to enjoy. Please submit photos to Ms. Madaline at madaline_jones@ncsu.edu or through this Google Form: https://forms.gle/biUGdr1A5eUpKbGN6. We cannot wait to see your amazing photos!

Rabbit Show-Entry Deadline April 6th by 5:00 PM

You all need to get "hopping" to register for the Rabbit Show portion of the Area Poultry and Rabbit Show! Here are some things you need to know about registering for it: This Google Form

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-5YY65w_9KQDrQ8S3WQUEocy9dA6DSw2bsQ-q0upmGE/edit is required to show and participate in our 4-H Area Poultry and Rabbit Show in the Rabbit Project. By filling out this form, you are accepting:

- 1. That you will purchase, raise, house, care for, work with, and bring your own rabbit to the show on May 6th at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds.
- 2. That you will pay \$5 per participating youth to Yadkin County 4-H as a registration fee in either cash or check by April 6th by 5 p.m. NO refunds will be issued.
- 3. That you will enroll in 4-H Online for 2023.
- 4. We are ONLY judging showmanship (the youth handling, displaying, and working with their rabbit). We may have several breeds within each category so this WILL NOT BE A BREED SHOW.
- 5. That you will attend or watch the recordings of our rabbit showmanship workshops.
- 6. That you will bring your rabbit (one per youth) to the show on May 6th.

Poultry and Rabbit Show Record Books-Deadline to Register and have Project Books Turned in-April 14th

The Project Record Book is REQUIRED for all participants 8-18 years old as of January 1, 2023. Youth 5-7 years old are welcome to turn in a record book, but it is not required. A Project Record Book shows us your hard work with your animal (s), the care you have put in, and the financial and medical investment in your animal. This is a <u>youth</u> project so we want to see the youth's work on this record book. We will have an awards ceremony at the beginning of the Poultry and Rabbit Show on **May 6th** at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds (2511 Farmers Market Way Cattle Barn, Winston-Salem, NC 27105). A copy of the entry form and Record Book form can be given upon request.

Dinah Gore 4-H Healthy Food Challenge-Deadline April 14th Competition Date: May 20th at NC State Fairgrounds

The Dinah Gore 4-H Healthy Food Challenge is a contest that challenges a team of three to four 4-H members to create a dish that will serve three people using a predetermined ingredient, food category, and items from the locally-sourced pantry. Once the ingredient is revealed, the team will have 40 minutes to prepare the dish, clean up, and prepare their presentation for the judges. The team will make a presentation to the judges covering their dish, its health benefits, and the nutrients that the dish provides to the body, about 10 minutes after the dish is ready. If you wish to be a part of this competition, please sign up as soon as you can because it is first come, first serve. Full details can be found via this link: https://nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/youth-3/dinah-gore-4-h-healthy-food-challenge/.

North Carolina 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest Deadline April 21st by 9:00 AM

Calling all young creative writers who love honey bees! Enrolled North Carolina 4-H youth are invited to research and write an essay for the state 4-H Beekeeping Essay contest. The 2023 essay topic is, "The Importance of Beeswax." Although honey bees are much beloved for honey, bees also produce beeswax that can be used in many ways. For this essay, a 4-H youth should discuss why beeswax is so important to the hive (it's a pantry, it's a nursery, it's the dance floor), but also discuss their favorite way to use beeswax outside the hive. Photos of candles, soaps, or lip balms that are made to show the 4-H'er's skill in using beeswax are welcomed as are recipes or brief instructions. All essays are due by Friday, April 21st, 2023 by 9:00 AM and should be emailed to Ms. Madaline at madaline_jones@ncsu.edu. More information about this contest can be found via this link:

https://growforit.ces.ncsu.edu/2023/03/2023-nc-4-h-beekeeping-essay/.

North Central Poultry and Rabbit Show-May 6th

This year, all of the North Central District is teaming up to have our very first District Poultry and Rabbit Show at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds. This competition is open to 4-H'ers ages 5-18. Youth can be involved in the poultry and/or the rabbit portion of this show. This show is a showmanship show, not a breed show. The poultry show sign-ups have come and gone, but there is still time to sign up for the rabbit show portion! Or if you would like to just come out and see what this show is all about, please contact Ms. Madaline and she will give the needed information on how to attend.

4-H Presentations-Deadline May 26th

Perfect your public speaking skills with 4-H Presentations! 4-H Presentations are a great way to get youth out of their comfort zone and develop the important life skill of public speaking. 4-H'ers ages 5-18 are welcome to participate at the district level and ages 8-18 have the chance to go onto the state level. There are over 35 categories to choose from and those can be found here:

https://nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/youth-3/4-h-awards-incentives-programs-2/presentations/

If you would like to have Ms. Madaline's advice on your presentation, you are more than welcome to set up a time to meet in-person to go over the presentation or meet over Zoom with her. She can also review your presentation. This can be set up before or after this deadline up to two weeks before 4-H Presentations. To sign up for 4-H Presentations or if you have questions, please contact Ms. Madaline.

North Central District 4-H Dog Artistic Expression Contest Deadline May 31st

Calling all dog lovers! Youth ages 5-18 are invited to submit items for the North Central District 4-H Dog Artistic Expression Contest! This is a great opportunity to show off your love for the dogs in your life. Categories include:

- ★ Crafts
- ★ Drawing
- **★** Painting
- ★ Poster
- ★ Photography
- ★ Sewing



Awards will be distributed on Saturday, June 23 at the North Central District 4-H Activity Day at NC A&T State University. See the flier below for more information, and read more at: https://forsyth.ces.ncsu.edu/4-h-dog/.

Yadkin County 4-H Summer Fun coming SOON!

Summer Fun information is coming soon! We have been getting lots of questions about this because people are so excited! Our Summer Fun schedule is under construction now and will be released late April or early May, so make sure to keep an eye out for all of the fun we will be having this summer! In the meantime, make sure you are registered for 4-H in 4-H Online to make signing up for these programs easier!

North Central District 4-H Fashion Revue Deadline to Sign up: June 9th-Competition Date: June 24th

The North Central District is sewing up "sew" much fun with the Fashion Revue this year! This event is where you show off your sewing skills at District Activity Day! For this competition, you must sew something you can wear because one of the things you are judged on is fit. You can sew so many things whether that be a pair of pajama pants, an apron, shorts, dress, blouse with a skirt, a whole outfit, etc. We will be able to send off our top three in the Junior and Senior divisions to the district level competition. Cloverbuds are welcome to join at the county level and the district level. Clover Cash will be given to all participants for each level they reach in the competition. Are you interested in this competition? If so, please contact Ms. Madaline for more information! You can submit your entries through this Google Form: https://forms.gle/VtuSEGVhQMZsn8bK9. Please note that your sewing entry MUST be submitted to the Yadkin County 4-H office too by **June 9th!** We can't wait to see your amazing sewing skills!

AIRE (Application, Interview, Resume, & Electronic Video) Deadline June 9th

AIRE is a workforce development and college prep program. Youth, ages 11 – 18, are eligible to participate in this program in one of two ways. AIRE Program Options **Option 1:** Youth participate in this program by completing the four (4) AIRE candidate packet components. All candidates submitting a complete packet will be invited to participate in either the State-Level competitive program (open to youth ages 14-18) or in the non-competitive program (open to youth ages 11-13). Youth participating in the competitive AIRE program are eligible to be selected to attend national events such as National Congress, National Conference, and International Leadership Conference. **Option 2:** Youth participate in this program by completing the AIRE program components as self-study and/or as part of their local 4-H program.

North Carolina 4-H Exchange Program Apply today to Host a 4-H'er from another Country!

North Carolina 4-H offers opportunities for members and their families to become part of a growing tradition that includes leadership, cultural exploration, and fun! Through the 4-H Inbound exchange programs provided through NC 4-H, families gain a wealth of knowledge, life-changing experiences, and shared memories that will last a lifetime! Are you interested in NC 4-H International Programming? If so, please contact Caitlin Clineff, Coordinator at cadavis7@ncsu.edu, 919-515-4759 for more information.



Enroll in 4-H Online 2.0-It's not too late!

It's that time of year again folks! Every year, if you want to be a 4-H'er or 4-H volunteer in North Carolina, you MUST enroll in 4-H Online 2.0. Please enroll your child into our program by creating a 4-H Online account for them. Access 4-H Online through this link: https://v2.4honline.com/. Everyone should enroll in 4-H before attending a 4-H program. If you have problems enrolling or re-enrolling your child, please contact Ms. Madaline at madaline_jones@ncsu.edu or through calling 336-849-7908.



Keep In Mind-North Central District Activity Day-June 24th

Mark your calendars for this IMPORTANT 4-H event! The North Central District 4-H Activity will be on Saturday, June 24th at A&T University. This means that you get to attend this fun event at one of North Carolina's two land grant universities! This is where youth present their 4-H Presentations at the district level, where our top talent show entries will showcase their talents, and where the district portion of the Fashion Revue will be! Since this year is going to be so close to Yadkin County, we need to make sure that we represent our county well!

4-H Clubs in Yadkin County-Ask for more Information!

Deep Creek 4-H Club-Yadkinville Area

Foothills Farm 4-H Club-Jonesville Area

Panthers 4-H Club-Courtney Area

Prospect 4-H Club-East Bend Area



Want to keep up with what Yadkin County 4-H is doing? Like us on Facebook and see all the fun we are having! Search Yadkin County 4-H or @YadkinCounty4H and hit the like button!





For more information about Yadkin County 4-H or to sign up for programs, please contact Madaline Jones, our 4-H Agent at madaline_jones@ncsu.edu for the quickest response. Our office can also be called at 336-849-7908 and she will get back to you as soon as possible. Our office hours are 8:00 AM-5:00 PM Monday through Friday and our address is 2051 Agricultural Way, Suite 201, Yadkinville, NC 27055.

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