

Yadkin County 4-H

Newsletter December 2023



Quote of the Month

“The Joy of brightening other lives, bearing each others’ burdens, easing each other’s loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of the holidays.”

–W. C. Jones



Military Mail Christmas Card Drive-Due December 8th



Let’s come together to let our troops know how much we appreciate them by writing Christmas cards! All you have to do to participate in our Military Mail Drive is have a Christmas card and either write a letter or draw a picture, put it in an unsealed envelope, and then take it to the Yadkin County 4-H Office. Please hand write or draw these cards so it makes the cards more personal for these soldiers. We do ask that you make sure what you say in the card is uplifting and that the pictures are of happy things as well. We want to bring a joyful smile to the faces of military member’s faces that are receiving these letters during the holiday season. These cards can be dropped off at our office or mailed to us. A great time to bring them by is at the Holiday Food Show if you plan to participate. We will then make sure the troops receive your cards.

4-H Project Record Books and 4-H Portfolios Due February 2nd, 2024

4-H Project Record Books and 4-H Portfolios are a great way to share what you have done in 4-H this year and they can be on so many topics! Do you like cooking and have done cooking with 4-H this year? You can do a record book on that! Do you have an animal that you take care of? You can do a record book on that! You can do a record book on so many topics that it really is limitless what you can do. Every 4-H'er can do 4-H Project Record Books from ages 5-18! We have a "How to Create a 4-H Project Record Book PowerPoint" and examples of project books to help you with this process that can be given to you upon request.

The forms for 4-H Project Record Books and 4-H Portfolios can be sent to you upon request or through this link:

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



Due to popular demand, we have made these books due two weeks later than usual. This means we will not accept any books later than this date this year because this gives us a much shorter window to get them judged before the state deadline. Please keep that in mind this year as you are preparing for this competition and we cannot wait to see the amazing work you all turn in this year!

***Make sure to use the most current forms! Cloverbud Forms can be given upon request.**

Holiday Baking Session-Deadline to sign up December 18th Event Date December 21st from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

I don't know about you, but this time of the year puts me in the spirit to bake! And what a great time of the year to do it so family and friends can share their baked treats. That's why Yadkin County 4-H is hosting a Holiday Baking Session on December 21st! This is going to be a fun time of baking and making simple holiday treats that you can take home and share with whomever you please (or have them all to yourself, we won't judge). This event will be hosted at the Yadkin County Cooperative Extension Demonstration Kitchen and for all ages of 4-H'ers. The cost is \$5 and can be paid through cash, check made payable to "Yadkin County 4-H," or through Clover Cash (check with Ms. Madaline to see if you have any).



This baking session only has 10 spots, so sign up ASAP to reserve your spot. Registration will close on December 18th or until all spots are filled. You can sign up for this session on 4-H Online or by emailing or by calling Madaline Jones.

North Carolina 4-H 4-H Honor Club Application Due January 23rd



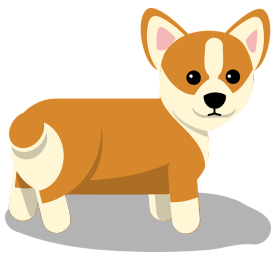
Being a North Carolina 4-H Honor Club member is more than just an honor. Only outstanding youth with high involvement in the 4-H program. It is also a chance to give back to the 4-H program using the knowledge and skills that 4-H helped you gain. NC 4-H Honor Club seeks members who want the opportunity to contribute to the club's motto –Service – by continuing their involvement even after aging out of the 4-H program. Active 4-H'ers ages 16-20 that have been in 4-H more than two years are welcome to apply. Please contact Ms. Madaline for more information.

4-H Scholarships Application-Due January 23rd

Are you a 4-H'er who will be entering college in the fall 2024 semester? If so, you are eligible to apply for a North Carolina 4-H Scholarship. Scholarships are for any graduating High School Senior in 2024. There are lots of 4-H Scholarships to apply for. Also, please remember if you have renewable scholarships, your 4-H Agent needs to register you. For more information, please contact Ms. Madaline.



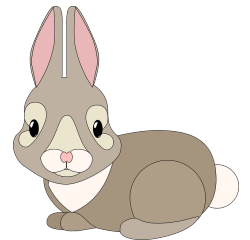
4-H Dive into a Dog Project Workshop-January 27th



This workshop is for youth AND their dogs (or not) will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is for 4-H'ers ages 8-18 in the North Central District and will be held in Winston-Salem at the Forsyth Agriculture Building at 1450 Fairchild Road. Dogs must be well-behaved and willing to stay in a crate some of the time. Aggressive dogs that growl, snap or lunge will not be allowed to participate. Dogs are required to be up-to-date for rabies, distemper, and parvo. Bordetella (for kennel cough) is very highly recommended. You MUST bring a current copy of your dog's vaccination record with you to the clinic, OR upload it with your registration. Crates are required. We do have a limited number of crates available for loan. Dogs should be on a 4-foot leash if possible, but no longer than 6 feet. Absolutely no Flexi or retractable leads. Parents/others are welcome to stay and watch. Youth may also attend the workshop without bringing a dog. Register for the Workshop using our Google Form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSefwINVVfpSxbRSInTQDdOWzb4xAyI8UvIifCRPZL-vZoMlzw/viewform>

North Central District 4-H Rabbit Show Deadline: March 3rd-Event Date: May 4th

Enter the North Central District 4-H Rabbit Show by March 8th! The North Central District would like you to be a part of our Rabbit Show on May 4th at the N.C. Cooperative Extension, Forsyth County Center! There you can show your rabbit and get judged on showmanship. 4-H'ers ages 5-18 are welcome to compete with the rabbits that they raised and have taken care of. Registration fee is \$5 and is due to your Extension Office along with the completed Google Entry Form https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-UTc5GmFh73ILfQOf6iYwH4sPoFWX2Z_K-mfM9dLQckZLcg/viewform by March 8th. All 4-H'ers 5-7 will receive prizes and ribbons for their efforts and ages 8-18 have a chance to win ribbons and gift cards. Ages 8-18 are required to complete a 4-H Project Record Book. Ages 5-7 may complete a record book as well, but are not required. These are due by April 19th electronically to your 4-H Agent or Livestock Agent. Call or email your 4-H or Livestock Agent if you have questions about this fun event!



Enroll in 4-H Online 2.0-You can Enroll in 4-H at Anytime!



Are you new to 4-H or have not enrolled in 4-H for 2023? If you have not enrolled yet for 2023, make sure to read this very important message about how to be in 4-H! 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.

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

Deep Creek 4-H Club-Yadkinville Area

Panthers 4-H Club-Courtney Area

Prospect 4-H Club-East Bend Area

Dates to Keep in Mind...

Yadkin County 4-H Art Contest-Due by March 1st

Yadkin County 4-H Talent Show Entries-Due by March 1st

Yadkin County 4-H Achievement Night-March 8th! Both competitions above will be showcased at this event along with 4-H'ers of the Year and Project Record Books.



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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