

YADKIN COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

January Edition



A New Year and a New Look!

This year, we are changing to a new format for the Yadkin County 4-H Newsletter. Not only will you be seeing a new format from the traditional newsletter we have been sending out, but the emailed newsletter will be coming through a system called Active Campaign as well. It is a new platform that NC State Cooperative Extension would like all mass communication to go through. With this new platform, you also will be able to subscribe to the newsletters and unsubscribe with ease. If you were on the original email list, you will be added to the new platform within the first couple weeks of January. We ask that you are patient as we make this transition. All newsletters will still be able to be accessed online and through mail for those that have requested a hard copy of the editions. Now, let's get to looking at 2024's adventures in 4-H!

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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.****

New Year Means it's time to Enroll in 4-H Online 2.0! But just wait a minute before you do this...

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. In January, we ask that you re-enroll when the system is up and running again. The 4-H Online 2.0 system will be undergoing some maintenance at the beginning of January 2024, so we will make sure you all know when you can go ahead and enroll. So, be on the lookout for an email from Ms. Madaline with an announcement in January letting you know when you can re-enroll and continue enjoying all the great things 4-H has to offer! It should be up by **January 8th!**





North Central District Winterfest-January 13th

Yadkin County 4-H members ages 11-18 are invited to join us for the North Central District Winterfest in Greensboro on Saturday, January 13th. Participate in youth-led workshops on topics such as leadership, arts, and science. Following lunch, we will be going ice skating at Greensboro Icehouse. The cost to attend is \$25. Youth should bring payment on the day of the event. If writing a check, please make it out to Yadkin County 4-H.

Click here to register by January 5.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJxqnPqmaSG3Sff8gQIfimF_K5ZfDXw7uuJroLE4YA-caoYA/viewform. Transportation will be provided for the first 6 youth to sign up. Parents can choose to drop off their child if needed. Departure time and pick up items are TBA. At Winterfest, students will be making winter décor (popsicle stick snowflakes) for assisted living homes. Please consider bringing NEW fuzzy, grippy socks to the event to share with residents. The non-skid bottom is very important. The county that brings the most pairs of non-skid fuzzy socks wins a special award from our district officer team. So we hope you will participate. Note: Youth must be re-enrolled in 4-H Online for 2024 before the event (sometime between January 2 and January 13). The 4-H Agent will notify everyone when the system is opened for re-enrollment in early January. If you have any questions, contact Madaline Jones.



NC 4-H Honor-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 Applications 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 27th 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/1FAIpQLSefwINVVfpSxbRSInTQDdOWzb4xAyI8UvlfCRPZL-vZoMIzw/viewform>.



NC 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---

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the Google Entry Form https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-UTc5GmFh731LfQOf6lYwH4sPoFWX2Z_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!



Yadkin County 4-H Achievement Night March 8th

This event will be held at the Yadkin County Agricultural Banquet Room starting at 6:00 PM. For those of you that do not know what Achievement Night is, it is a spectacular 4-H event for our 4-H'ers to be recognized for their achievements throughout the year. What will this night entails? Here is a list of all the great things happening on this night!

- We will be recognizing our participants in 4-H Project Record Books/ Portfolios!
- Also, we will recognize our 4-H high school graduates! If you are graduating, please let us know and we will get you on our list!
- We will recognize our youth for their artistic talents through our Art Show! (4-H'ers may submit one painting and/or one drawing of any medium. Artwork is due to the office by March 4th. Ages 5-18 may enter). Ages 5-18 may enter).
- Another amazing opportunity we have at this event is for 4-H'ers to be in our Talent Showcase! (Each 4-H'er may be in one solo and/or one group talent act. Must sign up by February 28th and submit music if needed. Ages 5-18 may enter).
- We also are presenting our awards for Junior and Senior 4-H'ers of the Year!

As you can tell, this is going to be a packed night that you will not want to miss out on! There will be dinner provided. If you would like to attend this meeting, we do ask you to RSVP through Ms. Madaline Jones at madaline_jones@ncsu.edu. **You must RSVP by March 4th if you plan to attend.**



Talent Show-Due February 28th

We all know that our Yadkin County 4-H'er have loads of talent and it is time to get recognized for it! If you are a 4-H'er between the ages of 5-18 and like to perform (such as dancing, singing, playing an instrument, drama, poetry reading, etc.), you should consider being a part of our Talent Showcase featured at the Yadkin County 4-H Achievement Night. All that are interested in being a part of this showcase must fill out this Google Form <https://forms.gle/ANdligVT4RcnNaw4A> (hard copy can be given upon request) and submit their music by February 28th. We cannot wait to see all of the amazing talent we have in our county!

Art Show Entries Due March 4th

It's time to show off your artistic skills and enter the Yadkin County 4-H Art Show! This competition is open to ages 5-18 and will be showcased at the Yadkin County 4-H Achievement Night. Each 4-H'er may enter ONE painting and ONE drawing. Each participant will receive Clover Cash and Juniors and Seniors will be awarded 1st-3rd placings for their categories and entries. Those that enter must fill out this Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/FvkYDE2RFLdxa74e8> (hard copy may be given upon request) and bring in their artwork to the Yadkin County Cooperative Extension Office (2051 Agricultural Way, Suite 201, Yadkinville, NC 27055) by March 4th. We cannot wait to see your AMAZING artwork!



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

- **Adventurers 4-H Club-Yadkinville Area**
- **Deep Creek 4-H Club-Yadkinville 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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