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Buncombe County's 4-H Newsletter
September-October 2007



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK
October 7-13, 2007

North Carolina is celebrating 4-H's work in 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology (4-H SET) programs during National 4-H Week, October 7-13.

For more than 100 years, 4-H has been providing youth with the innovative research and resources from our nation's 106 land-grant universities and colleges. Currently, more than 5 million 4-H youth members participate in 4-H SET programs nationwide.

In Buncombe County, nearly 1600 young people and over 60 volunteers are involved in 4-H clubs, after school and special interest programs. We have put a lot of emphasis on science and technology this year with our state 4-H theme:

Cloverology: The Scientific Solution.

Activities have ranged from animal science to entomology and physics.

During National 4-H Week, Southern States Cooperative retail stores will be selling paper icons of the 4-H clover at their registers for \$1. Fifty cents from each \$1 donation will go to our 4-H program.



You can purchase a 4-H Clover locally at the Asheville Southern States Cooperative Store at 464 Riverside Drive in Asheville.

Buy a 4-H Clover
 and help kids discover their futures



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While there, you can check out another opportunity to support our state 4-H program. A 1/64 scale replica of the 4-H NCDA Transporter (shown below) which crisscrosses North Carolina as part of the NCDA Commodity Foods Distribution fleet is being sold at Southern States for \$29.99. Proceeds of the sale will benefit NC 4-H. This is a limited edition collectible, with only 2,500 available, so they are likely to sell out quickly. Act now to make sure you don't miss out!



NC 4-H State Council Conference & ARI Academy November 17 & 18 in Raleigh

The 2007 State 4-H Council Conference is scheduled for **November 17 & 18** at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh; lodging will be at the North Raleigh Hilton. State Council Conference is for youth ages 13-18, but the weekend also includes an ARI (Application, Résumé, and Interview) Academy for 11-15 year olds who are interested in enhancing their workforce development skills. Some exciting hands-on workshops are being planned, including topics such as youth and governance, marketing donors and elected officials, choosing and using your major, time management, public speaking, interviewing with confidence, how to prepare a 4-H Honor Club application, and "Leadership That ROARS!"

There will also be workshops centered on how to implement the 2008 State Project: *4-H: Come. See. Express* in the county. Those workshops will focus on a variety of Expressive Arts categories. The new logo for the up-coming State Project will also be unveiled at the Conference and we will unveil it at our Achievement Program in January.

On Saturday, from 10 am until noon, there will be Ambassador Credit workshops as well as meetings with State and District officers. District and State officers should plan to arrive no later than 9:30 am. During the awards banquet on Saturday night, one of our own Buncombe County 4-H'ers, will receive the West District 4-H Youth Volunteer Award. (We'll tell you who in our next issue of the *Clover Gazette*.)

Cost for the weekend is \$110.00 which includes registration, lodging and meals. Because registration is due in the State 4-H Office no later than October 29th, we must have your registration in by Monday, October 22nd. Give Mary a call at 255-5522 if you are interested in attending. We may be able to have some partial scholarships available.

Start Your ~~Engines~~...er, Ovens!!!

The 2007 Buncombe County 4-H Baking Contest will be held at the Buncombe County Center of North Carolina Cooperative Extension, 94 Coxe Avenue, on Saturday, October 27. Entries may be brought to the Conference Room beginning at 9:30 am that morning and must be in no later than 11:00 am so that judging can begin on time. The awards ceremony will be held at 3:00 pm.

A copy of the rules, entry categories and pre-registration form can be found at <http://buncombe.ces.ncsu.edu/files/library/11/2007%204-H%20Baking%20Contest%20Entry%20Form.doc>

All pre-registrations need to be into the 4-H office no later than **5:00 pm, Monday, October 22**. Entries can be mailed or hand-deliver to the 4-H office at 94 Coxe Avenue, or you can fax them to us at 255-5202, call them in to 255-5522 or complete the Word version on the web and e-mail it back to Mary at mary_clayton-mcglauflin@ncsu.edu. Just make sure we get the entries by the deadline.

This has always been a fun activity for our 4-H'ers, and we look forward to seeing (and tasting!) your creations.



Fall County Council Meeting October 18

Our fall County Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening, October 18th in the Conference Room of the Extension Center, 94 Coxe Avenue. A meal of spaghetti and salad begins at 6:00 pm and the business meeting will start at 6:30 pm. (**Leaders: Make sure that we have a correct count of the number of folks who plan to eat no later than 9:00 am on October 18.**) This is a very important meeting because we will be electing officers for 2008 as well as discussing upcoming activities for the fall and early winter. We really need to have at least one representative from each club participate in this meeting since each club get one vote for each of the officer positions. The offices include President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter and Historian. (Officers get to help plan and conduct our Achievement Program, among other activities, so you really want to get in on the fun!) If you have questions or are interested in running for County Council Officer, get in touch with Mary at 255-5522.



Plant/Bulb Sale Extended to November 1

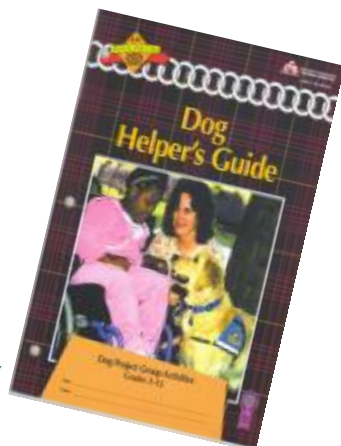
When we met at our County Council picnic, we originally planned on having all orders for our Fall Bulb and Plant Sale turned in at our October 18th County Council Meeting. However, because not all clubs were at the picnic to receive their order forms, we are extending the deadline to Thursday, November 1, 2007. If you need more information or order forms, let Mary know or go to the Dutch Mill Bulbs website at

http://www.dutchmillbulbs.com/client_images/catalog19813/pages/files/fallBrochure.pdf. This turned out to be a great fundraiser for us in the spring and we hope to have a great return this fall as well. Remember, this is how our "Clover Cash" is funded now, among

other expenses, so it's important that all clubs participate.

Dog Obedience Training Series for 4-H'ers

Mrs. Dolores Brigham, retired math teacher who has many years' experience as a canine trainer has volunteered to offer a dog obedience training series for 4-H members and other youth here in Buncombe County. The classes will be held from 5:30-6:30 pm on seven consecutive Tuesdays, from October 30-December 11. Classes are open to any youth in Buncombe County, aged 10-18 with dogs that are at least four months old at the beginning of the series. She will be using the *4-H Dog Project Helpers' Guide* and each family involved in the training will need to purchase one. If ordered through our 4-H office the cost will be \$3.50. Once you get into the class, you may also want to order one of the other dog project books to continue to explore more about the topic.



Class size is limited to 12 participants, so let Mary know soon if you are interested. More details regarding location and supplies will be provided when you call us at 255-5522.

Project Record Books Due December 1

We know lots of folks have been working on all kinds of 4-H projects over the course of this year, so now's the time to be completing your project record books to have them ready to turn in on December 1. Project record book winners will be recognized at our Achievement Program in January, and age division winners in each category will go on for judging at district level later in the spring. District winners in their categories will receive medals and the Gold medal winners receive a savings bond.

For those of you who participated in this year's electric project, you'll especially want to make sure you complete a record book on that project since it's a requirement if you want to attend next summer's 4-H Electric Congress.

If you have any questions, give Mary a call at 255-5522.

A New 4-H Club is Forming in Swannanoa!

The first meeting will be at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, November 6 at the Buckeye Cove Community Center. Want more info? Give Mary a call at 255-5522.

Swannanoa 4-H Camp Offers 4-H Family Camp Day October 28th

The Swannanoa 4-H Center is having a "4-H Family Camp Day" from 1:30—5:00 pm on Sunday, October 28th. This afternoon of camp activities is being offered at NO COST as a special event just for our 4-H youth and adults—it is not an "open house" and will not be open to the public.

The program will begin with a welcome and camp songs at the lodge, end with a campfire program at the amphitheater, and include exciting 4-H camp activities throughout the afternoon.

If you are interested in participating, you must let Mary know by 10:30 pm, Monday morning, October 22, because she has to let the Camp Director know how many folks will be coming from Buncombe County. We also have to bring our medical and media releases, so we need to make sure we have everyone's in hand before you attend. Call 255-5522 to register.

It sounds like a fun day, so mark your calendars now and plan to join us for a family fun-filled day!



Make Plans to Attend Swannanoa 4-H Camp Next Summer!

Buncombe County is part of a delegation from the western part of our State who plan to attend the Swannanoa 4-H Camp together the week of June 29-July 4, 2008. We currently have 10 spaces reserved for 8-12 year olds. This traditional camp week will include swimming, archery, crafts, games, campfires, teambuilding exercises, Appalachian heritage and environmental exploration and more!

More information about the program and costs will be included in our next newsletter, but to reserve your space for this fun- and adventure-filled week, we need a \$50 deposit no later than Wednesday, January 30.

To learn more about the 2008 4-H Camping season, check out http://buncombe.ces.ncsu.edu/files/library/11/specialty_flyer08final-2.pdf and http://buncombe.ces.ncsu.edu/files/library/11/4Hcolor_brochureFINAL-3.pdf



County Council Exhibit Takes 3rd at Mtn. State Fair

Many thanks go out to the members of the Thames, Haynes, Watkins, Sprinkle and Tinsley families from A Brighter Tomorrow Club, as well as to Hannah Justice from Sandy Mush, Kim Eggert from Horse Spirits and Austin Maynor from Newfound, for their help in constructing, setting up and taking down our County Council Exhibit at the Mountain State Fair. More information about the fair will be in the next issue of our newsletter where we will include placing for Haywood County and the NC State Fair, as well.

Horse Show & Fair Placings in Next Issue

Since some of our folks will participate later this month at the NC State Fair, we will include our listings of all of our 4-H fair entries for the Mountain State Fair, Haywood County Fair and the NC State Fair in our next issue. We should have our State Horse Show placing list by then, as well, so be on the lookout for it as well as the winners of our 4-H Sunflower Contest. Send us your pictures and placing information by November 1.

Clover Gazette is a newsletter produced to inform and educate Buncombe County 4-H'ers, their parents and leaders of 4-H activities and opportunities in our area.

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Individuals with disabilities who would like to participate in any program mentioned in this newsletter but who need special assistance to do so should call the Extension Center at (828)255-5522 at least five days prior to the event.

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