4-H Congress 2009

North Carolina 4-H Congress is scheduled from July 20-24 on and around the campus of NCSU in Raleigh. 4-Her’s and 4-H alumni will celebrate the 100 year anniversary of 4-H in North Carolina throughout Congress this summer. We are excited to hear from our Madison County youth who are heading to Raleigh!

“The N.C. State 4-H Congress is an annual educational event sponsored by the 4-H Youth Development Department at N.C. State University and planned by the State 4-H Council. This council is composed of 32 young people who serve as officers from their respective districts and 4 state officers who are elected at Congress. The Congress will be attended by approximately 800 youths ranging in age from 9 to 19 and representing every county in North Carolina.

The major purposes of N.C. 4-H Congress are:

- To perpetuate the reputation of 4-H as a major statewide educational program.
- To improve delegate’s knowledge of current issues through educational experiences such as speakers, discussion groups, workshops, etc.
- To provide an opportunity to develop and exercise leadership skills through serving on committees and participating in certain programs.
- To provide an opportunity for delegates to participate in the democratic process through campaigning for and electing state 4-H officers.
- To provide recreational and social experiences for delegates.
- To select winners in presentations and certain activities through state contests.
- To provide recognition for project, activity, and scholarship winners.”

(www.nc4h.org)

REMINDERS
The next 4-H County Council meeting will be held on Friday, August 28th. More details soon!

4-H Mini-Garden visits will be scheduled during the month of July. Happy growing!

Low Impact Living Series: Wildlife Habitat Management, 6pm-8pm @ Madison County Extension. Will focus on game animals, deer, turkey, grouse, and quail. Topics include food plot management, soil nutrition, hunting lease arrangements and others. Ross Young, County Extension Director. Free, call 649-2411 to register by August 21.

Fairbooks are available for the second annual Madison County Fair set for October 7-10.
Congratulations to Madison County 4-Her’s Lauren Hooks (Mustangs 4-H Club), Mira Brown (Honeycomb 4-H Club) and Devin Wickel (4-H member @ large) on their participation in 2009 District Activity Day (DAD). The event was held at Reynolds High School in Buncombe County on June 23, 2009. 4-Her’s from the West District gathered for a day of competition in presentations and entertainment. Lauren’s presentation was entitled “Natural Horsemanship”. She placed silver (second) and is eligible to compete during the State 4-H Horse Show (in July). Mira and Devin gave a presentation in the category of Citizenship and Civic Education. Their team presentation was about the proposed U.S. Department of Peace. They placed gold (first) in their age group and will compete at NC 4-H Congress later this month. Mira also played piano as part of 4-H Entertains. Congratulations again to these awesome Madison County 4-Hers!

District Activity Day: 2009 Awards

Madison 4-H County Council members met on Friday, June 26, at the Cooperative Extension Office. Leader Athena Carver discussed council business with the group and introduced Mack S. House, Jr., CSIDT Underwater Forensics. Forensics is defined as scientific tests or techniques used in connection with the detection of crime. Mack shared his wisdom with us as he explained the differences of real life forensics verses TV or “Hollywood” forensics. 4-Her’s investigated a ‘crime scene’ set up for the meeting and used their cognitive skills to determine the cause of the incident. We would like to thank Mack for sharing his time and expertise!

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We had the pleasure of spending time with many of our wonderful 4-H Volunteer Leaders at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in early June. **Chef Jennifer Thomas and Sous Chef Cece Thomas** prepared a delightful, elegant meal comprised of local fare for our volunteers. Jennifer was very patient as she trained the wait staff (Vickie & Eve) to serve properly a full course meal. (Note: no volunteers were harmed during the serving of the meal). We extend a special thanks to Jennifer and Cece for a fantastic (and delicious) evening. We also thank our volunteers for all that they do in the name of 4-H. These individuals are key to the success of our 4-H program and are greatly appreciated.
New 4-H Club Forming!

Do you like nature, wildlife, hiking, or just being outside? Then the 4-H Wild Adventures Club may be right up your alley! Youth interested in joining this brand new 4-H club, that focuses on the great out-doors, should contact the Madison County 4-H Office at 649-2411 for more details. The club meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Madison County Cooperative Extension Center. We hope to hear from you soon!

Canning and Preserving Made Easy Workshop

Learn more about canning or just brush up on the latest information on food preservation from canning to freezing to drying by attending Canning and Preserving Made Easy. This workshop is an introduction to canning, pickling, jams and jellies, freezing, drying and storage and will be held on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at the Madison County Cooperative Extension Center from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Cost is $10 ($15 for couples).

To register please contact Sue Estridge, Extension Agent, Family and Consumer Sciences, at (828) 649-2411 or send a check (payable to Madison County Extension) to the address below.
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Family and Consumer Sciences
Madison County Center
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Madison County Fairbooks

The Madison County Fair is set for October 7-10 but you can pick up your fairbook today. We have added more contests and activities this year with lots of fun and exciting categories. Last year, 4-H played a major role in the fair with great participation, but as always, we would like to see even more 4-Her’s this year. Fairbooks are available at the Extension Office, you can stop in for one or call us at 649-2411 and we will be happy to mail you one.
Club News

(Please send by snail mail or email to Vickie_burick@ncsu.edu by the 20th of every month)

Mountain Laurel 4-H Club: The most recent meeting of the Mountain Laurel 4-H Club was held on May 25th. 14 people attended the meeting. The pledges were led by Sierra Kindley and Lucas Cody. The 5-8 year olds did Gardening with Jeannette Jenkins while the 9-18 year olds did Modern dance with Brianna & Grace Mickey and Sylas Owen. Refreshments were provided by Terri Terry and Eve Kindley. The next meeting will be held on June 22nd. The 5-8 year olds will do boats with Mike Miller. The 9-18 year olds will be learning about Global Warming and Solar Energy with Terri Farlessyost.

Submitted by: Case Cody, Reporter

Mountain Laurel 4-H Club: The latest meeting of the Mountain Laurel 4-H club was held on June 22nd. 12 people attended the meeting. the pledges were led by Anna Farlessyost and Drew Yost. Anna Farlessyost showed us her exotic chicken. The 5-8 year olds made and raced boats with Mike Miller while the 9-18 year olds learned about Global warming and Solar power with Terry Farless Yost. Refreshments were provided by Brenda Hyatt and Linda Rice. The next meeting will be held on July 27th. The 5-8 year olds will be doing Creek Stomping with Vickie Burick and the 9-18 year olds will be doing GPS with Sierra Kindley, Nezzie Covington, and Drew Yost.

Submitted by: Case Cody, Reporter

Wildcats 4-H Clogging Club: April and May were busy months for the Wildcats as they worked towards their service project (Relay for Life) goals. Members of the club prepared and sent out mailings about Relay for Life asking for donations, participation or other means of support. Members also dropped donation canisters off at local businesses and handed out cancer information brochures out at the Madison County Farmers Market. The Wildcats performed two benefit performances prior to the Relay for Life event. The Relay for Life event was held Friday, May 29th on the quad of Mars Hill College. The evening was started with the survivors dinner. The guest speaker for that was Lucille Flack Ray. She was very entertaining and lively and signed free copies of her recent book that was given to all of the survivors present. Next came the Survivors walk around the quad. Then the whole clogging team walked several laps before their scheduled performance at 8 pm. After their performance most of the club members stayed to continue walking and participating in various activities throughout the evening. As the event came to an end around 1am the club volunteered to help clean up. They collected signs, flags, decorations, picked up and emptied luminaries, moved tables and chairs and helped in any way they were asked. Their participation in this project has been exceptional. At this time they have raised and collected $1,821 in donations exceeding their goal of $1,000, raised awareness about cancer in the county with others as well as themselves, and supported a fellow club member and cancer survivor in ways that are difficult to express.

The Wildcats will continue with this project through August by giving benefit performances throughout the summer. They already have 3 performances scheduled in July. The Wildcats continue to meet most Tuesday's 4:30-6pm at the clogging studio on the MHC campus. The Club is open to new members with advanced clogging skills and abilities. Call Sue Mickey at 689-4812 to schedule an audition.

As the Wildcats 4-H clogging club volunteer leader, I would like to take the opportunity to report about a truly awesome group of 4-her's. The support and energy this group put into their service project, Relay for Life was outstanding. It was also a challenging project for them on many levels. First of all, they had to look into the face of cancer, look at cancer statistics, and share information about it with others. These were not comfortable things to do. They were also supporting their fellow club member, cancer survivor Brianna Mickey. For Brianna, it was also a big step in her journey by coming out of the shadows of being a cancer victim and walking into the light of being a cancer survivor. She is telling the world that she is a survivor and a fighter and she has had a team supporting her along the way. I am very proud of each member: Morgan, Grace, Sylas, Jodi, Christopher and Brianna! I also want to thank all family members and friends that helped support us.

Respectfully Submitted By, Sue Mickey, Volunteer Leader
July 2009

3    Holiday, Cooperative Extension Office Closed (Independence Day)
5-10 4-H Junior Camp, ages 8-12, Swannanoa 4-H Camp
11-15 State 4-H Horse Show, Hunt Horse Complex, Raleigh
20-24 NC 4-H Congress, Raleigh, NC
21    4-H Centennial Homecoming, NC State Fairgrounds
28    CES Low Impact Living Series: Wildlife Habitat Management, 6-8pm, register one week prior to class.
30    4-H Advisory Council Meeting, 5:30pm

* See Specialty Camp calendar for dates & details www.nc4h.org/centers

We’re on the Web!
http://madison.ces.ncsu.edu/

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