



Alleghany Clover News

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HORSE PROGRAMS & DEADLINES

The NC 4-H Horse Program now has the state hippology, horse judging and artistic expression entry forms available.

Hippology - <https://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/equinehusbandry-nc-4-h-horse-program-educational-events/equinehusbandry-hippology-contest/>
(Due postmarked February 24th)

Horse Judging - <https://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/equinehusbandry-nc-4-h-horse-program-educational-events/equinehusbandry-horse-judging-contest/>
(Due postmarked April 11th)

Artistic Expressions Contests - <https://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/equinehusbandry-nc-4-h-horse-program-educational-events/artistic-expression-events/> Please follow guidelines carefully so you are not disqualified.
(Deadline of May 1st)



Beekeeping Essay Contest



Explore more about the fascinating story of the hardworking honey bee by participating in the North Carolina 4-H Beekeeping Essay contest. The essay provides a platform for youth to creatively express their working knowledge and research of the craft of beekeeping.

This year's theme is: **"Bees and Pollination. How Important is it?"**

Beekeeping has had its five minutes of fame for the past five years. Now more than ever, people are asking "What will happen if the bees are gone?" Your paper should research and help answer this question.

Survey your community to see what is being done to help honey bees. Include your state in your survey to see if there is a wildflower planting program available or any other program that could aid the honey bee.

For rules please visit the link: <http://www.growforit.org/programs/detail/beekeeping-essay>.

Please contact the Extension Office to let us know if you are planning to enter. **Deadline to enter is February 26th**. All entries will be done electronically. We'll be happy to proof or help you submit your entry.

Clover Classic 4-H Livestock Show

The Clover Classic 4-H Livestock Show will be held **March 19th** (beef cattle) and **March 20th** (meat goats & sheep) at the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds in Winston-Salem.

Entries are due by Monday, **February 29th**. More information and entry forms can be found online at <http://forsyth.cc/CES/CloverClassic.aspx>



2016 N.C. State Fair Youth Livestock Scholarship Application

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the N.C. State Fair today announced the application period for the N.C. State Fair Youth Livestock Scholarship Program.

The scholarships are designed for high school seniors and students currently enrolled in an institute of higher education who have participated in the junior livestock or market turkey shows at the N.C. State Fair.

Applications can be found at:
<http://www.ncstatefair.org/>

Completed application deadline: March 1, 2016

4-H Food Show

Who: Youth ages 5+

When: Saturday, March 5

Cost: Free

Where: East Wilkes Middle School

It's time to show off all your culinary skills at the upcoming Area Food Show! This will be held on Sat., March 5th at East Wilkes Middle School and is open to youth ages 5 and up. There are three age categories to participate in: Cloverbud (ages 5-8), Junior (9-13), and Senior (14-18).

Categories include: snack/appetizer, main dish, vegetable/soup/salad and desserts.

This is also a great time to show off your table presentation skills (i.e. tablecloth, flowers or decorative items that go with the theme of your dish). You must bring serving plates and utensils for at least two judges (plastic and paper are fine). At the end of the day we will all get to sample everyone's dishes so additional plates and utensils are recommended but not mandatory.

Transportation can be provided but you must let us know ahead of time.

We will leave the office at 8:30 am. Setup will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 9:45 a.m. Your dish must be cooked ahead of time. There are no microwaves or stoves available at the school but we do have access to electric outlets. Judging will begin at 9:45 a.m. While judges taste all the wonderful recipes, participants can enjoy different hands-on activities.



Entries will be judged on recipe, taste, table setting and nutrition. All participants will receive a cookbook of all the recipes featured at the event. You must fill out a registration form to participate. A link to these forms can be found on the blog or by contacting the Extension Office. There are also sample questions listed of things the judges may ask you.

If you would like more information about the food show, please contact the office at 372-5597.

TEEN RETREAT

Date: Saturday, April 2 - Sunday, April 3, 2016

Location: Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center, Reidsville, NC

Times: Arrival between 9:00-9:30am on Saturday, Departure by Noon on Sunday. We will leave the office at 7 am on Saturday.

Cost: \$90/person for Full Time Registration or \$70/person for Saturday Only, including Adults.

Deadline to register: Wednesday, March 9th @ 5 pm

Activities will include: Workshops, Outdoor Recreation (Canoeing, rock wall, etc.), Dance, Campfire, District Officer elections and lots more!!!

Registration: Registration will be done online through Google Forms, so you will need to contact the Extension Office to Register.



POULTRY SCIENCE SUMMER INSTITUTE

July 31 - August 4, 2016

Open to all high school age students

Deadline to apply: March 31, 2016

What is the Poultry Science Summer Institute? The summer institute is a five-day, four-night conference and workshop designed to broaden the high school student's understanding of the educational disciplines, scholarship opportunities, careers and industries related to poultry science.

Who can attend & how much is it? Any high school student with an interest in a career in the poultry industry may apply to attend the conference. You must list as a reference a high school science teacher, counselor, county extension agent, 4H leader or vocational agriculture instructor. We require a brief personal statement describing why you would like to attend. The cost for the conference is \$50.00, which includes your lodging on campus, all meals, field trips, workshop materials, and entertainment.

How do I apply? Fill out the Poultry Science Summer Institute Application before the **March 31st deadline**.

https://docs.google.com/a/ncsu.edu/forms/d/1VwgQfzqtyxW-7Jhg8RU2-MnuU9TjeYVMiYI_Qk-RJT8/viewform



Complete a brief personal statement indicating why you are interested in the experience (this is very helpful when we are selecting who will be chosen to attend!).

Acceptance notification will be made by the 3rd week of May. This very popular program is limited to 20 participants.

SHOOTING SPORTS UPDATE

The dates for the spring 4-H Shooting Sports instructor training are **April 8-10, 2016**, at Millstone 4-H Camp. Cost this year will be \$85, payable to Millstone. Registration will be online only, but that registration will open at a later date.

Tournaments:

Central August 13, 2016
Western August 20, 2016
East - August 20, 2016

State Tournament - September 24, 2016

Fall Instructor Workshop - October 28-30, 2016 at Millstone

National Try outs - October 15, 2016 at Millstone

National Team Practice schedule: Feb. 20, March 26, April 16, May 21, June 18.

National Tournament Grand Island Nebraska -June 26 - July 2

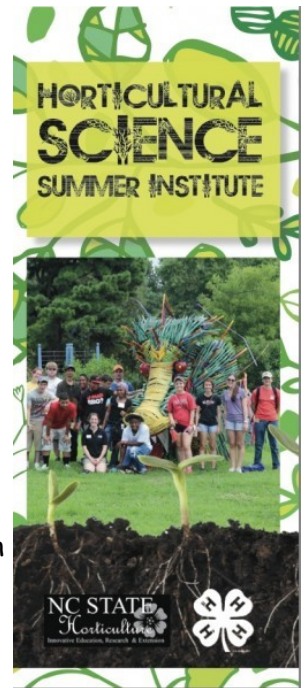


Horticultural Science Summer Institute

The Horticultural Science Summer Institute will be **July 10-15, 2016** and is sponsored by North Carolina State University and North Carolina Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Program with the Department of Horticultural Science. High school-aged youth (rising sophomores, juniors and seniors) are invited to apply to a weeklong, residential horticultural experience on the campus of NC State University.

Youth will have hands-on opportunities to explore a broad range of horticultural possibilities from breeding better fruits and vegetables, growing a diverse selection of woody ornamentals, lengthening the life of cut flowers, learning sustainable production practices and delving into practical and molecular tools that enhance our understanding of plant processes. Participants will visit a variety of horticultural businesses. Youth will also be introduced to career possibilities, college-making decisions and leadership development and enjoy evening entertainment and team-building activities.

The cost of the institute will be \$550 with a \$150 deposit due upon application acceptance. All lodging, workshop materials, field trips and most meals are provided. Scholarships may be available. Applications are due Friday, **April 15th** and notification of acceptance will follow shortly thereafter. Please contact Liz Driscoll at liz_driscoll@ncsu.edu or 919.513.7346/ 919.886.3424 with any questions or comments. To fill out the application or for more information visit: <http://www.growforit.org/programs/detail/HSSI>



UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 24: Horse Hippology entry form postmark date

February 26: Beekeeping Essay Contest entry deadline

February 29: Registration deadline Clover Classic Livestock Show & Skillathon

March 1: Registration open for Youth Market Turkey Show (3pm)

March 1: State Fair Youth Livestock Scholarship Application deadline

March 5: 4-H Area Food Show; East Wilkes Middle School

March 9: Registration deadline Teen Retreat

March 19-20: Clover Classic Livestock Show & Skillathon

March 31: Application deadline Poultry Science Summer Institute

April 2-3: Teen Retreat; BJP 4-H Center

April 8-10: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training; Millstone 4-H Camp

April 9, 2016: 4-H Dairy Judging Contest; Deerview Jersey Farm, Mocksville

April 11: Horse Judging entry form postmark date

April 15: Application Deadline Horticultural Science Summer Institute

May 1: Horse Artistic Expression Contest Deadline

May 14, 2016: 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl and Skillathon; Iredell County

June 18, 2016: North Central District Activity Day; Yadkin County

July 10-15: Horticultural Science Summer Institute

July 15-19: NC 4-H Congress; NCSU

July 31-August 5: 4-H Camp; Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Camp

THE 4-H PLANT SALE IS COMING SOON!

We will post information in the coming weeks, so be sure to check the blog and Facebook pages often....

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