



# ALLEGHANY CLOVER NEWS

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## 2018 NC 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Conference

*Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow and Beyond*



\$230 per person

**Deadline to Register: January 15, 2018**

Volunteer Leaders Conference is right around the corner and we wanted to share some details with you regarding the event including how to register for the conference. The event will be held February 2-4 at the Jane S. McKimmon Center in Raleigh.

This is your opportunity to participate in workshops and seminars designed especially for 4-H Volunteers and agents to create positive learning experiences for young people across the state. Annually, more than 200 conference participants gain skills and knowledge to help make the best better!

Friday night will showcase a curriculum make and take. Come experience the curriculum and take home an activity to use in your clubs! Saturday features a variety of workshops in either 75- minute or 60-minute settings. We wrap up the conference on Sunday morning with an optional morning devotion, brunch and a great cap note speaker. We hope you can join us for this great training event!

You must register through the Extension Office. Hotel Reservations are separate. To reserve your room, call (919) 941-5050 Group Name: 4-H Volunteer Leaders Conference Room Rate: \$114.00

# 7th Annual Ski & Snowboard Trip

**Who:** Youth ages 8+ (under 12 requires a parent/guardian)

**When:** Friday, February 9th - 3:30 pm - 1 am

**Where:** Appalachian Ski Mountain / French-Swiss Ski College

**Cost:** \$35 Ski - \$40 Snowboard {includes equipment & lift ticket} (\*\*Dinner on your own at the snack bar or \$8 for chic-fil-A\*\*) Clothing rental is separate

**Deadline to register:** Wednesday, January 17th



We are getting ready to take our 7th annual ski/snowboarding trip at the French-Swiss Ski College at Appalachian Ski Mountain in Blowing Rock on **Friday, February 9th**. All youth ages 8+ (under age 12 requires a parent/guardian present) are eligible to attend. The cost will be \$35 for skiing and \$40 for snowboarding. Clothing rental will be additional. Dinner will be available for purchase (approx. \$8 from Chic-Fil-A) or you may eat on your own at the Snack Bar. You must let us know if you want dinner from Chic-Fil-A when you register.



We will leave the office at 3:30 p.m. and will return around 1 a.m. Spaces are limited so contact the office to register (336) 372-5597 or you can register online @ <https://goo.gl/forms/nwo403Ffh0esOQ8D2> You are not considered registered until you pay the registration fee.

This is an excellent opportunity for first time skiers and snowboarders!!! The ski college is great with kids and provides first-timer lessons. To see the slopes live visit: <http://www.appskimtn.com/asm-right-now/live-interactive-cam>

## 2018 Judging in January

**When:** January 27, 2018

**Where:** NCSU Beef Educational Unit

**Hosted by the North Carolina Junior Hereford Association**

**Deadline to Enter:** January 19, 2018

The event is open to all youth under the age of 18. Kids will have the opportunity to evaluate cattle, sheep, pigs, and goats. They will also give two sets of oral reasons for both juniors and seniors. We will also have a reasons clinic in the afternoon for beginners. For more information, visit the link or contact the Extension Office.

<https://youthlivestock.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/2018-Judging-in-January-entry-Updated.pdf>

## ASTRONOMY WONDERS

We have been invited to join the Piedmont Astronomy Club from Statesville, NC and Surry 4-H on Saturday, **January 20th** at Fisher River Park in Dobson from 6 pm-10 pm to view the moon and many other celestial wonders of the night sky. This event is FREE and families are welcome. Hot chocolate will be provided. Come prepared with a warm blanket (if you choose).

Please register @ the link: <https://goo.gl/forms/L3KNzT2Ia8mvQYXD3>

Open to youth ages 8+ (5-8 with a parent/guardian present).

Snow date - February 24.



# WHAT IS WHEP?

**Who:** Youth ages 9+

(must be 9 January 1, 2018)

**When:** Monday, January 22

**Where:** 90 S. Main St., Sparta

Enjoy wildlife and learning about the outdoors? Come to our WHEP team interest meeting, Monday, January 22 @ 4:30 pm. This is an introduction to what WHEP is and how to become involved in the team. Alleghany has had teams compete at both the state and national levels.

You must register in advance by visiting the link (<https://goo.gl/forms/XhUIPn1ueWDha7il1>) or contacting the office @ 336-372-5597.



## 2018 4-H

# SCHOLARSHIPS

2018 4-H Scholarship applications are now available. All applications are due to the 4-H office by **January 26, 2018**. Award winners will be notified by May 2018 and must confirm acceptance. **Each scholarship requirements are different so please read carefully to make sure you are eligible.**



For more information contact the Extension Office at (336) 372-5597 or [amy\\_lucas@ncsu.edu](mailto:amy_lucas@ncsu.edu).

2018 Scholarship Guide: [https://nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/NC\\_4-H\\_Academic\\_Scholarship\\_Guidelines\\_2018.pdf](https://nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/NC_4-H_Academic_Scholarship_Guidelines_2018.pdf)

2018 Scholarship Application: (Fillable PDF): [https://nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/4-HScholarship\\_Application\\_2017.pdf](https://nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/4-HScholarship_Application_2017.pdf)

# NC 4-H Honor Club Applications

Membership in the North Carolina 4-H Honor Club is bestowed upon those 4-H'ers who have exhibited outstanding 4-H citizenship and leadership throughout their 4-H career. An Honor Club member continues to provide leadership and service to the total 4-H program throughout life. In order to be eligible for membership, the applicant must have completed three or more years of 4-H club work and must be at least 16 years of age and less than 20 years of age on January 1 of the year of application.

Honor Club Applications are due to the Extension Office no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, **January 26, 2018**. These must be signed by me before they can be forwarded onto the state office in Raleigh. All those inducted will participate in a tapping ceremony held at 4-H Congress. For more information contact our office at 336-372-5597.



The application can be found here: [https://www.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/4-H\\_Honor\\_Club\\_Application\\_20161.doc](https://www.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/4-H_Honor_Club_Application_20161.doc)

# 4-H DISTRICT OFFICER

It's not too late to run for a District Office in the North Central District. Are you a natural leader? Ever thought you would like to run for an office to help guide others? Then being a North Central District Officer may be a position for you. These roles are important and responsible for planning various district and state events, working closely with other officers and must be dedicated to 4-H.

You must be at least 14 years old and be an active member in 4-H. This is an exciting opportunity and one that can open many doors. District Officer forms are now available and must be turned into the County Extension Office by **Friday, January 26**.

Be sure to read over guidelines thoroughly and complete the application entirely. If you have any questions contact the office @ 336-372-5597. Forms and guidelines can be found on the 4-H Blog and 4-H Facebook page.



## PROJECT RECORD BOOK 101

**Who:** Youth ages 9+ (you must be 9 by January 1, 2018)

**When:** Monday – February 12, 2018 | 3 pm – 5pm

**Where:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room – 90 S. Main St.

**Cost:** Free

Come learn what a project record book is and why you should do one. . . snacks will be provided. You must register in advance by contacting the Extension Office or online @ <https://goo.gl/forms/Ubn993GXTp2ieGoE2>. You must have updated Enrollment, Medical and Media Releases on file.



### ***Top Ten Reasons to do a Project Record Book:***

- 1) It's a great way to reflect on all the amazing things you've done throughout the year!!
- 2) It's an easy and fun way to earn 4-H scholarship money to help you pay for camp and summer fun opportunities.
- 3) It's a great resource for when you get older. Helps you fill out college applications, job applications and resumes.
- 4) You will have a great sense of accomplishment.
- 5) Helps to improve your writing and record keeping skills.
- 6) Gives you time in the spotlight!!
- 7) You can win an award at district and state level.
- 8) It's something to share with your friends and family.
- 9) You can do them on any topic you choose. The possibilities are endless.
- 10) You may win a cash prize.



# Area Food Show

**When:** March 3, 2018

**Where:** Wilkes County Extension Office

**Who:** Youth ages 3+

**Cost:** Free

It's time to show off all your culinary skills at the upcoming Area Food Show! This will be held on Sat., March 3rd and is open to youth ages 3 and up. There are four age categories to participate in: Pre-Cloverbud (3-4) 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.

Registration Forms are coming soon. Please check the 4-H Blog and Facebook Page.

## SUMMER CAMP 2018

It's never too early to start thinking about summer camp. We will be camping at Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center July 8th – 13th.

Camp is open to youth ages 8 and up (must be 8 at time of camp). There are opportunities for older youth (16-17) to serve as Leaders In Training (LIT's) which prepares you to be a summer camp counselor.

Contact the office with any questions or to pay a deposit. \$50 will hold your spot.



*It's time to  
update your forms...*



January is here which means it's time to update your Enrollment, Medical and Photo/Media Release Forms. You will be required to fill out a new form before you can participate in any 4-H program for 2018.

Forms can be found on the Blog, Facebook page or by contacting the Extension Office. We can notarize forms (free of charge). Please contact Amy or Michele with any questions.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- Jan 15: Reg. Deadline ~ Volunteer Leaders Conference  
Jan 17: Reg. Deadline ~ 7th Annual Ski & Snowboard Trip  
Jan 19: Reg. Deadline ~ Judging in January  
Jan 20: Astronomy Wonders ~ Fisher River Park, Dobson  
Jan 22: What if WHEP??  
Jan 26: Honor Club Applications Due  
Jan 26: 4-H Scholarship Applications Due  
Jan 26: District Officer Forms Due  
Jan 27: Judging in January ~ NCSU  
Feb 2-4: Volunteer Leaders Conference—Raleigh  
Feb 9: 7th Annual Ski & Snowboard Trip  
Feb 12: Project Record Book 101  
Feb 23-25: Perry & Doris Teeter Beef Leadership Inst.  
Mar 1: Project Record Books Due  
Mar 3: Area Food Show - Wilkes County  
Mar 17-18: Clover Classic Livestock Show  
Mar 24-25: Teen Retreat - Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Camp



Sincerely,

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