



ALLEGHANY CLOVER NEWS

February/March, 2018 Amy Lucas, 4-H Agent

Area Food Show

When: March 3, 2018

Where: Wilkes County Extension Office

Who: Youth ages 3+

Cost: Free

Registration Deadline: February 23rd

****WE HAVE EXTENDED THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE UNTIL FEB 28TH****

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.

You can pre-register online HERE (<https://goo.gl/forms/Og9F5WwZJbglqeXK2>)

Full registration forms can be found at the link above or by contacting the office @ 336-372-5597.

Beekeeping Essay Contest

Who: Youth ages 9-18

Length: 750 to 1000 words. **Note:** Youth that are in the 9-10 age category, only need to write an essay that is between 400-500 words.

Deadline to enter: February 28, 2018

To enter: You must email your entry to amy_lucas@ncsu.edu by 5pm on February 28.

2018 Beekeeping Topic: *"What's So Super About the Super Organism in the Honey Bee?"*

Honey bees are hardworking, tirelessly gathering nectar and pollen to share with their hive. They provide a vital ecological service by pollinating agricultural, garden and native plants. Explore more about these fascinating insects 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.



The honey bee continues to be on everyone's mind. From beekeepers to scientists to the public, the honey bee is a great super organism. What does this mean to you, to your community and to the world? Put on your thinking caps and GO! (please do not reference Albert Einstein in your work) The scope of the research is an essential judging criterion, accounting for 40% of your score. The number of sources consulted, the authority of the sources, and the variety of the sources are all evaluated.

Personal interviews with beekeepers and others familiar with the subject are valued sources of information and should be documented. Sources, which are not cited in the endnotes, should be listed in a "Resources" or "Bibliography" list. Note that "honey bee" is properly spelled as two words, even though many otherwise authoritative references spell it as one word.

The state beekeeping essay follows the rules laid out by the national contest sponsored by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees. The state winner is awarded \$50 and is submitted to the national contest. The national essay awards cash prizes to the top three winners; 1st Place—\$750.00, 2nd Place—\$500.00, 3rd Place—\$250.00.

HORSE PROGRAMS & DEADLINES

The state now has the state horse judging and artistic expression entry forms available so please check websites below for details.

Horse Judging - <https://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/equinehusbandry-nc-4-h-horse-program-educational-events/equinehusbandry-horse-judging-contest/>
(due postmarked April 2)

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: May 1st)

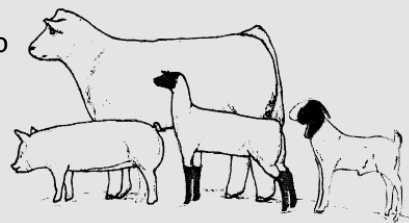


2018 NC State Fair Youth Livestock Scholarship Application

Applications can be found at:

<http://www.ncstatefair.orgdocuments/2018NCStateFairLivestockScholarshipApplication.pdf>

All youth who have exhibited a livestock animal at the N.C. State Fair are eligible to apply for this scholarship, regardless of breed, class or show placement. Showmen and previous showmen are encouraged to apply for scholarships each year they are enrolled at an institute of higher learning at a minimum of 9 course hours per semester, including community colleges and technical schools. Note: Funding is provided by a portion of the proceeds of the previous year's N.C. State Fair Junior Livestock "Sale of Champions." The number of scholarships awarded may vary due to funds available.



Completed applications are due to the N.C. State Fair Office or postmarked by 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2018.

All scholarships are paid directly to the educational institution. Verification of enrollment is required prior to payment.

TEEN RETREAT

Date: March 24-25 (Saturday/Sunday)

Who: Youth ages 13-18 (must be 13 as of January 1, 2018)

Where: Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Camp

Cost: FULL TIME: \$90/ Person (scholarships may be available)

Registration Deadline – March 2

Activities will include: Workshops, Service Project, Dance, Campfire, District Officer elections and lots more!!!

Workshops are still being determined but details will be posted online as soon as we know them.

To register you must contact the Extension Office.

Livestock Events

Feb 23 ~ NC Cattlemen's Conference Youth Day

Feb 28 ~ Clover Classic 4-H Livestock Show Entries Due

Mar 1 ~ NC State Fair Youth Livestock Scholarship Applications Due

Mar 3 ~ NC Livestock School

Mar 4 ~ East Coast Extravaganza

Mar 9 ~ March Madness Goat Show, Winston-Salem Fairgrounds; Robert Melton 336-657-4628 or

Meltonfarms75@gmail.com

Mar 17 ~ Clover Classic 4-H Beef Cattle Show, Winston-Salem Fairgrounds

Mar 18 ~ Clover Classic 4-H Sheep and Goat Show, Winston-Salem Fairgrounds



clover classic 4-H Livestock Show

The Clover Classic 4-H Livestock Show will be held March 17 & 18 at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds. **Entries are due February 28.** Information can be found on-line at <http://forsyth.cc/CES/CloverClassic.aspx>.

NORTH CAROLINA YOUTH INSTITUTE

April 12-13, 2018

Deadline: March 9th

The Department of Crop and Soil Sciences is delighted to invite high school youth to participate in the North Carolina Youth Institute (<https://www.worldfoodprize.org/index.cfm?nodeID=87698&audienceID=1>) . This program is part of the Global Youth Institute and World Food Prize and provides a platform for students to research and give recommendations to solve key global challenges that range from food insecurity, access to potable water, poverty, human rights and more.

To participate, students research a global issue and write a two-three page paper under the supervision of a teacher/mentor (using these downloadable guidelines) (http://www.worldfoodprize.org/documents/filelibrary/youth_programs/2018_state_youth_institute_paper_instructions/North_Carolina_Challenge_4960564B92A9E.pdf) . Each teacher/mentor must register their student delegate nominee(s) and submit each student's research paper online by March 9, 2018. 9-12th grade students in the 2017-2018 school year are eligible to apply.

The North Carolina Youth Institute is hosted by North Carolina State University with the generous support of College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, and North Carolina 4-H. For more information on how to participate in the North Carolina Youth Institute, contact the North Carolina State Coordinator Dr. Lori Unruh Snyder at lori_snyder@ncsu.edu or at (919) 515-4070.

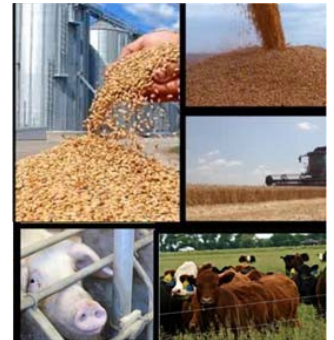
Agriculture & Industry Tour August 12-17, 2018

Join Alleghany, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Surry, Wilkes, & Yadkin Counties on an out-of-state Agriculture & Industry Tour. We will have stops in North Carolina, Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois to learn about crops, equine, sheep, dairy cattle, hogs, beef cattle, and equipment.



Stops include:

Lexington Horse Park
Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory
Churchill Downs
Poe Hampshire Farm
Fair Oaks Farm
Caterpillar Visitors Center & Museum
John Deere World Headquarters
Indiana State Fair
UK Sheep & Beef Units



How to Register & Reserve Your Space:

Go to <http://go.ncsu.edu/agtour> or use the QR code to complete online registration.

Mail \$50 deposit per person (made payable to: Davidson County) to:

Davidson County Extension,
c/o Sara Drake

301 E. Center St, Lexington, NC 27292



Refunds will be given until June 1. Payment is due in full by June 15. Full payment amount is TBD based on sponsorships.

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.



FUR, FISH & GAME ADVANCED FUR, FISH & GAME

Who: Youth ages 11 – 16 (FF&G) &
13 – 16 (Advanced FF&G) (age is while @ camp)

Cost: \$440

When: 7/15/2018 – 7/20/2018

Where: Millstone 4-H Camp

This is the premier summer camp experience for youth interested in the outdoors, wildlife, hunting, and fishing. This will be Fur, Fish, & Game camps' 35th year and it's easy to see why! Campers will have the opportunity to work with outstanding instructors from NC State University, The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, Wake County Wildlife Club, NC 4-H, and the North Carolina Forestry Service.

Classes may include:

**Canoeing **Riflery **Archery **Snake ID **Fishing
**Orienteering **And much More!

Campers will also participate in the North Carolina Hunter Safety course and may earn their Hunter Safety Certification. For a Fur, Fish, & Game Rendezvous for and advanced outdoorsmen (and women!) and those who already have their Hunter Safety Certification, please go to the Advanced Fur, Fish & Game Session. Registration forms can be found online on the Facebook page & blog or by contacting the office.

4-H Plant Sale

Information on the 2018 4-H Plant Sale is coming soon. This will be sent out separately since our plant sale has grown so much over the last few years.

Be sure to check the 4-H Blog and Facebook page often for more information and deadlines.

All money raised goes to support our 4-H youth to attend camps and other 4-H events.



If you're interested in learning about wildlife, there's still time to become a part of our WHEP (Wildlife Habitat Education Program) team!

We have practice every Tuesday afternoon from 4-5 pm at the County Office Building. We invite you to come join this exciting adventure!

For more information, contact the Extension office at 336-372-5597.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Feb 28: Registration Deadline ~ Area Food Show

Feb 28: Entry Deadline Beekeeping Essay

Mar 1: Project Record Books Due

Mar 2: Registration Deadline ~ Teen Retreat

Mar 3: Area Food Show - Wilkes County

Mar 9: Registration Deadline ~ North Carolina Youth Inst.

Mar 17-18: Clover Classic Livestock Show

Mar 24-25: Teen Retreat - Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Camp

April 12-13: North Carolina Youth Institute



Sincerely,
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