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4-H Expressive Arts Contest- Talent Show entry forms were due on Tuesday, May 1st. We must have at least 5 acts for the talent show to be held. No late entries or forms accepted. All crafts and fashion show garments and all entry forms are due to the 4-H Office by Monday, May 7th. The 4-H Expressive Arts Show will be held on Thursday, May 10th at First Baptist Church –Fellowship Hall in Taylorsville beginning at 7:00 pm. Photo contest winners will also be on display and results of all the contests announced.

4-H Military Send Off- Our National Guard Unit from Taylorsville will have their send off on the courthouse lawn on Saturday, May 12th from 9:30-1:00 pm. This is called a Yellow Ribbon Event. We have been asked by the families to have activities for about 20 youth of the soldiers that are being deployed. Alexander 4-H Livestock Club has volunteered to have a small petting zoo, crafts and a scrapbook that kids can put things in each month to show their parent what they have been doing. We will need people to assist with this event. It will be a great opportunity to show our support to military families.

4-H Presentations- A 4-H Presentation is a method of sharing a skill or something you have enjoyed learning about. Presentation competition is for youth ages 9-18 years old. Cloverbuds (5-8 years old) can also prepare a presentation for county and district but there is no competition. We will also help you develop an outline and sketch ideas for your posters. Deadline to register is May 29th for a presentation. The district 4-H presentation contest will be held on Wednesday, June 20th in Alleghany County. Call the office for a list of categories that are available.

Summer Camp Opportunities- Several camps are filled and spaces are filling up fast for summer camps and workshops. Please remember that you will only receive a reimbursement if you cancel and there is someone to fill your space. Spaces are limited so call the 4-H Office as soon as possible to reserve your spaces.

Junior Leaders Needed- We are in need of 4-H’ers ages 13-19 to assist with the following 4-H summer programs: ROCK CLIMBING - June 11-12, 9 am -12 noon; BEGINNING KNITTING- June 11-13, 10 am—12 noon; READING MAKES CENTS - June 11-13, 1:30 -4:30 pm; DISCOVERY DAY CAMP Canoe Instructors - Thursday, June 21st, 12 noon-3:30 pm; KIDS IN THE KITCHEN- June 25-29, 9 am —12 noon; BEGINNING SEWING– 9 am -2 pm, August 9-10; FUN WITH FABRICS – August 13-17, 9 am—2 pm.

June Dairy Poster Contest- The theme for the 2012 Dairy Poster Contest "Dedicated to Dairy-Make Milk Mine". Youth should incorporate this theme into their posters.

1. Competition in this contest will be conducted on an individual basis in the following age divisions: Division I (9-12 years of age), Division II (13-15 years of age), and Division III (16-19 years of age) at the county and state level. Youth in Division IV (5-8 years of age) will participate at the county level only. County division winners will advance to state competition. State Awards are: 1st place -$45; 2nd place -$35, and 3rd place -$25.
June Dairy Poster Contest (Continued)-

2. Posters should be a standard 22" X 28" size.
3. Posters MUST NOT contain copyright material such as cartoon characters, etc.
4. Posters must have been displayed at least once in a public place.
5. Posters are due to the 4-H office by June 8th, by 5pm. Each county age division winners receive the following cash awards: 1st—$20, 2nd — $15, and 3rd — $10.

NC 4-H Photography Contest- All entries must be submitted digitally or postmarked NO LATER THAN June 8th, 2012.

In an effort to reduce costs to photo contest participants, we are eliminating the requirement that entries be submitted in print format. Instead, we encourage all participants to submit digital entries to rebecca_kirkland@ncsu.edu.

This exhibit is open to (and only to) all North Carolina 4-H members ages 9-19. Participation is NOT limited to just those 4-Hers enrolled in photography projects.

- All entry photos must have been taken by the 4-Her submitting the entry during the contest year.
- Entrants must submit their photos within the division that applies (Junior/ages 9-12 OR Senior/ages 13-19).
- Each entrant may submit only one photo in each of the three categories ("4-H in Action", "Nature's Beauty", "Lines"). This means that each individual 4-Her may have as many as three entries so long as they submit each entry in a different category.
- The same image may be entered in more than one category (if it applies to each category.)
- Please attach an Entry Form to the email containing your photographs. Entry forms can be obtained at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/agcomm/4-HPhoto/contest-rules.html or by calling the 4-H Office.
- Photos may be in color OR black-and-white.
- Please, please send your entries at the highest image resolution possible so that we may make high-quality display prints of the winners.

The following rules apply:

Please email all entries to rebecca_kirkland@ncsu.edu, using “NC 4-H Photo Contest 2012” as the subject line.

You may attach as many as three contest entries per person to one email.

Each e-mail containing photos must also contain the following information:

- Name of Photographer
- Home Address
- 4-H County
- Male/Female
- Age
- Parent’s/Guardian’s Name(s)
- 4-H Agent’s Name (First and Last Name)
- Entry Division: Junior Division (Ages 9-12) OR Senior Division (Ages 13-19)
- Category: 4-H in Action, Nature’s Beauty, Lines
- Picture Name and Information: Please tell us any details about your image.

We will continue to accept entries submitted as prints, so long as they are postmarked by June 8, 2012 and include an Entry Form and original media.

West Central District Rabbit Show– The West Central District Rabbit Showmanship Show will be held on May 26th, 9:00 am, at the Alexander County Fairgrounds. The show is sponsored by the Alexander Livestock 4-H Club. Participants must be under 19 years of age as of the show date, you do not have to be a 4-H member to participate, but participation is limited to West Central District youth only. The entry fee is $5.00, per participant, non refundable, and due by May 14th. Checks need to be made payable to, Alexander County Livestock 4-H Club. Please see enclosed flyer for more information, or call the 4-H Office, at 828-632-3125, if you have any questions.

Dallas Perry served as a server/4-H District Representative at the NC 4-H Lifetime Achievement Awards held in Raleigh on April 11th. Over $175,000 was raised for the NC 4-H Program.

Nicole Tadt served as a judge at the State 4-H Project Book Training- April 20-22nd.
Cornerstone Clovers 4-H Club– On April 14th we met and made lunch and brought it to the Habitat For Humanity Resale Store. Lunch was served to the workers helping to build the store. Our next meeting will be held on May 16th at the Extension Office. Submitted By: Jonna Williams.

Curious Clovers 4-H Club– This month we went to Stone Mtn. in Traphill for a creek adventure. Our park ranger was very informative and showed us how to discover what critter species are in the creeks of NC. We were able to see them under a viewer and we identified future dragonflies, crawdads and grubs. All had a great time exploring the waters in our rubber boots. We followed up a great expedition with a picnic and free play. Thank you to the Cody and Levi Fox Family for hosting our April meeting.

Emeralds 4-H Club– March 4-H Program was led by Scott and Scott Michael Westmoreland on the science of architecture and the members built structures. During April, the Emeralds club met on Thursday, April 12. Special guest speaker was Kyle Mayberry Kyle spoke to us about goats, including different types of goats, how to raise them, and how to show goats. Submitted By: Faith Brookshire.

Handy Dandy 4-H Club– We met on April 3rd and worked on crafts for the upcoming craft contest. We also took a gift basket for the volunteers at Caring Hearts Pregnancy Center. On April 17th, we volunteered at Forgiven Ministries. We helped with DVD mailings and getting brochures ready to mail. Submitted By: Sarah Perry.

Home Grown Hearts 4-H Club– Homegrown Hearts met April 13th at the Extension office. The Berwick family presented the program on honeybees. For our May meeting we are going on a field trip.

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