

January 16, 2009

Horsing Around with a new club

A new 4-H Horse Club will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 6 p.m. at the Bedford Farm. Susan Bedford and Pat Wright will be leading this club, which is open to any youth between the ages of 5 and 19. You do not have to have a horse to join! Plans are to have speakers, clinics, and trainings at regular meetings, and to participate in 4-H horse shows and contests. For more information, contact Chester County 4-H at 385-6181.

Present Yourself

Ever wish you could speak in public without getting nervous? Kids in 4-H, along with parents and club leaders, will get the chance to learn how tomorrow at the 4-H Presentations Workshop. It will be held tomorrow at the Clemson Extension Service office at 109 Ella Street in Chester from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Participants will learn how to choose a topic, plan a talk or demonstration, and how to present information. If you haven't already signed up, come on anyway - there's plenty of room and it will be a fun way to learn.

Bring Fifi

We will be starting a 4-H Small Animal Project on Jan. 20. It will include rabbits, pets, and other small animals. The project will run from Jan. 20 to April 4, with a 4-H Small Animal Show on the last day of the project. Youth ages 5 – 19 may register by Jan. 20 – just complete a simple application and pay a \$5 fee. In return, you'll receive a notebook with space to keep records about what you do with your animal, along with information on care, showing, and activities for you and your animal. At least two meetings/field trips will take place during the project time, along with updates on project goals. So if you would like to join, and your pet doesn't mind, contact us at 385-6181, Ext. 113 or visit our website at www.clemson.edu/chester.

Join the great 4-H Club search!

Start 2009 by joining a 4-H club – there really is something for everyone. We have everything from a fun 4-H Horse Club, to ultra high-tech LEGO Robotics clubs. Don't think they are for you? Then check out some of the other clubs listed below. For more information, go to our website at www.clemson.edu/chester.

4-H Horse Club, 4-H Fire Cadets, 4-H Fire Explorer Posts, 4-H Cooking with Books, ACTION! 4-H Drama Club, Chester County 4-H Teen Council, 4-H Café Kids Cooking Club, 4-H Lifestyles, Chester 4-H Sewing Club, Chester Cyber Club-Robotics, Chester 4-H Robotics, Great Falls 4-H Club, and finally the 4-H Animal & Outdoor Projects

The Bee Corner

I had a question recently about what some of the major uses of beeswax are, so I thought that I would cover that.

The biggest amount of beeswax is sold to cosmetics manufacturers. Some companies run lines of products that are almost entirely beeswax (like Burt's Bees). Another large consumer of beeswax is the candle making industry. Some churches require candles that are mostly beeswax, because it does not smoke. Other places, like Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia, use beeswax candles to add a more historic atmosphere.

The beeswax is sold in huge blocks shaped like ingots, so it sort of looks like gold. In candle making, the beeswax is then melted and either poured into molds, or used to make dipped candles.

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