CLUB AWARDS

Don’t forget to apply for Club Awards using the attached Standards of Excellence form. The deadline has been extended to June 30th.

Press Releases

Several 4-H stories have been highlighted on Clemson University’s Media Relations page. We are so proud of all the hard work volunteers, agents, and 4-H’ers are doing across the state and country! Check out the latest 4-H news, here: http://newsstand.clemson.edu/?s=4-H

Monthly Activity Idea

Share pictures of lessons in action!!! Images can be from lessons in this newsletter or any other 4-H activity! Also, email Ashley (taberp@clemson.edu) if you have an activity lesson you would like to share.

Registration OPEN!

Volunteer Leaders Symposium

Join us for fun, fellowship, learning, and more!

August 12, 2017
9am – 4pm
Midlands Tech – Northeast Campus
151 Powell Road, Columbia, SC

Find more information & register @ clemson.edu/4h/4h_volunteers

Cost: $15.00

*To receive the early-bird price, register by July 7th. Cost increases to $25 from July 8 to July 28 (final deadline).

Don’t wait to register! The early bird deadline is July 7, 2017 and space is limited this year, especially for individual workshops.

The 7th Annual South Carolina 4-H Volunteer Leaders Symposium will be held at the Northeast Campus of Midlands Technical College on Saturday, August 12, 2017. Make plans to join us for a fun-filled day of learning and networking with fellow volunteers from across the state! Lunch and all workshop materials will be provided. The event is sponsored in part by AgSouth Farm Credit. We will have a superb keynote speaker from Lead to Change facilitating our morning workshops. You can also choose up to three afternoon workshops that best fit your interests! We will offer CPR/First Aid Certification through the American Heart Association and Defensive Driving for those who need new or re-certification. Other topics range across all program areas. We will also present club awards over lunch and share lots of exciting updates about the South Carolina 4-H program.
Youth put their shotgun skills to the test!

Aiken, SC
May 27-29, 2017
By Rick Willey, Director of SC 4-H Shooting Sports

Congratulations to all the South Carolina 4-H youth that traveled to the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) Palmetto Shooting Complex over Memorial Day weekend to compete in the South Carolina 4-H Shotgun Match, in conjunction with the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP)! Awards were presented in several divisions across three shotgun disciplines: sporting clays, skeet, and trap. Also, the SC Sporting Clays Association graciously donated $2000 to give away in college scholarships. Scholarships were awarded as four $500 checks; one to each to the top 4-H male and female (combined events) and the top SCTP male and female shooters. Only 12th grade senior shooters planning to attend college that shot all three disciplines were eligible.

Thanks to Rhett Simmons and the staff at NWTF for another wonderful event. Thanks to all the trappers that came out to help, both the NWTF volunteers and the members of the Clemson shotgun team that gave their time. Thanks to Bernie Till, Renee Mills, and Todd Salvagin with SCTP for their assistance in making the event run smoothly. Thanks to my intern, Sara Marcengill for her time in getting everything prepared beforehand and her willingness to help wherever needed at the event. And, a special thanks to Garrett McFerron for all of his help with all aspects of this event. Finally, a very special thanks to all of the coaches and volunteers for giving their time and dedication to making a difference in the lives of these youth. Bernie and I look forward to bringing everyone more shoots next season and building an even stronger partnership between SCTP and 4-H.

Spencer Moore (top left) and Lindsey Glover (top right) receive scholarships through their participation and performance in the South Carolina 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Everyone gathers for Skeet Awards Ceremony on Sunday, May 28, 2017 (bottom). Image Credit: South Carolina 4-H Shooting Sports Facebook page.

Thank you!!!

A huge “Thank you” to everyone who supported our South Carolina 4-H Sporting Clays Tournament Fundraiser on March 18, 2017 at NWTF Palmetto Shooting Complex! We netted over $16,000 that will go towards sending youth to National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, and more!
Calling all club leaders!

The deadline to submit your Standard of Excellence forms to the State 4-H Office has been extended to **Friday, June 30, 2017**. See the attached forms for more details. Submit the completed form to the State 4-H Office by mail (2054 Barre Hall, Clemson, SC 29634), email (sc4h@clemson.edu), or fax (864-656-7595). Awards will be announced at the Volunteer Leaders Symposium!

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**Oconee 4-H Participates in National Day of Service**

Sunset, SC
April 29, 2018

*By Mallory Dailey, Oconee County 4-H Agent*

South Carolina 4-H is on the National Day of Service Map thanks to Oconee County 4-H. We participated in National Day of Service by giving back to the environment at our local State Park, Keowee-Toxaway. The event was called Water, Wildlife, & Wildlife Flower Day and it focused on projects that beautified the park and help protect the environment. We planted over 50 native plants in a pollinator garden and a rain garden that are designed to help with runoff stormwater. We also built bluebird, bat, and owl boxes to install around the park and hosted a litter pick-up. Keowee-Toxaway State Park is one of the only parks in the state that does not charge an entrance fee; therefore, projects like these could not get done without the help of great volunteers. Oconee County 4-H partnered with Friends of Jocassee, Friends of Lake Keowee, SCDNR, Duke Energy, Foothills Trail, Upstate Master Naturalist Society and the Native Plant Society to make this event possible. Keowee-Toxaway State Park is also home to the Jocassee Gorges Visitor Center; so, it is definitely worth the trip up to the mountains to visit the park and to check out the great projects that were completed on National Day of Service. You might even get some ideas to help out the environment in your area!

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South Carolina is represented with a National Day of Service Event on National 4-H Council’s website (*left*). A Friends of Jocassee volunteer and Oconee County 4-H Agent, Mallory Dailey, improve open spaces at Keowee-Toxaway State Park on April 29, 2017 (*right*). Image Credit: Mallory Dailey
### 4-H Club recognized for helping at-risk kids be healthier

**Scott Miller**, Public Service and Agriculture  
**June 1, 2017**

HARTSVILLE — A South Carolina 4-H Club that helped at-risk youth in Hartsville live healthier earned the Student Club and Organization Service Project of the Year from...Click [HERE](#) for full article.

![Florence County 4-H member, Morgan McManus, founded the club to help at-risk youth.](image1)

### Statewide 4-H participation continues to grow

**Scott Miller**, Public Service and Agriculture  
**May 24, 2017**

CLEMSON — More South Carolina youth are turning to 4-H to stoke their interests in science, new data show...Click [HERE](#) for full article.

![Youth will observe birds as part of the 4-H Junior Naturalist program, as well as be introduced to the Celebrate Urban Bird Project.](image2)

### Dominion Foundation supports 4-H Junior Naturalist Program

**Scott Miller**, Public Service and Agriculture  
**May 10, 2017**

CLEMSON — Clemson University has received a $5,000 environmental stewardship grant from the Dominion Foundation to support a new Junior Naturalist developed...Click [HERE](#) for full article.

![South Carolina 4-H covers state capital in green](image3)

### South Carolina 4-H covers state capital in green

**Scott Miller**, Public Service and Agriculture  
**March 21, 2017**

COLUMBIA — More than 250 4-H’ers, their family members and Clemson Cooperative Extension agents gathered at the South Carolina Statehouse to share the impact the...Click [HERE](#) for full article.

![More than 250 4-H members, their families, and Cooperative Extension agents attended 4-H Day at the Capital.](image4)
National 4-H Conference: A civic-engagement and leadership opportunity!

Washington, D. C.
March 25-31, 2017
By Georganne M. Kirven, 4-H Specialist

Last summer, several outstanding 4-H’ers applied to participate in a once in a lifetime opportunity, National 4-H Conference. A panel of judges selected four innovative and committed leaders. In March, Micah Metts, Carey Herndon, Morgan McManus and Andrew Owens boarded a plane with Georganne Kirven (State 4-H Office) and Darlas Moore (Lee County 4-H Volunteer Coordinator) to represent South Carolina at the National 4-H Conference. They carried on a tradition that started in 1927. At that time, the conference was called “National 4-H Club Camp”. Delegates slept in tents on the grounds of the National Mall in front of the United States Department of Agriculture. (Our delegates were certainly glad they didn’t have to do that!) The gathering has been held annually, except for several years during World War II. The purpose of the camp was to recognize and develop junior leaders. Past delegates attended training workshops and became acquainted with government. This was also an opportunity for State 4-H Program Leaders to meet. The camp eventually moved from the National Mall to the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in 1959 and became known as the “National 4-H Conference”.

National 4-H Conference has remained true to its original intent while continuing to be future focused. In addition to engaging the delegates and developing their leadership skills, the purpose of the National 4-H Conference is: 1) Engage 4-H’ers in personal development experiences that increase knowledge, resources and skills; 2) Present a youth voice about specific issues to a partnering federal agency affecting youth and communities nationwide; and 3) Empower and mobilize 4-H youth to create a positive social change in their communities in a meaningful and genuine way. This working conference unites youth, volunteer leaders, state and county Extension personnel from across the United States, its territories and Canadian provinces. The professional development workshops highlight the essential elements of decision making, issue planning, forming partnerships, event planning and self-identity.

One of the highlights is the opportunity to visit Capitol Hill. Each delegate led the visit with their Federal Legislator or staffer. They were able to share their thoughts and concerns about South Carolina 4-H. This year, visited the offices of Representative Jeff Duncan, Representative James Clyburn, Representative Tom Rice, and Senator Tim Scott.

If your 4-H’ers want to learn more about political science, public policy, governmental affairs, please assist them with applying for National 4-H Conference for 2019! More information is on the 4-H website.
Poultry BBQ Cookoff

Sparkleberry Fair
Sandhill REC
April 29, 2017

A great time was had by all at the 2017 South Carolina 4-H Poultry BBQ Cookoff! The event was held on Saturday, April 29, 2017, in conjunction with the Sparkleberry Fair at Sandhill REC in Columbia, SC. Youth put their chicken cooking skills to the test, learning best practices in lighting charcoal, safely and effectively managing a grill, handling and cooking poultry product, and presenting their product to the judges. Poultry product for the contest was donated by Columbia Farms. Richelle Klemon, lecturer in the Animal and Veterinary Science Department (AVS), with help from the State 4-H Office, coordinated the event. Dr. Mickey Hall, retired associate professor in AVS, also assisted in the event planning and did a phenomenal job at the contest coaching youth in best practices and teaching them what a judge looks for during a competition. The contest concluded with presentations from participants and Drs. Pam Ardern and Ashley Burns served as judges. Stay tuned for more information about opportunities to

Scenes from the 2017 South Carolina 4-H Poultry BBQ Cookoff. Dr. Mickey Hall coaches youth in Poultry BBQ Cookoff best practices and junior youth grill 2 leg quarters and 1 chicken breast.
Upcoming Dates and Deadlines:

6.11-15.2017
4-H Club Camp – Camp Long, Aiken, SC

6.12.2017
Deadline for State 4-H Horsemanship Camp Registration

6.15.2017
Deadline for applications for State 4-H Teen Council officer positions to be turned in

6.18-24.2017
Pinckney 4-H Leadership Conference – Clemson University, Clemson, SC

6.20-24.2017
State 4-H Horse Show – T. Ed Garrison Arena, Pendleton, SC

6.21.2017
Interviews for Presidential Tray and National 4-H Conference – SC State Fairgrounds, Columbia, SC

6.23.2017
State 4-H/FFA Barrow Project Kickoff – SC State Fairgrounds, Columbia, SC

6.28.2017
Deadline to register for State 4-H Congress

6.30.2017
Deadline to submit Club Awards and Ambassador Reports

7.7.2017
Early bird registration deadline for 4-H Volunteer Leaders Symposium

7.12-15.2017
State 4-H Congress – Clemson University, Clemson, SC

7.23-27.2017
4-H Club Camp – Camp Bob Cooper, Summerton, SC

7.23-29.2017
Pinckney 4-H Leadership Conference – Clemson University, Clemson, SC

7.28.2017
Final registration deadline for 4-H Volunteer Leaders Symposium and Ambassador Training

8.4-6.2017

8.12.2017
4-H Volunteer Leaders Symposium and Ambassador Training – Midlands Tech Northeast Campus, Columbia, SC
STEM in Action!!!

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
March 25, 2017

Congratulations to all the youth who participated in the 2017 South Carolina 4-H Engineering Challenge, sponsored by EnLIGHTenSC. There were 263 youth registered for the event to participate in one or more of the eight different challenges offered! Thank you to everyone who helped make this event possible. From parents, mentors, and volunteers to sponsors, industry experts, and Clemson staff, this event would not be possible without you. Coordinated by 4-H Science on the Move Coordinator, Katie Burch, the Engineering Challenge just completed its fourth year. The 4-H Science Committee assists with challenge implementation and logistics of the day. Challenges for 2017 (with facilitator) were as follows:

- GPS (Beverley Connelly-Brown)
- Egg-lofter Rocketry (Stuart Rochon)
- Bridge Building (Sharon Lone)
- LEGO Robotics (Laurie Lewis)
- Energy House (EnLIGHTenSC)
- Photography (EnLIGHTenSC)
- Solar Oven (EnLIGHTenSC)
- Bridge Building (Sharon Lone)
- Mystery Challenge (Dawn Stuckey)

There was also a Maker Fair, which the 4-H Youth Science Teams did a wonderful job with activities, and hands-on demonstrations by OC Tech faculty and staff.
Monthly 4-H Club Activity Idea

Summer Bucket List

Objective: To be self-reflective and set achievable goals for the summer.
Age Range: All ages.
Hands-on Activity: Create a “Bucket List” of summer goals

Life Skills: HEAD = planning/organizing, goal setting;
HEART = sharing, communication;
HANDS = self-motivation;
HEALTH = self-esteem, self-responsibility.

Introduction

In 4-H, one of our primary objectives of programming is to develop life skills in youth. In order to challenge the imagination, train the brain to use planning and organizational skills, and inspire youth to succeed, have youth create and share a simple and achievable set of goals. Depending on the age of the group, they can work independently or in groups. The brainstorming phase often works well as a group, but when it comes to self-reflection and goal setting, independent work is often required. Make the exercise fun by creating something they can take home and remember to use throughout the summer. Follow up when the club year begins in September to see how many goals were reached!

Activity

Materials needed:
- pencil/pen
- paper
- small bucket or plastic cup (one per person)
- popsicle sticks/craft sticks (several per person)
- markers

Have youth brainstorm things they would like to do during the summer and jot them down on a piece of paper. They can be simple activities like going to the pool, building a fort indoors, building a fort outdoors, going on a nature hike, etc. They can be self-improvement goals, such as learning about a certain topic, developing a certain skill (i.e. running a mile in less than 8 minutes or learning how to carve a wooden tool), readings a certain number of books, etc. Or, the goals can be citizenship-based actions like creating a community garden, collecting clothing items or toys to donate to charity, participating in a litter pick-up, etc.

Allow 10-20 minutes for youth to complete their lists. You can even suggest they come up with goals in each area: fun activities, self-improvement objectives, and outreach goals.

Now, challenge them to narrow down their lists to 10-20 items that they think they can realistically accomplish over the summer. Make sure they choose goals they feel passionate about or something they feel is exciting and they look forward to doing. This creates a positive association with planning and goal setting. Overall, goals should be S.M.A.R.T.:
- S - specific (not too broad or vague),
- M - measurable,
- A - attainable, actionable, or achievable,
- R - relevant or meet the interests or needs of the youth,
- T - time-bound can be accomplished in a reasonable amount of time (in this case, the summer!)

Have youth write down each goal they have selected on a popsicle stick. (If you want to get really ambitious, you can assign different colored popsicle sticks to different parts of the...
4-H clover (Head, Heart, Hands, and Health) and have youth assign each goal to a particular aspect of the clover: learning, helping, doing, and health-related themes, respectively.) Place popsicle sticks in a bucket or other container to removed and accomplished throughout the summer!

Provide time at the end of the activity for each person to share at least one goal. Depending on the size group and the comfort level of the group, sharing can be done with partners/small groups or with the entire club. Reflect on the activity with discussion questions.

**Discussion Questions**

What was your favorite part of this activity?
What do you want to do first?
What ideas do you have to improve this activity?
What did you learn from this activity that will help you with school or other 4-H projects?
What skills did you develop by doing this activity?
How might you lead this activity differently if you were the instructor to improve learning?

For more information on working with youth to set goals (particularly for different ages and stages of development), visit:
Standards of Excellence for 4-H Clubs and Groups

Check the following Club Performance Standards completed during the 4-H year. Documentation may come from meeting minutes, scrapbooks, photos, newspaper articles, letters, etc., and should be attached to this form.

Club/Group Name ____________________________________________
County ____________________________________________________
Club/Group President Signature _________________________ Date ___________
Organizational Volunteer Signature ______________________ Date ___________
Total Number of checked responses for the 20 Excellent Standards __________

Club Performance Standards

_____ 1. Club/group had a planned annual program that includes group goals. 
   (Ex: recruit 4 new members; all members will choose one county learning activity to attend)

_____ 2. Club/group members were actively involved in planning the club/group’s annual program.

_____ 3. Club/group selected an area of focus for their annual program. 
   (Ex: health & fitness; environmental science; pet care; community service; intercultural understanding) OR club/group is represented in the community, by serving on a committee, council or board with adult partners.

_____ 4. Club/Group members were involved in implementing the annual program/activities. 
   (Ex: planning and bringing snacks; leading the pledges; calling club/group members for a meeting or assignment; presenting a demonstration; organizing a tour; introducing a speaker; leading recreation; teaching others)

_____ 5. A calendar for the year was printed and distributed to members, parents, volunteers, and the local Extension Office. 
   (Ex: identify meetings dates, locations, educational programs; special projects; social events; county or district events)
6. All members were invited and at least 75% of club/group members were involved in at least nine club/group activities during the year. (Ex: meetings; club/group tours; recognition event)

7. Club/Group officers were elected or appointed, and fulfilled their leadership roles.

8. Club/Group completed at least one (1) community service project.

9. Club/Group completed at least one (1) promotion activity that promotes 4-H visibility at the community or county level. (Ex: participating in a community parade; radio interviews during National 4-H Week; project displays in business windows; or doing website development for County Extension office.)

10. Club/Group has completed at least one (1) project that promotes 4-H visibility at the county, multi-county, district, state, multi-state, national or global level.

11. Club/Group recruited at least one (1) project volunteer for at least 75% of the member’s project learning areas.

12. At least 75% of the members made progress toward individual 4-H project goals.

13. Group developed a method to communicate with families at least three (3) times per year regarding club/group activities, education, and achievements. (Ex: newsletters; e-mails; calling tree; group activity that includes families)

14. Club/Group planned at least one (1) activity to include parents and families in club/group activities. (Ex: project showcase; skating party; tours; recognition event)

15. Members took part in a variety of non-competitive activities and/or meetings beyond the 4-H club/group level. (Ex: county project workshops; council meetings; interstate exchange programs)

16. A scheduled recognition event was held for members, volunteers and parents.

17. Club/group planned and implemented at least one multi-club activity. (Ex: doing multi-club community service; several clubs managing a community or county event; conducting a multi-club learning or social event)

18. Members participated in competitive 4-H events beyond the club/group level. (Ex: county events; district events; state fair; project area competitions)

19. 4-H club/group consistently had a safety/supervision ratio of 1 adult to 10 youth.
20. The racial/ethnic composition of the club reflects the diversity of the surrounding community. (If club does not reflect the diversity of the community, then successful efforts to contact minority citizens in person, by mail, and through mass media may be used. Work with your county 4-H agent for help achieving this goal.)

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This report is due in the State 4-H Office June 1 of the current club year.