Upcoming Events

Looking for more opportunities to participate in 4-H at the state level?! Check out our upcoming programs! From leadership and personal development to science and natural resources, we have you covered!

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.

Call for Proposals:

Volunteer Conference of Southern States
Sept. 28 – Oct. 1, 2017
@ Rock Eagle 4-H Center, Eatonton, Georgia
vcoss.weebly.com

The call for proposals is now open for the 2017 Volunteer Conference of Southern States (VCOSS)! We need your creative, exciting, fun, energetic, ideas for the conference! You all have valuable program ideas and activities you’ve conducted with your youth. Consider sharing them with other volunteers, parents, and 4-H professionals from across the southern states! We are fortunate to have a very high-quality 4-H volunteer program in close proximity to us and we need to capitalize on that opportunity. Mark your calendars to go full S.T.E.A.M ahead with VCOSS this year.

Individuals who present are given a discount on the conference price ($295 is full registration that includes all meals, program materials, and housing). Proposals are peer-reviewed by a selection committee and the deadline to receive priority screening is April 1.

Even if you don’t feel comfortable presenting this year, make plans to join us in Rock Eagle!!! It is a wonderful time that inspires, empowers, and creates strong bonds with fellow volunteers.

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Youth put their equine knowledge to the test on campus!

Clemson, SC
February 18 & 19, 2017

Congratulations to all the South Carolina 4-H youth that traveled to Clemson to compete in the 2017 Horse Bowl and Hippology contests! Over a hundred youth competed each day in the separate contests earning individual and team awards. **Horse Bowl** is a quiz bowl contest where participants are asked questions about horses and horse related topics. Quick thinking is a must, as youth must activate your electronic buzzer before their opponent in order to answer the question and score points. **Hippology** is the study of horses. This contest tests the participant's knowledge of horses and horse related items from any aspect of the horse industry. Contest elements include a written exam, horse judging, identification of items and/or their uses, and solving a problem and presenting the solution. A huge “thank you” goes out to [Dr. Kristine Vernon](#), Associate Professor, and [Katie Shaw](#), Laurens County 4-H Agent and SC 4-H Horse Program Assistant, who coordinated this event! Thank you to all the 4-H members (Catherine Rimsky), 4-H Alumni (Casey Miller, and Aubrey Miller), parents, volunteers (Billie Miller, Robin Dodson, and Lynn Rimsky) Clemson University students, and Clemson Extension staff (Allie Winter, Dr. Pam Ardern, Dr. Ashley Burns, Lucy Charping, and Cassie Wycoff) that also helped make this event possible.

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**SC 4-H Horse Show**

**REMINDER:** All intent to show and lease forms are due (postmarked) by **Wednesday, March 15, 2017.**
Calling all volunteers!

We need your help at the 2017 SC 4-H Engineering Challenge hosted by EnlightenSC. This event hosts up to 250 youth annually and takes a large number of volunteers to pull it off. There are jobs for everyone, no matter your comfort level with engineering. More information can be found here: http://scionthemove.org/engineeringchallenge/

Email Katie Burch if you can help! Please say “yes” by Wednesday, March 15th. korishe@clemson.edu

Kicking the dust off 4-H in the Wild, Wild West

Junior Weekend
Camp Bob Cooper
February 10-12, 2017

Nearly 50 youth (ages 9-13) from across the state descended upon Camp Bob Cooper for Junior Weekend, which featured the theme of Wild, Wild West. South Carolina 4-H Teen Council, who did an amazing job planning, organizing, and implementing a weekend full of fun for Junior 4-H’ers, largely coordinates the event. Thank you to all the Agents and 4-H Volunteers that also helped make this weekend possible!!!

Activities included:
- Archery
- Hay Ride
- Outdoor Cooking
- Native American Crafts
- Blacksmithing
- Nature Class
- and much more!

Scenes from the 2017 Junior Weekend. Image Credit: Shannon Herndon, Bamberg and Barnwell County 4-H Agent
South Carolina 4-H members witness presidential inauguration

Scott Miller, Public Service and Agriculture
January 25, 2017
Clemson, South Carolina — Just a few months after voting for the first time, Colleton County 18-year-old Geneffer Sweatman also...Click HERE for full article.

4-H, electric coops partner on statewide STEM challenge

January 24, 2017
Orangeburg, South Carolina — South Carolina students interested in science and technology will have an opportunity this spring to showcase what they have learned in the classroom...Click HERE for full article.

Clemson helps teach gardening and healthy eating to Freetown Community Center youth

Denise Attaway, Public Service and Agriculture
October 17, 2016
Greenville, South Carolina — Quintavious Jones knows he should eat his vegetables and how that he has a part in growing vegetables to...Click HERE for full article.

Glen Krohn Award for Volunteerism in 4-H

Nominations are now being accepted for our state’s highest recognition of outstanding volunteerism in 4-H. Email letters of nomination to Ashley Burns at taberp@clemson.edu by Monday, May 1, 2017.
Daisy Moore, a Chester County 4-H Volunteer and one of the 2016 Glen Krohn Award winners served in new volunteer capacity by chaperoning South Carolina’s nine State Award Winners at National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia. Earlier in 2016, Daisy received the Glen Krohn award at the State Congress banquet. She was recognized for her outstanding volunteer leadership in the 4-H program. The award is dedicated to the late Dr. Glen Krohn, retired Assistant Director, Family and Youth Development. Dr. Krohn was a strong believer in volunteers throughout his career, having as one of his philosophical motto the statement, “Volunteerism is the price you pay for the space you take”. Also at that banquet, the nine State Award winners who would serve as the National 4-H Congress delegates were announced: Ian Adams (Charleston County), Savannah Hill (Florence County), Morgan McManus (Darlington County), Bailey Morgan (Lexington County), Nikole Rivers (Dorchester County), LaTerrica Springs (Chester County), Geneffer Sweatman (Colleton County), Carrie Trotter (Saluda County) and Ashlyn Whittemore (Charleston County).

National Congress, a 4-H tradition for 96 years was originally designed to recognize state and national winners. As the 4-H program has changed to meet the needs of youth today, so has National 4-H Congress. Last year’s event, like the ones that preceded it, not only recognized excellence, but also provided an outstanding, educational opportunity for 4-H youth and volunteers. Last year’s theme was “Excite, Spark, Ignite”. Workshops were designed to develop leadership skills. Daisy said, “The workshops were excellent and led by dynamic presenters”. Plenary sessions had outstanding motivational speakers and entertainers. A service learning experience was held so youth could participate in hands-on service projects. From an adult’s perspective, Daisy said, “the community service projects were great”. The delegates also had the opportunity to explore their choice Atlanta’s attractions which included: the Carter Presidential Library, Martin Luther King Center for Non-Violent Change, Centennial Olympic Park, World of Coca-Cola, the Atlanta Zoo, the CNN Center, the Atlanta History Center or the Georgia Aquarium.

Daisy said, “The entire 4-H National Congress was educational, fun and entertaining from beginning to end. There was no room for boredom”.

South Carolina 4-H delegation at National 4-H Congress. Daisy Moore pictured fifth from the left; Georganne Kirven on far right. 
*Image Credit: Georganne Kirven, 4-H Specialist*
The Power within YOU: Superhero

Senior Teen Weekend
Camp Bob Cooper
March 3-5, 2017

A great time was had by all at the 2017 Senior Teen Weekend, which embraced the theme of the Power within You. More than 60 youth (ages 14-19) participated in this event. South Carolina 4-H Teen Council also plays a large role in coordinating this event too. Thank you to all the Agents and 4-H Volunteers that also helped make this weekend possible!!! Activities included:

- Dance
- Escape Room
- Tie dying
- Superhero 4K Run
- Ozobots
- Operation Gratitude
- and more!

Scenes from the 2017 Senior Teen Weekend. Image Credit: Shannon Herndon, Bamberg & Barnwell Co. 4-H Agent
South Carolina 4-H Small Garden Project

What is it? The Small Garden Project is designed to educate youth (ages 5-18) on where and how their food is grown using hands-on, in-the-garden experiences

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 7th
Cost: $10 ($20 for non-4-H members)

For more information, visit: http://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/project_areas/natural_resources/small_garden/index.html

4-H Livestock Judging Clinic
Friday, May 26th - Sunday, May 28th

Interested in learning more about livestock evaluation? Are you coaching a team for the Livestock Judging Contest? Parents, are you coaching a team for the Livestock Judging Contest?

If you answered yes to any of these, then don’t miss this opportunity!!! Join us for a 3 day judging clinic with 2 national livestock judges as they will provide youth, as well as coaches/volunteers, with a foundation in livestock evaluation and use real-world situations and live animals to teach judging techniques with beef cattle, swine, meat goats and sheep.

Registration Link: https://4-hlivestockjudgingclinic.eventbrite.com

Registration Deadline for Honey Bee Project
Registration Deadline for 4-H Engineering Challenge
Sponsorship deadline for Sporting Clays Fundraiser

Upcoming Dates & Deadlines

3.8.2017
Registration deadline for SC 4-H Engineering Challenge
Sponsorship deadline for Sporting Clays Fundraiser

3.13.2017
Registration deadline for Sporting Clays Fundraiser – shooters

3.14.2017
4-H Legislative Day – Columbia, SC

3.15.2017
Deadline (postmark) for SC 4-H Horse Show – Intent to show and lease forms

3.18.2017
Sporting Clays 4-H Fundraiser – Edgefield, SC

3.25.2017
4-H Engineering Challenge – Orangeburg, SC

3.25-31.2017
National 4-H Conference – Washington D. C.

4.1.2017
State 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest – Clemson, SC

4.7.2017
Registration Deadline for Small Garden Project, State Meat Goat Project Applications, & State 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Clinic

4.8.2017
State 4-H/FFA Poultry Judging Contest

4.14.2017
Registration Deadline for Honey Bee Project

4.22.2017
Dairy Heifer Project Kick-off – Saluda, SC

5.1.2017
Deadline for Portfolios to be received by the State 4-H Office (postmark does NOT qualify)
Deadline for Glen Krohn Award nominations to be received or postmarked
Deadline for SC 4-H Horse Project Record Books to be received or postmarked

5.1.2017
Deadline for 4-H Presentations Contest (video)

5.15.2017
Registration deadline for Market Steer Project
Deadline for all State 4-H Horse Show/Contest
Raise Your Hand Alumni Activation

www.4-H.org/RaiseYourHand  MARCH 1 - JUNE 30, 2017

Overview

In 4-H, we believe in the power of America’s youth to succeed in life; however, only one in three kids says they have the skills they need to handle what life throws their way.

That’s why 4-H created “Raise Your Hand.” A nationwide call to action for alumni to “raise their hands” and identify as a 4-H alum to empower our nation’s youth with the skills to lead for a lifetime.

Help us grow the next generation of True Leaders—because every child deserves the opportunity to succeed.

Goals

1. Grow 10 million youth true leaders

2. Engage 2 million alumni

3. Become viewed as the #1 destination for Positive Youth Development

4. Raise $125 million to grow in communities of need

Joining in is easy:

1. RAISE YOUR HAND
   Go to 4-H.org/RaiseYourHand to identify as a 4-H alum and vote for your state.

2. COMPETE FOR YOUR STATE
   Raising your hand is a vote towards a $20,000, $10,000 or $5,000 award for the states with the most alumni hands raised.

3. PAY IT FORWARD
   Tweet, post and share your support using the hashtag #4Hgrown, and tag fellow alumni asking them to raise their hands for their state at 4-H.org/RaiseYourHand

Thank you, 4-H volunteers, for all you do!

As always, we like to hear from you and how we can better enable you to work with youth. Also, if you would like share a success story or an innovative idea in this newsletter, please email taberp@clemson.edu.

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Monthly 4-H Club Activity Idea adapted from Destination Imagination

**Let the Imagination Roll**

**Objective:** To gain problem-solving and presentation skills by working with others to engineer and design solutions to a randomized scenario then present their work to a larger audience.

**Age Range:** All ages.

**Hands-on Activity:** Use paper dice to determine a scenario, use the engineering design process to use limited resources to construct a solution to the scenario, and present the resulting product to the entire group.

**Life Skills:**
- HEAD = problem solving, wise use of resources;
- HEART = social skills, cooperation, communication;
- HANDS = teamwork, leadership, contributions to group effort;
- HEALTH = self-esteem.

**Introduction**

In 4-H, our primary objective of programming is to develop life skills in youth. We are less concerned about the product and more concerned about the process. In order to challenge the imagination and put engineering skills to the test, have youth roll paper dice to generate one of more than 200 unique situations. Working in groups, they can implement ways to solve the challenge. Templates for the dice are on the following pages. You can have these assembled and ready to use or (if time allows) incorporate dice construction into the activity. Have a set of materials available to assist small groups (3-4 people per group).

Have youth roll the dice according to the directions on the following page. Once they have a scenario, they use the materials to construct their design. For younger age groups, you may want to specify a short period of time for youth to focus on their design only (no construction). Allow 20-30 minutes for groups to complete their designs. Provide time at the end for each group to share their final product before the entire group. Reflect on the activity with discussion questions.

**Discussion Questions**

- What did you do to plan and implement the design?
- How did others help you?
- How did you keep track of everyone’s ideas?
- Do you think you get more ideas working alone or in a group? Why?
- Why do you think everyone in your group didn’t agree about something?
- Why do you think people have different ideas about what is correct?
- What did you learn about yourself when doing this activity?
- What would you do differently next time?
- Will you change anything about the way you interact with others after completing this activity?

**Activity**

**Materials needed:**
- plastic cups
- plastic bags
- paper plates
- popsicle sticks / craft sticks
- rubber bands
- cardboard
- tennis ball
- miscellaneous materials (scissors, tape, glue, post-it notes, paper clips, etc.)
**Die #1:**

Roll this die first.

This die tells youth what **materials to use**!

They have to incorporate the materials on the die into their design.

Roll this die **twice**!

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**Die #2:**

Roll this die next.

This die tells youth what **to make**!

They have to make this object (or an interpretation of it).

Roll this die **once**!

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**Die #3:**

Roll this die last.

This die tells youth what their design **will do**!

Their design should serve the function that appears on the die.

Roll this die **once**!

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Dice templates generated using http://www.toolsforeducators.com/dice/
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To nominate a volunteer, submit a one-page overview of the volunteer’s accomplishments. The following criteria will be used to judge each entry:

- Length of Service 10%
- Impact on Youth 25%
- Program Responsibilities 20%
- Creativity of Program 15%
- Level of Involvement (County) 20%
- Level of Involvement (State) 10%

A one-page limit on nominations will be strictly enforced. For those receiving the award, the one-page narrative will be read at the State 4-H Awards Banquet at State 4-H Congress.

Nominations are due on May 1st, unless May 1st is a Saturday or Sunday, then they are due on the following Monday. Nominations must be postmarked, hand-delivered, or emailed by the due date to:

State 4-H Office – Krohn Award
Clemson University
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taberp@clemson.edu

Letters of Appreciation should be sent to:
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