**4-H Announcements:**

- Congratulations to Macie from Dorchester! She is the Grand Champion of the Junior State Presentation Contest hosted Feb 9th, 2019. Her archery presentation earned perfect scores from both judges.

**Figure 1:** Overall winners in the South Carolina 4-H Presentations Contest are left to right: Grand Champion Macie Thomas, Dorchester County; Reserve Grand Champion Bradlean Willis, Laurens County; Third Place Ellie Shaw, Newberry County; Dr. Pam Ardern, State 4-H.

**Winter & Spring 4-H State and Local Events:**

**Sr Teen Weekend** - March 1-3 @ Camp Bob Cooper ● **Registration DUE Feb 15**

This weekend motivates teens to expand their 4-H knowledge and gain hands on skills. Youth will enjoy educational and recreational activities while building life skills and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Cost: $115, County office is offering $15 mini grant to 4-H members in Charleston & Dorchester with boost up to $25 grant if you register for a 4-H presentation. Email [JScales@gmail.com](mailto:JScales@gmail.com) for more info.

Link: [https://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/event_registration.html](https://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/event_registration.html) **If you are using a county mini grant do not register at this link.**

**Teen Weekend Registration and Payment using County Mini Grant:**

Payment Family Owes: $115 - (Either $15 OR $25 from county) – (Any family specific 4-H county awards)= Amount for registration payment from family to county office.

- Charleston or Dorchester 4-H will cover $15 for teens registered for the teen weekend, but not doing a presentation, or we will cover $25 if you register for teen weekend and a presentation.
• Make registration check out to Clemson Ext, 4-H and on Memo put the event (turn in to either Charleston or Dorchester office) OR pay online at -
https://secure.touchnet.net/C20569_ustores/web/classic/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=2256&SINGLESTORE=true

• Let J_Scales@Clemson.edu know by email: Include- Shirt Size, Frist & Last name, Age, Gender, County, Email, Dietary needs, favorite song (keep it clean).

• Ms. Scales will then register you for Sr. Teen Weekend.

• If you registered online and did not get to use the $15 county mini grant let Ms. Scales know and she will put the $15 towards your next 4-H event.

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**Sr Presentation Contest**

- March 2 @ Camp Bob Cooper • Registration DUE Feb 15.

4-H Presentations Contests allow members the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills. Participating youth have the opportunity to teach others by developing and delivering a "show and tell" presentation related to skills learned in 4-H.

**Cost:** FREE until deadline

**Link:** https://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/event_registration.html

**Registration Practice day** Feb 26th 5pm @ St. George office.

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**Livestock Fun Day**

- Feb 23, in Orangeburg • Volunteer(s) needed

4-H members and their families are invited to come learn firsthand about animal projects in our region from the kids and teens that do them. Goats, Chickens, Rabbits O MY. Can you help- Volunteer youth(s) needed to help us highlight our CAVY project and to show off their animal to interested kids from other counties. Can you and your Cavy can join us?
Kids Fair Festival - March 3, Charleston Gaillard Center; 10am-1pm and 1-4pm ● Volunteers needed

Helps us host an interactive 4-H table at the annual Kids Fair Festival in Charleston. Teen volunteers are needed to answer questions about 4-H and to help with table activities.

Email- JScales@Clemson.edu

Charleston STEM Festival - March 9, Ladson fair Grounds; 10am-1pm and 1-4pm ● Volunteers needed

Helps us host an interactive 4-H table at the annual STEM fest in Charleston. Teen volunteers are needed to answer questions about 4-H and to help with table activities.

Email- JScales@Clemson.edu

SC 4-H Legislative Day - March 12, Columbia State House; 7:30am-5pm ● Registration DUE Feb 21.

SC 4-H Legislative Day is a one-of-a-kind opportunity for 4-H members to meet and interact with state legislators and tell their 4-H story. The event creates a better understanding of state government and its career opportunities, and participants get the chance to network with delegates from other counties. Members of the SC House and Senate will also recognize 4-H attendees during the legislative session that day.

Cost: FREE Lunch provided to 4-H youth in Charleston & Dorchester, *Registration required for youth to get free lunch. Transportation provided for 5.

Email- JScales@Clemson.edu to register.

SC 4-H Engineering Challenge - March 30, State Fair Grounds, Columbia ● Registration due March 1

Engineering challenges are fun and engaging ways to allow youth to compete in various STEM disciplines like bridge building, energy, GPS, robotics, rocketry, and more. Register here for the SC 4-H Engineering Challenge! (event flyer).

Six different challenges:
- Bridge-building
- Coding
- Lego Robotics
- Mystery
- Photography
- Rocketry

Link- Register HERE

For individuals, companies, or groups that would be interested in #InspiringKidstoDo through a hands-on or interactive exhibit at our STEAM Fair, you may also register online. You will be provided with an 8-foot table for display, along with lunch and t-shirt for up to 3 people. There is a $50 fee to help us offset event and rental expenses. Nonprofit organizations are exempt from this fee, as well as any group that is not able to afford this expense. Use the promotion code: NONPROFIT to register free of charge. Contact Katie Burch (korishe@clemson.edu) with questions.

2019 4-H Honey Bee Essay Contest – Due Feb 15 ● Topic: Honey Varietals, State to State

Turn in your essay to Ashley Burns at taberp@clemson.edu. State and National Awards available! Link- https://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/project_areas/natural_resources/bee_essay_contest.pdf
4-H2O Summer Camp Registration - June 24-28 ● Registration open now ● Cost $155

Information & Registration Link - https://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h2o/index.html

4-H2O Camp Essay Contest - “What clean water means to me.” Essays due by March 1

The 4-H2O Exploring Lowcountry Waterways camp is offering one free camp registration to the winner. Applicants must be 4-H members, between the ages of 10-13 years old, and submit an essay explaining what clean water means to them. We encourage youth to talk about local waterways and how their personal experiences have been shaped by our natural areas. We also encourage them to talk about their own interests and why they would like to attend camp. Email essay to JScalles@clemson.edu. Essays will be reviewed, and a winner will be selected by March 8th.

South Carolina 4-H is a community of young people across the state learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. 4-H is the youth development program of the Clemson University’s Cooperative Extension Service.

4-H2O is a hands-on science inquiry program focused on developing knowledge about local water resources. Camp activities include fishing, water sampling, canoeing, walks on the beach, meeting with experts, learning about drinking and waste water, and so much more.

Registration open soon! Registration fee $155. $10 discount for current 4-H members. www.clemson.edu/extension/4h2o/

Join us as we explore blackwater swamps, saltwater marshes, Lowcountry rivers, beaches, barrier islands, and more!
2019 4-H Sporting Clays Fundraiser Tournament - Friday, May 31 ● Deadline to register May 22 ● NWTF Palmetto Shooting Complex, 535 Gary Hill Road, Edgefield, SC 29824

The 4-H Sporting Clays Tournament is designed to appeal to the broad and growing statewide interest in recreational shooting sports, conservation, hunting and gun safety. The 4-H Sporting Clays Tournament raises support for South Carolina 4-H Youth Development Programs -- 4-H State and National Congress, 4-H National Conference and other events and activities.

You do not have to be a member of 4-H to participate, open to adults and youth! Please join us with your support. You can register online or mail in the flyer. Deadline to register as a team, individual shooter or sponsor is Wednesday, May 22, 2019. If you are coming to watch, please purchase your lunch ticket in advance so we can let our caterer know how to plan.

Registration Link- https://secure.touchnet.net/C20569_ustores/web/classic/store_cat.jsp?STOREID=103&CATID=179

4-H Pinckney Leadership Conference (for High School youth) & 4-H Pinckney Leadership Camp (for Middle School youth) ● Registration Open now

If you will be a rising Sophomore or Junior or 7th or 8th grader in the summer of 2019 and want to make a difference in your community while enhancing your leadership skills, the 4-H Pinckney Leadership Program is for you!

High School Application
Middle School Application

High school sessions are held @ Clemson University: June 16 – 22, 2019 and July 21 – 27. Application due March 15.

Middle school sessions: June 23 – 28, 2019, @ Camp Long- near Aiken, SC and July 14 – 19, 2019 @ Camp Bob Cooper- near Summerton, SC. Applications for middle school youth are due by April 1.

No money is collected until the youth has been notified that they have been excepted in the program. The cost for high school program is $100, cost for middle school camp is $50. This fee covers all costs of the program for the week - lodging (week long overnight program), meals and activities.

Please either scan or fax your application and essay to Rachel Wright at rwright3@g.clemson.edu or fax# 864-656-7595 by the due date. For more information, please contact Rushawnda Olden, Pinckney Leadership Program Director at rolden@clemson.edu or call (864) 986-1195.

2019 Small Garden Project - Registration Due: April 11 ● Project runs April- July ●$10/Garden

The purpose of the Small Garden Project is to educate the youth of South Carolina on where and how their food is grown using hands-on, in-the-garden experiences.

Information Page: https://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/project_areas/natural_resources/small_garden/index.html

Registration Links: Group Registration Link Individual Registration Link.
4-H Poultry Projects engage youth in learning life skills while having fun raising chickens. Throughout South Carolina, youth have the option to participate in a variety of poultry projects. In the The 4-H Pullet Chain, youth raise day old chicks for 5 to 7 months where youth care for, train, and prepare for a show and/or final sale. The 4-H Laying Flock Project is designed for youth that already have laying hens at home and are not interested in raising new chicks this year. Participants in this project have the same access to shows as the Pullet Chain participants. Periodically throughout the project year, youth and their families will receive a project newsletter that will provide valuable information to ensure that the youth are setup to succeed. Note that SC 4-H poultry project opportunities and shows are offered through local county 4-H programs.

For registration or more information visit the website below or contact your local Clemson Extension Office. If your county is not hosting a local 4-H poultry project, view the SC 4-H Poultry Project map on the SC 4-H website for the nearest project.

https://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/project_areas/ag_animals/livestock/youth_is_poultry.html

Contact: Dawn Stuckey, Colleton & Hampton Counties 4-H Agent
dstucke@clemson.edu or call 803-943-3427, Ext. 112

This is a great way to build on the Poultry Showmanship projects from the Coastal Carolina Fair.
4-H Clubs:

Did you know you can join clubs in other counties too? Well you can, here is a map of clubs in our area-
https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1ElI46Y9cmEdmEKEV82BfrVRrFVE&ll=33.040241157965696%2C-
80.32392975000005&z=8