Our 4-H Newsletter

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide active 4-H members, clubs, teachers, and families with updates and announcements. Additionally, it will help promote 4-H, raising awareness and highlighting the many resources and projects we offer locally. New issues will be released 4 times a year, with special additions as needed.

YOU Add Value

This newsletter is intended to be a resource for 4-H families, members, school and the community. Any 4-H club, or member, interested in submitting an article, photo, or highlight is welcome to email me at JSCALES@clemson.edu. I encourage you to help make this a success.

What is 4-H?

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. SC 4-H is the youth development program of the Clemson University’s Cooperative Extension Service. It provides an informal, practical, educational programs for youth. SC 4-H website- http://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/

4-H Pledge: “I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking, my HEART to greater loyalty, my HANDS to larger service, and my HEALTH to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.”

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www.clemson.edu/extension/charleston/4h/index.htm

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4-H Needs You!

4-H needs volunteers to help at local events. Unfortunately, 4-H is one of the lesser known youth programs in our area. Often parents, or grandparents, know of the program but they have an outdated understanding of what 4-H offers or they are unaware that 4-H is active here in the Lowcountry.

4-H staff & volunteers attend festivals, school fairs, and miscellaneous events to raise awareness for 4-H. You can help by letting 4-H know if there is an event we should attend and by volunteering your time to help at events.

4-H Clubs interested in hosting 4-H promotional events or fundraisers may borrow materials from the 4-H County office.

4-H Projects

Did you know 4-H offers hundreds of projects in each of the following areas?

- Natural Resources
- Agriculture and Animals
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Personal Development
- Leadership and Citizenship
- Science, Engineering & Technology

Visit [http://www.4-hmall.org](http://www.4-hmall.org) for examples of 4-H education kits and curriculums.

South Carolina 4-H members spend a minimum of 6 hours a year working towards goals in one or more of the focus areas. At the end of a project 4-H members can submit a record book and/or give an oral presentation for county, regional, and state recognition.
Upcoming 4-H Events

August 13-
Volunteer Symposium and 4-H Ambassador Training. Columbia, SC.

August 16-
Teen County Council Meeting.

August 19 & 20–
4-H Archery Instructor Certification Workshop. Dorchester, SC; $100 Lunch will be provided

August 27-
Backyard Rabbit Showmanship Workshop. Dorchester, SC; Free for 4-H members

September 1-
Start of 2016-2017 4-H Club year.

Oct. 27–November 6
Coastal Carolina Fair. Ladson, SC.

County/Local Events-
http://www.clemson.edu/extension/charleston/4h/localprojects/index.html

SC 4-H Events- http://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/events.html

Congratulations!

Three 4-H members from our area were recognized as South Carolina State 4-H Conference winners. Winners received a $500 scholarships and a trip to the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA.

Congratulations to Ian Adams and Ashlyn Whittemore from the Charleston Clovers 4-H Club and to Dorchester’s Nikole Rivers from the 4-H Explorers Club. Winners submitted a 4-H portfolio highlighting their 4-H story and their impact on their community.

Ian, Ashlyn, and Nikole are involved in a variety of 4-H events, competitions, and workshops. These include 4-H Healthy Lifestyles competitions, Leadership programs, and more. These 4-H members exemplify this year’s SC 4-H Congress theme, “4-H: It’s Not a pastime, It’s a Passion!”.

We look forward seeing next year’s 4-H Portfolio entrees! Portfolios are due May 1st, 2017.
4-H In Schools

4-H staff provides local schools, K-12, with hands-on educational programs covering topics in Natural Resources, Animal Science, and STEM.

4-H’s Connecting Youth to Nature programs for 4th and 7th grade classes are funded through the 2016 Disney Conservation Foundation’s 4-H National Council grant. These programs include 6+ hours of nature based hands-on education programs. Participating classes will be sent on a field trip to visit Charleston County’s Caw Caw Interpretive Center.

Another popular programs is Embryology; classes hatch chicken eggs! We will work with teachers to set up these, and other, 4-H programs.

Does your school 4-H?

Invite 4-H into your school as a one time program, multiple programs, or start a club at your school. 4-H works with teachers and staff to find the best way for 4-H to enhance the classes teachers are planning and conducting. We rely on teacher feedback to guide future 4-H school programs.

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2015 Connecting Youth to Nature– 7th Grade Ecosystems program visited Simmons Pinckney Middle, CREECS, Montessori Community School, James Simons Middle, Buist Academy, Northwoods Middle, and Advanced Studies Magnet/West Ashley Middle. After the 4 part in-school program classes went on a field trip to the Center for Birds of Prey. Funded by the 2015 Disney Conservation Foundation’s 4-H National Council grant.