4-H Education & Club Kits

The 4-H office is in the process of creating education and program kits for clubs, schools, and individuals to check out. Kits will be available in Spring 2017, please note we only have one of each kit. Kits include instruction and information manuals, hands-on activities, materials, and additional resources.

**Nature Resources Kits:**
- Ecosystems • Wildlife • Plant Studies • Soil Studies • Enviroscape

**Animals and Agriculture Kits:**
- Poultry Genetics • Egg Studies & Judging • Showmanship • Embryology

**Science Kits:**
- Snap Circuits • Ozobots • Lego MindStorm • Rockets • NYSD– Drone Activity

**Healthy Lifestyles:**
- Food and Nutrition

For more information contact Jennifer Scales.

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4-H Newsletter

January 2017

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Dec 3rd, Partridge Creek Young Guns’ Chandler Whaley (center) won the High Overall All (HOA) Championship with a score of 93 at the Rocky Creek Sporting Clays in Richburg, SC. His team of Caleb Thompson (far left) and Jonathon Terry (far right and former Young Gun) won Varsity 3rd. Congratulations and great shooting! To learn more about the Partridge Creek Young Guns 4-H club visit http://pcyoungguns.blogspot.com. Top Left- Justin Haddle shooting 12 gauge event, 2016.
Call to Action/ Volunteer Opportunities

2017 hit the ground running! The following is a list of upcoming events and programs that need 4-H member and volunteer help. Contact JScalas@clemson.edu if you can volunteer.

Community Events – Hosting or assisting at 4-H tables. These normally include an interactive activity and 4-H information. • If you want to host a table at a community event the county office has a 4-H table cover you can check out along with other 4-H promotional items.

STEM Festival– Feb 11th Volunteers needed (9:30-12:30 and 12:30-3:30) Brittlebank Park, Charleston

Kids Fest– March 26th Volunteers needed (10am-1 and 1-4pm) Burke High School, Charleston

Earth Day– April (TBD) Riverfront Park, North Charleston

4-H Events– State 4-H events and competitions. Volunteers help in all aspects of the event and help it run smoothly.


Special Projects– Special projects, such as archery or awards ceremonies, have unique requirements and needs. To make these projects a reality we need community support.

Archery- We have trained certified adult leaders in Charleston and Dorchester, but we need the gear and locations to get projects up and running. Anyone able to help with fundraisers (dropping of letters, raffle ideas, connecting with potential donors), logistics, or supplies please let Jennifer Scales know. The goal is at least 3 bows and needed gear by April 1, 2017.

Promotion – Spread the word about 4-H! Wear your 4-H Shirt, mention us on Social Media, share information with families or community members that may be interested in joining, mentoring, guest speaking, or hosting workshops.

Fundraising

Fundraising for individuals, clubs, and county projects is underway. County Agents are working on locating and applying for grants, as well as, looking for sponsors and community supporters for County wide programs and events. On a club level, clubs are working to raise funds for club projects, member needs, event registrations, and club materials.

Clubs can pursue funding via grants, sponsorships, donations, raffles, sales, workshops, camps, and more. Funds are placed into your club Clemson County Account. This money is secure and can only be used by your club with signed permission from the leader.

As a chartered active 4-H club your group is eligible to use Clemson University Foundation’s tax information, as such donations are tax deductible.

Questions about club accounts can be sent to Jennifer Scales.
Archery!

Three Requests:

1) Interested Adults (and trained certified archery volunteers)- please let Jennifer Scales know if you are available to help with an archery project/meetings this spring and summer.

2) Youth interested in taking part in the archery program please contact Jennifer Scales include your age, county, and if you are a beginner, intermediate, or expert archer.

3) Gear and Supplies- we NEED gear (or money for gear). The county office has ask letters for companies and individuals. There is also the potential for a community raffle to raise funds. If you know a company, or individual, that might support our 4-H archery program, please, reach out to them!

Leaders and Adults

Leaders we have a few updates coming down the pipes in regards to Youth Protection and Safety. Here are a few reminders:

1) Any adult that is active with your club (even if they are not a leader or "volunteer") have them file a background check.

2) Adult Volunteers that are left alone with youth that are not theirs need to have a full 4-H volunteer form on file.

3) I encourage everyone to refresh their youth safety trainings– Link: SC 4-H Volunteer Orientation Online Class *Contact Jennifer Scales for the Password.

4) If you do not have an adult certified in CPR in your club let county agent know.

5) If you transport youth for your club file a motor vehicle form with the county office.

Clemson University’s Pre-Collegiate Programs Office (PcPO) is commissioned by the President of Clemson University to support a high-quality, safe environment for children that participate in programs affiliated with our University. The PcPO takes a proactive approach to protecting children and the employees, faculty and staff of the University. Our goal is to keep our youth, volunteers, and staff safe and to make sure everyone feels comfortable.
Register NOW for 4-H Events

- South Carolina 4-H Honey Bee Project; closes Feb 3 [http://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/project_areas/natural_resources/honey_bee/index.html]
- SC 4-H Sporting Clays Tournament; Event is March 18 [http://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/project_areas/events1.html]
- The S.C. 4-H Engineering Challenge; Event is March 25 [http://scionthemove.org/engineeringchallenge/]
- 4-H Jr. Weekend; Fees increase Jan 25. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfDxpnH-eiS9Zf_Ht7dqYpWtoWQAV25j_29GIKs9YDJEFDoIQ/viewform]
- 4-H Sr. Teen Weekend; Fees increase Feb. 15 [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCtQsEvbCsIScEoSO1uRSzZ_RAiV00ykrp6nHuge6Znkr7wg/viewform]

Other Events:
- Livestock Fun day, Feb 4
- 4-H Legislative Day, March 14
- Portfolios DUE April 14 to County Agent *New Finance Section this year– updates soon
- Communications Contests *Spring 2017, info coming soon
- Pinckney 4-H leadership Conference– June 18-24 & July 23-29

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