4-H Pullet Project News!!

The big question everyone is asking is, “When are the Chicks Coming??”

Your chicks are scheduled to hatch on Wednesday, May 10th. They should be delivered either Thursday, May 11th, or Friday, May 12th (more likely on the 11th).

Please mark your calendar, because as soon as we get word that the chicks have arrived, we will call you to pick them up at our office.

Don’t wait until the day before they arrive to start getting ready. You will receive a special Pullet Project newsletter in a few days that has lots of information to help you get ready for your new chicks. Please take the time to read it, and if you have questions call the 4-H office and we will be glad to help.

Also, there will be an official Web Page for the project where we will post all newsletters, helpful tips, and dates to remember. That link will be included in our first newsletter.

4-H Flock Project

For those boys and girls who have laying hens, you can participate in the 4-H Flock Project. In this project, you will manage a laying flock of chickens, with at least three hens. You will complete the 4-H Laying Flock Project Record Book, submit one dozen eggs for judging/grading at one Showmanship Show opportunity, and show one of your hens in at least one Showmanship Show (we will have one during the Union County Fair!) There is a $10 fee for this project (in addition to your annual membership fee if you are not already a 2017 4-H’er). Applications are available at the 4-H Office, and are due back in to the 4-H Office by April 24, 2017.

4-H Small Garden Project

The registration deadline for the 4-H Small Garden Project is coming up on Friday, April 7th. 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. To participate in the Small Garden Project, youth will be given one packet of garden vegetable seeds, and be required to plant at least two additional garden vegetables in their garden. 4-H’ers will need to keep a record book of their gardening progress, including rainfall amounts and crops harvested. A 4-H Agent will visit the garden, and finally the garden will be judged. The cost of the project is $10.00 ($20 for non-4-H members). This is a fun project for youth with a green thumb!
**Summertime is Coming!**

Before long, school will be out and you will be ready for camping, swimming, day camps, and all the 4-H fun you can imagine.

We are working on our 4-H Summer Day Camp schedule. A couple that are ready for registration are:

**4-H Crochet Club**— This will be a Special Interest Club, beginning May 30th and going through July 25, on Tuesdays, from 10:00-12:00 noon. This club will be specifically for 4-H’ers who already know how to CHAIN and make a SINGLE CROCHET stitch. We will have a Beginner Crochet Club from 2:00-3:30 in the afternoons, if there is enough interest. The Beginner Crochet will be for youth who have never crocheted before. Please register for these clubs by May 5th so we will know how many to plan for. Registration fee is $25.00 for 4-H’ers ($35.00 for non-members, which includes the annual $10 membership fee.)

**4-H Camp Wild**—June 27-28, at Chester State Park. Two days and one night of tent camping, where youth will enjoy wildlife, natural resources, science, water activities, fishing, shooting sports and much more. $60 per camper ($70 for non-members)

Want to be a Counselor in Training at 4-H Camp? Contact the 4-H Office for More Information. Youth must be 15-19 years old, and attend CIT training at Camp Long on April 22, 2017. Cost is $55.00 for the training. Registration, forms and payment due April 12th.

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**2017 Club Summer Camp**

Registration forms are available at the 4-H Office for the 4-H 2017 Club Summer Camp.

**June 11-15 at Camp Long, in Aiken, SC**

**July 23-27 at Camp Bob Cooper, in Summerton, SC**

Thanks to a donation from the Union County Family and Consumer Leaders, we have scholarships available to help offset the costs of these camps. More information is available at the Union 4-H Office.

**Upcoming 4-H Meetings**

**4-H Shooting Sports**—meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7:00 p.m., in the Flower Building on the Fairgrounds.

*The second Thursday will be BB guns.*

*The fourth Thursday will be Archery.*

**4-H Poultry Club**—meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., in the Flower Building on the Fairgrounds.

**4-H Baking Buddies Club**—meets the third Tuesday of each month at 3:30 pm, in the Clemson Extension Meeting Room.

**4-H Recycle Club**—meets the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30, in the Clemson Extension Meeting Room.

**4-H Cross Anchor Baking Buddies Club**—meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30, at the Cross Anchor Fire Department.

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**See you soon!**

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