4-H Membership & T-shirts

Remember to get your membership forms turned in and pay your 2017 dues. You don’t want to miss out on the fun! The 2017 4-H t-shirts are available and can be picked up when your forms and dues are returned to the 4-H Office.

There are some 4-H t-shirts left over from previous years. You may call or stop by the office to check on available sizes. These can be purchased for $7 each, on a first come basis.

4-H Recycling Club—Brand New!

Join us on February 7, at 3:30 p.m., at the Extension Office for recycling fun at our brand new 4-H Recycling Club. This club will teach youth how to recycle, and how to make cool things from recycled materials. This month we will make something for your Valentine!!

Mrs. Cathy Parker and Mrs. Erika Song are the volunteer leaders for the Recycling Club, and they always have lots of fun ideas and crafts!

4-H Pullet Project Begins!

It’s that time of year...time to register for the 2017 4-H Pullet Project. Again this year, we will offer youth the choice of receiving 12 chicks ($35) or 25 chicks ($60). In addition to the Golden Comets, Plymouth Barred Rocks, and Buff Orpingtons, we are adding another breed for youth to choose from...Araucanas—the Easter Egg Chicken!

Applications and other information about the Pullet Project are available at the Union Extension Office. Contracts and deposits are due by March 15. And remember, the 4-H Poultry club meets the third Thursday of the month, so come out and learn all about our feathered friends.

State 4-H Dairy Heifer Project

The deadline is quickly approaching for the 2017 State 4-H Dairy Heifer Project. Applications are available at the Clemson Extension Office, and must be turned in by February 28, 2017. 4-H’ers have their choice of purchasing and showing a Holstein, Guernsey, or Jersey dairy calf.

The purchase price of all breeds is $700.00, payable at the time of the Project Kick-Off, which will be Saturday, April 22, at the Central Milk Producer’s Arena, 125 Webb Road, Saluda, SC. The 4-H Dairy Heifer Project is open to youth between the ages of 9 and 17.
4-H/FFA Meat Goat Project

The 4-H /FFA Meat Goat Project is an excellent livestock project for youth desiring to raise and show livestock. You don’t even have to have a large pasture to accommodate your goat!

The goal of this project is learning and experiencing animal agriculture while developing life-skills. 4-H’ers can purchase a whether goat through the project for $150. Participants can show does, but they will need to register them and get doe tags at the June Kick-Off (limit of 6 does per youth). They will receive their goats at the Project Kick-Off, scheduled for June 10th, right here at the Union County Fairgrounds. There will be a Pre-Kick Off Clinic on May 20th, also here at the Union Fairgrounds, to help everyone get off on the right foot when they get their new project goat.

Showmanship Clinics will be held across the region, so there’s plenty of guidance for youth choosing this project. It is open to youth ages 5 to 19. Applications and other information about the project is available at the Union Extension Office or on our Union County 4-H Facebook page.

4-H Baking Buddies

The 4-H Baking Buddies Club started the year off making Pizza Roll-ups and a very healthy Broccoli Fruit Salad. This year, we are planning to concentrate on eating healthier, and making recipes that are good, and good for us! Our next meeting will be February 21, 2017, at 3:30 p.m., at the Extension Office. Come out and join us, and bring a friend!

4-H Garden Club

Springtime is just around the corner, and it’s time to get growing with 4-H. Our spring 4-H Garden Club will begin meeting soon.

Look for details in the March newsletter, and keep your eye on the Union County 4-H Facebook page!

Upcoming Events

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

4-H Poultry Club—meets 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 Recycling Club—meets the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. in the Clemson Extension Meeting Room.

NOTE: February’s meeting will be on the first Tuesday.

(The above dates are subject to change.)

See you soon!

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