Deadline Approaching...

The registration deadline for the 4-H Pullet Project is March 15, 2017, and the Laying Flock Project is April 24, 2017.

This year we are offering a new breed, in addition to our regular breeds of Golden Comets, Plymouth Barred Rocks, and Buff Orpingtons. We have added Aracaunas, commonly known as the Easter Egg chickens because they lay bluish-green eggs.

Several have asked about the Laying Flock Project. You can use your hens from last year’s Pullet Project, if you wish, to participate in the Laying Flock, or you can use other hens that have not been a part of the project in the past.

Remember, you can visit the Clemson 4-H website at http://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h and follow the links to get registration forms, pay, and get more information about the 4-H animal projects.

If you do not have internet access, please contact the Union County 4-H Office. We’ll be happy to assist you.

4-H Garden Club Daycamp

Our “winter” has been more like “spring” this year, and some of us have already been bitten by the gardening bug!

Mr. Jeff and I are planning to do something a little different this year with our 4-H Garden club. Instead of meeting weekly for six weeks, we are going to have a 3-day daycamp during Spring Break, April 3-5, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. We will be doing some really neat gardening activities, plus you will have some plants to take home to get your garden started.

We will have to charge for this daycamp, like we do for our regular summer daycamps. It will be $20.00 for members, and an additional $10.00 for non-members (to cover your 4-H membership and t-shirt).

4-H Meat Goat Project

Applications are now available for the 2017 South Carolina Meat Goat Project. This is an awesome project for youth ages 5 to 19.

The deadline to apply is April 1, 2017, so come by or call the 4-H office today for more details.
4-H Crochet Club

Summertime is just around the corner! Mrs. Susan and I have already planned the 4-H Crochet summer activity. This year, we want to have a special “club,” instead of a daycamp, just for our youth who have learned how to chain, and do single crochet. This will allow you to move on to a more challenging project, and learn some new stitches.

We will meet weekly on Tuesday mornings, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, beginning May 30th, and going through July 25th. We will have a couple of weeks off during that time (one is the 4th of July week, and the other is Mrs. Susan’s vacation week!). So, if you already know how to chain and single crochet (or can learn by the end of May), this camp is for YOU!

We don’t want to leave our beginners out either, so if you are a beginner and would like to learn the basic steps of crochet, we will meet on the same Tuesdays, May 30th through July 25th, from 2:00 p.m.—3:30 in the afternoon. You will learn how to chain, single crochet, and make some easy projects to help you become familiar with these stitches.

If you are interested in EITHER of these clubs, please call or come by the 4-H Office to register. We will have to charge a registration fee of $25.00 to cover the cost of supplies and patterns. Registration deadline is May 1, 2017.

2017 4-H Club Summer Camp

Registration forms are now available for the 2017 4-H Club Summer Camp. Again this year, there will be two sessions. The first session is at Camp Long, in Aiken, SC, June 11-15. The theme of this camp is Leadership, 4-H Science & Healthy Lifestyles. The second camp session is at Camp Bob Cooper, in Summerton, SC, on July 23-27. The theme of the second summer session is Agriculture, Horses & Natural Resources.

These camps are designed for youth ages 7-14. The price for active 4-H members is $275, and $285 for non-members. Forms may be obtained, and the $75 registration fee paid, at the Union County 4-H Office.

Upcoming 4-H Meetings

**4-H Shooting Sport**—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 pm, in the Flower Building on the Fairgrounds.

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

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

See you soon!

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