“By constant self-discipline and self-control you can develop greatness of character.”
-Grenville Kleiser

York County 4-H

(803) 684-9919 May 2016

Take a look at some 4-H History,

Learn about the birth of 4-H and the people involved in it throughout the years...

The beginning of 4-H was started in the early 1900’s. Educators began to recognize what the young people needed and they then began to stress that education should meet those needs. Rural opportunities were emphasized when subjects were introduced that began to teach boys and girls to appreciate rural life. The production of soil tests and plant identification was promoted through farmers’ institutes. Slowly but surely, a club structure began to emerge from this appreciation for agriculture and rural life and is now known as the modern 4-H.

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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**4-H SUMMER CAMPS!!**

The Summer Season is approaching fast! We are thrilled to invite all youth to enjoy summer camp with 4-H. The summer programs offered at our 4-H camping locations provide all youth a place to discover, learn, and grow. Contact the York County Extension office at (803) 684-9919 to learn more!

**4-H Furry Friends Day**
Come learn how to prepare homemade doggie treats for your furry friends.
Please let us know of any allergies.
(June 27th from 10AM-3 PM) $10.00

**Beginners Camp Sew**
Come learn the fundamentals of sewing and receive your starter sewing kit.
(June 20th-23th from 9 AM-12PM)

**Camp Wild at Chester State Park**
Come experience the outdoors not too far from home. This camp is 3 days of hands-on learning experiences, and 2 nights of tent camping.
(June 28th-30th) $85.00

**Canning Camp**
Come learn the basics during our hands-on canning day camp focused on the water bath canning and food preservation. Learn how to process fruits and tomatoes.
(July 19th-21st from 10AM-1PM) $15.00

**Quick Breads**
Come learn the bread making basics during this interactive day camp. Youth will make several breads including quick breads for tasting and their very own bread to take home.
(June 26th from 10AM-3PM) $10.00

**Summer Science Day**
This camp will be a general STEM day camp. The camp teaches on all branches of science on the move.
(June 7th-June 9th from 10 AM-3PM)

**4-H Club Summer Camp**
A South Carolina tradition for over 50 years, 4-H Summer Camp offers traditional camp activities with plenty of fun, friends and adventure! The jam-packed week includes team sports, water sports, paintball, archery, nature hikes, a ropes course and climbing tower, arts and crafts, a talent show and more.

Camp Long, Aiken, SC
June 12th-16th

Camp Bob Cooper, Summerton, SC
July 10th-14th
Sign Up Today!

4-H 2016

Club Summer Camp

AGES: 7-14 • PRICE: $250 for active members $260 for non-members

REGISTRATION 3:00 P.M. SUNDAY. CLOSING CEREMONIES 1:00 P.M. THURSDAY.

Please visit the 4-H information booth during registration and closing ceremonies to find out what 4-H is doing in your county!

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REFUNDS
Excluding the $75 non-refundable deposit, refunds will be issued only when requested in writing at least two weeks before your camp session starts. No refunds will be issued within two weeks of the start of camp or after a session has begun. This policy is strictly enforced.

Participation in camp activities may be limited or restricted due to camper's age or weather conditions.

York County
4-H Youth Development
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www.clemson.edu/york
ONLY 10 SPOTS REMAINING

July 19th - July 21st

Come learn the basics during our hands-on canning day camp focused on the water bath canning and food preservation.
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
York County Extension Office
Youth ages 9-15
$15.00

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The creator of this new agricultural and rural life club structure was A.B. Graham. Mr. Graham was the superintendent of schools in Clark County, Ohio. The agricultural club he formed consisted of officers, projects, meetings, and recordkeeping requirements. Many of these clubs were started from 1905-1914. By 1914 these clubs were in nearly every state. The term “4-H” and the four-leaf clover still weren’t even being used at this time. (Read below to see how they originated by O.H. Benson, the Wright County school superintendent) Art, music, and recreation began to develop in 4-H over the years. There are numerous clubs, projects, groups, and programs being offered in the 4-H world today.

4-H Term and Emblem:

Have you ever wondered how the term “4-H” originated or how the clover emblem began to be used? The story goes: “one sunny June morning in 1906 at a one-room country school near Clarion, Iowa, 11 pupils spent their recess outside searching for four-leaf clovers. They had plucked seven clovers when a visitor drove up. Their teacher recognized the guest as Superintendent Benson. At the teacher’s suggestion, the children surrendered their good luck charms and placed the seven clovers into the hands of Superintendent Benson. He said, “I’m looking for an emblem for the agricultural clubs and the schools of the country, and you have just given me that emblem – the four-leaf clover; it will help explain to young and old the message of a four-square education.” The four main ideas for foursquare education included educational development, fellowship development, physical development, and moral development.
If you are seeing this newsletter for the first time and have some questions, here are some answers.

Q: So, what exactly is 4-H?
A: 4-H is the nation’s largest positive youth development and youth mentoring organization.

Q: When was 4-H started?
A: The foundations of 4-H began in 1902 in the United States.

Q: What does 4-H have to offer?
A: 4-H has a very wide range of activities, clubs, camps, enrichment programs, and opportunities.

Become a 4-H’er today by calling the York extension office at (803) 684-9919

To Make the Best BETTER
The opportunities for today's 4-H'ers and for **YOU, the Volunteer** are ENDLESS

As a 4-H volunteer you can help youth develop into responsible, self-directed, productive citizens within their club, their community, and their world. Our program focuses on citizenship, leadership, and life skills development using a "learn-by-doing" educational model approach. Our mission is to help youth reach their fullest potential while advancing the field within academic knowledge in positive youth development.

When you volunteer to become a 4-H leader, you reap so many rewards, not only for yourself, but also for 4-H members, and your community.
JUNE
June 1 | Club Award Applications due to the State Office
       | Community Service and Horse Promotion Activities due to State 4-H Horse
       | Program Office for Outstanding Club Award
       | Barrow Project: Registration Deadline (tentative)
June 6 - 10 | Wild at Webb Camp – Webb Wildlife Camp
June 13 | Deadline for 4-H Horsemanship Camp registration
June 11 | State Meat Goat Project Kick-Off Newberry, SC (tentative)
June 17 | Interviews for Presidential Tray and National Conference – Columbia, SC
June 15 | Applications for 4-H Teen Council due in the State 4-H Office
June 22 | Record Book Contest-Showmanship and Horsemens’ Phase-Garrison Arena
June 23 | Creative Contest official judging – Clemson, State Show
June 21 - 25 | STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW, Garrison Arena, Clemson, SC
June 30 | Ambassador Reports due in the State 4-H Office

JULY
July | Southeast Dairy Youth Retreat
July 5 - 9 | SC 4-H Horsemanship Camp (Horses Required) – Garrison Arena, Clemson, SC
July 13 - 16 | STATE 4-H CONGRESS – CLEMSON UNIVERSITY
July 29 | Deadline for Ambassador Applications
        | Deadline for Volunteer Leaders Symposium
July 28 - August 2 | Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships, Perry, GA
August 5-7 | Junior Beef Round-Up – Clemson, SC

AUGUST
August 5-7 | State Food Plot Applications Due
            | Junior Beef Round-Up – Clemson, SC
August 13 | 4-H AMBASSADOR TRAINING - Columbia
            | STATE 4-H VOLUNTEER LEADER’S SYMPOSIUM – Columbia
Embryology is Something to Crow About!

The SC 4-H School Enrichment Embryology Project allows students to gain first hand knowledge of the life cycle by observing embryo development through the hatching of chicks. The project is “everything it’s cracked up to be!”

Offered by the York County 4-H Program the embryology in the schools program is the most popular project with elementary teachers. Students are able to follow the development of chickens from day one to hatching. Digital temperature -controlled incubators, which are easy to operate, are available for several sessions of the project.

Thank you to the schools participating within the project!

- Bethel Elementary
- Cottonbelt Elementary
- Gold Hill Elementary
- Griggs Rd. Elementary
- Harold C. Johnson Elementary
- Hickory Grove-Sharon Elementary
- Old Pointe Elementary
- Riverwalk Academy
- York Preparatory Academy

4-H conducts an education program at the beginning of the project, and then returns to classrooms once the project is complete to pick up all cleaned supplies along with the newly hatched chicks.

Due to the high demand for the program, registration is on a first come, first served basis available through online enrollment only. Visit the York County 4-H Embryology page for more information.
Donate to 4-H
York County 4-H is accepting
- Egg Cartons
- Unopened expired food packages & beverages

Items may be dropped off at
York Extension Office
120 N. Congress St.
York, SC 29732

Thanks from York County 4-H!

South Carolina 4-H

wildlife food plot project

registration Deadline: Friday, August 5th
price: $15 for Current 4-H Members, $25 for 4-Hers

for more information visit:
http://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/project_areas/natural_resources/wildlife_food_plot/index.html
or contact your local 4-H Agent today!
The Great Outdoors
For Home School Youth: February – May 2016

Not only is the great outdoors a place where many 4-H events, trainings, and projects occur, it is a great place to create a memorable adventure and explore.

The Great Outdoor Adventures is a 4-H short-term homeschool spring semester course in partnership with the City of Rock Hill that promotes active learning, helps build personal empowerment, leadership, and team building while motivating youth to reach their full potential within the outdoor classroom setting.

The Great Outdoor Adventures concluded the spring semester at the BMX Track and despite the weather we were able to hop on and ride! Take a look at the tags and pictures to see a snapshot of how this program was able to encourage youth intellectually, physically, and socially where participants were able to learn through adventurous activities such as hiking, biking, and geocaching.

York County 4-H is dedicated to providing safe and exciting outdoor and educational adventures to our youth. Stay tune to learn about our fall semester program “Come Grow In the Garden” to begin in September and! conclude in December. Whether you are looking for a summer camp program, project, or club, come explore 4-H to see the variety of programs we have to offer.
4-H Volunteers
Making the Best Better!

Volunteer Leaders Symposium

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH
COLUMBIA, SC

Learn how 4 meetings
can make a positive
impact!

Become a
4-H Advisory Council Member
and help shape the
experiences that can impact
the lives of our youth!

Contact fisreal@clemson.edu
Another Year in the Garden Another Year Green

Belleview Elementary and Mt. Gallant Elementary just completed their 2015-2016 Junior Master Gardener school garden series! Thank you to Farmer’s Exchange Service for donating the seeds and to York County Master Gardeners Ken Evans, Bill Robinson, Sue Sennhenn, Shelby Sabelli, along with 4-H Volunteers Marvin Braddy & Tiye DuBard and for their time and commitment to help make the school’s learning experience and gardens a success!

A special thank you to the York County Masters Gardeners grant funding to build an additional raised garden bed at Mt. Gallant Elementary school and for soil amendment at Belleview Elementary.
Pony Perfect 4-H Horse Club having fun while working with their skeletal structure.

-Photo by Club Leader Savannah Anderson

All the very best goes out to the York County 4-H Horse Clubs participating in the SC 4-H Horse Show in Clemson on June 21st through 25th!
For the first time ever, National 4-H presents Citizenship Washington Focus:

Presidential Inauguration

Be a part of the South Carolina 4-H delegation to see our 45th President of the United States get sworn into office and much more!

EVENT DETAILS
January 17-21, 2017 in Washington D.C. To be eligible, you must
- Be 14-19 years old as of January 1, 2017
- Attend the 2016 State 4-H Congress
- Apply!!! (space is limited)

Cost: $500

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS
- Application Form
- Letter of Recommendation (from Extension Agent, 4-H Volunteer, Teacher, or other Adult mentor)
- Statement of Intent
  Explain why you want to attend, how will this experience benefit your 4-H career, and how will you share this experience with others (300 words max.)
- Resume (2 pages max, 12-point font with 1-inch margins)

SELECTION CRITERIA
- Meet eligibility requirements
- Have a proven record of 4-H involvement
- Show an interest in citizenship activities
- Have a proven record of leadership at the local, regional, and/or state levels

SEND APPLICATION
Ashley Burns
Phone: (404) 580-7984
taberp@clemson.edu
2057 Barre Hall
Clemson, SC 29634
Fax: (864) 656-7595

Deadline: June 27th

Candidates selected for this opportunity will be announced at the State 4-H Congress Banquet on July 15, 2016.
(Additional information and payment options will be provided to selected candidates at that time for review.)

Name: ___________________________________________ Birth date: __________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________________________

City, State: __________________ Zip: ___________ County: ________________

Phone:________________________ Email:________________________

Demographic information: (please circle all that apply)

Male Female
American Indian/Alaskan Native Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Asian
Black/African American White Undetermined Hispanic/Latino

Youth Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________________

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York County 4-H Sweeps the SC 4-H Dairy Judging

On Friday, March 4,th over 80 4-H and FFA members were gathered at the T. Ed Garrison Arena in Pendleton, SC for the 2016 State Dairy Judging Contest. Youth were asked to judge four classes of dairy cattle in each of the breeds represented at the Clemson University Spring Dairy Show (Jersey, Brown Swiss, Holstein, and Guernsey). Youth were required to evaluate and rank the animals in each class according to an ideal standard based on breed and type characteristics. Youth then had to defend their ranking in the form of an oral reasons presentation to an official judge.

The high scoring 4-H Senior team was the York County 4-H Dairy Club. The team members were Riley Moss, Amarillo Nivens and Dallas Nivens. The high scoring individual 4-H Senior was Riley Moss. Amarillo Nivens placed 2nd and Dallas Nivens placed third individually. York County’s 4-H Dairy Club also placed 2nd and 3rd within the Junior Team competition. Madelyn Bolin, placed 3rd High Individual within the Junior Competition. This team has worked hard preparing, learning, and presenting for this event.

York County 4-H Dairy Club members also include;

Logan Bolin, Drew Clinton, Emma Culbertson, Maggie Deal, Tucker Evans, Gabby Ferguson, Gerin Knight, Elisabeth Lark, Katelyn McCarter, Trevor Nivens, Chloe Wray, and Blakelee Wisher.

The 4-H livestock program is positive youth development that teaches life skills through hands on learning activities with livestock. The York County 4-H Dairy Club is coached by Mrs. Carrie Bolin.

Congratulations to the entire team! Thank you Mrs. Carrie Bolin and parents for your leading and supporting
The Clemson Cooperative Extension Service in York held the 2015-2016 4-H/FFA Swine Project Show and Sale on Saturday, March 26th at the Chester Livestock Exchange in Richburg, SC. In this project youth ages 5 to 19 obtained a feeder pig in January, raised it for around three months, and showed the finished hog at the annual Swine Show and Sale. Through this project youth obtain life skills to learn the basic principles of animal science by owning and caring for swine, keep production and financial records on one or more project animal, and demonstrate knowledge of feeding and management practices.

To participate within this project youth had to be at least 5 years of age as of January 1st and register as a 4-H member or be a registered FFA member in the Clover, Fort Mill, or York FFA Chapters.

The 4-H/FFA Swine Project Show and Sale is sponsored by the United Way of York County. The Bank of York sponsors the Grand and Reserve Champion Prizes, Chester Livestock Exchange sponsors the Average Daily Gain winner, and the York County Farm Bureau awards special prizes to show participants.

Pictured above (L-R) are:
Leanna Moser- Average Daily Gain Winner
James Moser- Grand Champion Winner
Wyatt Nance- Reserve Champion Winner
Cloverbud Showmanship Winner

Not pictured are Showmanship winners:
Ronald Nivens- Junior Showmanship Winner
Michael Moses- Senior Showmanship Winner

Photo courtesy of Cacci Nance
York County’s Fall Livestock Show
B & S Farms - Chester, SC

September 2-3 2016

Open to SC 4-H, FFA, & Junior Breed Association Youth
Friday, September 2nd
Pullet Show 5:00 pm
Meat Goat Show 6:00 pm

Saturday, September 3rd
Sheep Show 9:00 am
Horse Show 10:00 am
Beef Show 11:00 am
Dairy Show 2:00 pm

JOIN US!
Support York County 4-H FFA Junior Breed Association
Attend a FREE livestock event
B&S Farms
3350 Armenia Rd Chester, SC
www.clemson.edu/york

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Hello again! I hope everyone has enjoyed reading the newsletter so far. As an aspiring writer, I have enjoyed writing portions of the York County 4-H newsletter immensely. I have learned so much throughout the process and am thankful for the experience. As a high school senior graduating in June, this is the last newsletter that I will be able to write. I will be attending college this fall with a major in English! I know that 4-H is a program that has guided me through my high school years and the college application process immensely. I would like to thank everyone involved in 4-H that has encouraged me to be creative and “to make the best better”.

Dear High School juniors and seniors,

If you are involved in 4-H, there are so many awards, scholarships, and activities that you can participate in to prepare yourself for college. I encourage you to find what’s right for you and to never keep your eye off of your goals.

-Sage Leona

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