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Spring will soon be here, so get ready to break out your gardening skills and tools as the 4-H Mini Gardens get under way. The theme for the 2012 gardens is “Pollination Station!” This two part mini garden series will cover the basics of the mini garden process, determine garden location, how to plant, promoting pollination, managing pests, harvesting, and will include time to ask questions. Both sessions will be held at the Extension Center in Dobson.

This “green” opportunity is open to any youth between the ages 5 & 18. Participants will receive all garden materials at the May 1 training.

Part One: “Garden Overview” will be held on Tuesday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m.
Part Two: “Pollination Station” will be held on Tuesday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Registration deadline is Tuesday, April 24.
No participants will be allowed to participate after this date.

Contest fee: $10.00 for each participant. Fee includes: garden and workshop materials and entry to Summer Awards Night.

For more information, call 401-8025.

We will begin taking summer registrations on Tuesday, May 8 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Extension Center in Dobson. Registrations will continue to be taken until all classes are full following the May 8 registration kickoff. If there is a must have class, we encourage parents to come early. Look for a summer brochure coming soon!

Reminder

4-H Leaders will be meeting on Monday, March 19, at 4:00 p.m. at the Extension center in Dobson.

Members of the 4-H Advisory Committee will be meeting on Thursday, April 12, at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Center in Dobson. A meal will be provided.
Volunteers are the backbone for North Carolina Cooperative Extension programming, especially the 4-H program. 4-H, the youth component of NC Cooperative Extension, provides youth ages five to eighteen with exciting and educational experiences through clubs, special interest activities, camp and much more.

A 4-H club volunteer provides overall leadership for the club and coordinates with members, parents and other volunteers. The purpose of a 4-H club volunteer is to support youth, volunteers and county 4-H staff members in conducting meaningful, educational experiences to help youth grow and reach their fullest potential. Whether through educational programs or community service projects, 4-H provides opportunities for youth to gain life skills such as responsibility, record keeping and leadership.

All 4-H clubs must be chartered and have a minimum of five youth. Clubs typically meet once a month. Meetings include a short business meeting, club program and refreshments/recreation. Club programs are designed around the interests of the youth and can be taught by youth, parents, club volunteers or guest speakers. Club members go on tours, attend special programs, conduct service projects, make things, share what they have learned and more! There is something for every child and adult whether he or she lives in town or in the country.

Volunteering links people in a very special way. As people spend time volunteering it can help increase a sense of commitment, challenge, joy and self-esteem, all positive emotions that can help ward off stress.

If you would like to give back to the community and help youth to develop to their full potential, then become a 4-H club volunteer today! Contact Teresa Wilkins, 4-H Extension Agent, at 336-401-8025. 4-H Volunteers must complete a volunteer application. Volunteers are then trained and supported by Extension Staff.

Winter Weather Policy

If schools are closed due to weather conditions, then any 4-H activity scheduled for the day will be postponed. This includes club meetings and county scheduled events.

5th Annual Operation Military Kids Visual Arts Contest

The contest is open to all North Carolina youth. Age categories are 5-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-15, and 16-18. Designed to introduce youth to the Visual Arts as a part of the 4-H Expressive Arts Curriculum, youth will utilize their skills and their artistry to capture their views of America and patriotism.

This year’s themes are:
- Love of the USA
- All American Kids
- Spirit of Patriotism
- Military Life
- Honoring Our Heroes

Contest rules and guidelines can be found at www.nc4h.org/military/index/html or http://www.operationmilitarykids.org/public/statePOCHome.aspx?state=North%20Carolina

Eligibility of Photos: All photographs must have been taken by youth between the dates of May 1, 2011 and the time of entry. Photos may be submitted only one time and in only one division and class to the North Carolina Operation: Military Kids photography contest.

Eligibility of Artwork: All artwork must have been created by youth between the dates of May 1, 2011 and the time of entry. Artwork may be submitted only one time and in only one division and class to the North Carolina Operation: Military Kids Visual Arts contest.

Entry Deadline: ENTRIES must arrive in Surry County 4-H office, no later than Monday, April 23, 2012.

For more information please call 401-8025.
**Mountain Park 4-H Club**

**Scholars Program for NC Community Colleges**

Since establishing the scholarship program, Golden LEAF has provided over 4,946 scholarships to help North Carolinians attend participating community colleges.

**Participating Community Colleges**
Visit the websites below to see a list of the 2011-2012 North Carolina community colleges participating in the Golden LEAF Scholarship program.

**Award Amount**
Up to $750 per semester, including summer term, is available for curriculum students and up to $250 per semester for students enrolling in occupational programs. Awards can be applied toward tuition, fees, books, supplies at the community college where enrolled and transportation and child care expenses related to attending classes.

**Eligibility**
Students attending or planning to attend any of North Carolina’s participating community colleges who reside in a qualifying county and demonstrate financial need are eligible to apply.

**How to apply**
For more information about the scholarship and deadlines contact your college’s financial aid office.

**Deadline**
Each participating college will set the deadline for the scholarship application. Contact your college's financial aid office as soon as you plan to enroll to determine application deadlines.

For additional information about a Golden LEAF scholarship, you may also contact:

- **Golden LEAF Scholarship Program** - Robbie Schultz at 919-248-4686
- **Golden LEAF Scholarship Program Two Year Colleges** - Karen Yerby at 919-807-7100 ext 7107

www.goldenleaf.org/scholarships.html
### Calendar of Events

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| March 19| 4-H Leaders Meeting                                                  | 4:00 p.m.  
           |                                                                    | Extension Center                             |
| March 31| Surry County Easter Egg Hunt                                         | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
           |                                                                    | Fisher River Park                            |
| April 7 | Mountain Park 4-H Club Easter Egg Hunt                               | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
           |                                                                    | Mountain Park Community Park                 |
| April 12| 4-H Advisory Committee Meeting                                       | 6:00 p.m.  
           |                                                                    | Extension Center                             |
| April 23| Submission Deadline                                                  | Operation Military Kids  
           |                                                                    | Visual Arts Contest                          |
| May 8   | Summer Explosion Registration                                        | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
           |                                                                    | Extension Center                             
           |                                                                    | Details coming soon!                         |
| May 1 & 22| Mini Garden Training                                                | 6:30 p.m.  
           |                                                                    | Extension Center                             
           |                                                                    | Fee: $10.00                                 |
           |                                                                    | Call to register by April 23.                |

**Note:** If you have any questions about any of the programming featured in this publication, please call the Extension office at 401-8025 during the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday, and we will be glad to assist you.

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**Accommodation Statement**

If you are a person with a disability, or desire any assistive devices, services, or other accommodations to participate in any of our activities, please call 401-8025 during the business hours of 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at least two weeks before the event to request accommodations.