

# Surry County 4-H Newsletter

**September 2023**



## Quote of the Month

*"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future."*

*—Franklin D. Roosevelt*

## **Summer Fun Was a Success!**

Summer has now unofficially ended, and the school year has begun. We had 58 participants registered for our 7 Summer Fun programs, and for several this was their first time participating in a 4-H event! We are excited to have some new youth who have discovered the fun of 4-H, and hope they will become active members!

## **4-H Club News**

**Beulah Club-** At our August Beulah 4-H Club meeting we met in the exhibit building of the Surry County Agricultural Fair. We looked at all of the fair booths and entries. We especially enjoyed seeing what our members, leaders and helpers had entered, and what ribbons they had won! We enjoyed seeing the two 4-H fair booths. We discussed all that we saw. Members who hadn't entered before got ideas of what they could enter next year. For our September 12th meeting, we are planning a Pet Show. It will be held at Beulah Methodist Church at 6:00 pm. Any 4-H member in Surry County is welcome to participate. Members may enter any type of pet(s) that they or their families can look after. Dogs should be on a leash and cats should be in a carrier. Each member will tell the judges about their pet and answer questions about their pet. If members don't have a pet, they may enter a stuffed animal pet. Each pet will receive a ribbon, and a king and queen of the pet show will be crowned. Anyone wanting to enter should contact Gail Shelton at (336)352-3517 so we will be sure to have enough ribbons ready.

**Pilot Club-** For our August meeting, we had an Open House at the Pilot Center and welcomed back current and new members. We had stations set up for them to create fair entries to be entered in the Surry County Agricultural Fair. The following Monday we met at the fair and created our fair booth for the competition, and took the fair entries we had created. On Wednesday, August 9th we met at the Surry County Fair and checked out our ribbon winners and enjoyed the fair festivities. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12th from 6:00-7:30 at the Pilot Center. Our theme for this month is Foods & Nutrition. We will be learning about a variety of foods, and how to make some simple, healthy recipes.

**4-Hooves Club-** We held an orientation for our new horse club on Tuesday, August 22nd. This first meeting consisted of introducing ourselves, meeting our leaders, learning about the program and what is expected of the members, meeting and greeting the horses, and touring the facility. Our groups will meet on Tuesday, September 12th and 26th from 6:00-7:30 pm. At our September meetings, we will be learning about the basics that a horse needs to have: food, water, and shelter. Each member will then be able to make their own habitat for their horse including these 3 essentials.

**County Council-** We held the first meeting of our new County Council on Monday, August 21st from 5:30-7:00 pm. We started the meeting with pizza and drinks for the members to enjoy while they socialized. Then, we played a couple of ice breaker games to help us get to know everyone a little better. The focus of our meeting was to elect officers for our County Council. Members took a leadership style survey to help them understand their strengths. We then discussed the officer positions, and the roles they play in our meetings. We took nominations for positions, based on where we thought we could serve best. Following an election, we announced our new officers. Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 18th from 5:30-7:00 pm at the Extension office. We will be learning about parliamentary procedure, and completing a fun activity to help us practice making motions. Any interested youth ages 13-18 are welcome to join us!

**Dog Club-** We are excited to have another new club starting up soon! This club will focus on dogs and their care. We will be learning about the nutritional needs of dogs, the basic daily care they need, the importance of vaccinations and vet care, grooming and nail care, basic obedience, and learning some tricks to do with our dogs. The club plans to begin meeting in September, and will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:00-7:30 pm. Since we will be working with animals, this club will be limited to 12 participants. If you have questions, or are interested in your child participating in this club, please contact Amanda Gann at (336)401-8025 or [agann@ncsu.edu](mailto:agann@ncsu.edu).

**Homeschool Club-** We are excited to have a new club to support our homeschooling families in Surry County! Our Elementary 4-H'ers will meet on the 1st Thursday of each month from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Extension Office. Our Middle & High 4-H'ers will meet on the 1st Friday of each month from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Extension Office. Both groups will meet together on the 3rd Thursday of each month for a field trip or to complete a service project. If you have questions, or are interested in your child participating in this club, please contact Amanda Gann at (336)401-8025 or [agann@ncsu.edu](mailto:agann@ncsu.edu).

**Dobson & Elkin Clubs-** We would love to see our 4-H clubs expand to all parts of our county! We are currently looking for meeting locations in the Dobson area and the Elkin area. If you have a facility that you would be willing for our 4-H'ers to use for their monthly meeting location, please reach out to us. We also need at least 2 adult volunteers to serve as the leaders for these clubs. If you enjoy working with youth, have a couple of hours per month to volunteer, and have a passion for educating and sharing your talents, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Amanda Gann at (336)401-8025 or [agann@ncsu.edu](mailto:agann@ncsu.edu) for more information.

### **Enroll in 4-H Online 2.0 for 2022**

Please enroll your child into our program by creating a 4-H Online account for them. Access 4-H Online through this link: <https://v2.4honline.com/>. Everyone should enroll in 4-H before attending a 4-H program or club meeting. If you have problems enrolling or re-enrolling your child, please contact Amanda at (336)401-8025 or [agann@ncsu.edu](mailto:agann@ncsu.edu).

### **North Central District 4-H Poultry Show-Deadline to Register September 8th**

We are starting our North Central District Poultry Show a little earlier this year, so make sure to read the details of this competition carefully! All registered 4-H'ers in the North Central District can participate in this competition. That includes ages 5-18 as of January 1, 2024. The cost to participate is \$25 and that covers the cost of 5 chickens that you get to raise and bring a pen of 3 to the show to compete. All participants are required to attend Zoom trainings, either live or recorded. Youth ages 8-18 are required to complete a 4-H Project Record Book. Ages 5-7 may complete a record book as well, but are not required to. Here are some important important dates to keep in mind for this show: **Registration deadline - September 8, 2023 Pick up chicks at our Extension Office - October 30, 2023 Record books due - April 19, 2024 Poultry Show - May 4, 2024** Do you have questions about this show or would like to sign up? Please check out this website for more information:

<https://go.ncsu.edu/ncdpoultryrabbitshow>.

Please sign up for this show via this link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSemkYy3VH\\_mXDCdNMLuzZG57RKgFRyDF3nLnY0ReOi75\\_1EPw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSemkYy3VH_mXDCdNMLuzZG57RKgFRyDF3nLnY0ReOi75_1EPw/viewform).

## Upcoming Events

September 4th	Surry County Extension Center closed in observance of Labor Day
September 7th	Elementary Homeschoolers meeting 2:00-4:00 pm
September 8th	Middle & High Homeschoolers meeting 2:00-4:00 pm
September 8th	Poultry Show registration deadline
September 12th	Meetings for Beulah, Pilot & 4-Hooves Clubs 6:00-7:30 pm
September 18th	County Council meeting 5:30-7:00 pm
September 21st	Homeschool Club Field Trip 2:00-4:00 pm
September 26th	4-Hooves Club Meeting 6:00-7:30 pm



For more information about Surry County 4-H or to sign up for programs, please contact Amanda Gann, our 4-H Agent at [agann@ncsu.edu](mailto:agann@ncsu.edu) for the quickest response. Our office can also be reached by phone at (336)401-8025 and Amanda will get back to you as soon as possible. Our office hours are 8:15 AM-5:00 PM Monday through Friday and our address is 915 E. Atkins Street, Suite 300, Dobson, NC 27017.

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Special accommodations will be made for the physically disabled, vision, or hearing impaired person upon request. If special accommodations are required, please call Amanda Gann at (336) 401-8025, 3 weeks prior to the event or activity. This event or activity is operating under the 4-H Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedure. You can obtain a copy from your 4-H Agent. This 4-H Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedure is a condition of participation in any North Carolina 4-H activities or programs.

