

Surry County 4-H Newsletter

January 2024



Quote of the Month

**“To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake,
it is necessary to stand out in the cold!”**

—Aristotle



4-H Online Re-enrollment

It's a new year, and that means it's time to enroll in 4-H Online! Every year, if you want to continue as a 4-H'er or volunteer in North Carolina, you must enroll in 4-H Online. The system is currently undergoing maintenance but will be available again on January 8th. This process is fairly simple and just requires you to update information for yourself and your children, who are ages 5-18, by January 1st, 2024. If you have questions or problems re-enrolling, please contact Amanda Gann at agann@ncsu.edu or (336)401-8025.



4-H Club News

Beulah Club-

On December 22, our Beulah 4-H Club went Christmas caroling to four homes in our community. Afterwards, we met at the Beulah Community Building to have a Christmas party. Each family brought a snack to share, and we enjoyed hot chocolate. We also played a game and had a gift exchange. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9th from 6:00-7:30 pm at the Beulah Community Building.

Pilot Club- In December, we had a hot cocoa bar and then went Christmas caroling along Main Street in Pilot Mountain. We enjoyed the time of fellowship and being able to spread some cheer to others. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, January 9th from 6:00-7:30 pm at the Pilot Center. We will have a guest presenter from Surry County Soil & Water at this meeting.

4-Hooves Club- In December, our 4-H family battled the cold and learned about the job of a farrier with a demonstration from our guest, Josh Anderson. Our 4-H family also completed another service project, by collecting toys for our local families in need. In January, we will be having Dr. Thrift with Sullivan Equine come out to demonstrate a wellness check and update vaccines on the horses. She will also teach the kids about medical care and treatments for horses.

County Council- At our December meeting, our County Council members enjoyed some fun at our Christmas party. They had cookies and green punch as we played some Grinch themed games and tested our memories with quotes from popular Christmas movies! Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 22nd from 5:30-7:00 pm at the Extension office. We will be having an informational session about 4-H Presentations and Project Record Books. Any interested youth ages 13-18 are welcome to join us!



Dog Club- At our December 19th meeting we started off by discussing what prior knowledge the kids already had about dogs. We got started on learning about dog breeds and their characteristics. The children enjoyed some hands-on activities with a well-behaved rescue dog as well. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16th from 6:00-7:00 pm. We still have space available for a few more dog enthusiasts to join us!



Homeschool Club- Our homeschool club met twice during the month of December. Our main focus skill was sewing. At our first meeting we learned about properly handling a needle and sharp scissors, threading a needle, sewing on a button, and making basic stitches. They put these skills to use by making felt Christmas ornaments to take home and decorate their own tree. At our second meeting of the month, we completed a service project by making felt-no-sew blankets. The children also enjoyed cookies and hot chocolate after their hard work! We were able to make 4 of the blankets, and they were donated to foster children in Surry County. We will be meeting this month on January 4th and 18th and will be completing some hands-on activities to help us learn about weather. 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.



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 for more information.

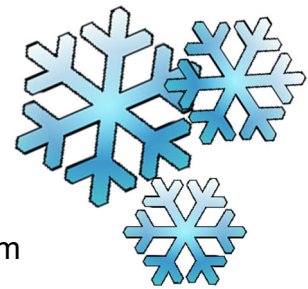


4-H Project Record Books and Portfolios

Project Record Books and Portfolios are a great way to share what you did in the previous 4-H year, and they can be done on a variety of topics! Do you enjoy cooking and have you done cooking programs with 4-H last year? You can do a record book on that! Do you have an animal that you take care of? You can do a record book on that! There are so many topics; the possibilities are limitless as to what you can do! Any 4-H'er between the ages of 5-18 may complete a record book. Forms may be found on the North Carolina 4-H website or by contacting Amanda Gann at agann@ncsu.edu. All 4-H Record books are due to the Extension Office no later than Friday, February 16th. This allows us to get them mailed into the state 4-H office by the March 1st deadline.

Upcoming Events

January 4th	Homeschool Enrichment Program 2:00-4:00 pm
January 9th	Beulah, Pilot & Horse Clubs meeting 6:00-7:30 pm
January 15th	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
January 16th	Dog Club Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm
January 18 th	Homeschool Enrichment Program 2:00-4:00 pm
January 22nd	County Council meeting 5:30-7:00 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 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. 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.