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March will be here before you know it and so will our Annual Clover Crawl. This is an adult fundraising event that we started a year ago. All monies raised for this goes back to programming for Anson County 4-H. We ask that all the adults purchase and attend this event. The date is March 19, 2010 at the G&G Ballroom in Polkton. The event will run from 7pm-midnight and ticket prices are $25 per person. Come out and enjoy a night of socializing, dancing and great food in an adult atmosphere. If you have any additional questions, please call the Extension office.

County Council/Volunteer Leader’s Meeting

Mark your calendars for our next county council and volunteer leaders meeting which will be Tuesday, February 16, 2010. We will be starting at 6pm. If you plan to attend the meetings please RSVP by February 12th. Our program for the evening will be parliamentary procedure and duties of officers.

Volunteer Leaders Conference

We have a total of eight volunteers that are geared up for an exciting and educational weekend at the Sheraton Imperial. The dates for the conference are February 5-7 and will be in Research Triangle Park, NC. We look forward to the volunteers coming back and sharing the information they receive with the rest of us.

If you are interested in learning more about any information in this newsletter, contact me at the Extension Center or E-mail me at roshunda.blount@ncsu.edu. For accommodations for persons with disabilities, contact me no later than five business days before the event.

Sincerely,

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Achievement Program

By now, all of you should have received your invitation to this year’s Achievement Program. The date is Tuesday, February 23 at 7pm. Our program will be here at the Extension Office. We are still in the works for a speaker but please plan for a very enjoyable evening. The dates are firm for our deadlines, so if you plan to attend please call the office and sign up. All of my incoming officers that will be installed for 2010-2011 year please try your best to attend the program, this is where you all will be installed.

Also the 4-H Volunteer Leader Association will be having their annual raffle that night, so please come out and support them also. Tickets are $1.

Project Selection Sheets

Volunteers please be advised that you can start filling out project selection sheets for the coming 4-H year. I ask that all sheets be turned into me by February 28th so that I can get them all out in a timely fashion. With the new 4-H year change the turn around for these records to be completed will be pretty quick. The time to start is now!

District Teen Retreat

Teens go ahead and mark your calendars for this event, which will be held April 10-11th in Moore County at the Days Inn. Once I receive pricing options and further information, I will get this out to you all. Remember you must be 13 to attend this event.

Jr. 4-H Camp

We already have our dates for this year’s Jr. 4-H Camp which are June 27 – July 2. We will be camping at Millstone 4-H Center again this year, which is in Ellerbe, NC. Cost for camp is $325, which includes a camp t-shirt, materials, insurance, and a $15 store card. If you would like to register, please come in the office and receive your necessary paperwork and pay your $50 nonrefundable fee to secure your space by March 31st. I only have 8 spaces available so don’t wait too long to sign up.

Newsletter Schedule

With the beginning of each year, we plan to do and make resolutions, and Anson County 4-H is promising to get a newsletter out on a regular basis. The Anson County 4-H News will be published 4 times per year: January-February, March-April, May-August, and September-December as in past years. In addition, all newsletters will be posted to the Anson County Cooperative Extension website starting in February. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please let us know!
State Council Conference

This year’s theme was “We Are 4-H: Past, Present, and Future” and the conference focused on how 4-H has changed from its beginnings, where it is today and where it will head in the future. The workshops focused on careers and entrepreneurship as well as leadership, citizenship and team building workshops. Those that attended were Luke Edwards, Yasmine Escalera, Whitney Dunlap, Jessica Johnson, Aaliyah Escalera and Demetress Bennett.

Six youth attending State Council Conference this past November which was held in Raleigh, NC. Youth participated in district meetings, workshops, and met candidates running for state office.

Club News

Busy Bees 4-H Club kicked off the new year by electing and installing new club officers for 2010. We created 4-H hearts using stitching & cutting techniques on plastic canvas. Club members also made friendship cards that were given to residents of Lillie Bennett Nursing Center.

Eager Beaver Club has been involved in many community service projects. They prepared the decorations for the Anson Idol Show at Wadesboro Middle School, They collected can foods and distributed to needy families and Crisis Ministry. They also participated in the county's project and collected clothing and toys for a needy families. They had 6 participants for the Favorite Food Show with a total of 12 dishes. A couple of their members attended the Christmas Crafts Workshop. Many of their members and leaders attended the county 4-H Christmas Party, carried a covered dish, played games and had a wonderful time.

Christmas Craft Workshop

Our Christmas craft workshop was held this past December with a total of 12 youth participating. All had a great time and a special thank you goes to Yasmine Escalera, Aaliyah Escalera, Jessica Johnson, Ada Moore, Erin Dempsey and Janet Gilwreath for helping out with the crafts with the kids.

County Christmas Party

Our county wide 4-H Christmas Party was held on December 19th. Over 50 people attended this party and had a great time enjoying great food, fun games and wonderful conversation. We also did a county wide community service project where we adopted a family. More than enough items and clothing was donated for the family so that everyone in the five-member family received gifts, clothing and toys. We also had enough to purchase a food gift card for the family as well. Thanks to all the parents, volunteers and youth for making our party a great success.
Dates to Remember
Please keep the following dates available and posted for your convenience.

February 5-7 – Volunteer Leader’s Conf.
February 16 – County Council/Volunteer Leaders Meeting
February 23 – County Achievement Night
March 19 – 4-H Clover Crawl
April 10-11 – District Teen Retreat
June 27-July 2 – Jr. 4-H Camp-Millstone

New Forms Due-
You should have received your letters about new forms that are due for the year. Please go ahead and complete those and get them back to me as soon as you can.

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