

# Anson County 4-H

Anson County Center

**4-H Newsletter**

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## South Central District 4-H Winter Enrichment

On Saturday, January 11, Union County hosted the 2020 South Central District's annual Winter Enrichment. Winter Enrichment is an opportunity for youth between the ages of 13 and 18 to learn about leadership and 4-H beyond the county level. The day began with a business meeting conducted by the youth officers, followed by a variety of interactive workshops, lunch, a service project, and finally a trip to the Big Air trampoline park in Mathews, N.C. After the business meeting, more than 100 youth scrambled to register for the workshops of their choice. The workshops included workshops on team building, theatre and improv, the Ambassador Program, and an escape room.



Pictured above is a group of youth at the Trampoline Park.

At the conclusion of the workshops, the youth had a hearty pizza lunch before they started their service project which consisted of writing letters to active army members. After the service project, a great educational day was concluded with a trip to the Big Air Trampoline Park. At Big Air 4-H'ers spent nearly two hours jumping to their hearts content. A fun and exciting day was had by all!

## NC 4-H Volunteer Leaders Conference

On January 31 through February 2, 4-H volunteers from across the state gathered in Durham, NC for the Annual Volunteer Leaders Conference where volunteers had the opportunity to learn at workshops, share ideas, and be recognized for the efforts toward 4-H programming. Anson County Volunteer Leaders who attended were Kim Bennett, Pearl Blount, Ashley Cole, Hannah Dunlap, Betty Garriss, Carrissima Martin, Addie Richardson, and Leslie Smith. Throughout the conference, volunteers attended workshops on youth development, 4-H curriculum and much more. On Saturday evening, there was an awards banquet where Pearl Blount and Betty Garriss were recognized as former recipients of the Achievement Hall of 4-H Leadership Award. Additionally, Betty was recognized for 35 years of service as a leader and Pearl was recognized for her 36 years of service as a leader as well. On Sunday morning before the conference concluded, Carrissima Martin was installed as President of the South Central District Volunteer Leaders Association. Anson County was further recognized for having the most volunteers attend this year's Volunteer Leader Conference with eight attendees.

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## Volunteer Leaders Conference

With the most volunteers in attendance, Anson will receive scholarship towards volunteers attending next year. Anson County was proudly represented!

Pictured at left are: Anson County 4-H volunteer leaders Pearl Blount and Betty Garriss, among others, being recognized for their years of service.

*Congratulations!*

## Achievement Night

On Tuesday, February 18, more than thirty proud relatives, friends, and supporters attended the annual 4-H Achievement Night held at the Cooperative Extension Center. The purpose of Achievement Night is to honor and recognize Anson County 4-H'ers, 4-H Volunteer Leaders for their accomplishments from the previous year, and Volunteer Leaders who have given their time and efforts to assist with 4-H programs. Youth and adults were recognized and received certificates and ribbons for their accomplishments. 4-H alumni, Commissioner Lawrence Gatewood, was present to give the greetings.

Several, well deserving 4-H'ers earned scholarships for the effort and hard work they put into their club project work. These scholarships are funded through program fundraising efforts and will be used toward 4-H trips, camps, and 4-H project area supplies.

This year's Cloverbud (5-7) project participant was Zoë Martin. The Junior Division (8-12) project winner was Andrew Martin. The Senior Division (13-18) project winners were LaMaia Smith-Maxwell and Cameron Tillman. Quenton Cromartie and Keyshawn Tillman submitted portfolios which are three years of project work in one specific project area.

Our 4-H Volunteer Leaders were recognized with years of devoted service to the 4-H program. They were: 1 year Volunteer Leaders Ashley Cole and Justin Jones, Leslie Smith 4 years, Natasha Duncan 10 years, Carrissima Martin 10 years, Debra Ratliff 14 years, Addie Richardson 14 years, Hannah Dunlap 19 years, Kim Bennett 28 years, Ada Moore 32 years, Betty Garriss 36 years, and Pearl Blount 37 years. Each Leader was given a certificate and a gift of appreciation. Three community clubs were recognized for renewing all of their paperwork to receive their charter seals. Those clubs receiving charter seals were Eager Beavers 4-H Club, RoboWolves 4-H Club, and Busy Bees 4-H Club.

Certificates of Appreciation were given to volunteers that gave their time during the past year to 4-H in the capacities of teaching a program, judging, or helping structure programs. Those individuals were Pamela Layfield, Janet Gilreath, and Roshunda Terry.

The evening was capped off with the recognition of the 2019 4-H Leaders Association Officers: Carrissima Martin - President, Natasha Duncan - Vice President, Pearl Blount - Secretary, and Hannah Dunlap - Treasurer and the installation of the new officers Ashley Cole - President, Leslie Smith - Vice President, Pearl Blount - Secretary, and Hannah Dunlap - Treasurer.

*Well done!*

Pictured at right is a group of some of the youth who attended Achievement Night.



## Robotics Competition

The RoboWolves started their competition season at UNC-Pembroke March 6-8 for the FIRST Robotics district competition. For the second year in a row the RoboWolves experienced setbacks with their robot. However, the team was able to come together, evaluate, and adjust. With great coaching from club leader Steffany Labree, the team was able to rally and execute. Their efforts were rewarded as the RoboWolves placed first for the second year in a row. Unfortunately, FIRST cancelled the rest of the season as a precaution to the COVID 19. As a result, the RoboWolves will not compete in the competition in Greensboro. This was assuredly a bittersweet moment for the RoboWolves when they discovered the season was over but they find solace in their back to back champion title at UNC Pembroke. Go RoboWolves!



Students pictured above at the Robotics Competition.



## 4-H Annual Clover Crawl

This annual fundraising event was on Friday, March 13 at South Piedmont Community College, Lockhart Taylor Center. Just under 100 were in attendance this year and raised over \$10,000 for Anson County 4-H and 4-H Youth Promise. Thanks to all who came, supported and volunteered. The youth of Anson County 4-H thank each of you!

## Anson County 4-H's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Anson County 4-H must adhere to the executive orders and instructions of the federal, state, and local government in response to COVID 19 pandemic. Additionally, Cooperative Extension, which covers 4-H Youth Development, has specific instructions in which Anson County 4-H must comply. As a result, the Cooperative Extension Office has stopped face-to-face services and Anson County 4-H has cancelled programming until April 3 per Anson County Government. We have been further instructed to cancel all in-person 4-H activities scheduled for the next 60 days unless they can be done online. This is effective immediately until May 22. Due to the face-to-face nature of the following upcoming activities, programs will be canceled or postponed unless they can be done online:

- **4-H Outing to Charlotte Hornets:** Originally scheduled for Sunday April 5 has been canceled. The NBA season has been suspended indefinitely.
- **Fashion Revue and Talent Show:** Originally set for April 30 with rehearsals on April 29, has all but been canceled. There is a possibility the event can be conducted virtually. More information will be given at a later date.
- **County Presentation Night:** Originally set for April 30, has all but been canceled. There is a possibility the event can be conducted virtually. More information will be given at a later date.
- **Spring Paper Clover Event:** Set for April 29 through May 10, Anson County 4-H will likely refrain from directly participating in this event as a group. Supporters of Anson County 4-H can still visit the local Tractor Supply between April 29 and May 10 and purchase paper clovers.
- **Environmental Field Day 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders:** Event has been cancelled.
- **Refuge Adventures 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders:** Event has been cancelled.

**Summer Programs:** Anson County 4-H is offering a Summer Day Camp June 9-11; July 7-9; July 14-16 and Aug. 3-7. **These are tentative dates.** The day camps will be for youth ages 5-12. Camps will be specified by age. There is a limit of 25 and the cost is \$40. Youth can use their scholarship to attend. Flyers and brochures will go out soon with more details.

**NC 4-H Citizenship Focus:** NC 4-H'ers are in Raleigh for 3 days learning about youth voice and citizenship in action. One of the highlights of this conference is going to the NC General Assembly to meet with their elected officials. This event will take place June 15-17. As I receive more details I will send out.

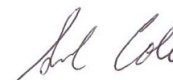
**NC 4-H Electric Congress:** Is an informal hands-on youth program where youth learn about the fundamentals of electricity, renewable energy technologies, and energy conservation. This event will be on July 7-9. Forms will go out as soon as I receive them.

**District Activity Day:** Is an opportunity for youth to showcase their presentation skills in front of a group of judges. Youth who win gold or silver medal at District Activity Day will advance to compete at the state level at NC State University. Richmond County is hosting this year and the date will be Saturday, June 20. I will send out more information as I get more details.

**NC 4-H Congress** Is an educational opportunity for youth to learn about current issues through educational experiences with speakers, discussion groups, and workshops. Youth are also provided the opportunity to develop and exercise leadership skills, and enjoy recreational and social experiences with other 4-H youth. NC 4-H Congress will be July 18-21 in Raleigh, NC. As I receive more details I will send out.

For more information on 4-H programs in Anson County, Contact Samuel Cole, 4-H Agent with the Cooperative Extension Service at [Samuel\\_cole@ncsu.edu](mailto:Samuel_cole@ncsu.edu) or 704-694-2915. For accommodations for persons with disabilities, contact me no later than five business days before the event.

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Official Business

### **Social Distancing, Staying Engaged, and Staying Safe:**

During this period where social distancing is promoted as a health and safety precaution, it will be more important than ever to find creative ways to learn and stay engaged. Thankfully, there are several platforms such as Facebook, Zoom, Google Hangout, YouTube and many more to make this possible. If you haven't already, I encourage you to follow Anson County 4-H on Facebook where updates and educational opportunities will be posted regularly. I will further encourage you to practice all safety precautions as advised by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov).



### **Calendar of Events**

March 20-21 – District Robotic Competition- Greensboro **CANCELED**  
March 30-April 3 – Environmental Field Days- 2<sup>nd</sup> graders **CANCELED**  
April 9-13 – Refuge Adventures – 3<sup>rd</sup> graders **CANCELED**  
April 29-May10 – Spring Paper Clover Campaign  
April 30 – County Presentation, Fashion Revue **TENTATIVE**  
Talent and Creative Talent Shows at 6pm **TENTATIVE**  
June 15-17 – NC 4-H Citizenship Focus, Raleigh, NC  
June 20 – District Activity Day, Richmond County

