



Summary of Anson County 4-H Clubs, Programming, and Events

The North Carolina 4-H Youth Development programs are open to young people aged 5 through 18 (Note: This is through their 18th year; if they are 19 years old on January 1, they cannot compete). 4-H age is determined by a young person's age on January 1 of the 4-H program year, which runs (January 1 to December 31). This is consistent with National 4-H competitive guidelines. 4-H participation should involve age-appropriate experiences designed for youth aged 5 to 7 (Cloverbuds) and youth aged 8 through 18.

Competition is only open to youth who are ages 8 as of Jan. 1 and have not passed their 18th birthday on Jan. 1 of the year they are competing. Check with your county for specific eligibility rules for all 4-H Competitions.

5-7 (Cloverbuds)

8-12 (Junior)

13-19 (Senior)

What is 4-H?

4-H is a fun program where you get to “Learn By Doing”. Everyone is invited to join! 4-H has special activities for you! 4-H offers something to match everyone’s interest. Best of all, membership is free.

4-H Programs

Anson County 4-H is operated and supervised by professional extension staff who train and support volunteers that work with members. Volunteers serve as advocates, trainers, mentors, and friends.

The Anson County 4-H program offers opportunities for both youth and adults to experience success and achievement. Through 4-H, young people and volunteer leaders learn about citizenship, leadership and community service.

4-H Provides a chance to learn new things, meet people, make friends, travel to different places, experience new ideas and most of all, have fun.

Summary of Clubs and 4-H Programming and Events (Arranged by Date)

Club	Program/Event	Age	Date	4-H Online
4-H Robotics Club		High School	Jan - May	YES
Busy Bees 4-H Club		5-19	Year round with summer break	YES
Eager Beavers 4-H Club		5-19	Year round with summer break	YES
Anson County Volunteer Leaders Association		18+	Year round with summer breaks	YES
	Winter Enrichment	13-19	January	YES
	Project Records**	5-19	Due in January	YES
	Anson Youth Leadership Forums	8+	Ongoing	NO
	Volunteer Leaders Conference*	Adult volunteers	Feb. 5-6	YES
	4-H Achievement Night	No age limit	Feb. 22	NO
	4-H Volunteer Leaders Appreciation	No age limit	Feb. 22	NO
	Teen Retreat***	13-19	TBD	YES
	Clover Crawl	21+	March 11	NO
	4-H Outing Charlotte Hornets Basketball	8+	March	YES
	Fashion Revue**	5-19	April 26	YES
	Creative Talent**	5-19	April 26	YES
	Talent Show**	5-19	April 26	YES
	County Presentation**	5-19	April 26	YES
	NC 4-H Citizenship Focus***	13-19	June 14-16	YES

	4-H CloverBud Summer Camp	5-7	June/July	NO
	4-H Junior Summer Camp	8-12	June/July	NO
	Residential Camp***	13-19	TBD	YES
	District Activity Day**	8-19	June 17	YES
	4-H Electric Congress***	13-19	TBD	YES
	4-H Congress***	13-19	July 16-19	YES
	NCACC YouthVoice***	13-19	August	YES
	Anson County 4-H Livestock Show***	5-19	August	YES
	Ag Expo & Fair	No age limit	TBD	NO
	Volunteer Outing*	Adult volunteer	December	YES
	Christmas Workshop	8-15	December	NO

*All 4-H volunteers must be enrolled in 4-H online and must be background checked.

**Youth are eligible to receive scholarships.

***Overnight

Summary of Clubs and 4-H Programming and Events With Descriptions

4-H Congress

4-H Congress is an annual educational event sponsored by North Carolina 4-H and planned by the State 4-H Council and Congress Advisory Committee. North Carolina 4-H'ers ages 13-18 are invited to participate in this annual event. Highlights of 4-H Congress include: Four days in Raleigh Meeting new friends, electing new State 4-H Officers, participating in awesome workshops, hearing from engaging speakers, participating in the Candle Lighting Ceremony, and giving to others through Hands to Services

Read more at: <https://nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/youth-3/4-h-teen-programs/youth-congress/>

4-H Electric Congress

The Electric Program is coordinated through the Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering and sponsored by: Duke Energy, Dominion Energy, and NC Assoc. of Electric Cooperatives. The 4-H Electric Program is an informal hands-on youth program conducted by

the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service and its professional 4-H agents and volunteer adult leaders located in all 100 counties and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Youth learn about the fundamentals of electricity and magnetism, renewable energy technologies, and energy conservation. Youth learn many life skills while participating in this program, but also generate more enthusiasm for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Read more at: <https://nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/electric/>

4-H Livestock Show

The annual 4-H Farm Credit Showmanship Circuit, sponsored by Carolina Farm Credit and Cape Fear Farm Credit, provides youth ages 5 to 19 an opportunity to compete against other youth from across the region. The Showmanship classes are designed to gauge the 4-H'ers knowledge and skill with the animal. By participating in the 4-H Farm Credit Showmanship Circuit, youth learn leadership skills, record-keeping, communication and responsibility, while increasing their self-esteem

4-H Outings

After meeting requirements, 4-H youth will earn the opportunity to participate in a yearly social outing. This year, we are planning to attend a Charlotte Hornets Basketball game.

4-H Robotics Club

In-school community club that builds robots for competitions. High school students are eligible for participation after completing an application and being approved.

4-H Summer Fun

4-H Summer Day camps are held at the Anson Extension office and are divided into cloverbud camps and junior camps. Summer Fun programs offer a wide variety of youth to learn by doing. This past summer, there was a hybrid day camp with a combination of in-person and virtual camp days

Achievement Night/Volunteer Leaders Appreciation

Achievement Night is a time to honor and recognize Anson County 4-H'ers for their accomplishments from the previous year and Volunteer Leaders who have given their time and efforts to assist with 4-H programs.

Anson County Volunteer Leaders Association

The Anson County Volunteer Leaders Association is a group of adult 4-H volunteers who support the Anson County 4-H program primarily by leading clubs and volunteering at the various different 4-H programs and events. Volunteers serve as advocates, trainers, mentors, and friends.

Anson Youth Leadership Forum Series

The Anson Youth Leadership Forums are virtual learning forums for youth to learn how to be leaders in their communities by learning about their communities and civic engagement. The first forum focused on community leaders where we learned some of the ways we can be leaders and be active in our community. The second forum focused on local government and we were able hear from the chairperson for the Anson County Board of Commissioners

and the Anson county manager. Commissioner Woodburn and County Manager Allen talked about their work and how they work together to govern Anson County. The third forum focused on zoning ordinances. The company, Ability Group, who is currently working with Anson to create a zoning ordinance, came and presented to the group what a zone ordinance is and how it will affect the citizens of Anson County. All of the forums were recorded so I encourage anyone who may have missed them to go check out those videos on the Anson Extension YouTube page. engagement and how to be leaders in their community. The most current forum focuses on small businesses.

▶ Anson Youth Leadership Forum -- Panel: County Commissioner & Interim County Manager

▶ Anson Youth Leadership Forum Pt. 3 County-Wide Zoning

Ag Expo and Fair

Crafts, canned goods, ag products, photography, art, and handicrafts will be welcomed for competition. Remember that fair participation is open to youth as well as adults. Cash premiums are awarded.

Busy Bees 4-H Club

Community club that targets youth between the ages of 5-19. You must be enrolled in 4-H online and this club focuses on community service, leadership, citizenship, and personal development. This is an adult, youth partnership that gives youth the opportunity to pick projects that they are interested in. Past projects for this club have included healthy living projects, science projects, electric projects, cooking projects, sewing projects, and personal development projects. Clubs elect a president, vice-president, and a reporter and officers work with adults to host business meetings that follow Robert's Rules of Order. Clubs typically meet on Saturdays, once a month except during the summer. Enrollment is free.

Club Leader: Betty Garriss can be reached at mysticlady044@hotmail.com

Clover Crawl

Annual 4-H fundraiser event.

County Presentation & Talent Show

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presentations give 4-H'ers the opportunity to present on their topic of interest. The past few years, the event has been hosted virtually but it is typically held at the Anson Extension office. There are over 30 categories for the youth to select as their topic, including an open class for subjects that do not fit into a category. We encourage participants to choose a topic they are passionate about and want to share with others. Talent acts can range from singing and dancing to juggling and even comedy.

District Activity Day

District Activity Day (DAD) is a 4-H Presentation public speaking competition for youth to present information on the topic of their choice. The past two years DAD was hosted virtually but it is typically hosted by one of the 19 host counties in the South Central District. 4-H Presentations are a huge part of North Carolina 4-H. It is one of the most successful ways to help a young person learn how to do a public speech. It focuses on members teaching others what they know about a particular project/subject matter. DAD is preceded by County Presentations. Gold and silver winners advance to state presentations.

Eager Beavers 4-H Club

Community club that targets youth between the ages of 5-19. You must be enrolled in 4-H online and this club focuses on community service, leadership, citizenship, and personal development. This is an adult, youth partnership that gives youth the opportunity to pick projects that they are interested in. Past projects for this club have included healthy living projects, history projects, and civic engagement projects. Clubs elect a president, vice-president, and a reporter and officers work with adults to host business meetings that follow Robert's Rules of Order. Clubs typically meet on Saturdays, once a month except during the summer. Enrollment is free.

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Fashion Revue and Creative Talent

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Fashion Revue and Creative Talent show has been held virtually for the last two years but it is typically held at the Cooperative Extension Center. In competition at the event for scholarship, the Fashion Revue consisted of 4-H'ers modeling garments they made for the spring. All garments were made with the help of 4-H volunteer leaders. Creative talents exhibited in the competition include a variety of different categories.

NC 4-H Citizenship Focus

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Citizenship North Carolina Focus is a three day conference where delegates participate in facilitated discussions and activities related to the importance of advocacy, local government, state government, and action planning. Through various conference sessions delegates learn from leaders across the state and from other conference attendees. 4-H Citizenship North Carolina Focus is sponsored by NC Electric Cooperatives.

<https://nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/youth-3/4-h-citizenship-programs/>

NCACC YouthVoice

Each year North Carolina 4-H and the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service partner with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) on a multi-year initiative to increase youth involvement in county government. This initiative helps youth learn more about county government as well as how to become more involved in local decision making. The event is sponsored and supported by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. YouthVoice was canceled in 2021 due to COVID but it was held in Cabarrus County in 2020. Check out the link for the agenda and a summary of the event:

<https://www.ncacc.org/events-training/annual-conference/youthvoice-and-youth-leadership-initiatives/>

Project Records

Did you do a lot in one specific area this year, and you'd really like to create a 4-H Project Record about it? 4-H Project Records are a summary about a project area over a one year span where you learned and gained new skills within your 4-H work, as well as in other parts of your life.

Why do a 4-H Project Record?

- Over a period of years, your records will show how you have grown.
- The information on your 4-H records will be useful as you fill out other forms in your life, such as 4-H portfolios, resumes, job applications, and college applications.
- Helps a youth set and attain certain set goals.
- Scholarship Awards with placings.

Website: <https://nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/youth-3/4-h-awards-incentives-programs-2/>

Teen Retreat

Teen Retreat is not only a FUN weekend but the perfect opportunity for teenagers from the same district to connect with each other. This will be a leadership-building weekend that offers different virtual training sessions and workshops. During that time District Council Officers will be voted on and elected at Teen Retreat. Teens, ages 13-19 representing 19 NC Counties typically travel to Millstone 4-H Educational Center in Ellerbe, NC for a weekend of fun and adventure. From a night of dancing to games including interactive workshops to develop and enhance your leadership skills.

Volunteer Leaders Conference

The Volunteer Leaders Conference is a conference for 4-H Volunteers across North Carolina to gather and exchange ideas, participate in workshops, attend a district business meeting and an awards banquet. It is a great conference that helps volunteers be effective leaders and volunteers in their county.

Winter Enrichment

Winter Enrichment is hosted in our district (the South Central District) which consists of 19 counties and is open to teenagers between the ages of 13 and 18. This a teen leadership opportunity for teens as they participate in a business meeting, workshops, cultural experiences, and other fun, engaging activities. The event is planned by the teen district officers. Enrollment in 4-H and Registration for this event is required. This is the perfect way to get started in 4-H.

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