



Cabarrus County 4-H December 2005

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Dec. 17, Chompin' at the Bits Fundraiser, pg. 4
- Dec. 30, All Club forms due, pg. 1
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- Jan. 6-8, NCSU Horse Judging Course, Nov. newsletter
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- Feb. 3-5, 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Conf., pg. 2
- Feb. 4, NC Youth Horse Judging team Training Clinic, Nov. newsletter
- Each Monday, Feb. 6 through March 6, 7-8:30 p.m. "Speak-up", pg. 2
- April 1-2, Carolina and Virginia 4-H Horse Leaders Conference, Wirtz, VA, Nov. NL
- July 30-August 4, Jr. 4-H Camp, \$325, pg. 2



Housekeeping!! Are you ready for the new year?

During your December 4-H club meeting, please complete the following activities and **turn in the appropriate forms to the 4-H Office by December 31.** Check with the 4-H Office to make sure you are a chartered club. Also,

we must have a current application on all 4-H volunteers. Here's what we need by the end of the year:

1. Elect Club Officers. Complete the Officers Form.
2. Complete a 2006 4-H Project Selection Sheet for

each member in your club. This enables us to enroll Cabarrus 4-H members and set up the newsletter list.

Remind all new 2006 4-H club officers that they will be installed as part of the **January 17 Officers' Retreat.**

4-H Projects Due Soon!

All 2005 Cabarrus 4-H **project books are due on Tuesday, January 17, 2006** at the newly elected Club Officer and Leader Retreat. We know that sounds like a long way off, but it really is right around the corner! Let's work to have all your outstanding 4-H efforts recorded in your project books for the year! Good luck!

The following is a guide that you can use:

5-8 year olds: Although Cloverbud projects are not judged, they should include

information about a particular project or learning experience.

9-10 year olds- Includes My 4-H Plan, My 4-H Story, Things I Learned and Did, and My 4-H Personal Touch

11-12 year olds- Includes My 4-H Plan, My 4-H Story, Things I Learned and Did, and My 4-H Personal Touch.

13-15 year olds- Includes Developing the Plan, Record of Accomplishments,

Community Service, Leadership, and Express Yourself

16-18 year olds- Includes Developing the Plan, Project Exploration, record of Accomplishments, Community Service, Citizenship, Leadership, and Express Yourself.

Drop by the 4-H Office to pick up your copy of the PROJECT RECORD FORM, or visit <http://www.nc4h.org/publications/forms/> to print off a copy from your home.

District Lock-In Fun!

The District Lock-In will be held on **Jan. 6, 2006.** Details are still being planned and will be mailed

to those interested. The cost will not be more than \$15. We will travel from our 4-H Office to

Mecklenburg County. If you are interested, please call the 4-H Office to **sign up before Dec. 31, 2005.**



Important Recognitions Forms Due Tuesday, January 17, 2006

We hope that all clubs will be represented during the exciting recognition that takes place each year at 4-H Achievement Night! The only way to do this is to complete the various recognition forms included in the December 4-H Leader Packs, or online at cabarruscounty4H.com.

1. All clubs must total their community service hours and complete a "Community Service 4-H Club Of The Year" form.

2. While you're at it, list all your members and the names of the projects they **turned in by January 17, 2006** and your club will be recognized as a "Project Completion 4-H Club."

3. All leaders are encouraged to complete a "Cabarrus 4-H Volunteer Leader Of The Year" application on themselves or a fellow 4-H leader. We've got lots of outstanding 4-H volunteers all across the county!

4. Speaking of outstanding, how about all of the outstanding junior (9-13) and senior (14-18) 4-H members here in Cabarrus County? Please fill out an application since two junior scholarships of \$200 will be awarded, along with two \$550 senior scholarships.

Finally, don't forget to apply for the "Pam Outen's Big Smile" Award!

(Remember deadline for nominations is January 17, 2006.)

Calling Senior Teen 4-H'ers

North Carolina 4-H College Scholarship Applications will be due to Raleigh in mid-January. Any 4-H high school senior is invited to apply. Applications and more details are available at the 4-H Office. Your holiday vacation is a good time to work on the forms.

Active 4-H'ers, 16 and older, are invited to apply for 4-H Honor Club membership. This prestigious honor goes to only ½ of 1% of North Carolina 4-H'ers. Applications are **due to our 4-H Office by Friday, January 6, 2006.**

Save This Date!

State 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Conference

The 2006 North Carolina 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Conference is set for **February 3-5, 2006** in Raleigh. Visit: www.nc4h.org/volunteers/leaderconf/index.php
Call 704-920-3310 to

register if you are interested in this great opportunity!

Judy Furr, Helping Hands Club Leader, was asked to give training on "Mission... Nutrition." You make us proud Judy!

Calling for Committee Members!

Do you like planning parties or helping to recognize others? Then you need to be on the Achievement Program Planning Committee which meets on **Monday, January 9, 6:30 p.m.** at the 4-H Office! This fun task sets the tone for our Achievement Program (date TBA.) If you would like to participate, please come to the meeting!

Club Officers' Retreat Planned

2006 Club Officers are invited to join us for the Club Officers' Retreat **on Tuesday, January 17 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Dinner will be provided, so please call 704-920-3310 to RSVP by **Wednesday, January 11, 2006.** More details will follow soon!

Junior 4-H Summer Camp

We will be attending summer camp at Eastern 4-H Environmental Education Conference Center, 100 N. Clover Way, Columbia, NC, **July 30-August 4, 2006.**

The cost of camp will be \$325, which includes all meals and a \$20 store card. Call the 4-H Office at 704-920-3310 to indicate your interest in attending before the spaces are full!

"Speak Up" Announced

Any student in grades 6 through 12 who would like to improve their public speaking and communication skills is invited to sign up for the 2006 "Speak-Up" Program

that will **meet each Monday beginning February 6th through March 6th from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.** by calling the 4-H Office at 704-920-3310.

AS A REMINDER...

Every club in Cabarrus County must be chartered to be recognized as part of 4-H. The requirements for a charter are:

- A minimum of 5 members
- Volunteer leaders
- Written program calendar (a plan for at least 6 month)
- Elected youth officers (not including those of Cloverbud age)
- Meet at least once a month for 9 months of the year

If you have any questions, call the 4-H Office.

Horse Bowl Competition

The Southwest District Horse Bowl Competition will take place **January 28** in Mecklenburg County. The **registration forms are due January 13, 2006**. Teams of at least four may fall into one of three categories: Junior (9-13), Senior (14-18), or Mixed. Forty questions must be submitted to the state office from Cabarrus County (not each individual team). Please call the 4-H Office if you are interested in this great event!

Thanks to Volunteers

The Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet was held at the NC Cooperative Extension- Cabarrus County Center on November 15, 2005. All of our wonderful volunteers were recognized for their much appreciated help throughout the years. **Thank You** so much for your help!

Destination Mars

4-H Leader Training Session will be held **Monday, December 12, 10:00- 12 Noon OR 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** at the 4-H Office. This fun hands-on unit is designed to increase knowledge, awareness and curiosity about the process of scientific exploration of Mars. This training will be for Section 5 in the Mission to Mars notebook. **Deadline to register is Thursday, December 8.**

NC Make It Yourself With Wool Competition A Success!

A special thanks goes to **Jo Ann Lowder, Jean Thomas**, and all of Cabarrus County who helped to make this year's Make It Yourself With Wool a success! This growing contest will need even

more helpers next year. Mrs. Lowder and Mrs. Thomas will love to hear from you if you will be willing to volunteer! Please call the 4-H Office today!

Congratulations, Kayla!

Kayla Mason was chosen to be part of the North Carolina delegation to National 4-H Congress. She spent 5 exciting days in Atlanta, Georgia with 4-H'ers from across the nation. Kayla received this

honor by taking part in ARI (Application, Resume, Interview). If this sounds fun to you, call Sara West at the 4-H Office for details on how you can participate next year! **Thanks Kayla** for representing us!

Herb Educators Wanted



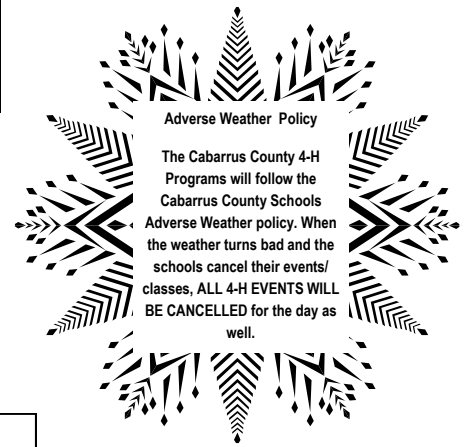
The Cabarrus County Master Gardener Volunteers are planning a Spring Herb & Plant Festival on **Saturday, April 8, 2006, 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.** at the Piedmont Farmers' Market, Kannapolis. They are

inviting any 4-H club or member to set up an educational Herb Gardening display and/ or demonstration. Fundraising opportunities are also available by contacting Dee Devore at: unmerok@ctc.net

THE LATEST FROM NASA: Spirit Marks One Year on Mars (One Martian Year, that is)

Spirit, the untiring robotic "wonder child" sent by NASA to explore the eerily earthlike first planet from the sun, has completed one martian year—that's almost two Earth years—on Mars. Designed to last only 90 martian days (sols), the six-wheeled marvel the size of a golf cart has pursued a steady course

of solar-driven geologic fieldwork, bringing back some 70,000 images and a new understanding of Mars as a potential habitat. During Spirit's martian year, the seasons have changed from summer to winter and back again. In its orbit around the Sun, Mars has returned to where it was



IN THE 4-h LIMELIGHT

We would proudly like to recognize two individuals who have represented Cabarrus County 4-H in outstanding capacities and also winning national awards ... **HATS OFF to Kayla Mason and Beth Tevepaugh** as we spotlight them this month in the 4-H Limelight.

when the rover first landed. Having survived seven times its expected lifetime and traveling over 3 miles (about 5,000 meters), Spirit is still going strong. Check out the latest Mars Photos at: <http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/spotlight/>

Chompin' at the Bit 4-H Horse Specialty Club

The Chompin' at the Bit 4-H Club meeting was held on Sat., Nov. 5th, at Sweet Acres. Erinn Berge called the meeting to order. A report was given about our Halloween Fundraiser. We made \$299 and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Horse Protection Society. We also filled out a survey about the fundraiser. Next, we discussed another club called Horse Fever, who invited us to go to the Horse Protection Society on Nov. 19th at a cost of \$15. Then, we discussed plans for Secret Santa. We drew names out of a hat and will give that person a present at the next 4-H meeting. We also discussed our next fundraiser called "North Pole on the Farm" (details are below.) Nominations for club officers were also presented. The nominees are: President-Paige Anderson, Vice President-Erin Hiatt, Treasurer-Anna Cauble, Reporter-Laura Ledbetter, and Web design/Secretary-Allison Young. The final discussion concerned who is participating in the Horse Bowl this year. After the meeting, we ate pizza. Then the participants in the Halloween Fundraiser, including parents, rode horses.

Submitted by: Laura Ledbetter

"North Pole on the Farm"

The Chompin' at the Bit 4-H club will be having a charity fundraiser at Sweet Acres, 3075 Lambert Road, Mount Pleasant, on **December 17 from 1:00-5:00 p.m.** There will be pony rides, hay rides, Santa Claus, crafts and games. Bring a non-perishable food item in place of every dollar towards cost. Cash donations go to Horse Protection Society and food items donated to Mount Pleasant Food Ministry. For information, call Erinn Berge, Club Leader, at 980-521-6691 or email: sweetacres@yahoo.com

Odell 4-H Club

The Odell 4-H club met Mon., Nov. 14, at the Gilwood Presbyterian Church. Beth Tevepaugh called the meeting to order and Kyla Maffeo led the pledges. Our new business included the election of our 2006 officers. We also planned our 2006 calendar of events. Club members volunteered to lead each of the month's meetings. We also made cards of encouragement for the U.S. troops serving in Kuwait. We concluded the meeting with refreshments. The next meeting of the Odell 4-H club will be held on December 12th at 7:00 at the Gilwood Presbyterian Church. We plan to teach new members how to put together a 4-H project book.

Submitted by: Beth Tevepaugh

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