

Macon County 4-H

Spring is here in
Macon County



April 2014

April Club Dates

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| April 7 | Archery – Team 1 3:30
Team 2 6:30 |
| April 8 | Needlers 3:30 – 5:00 |
| April 14 | EPICS: 6:30 |
| April 15 | Budding Chefs 3:30 – 5:00 |
| April 16 | Chefs R Us 3:30 – 5:00 |
| April 17 | Cool Crafty Kids 3:30 – 5:00 |
| April 26 | Hoofprints 7 – 8:30 |
| April 28 | 4-Leaf Clover Kids with Heart 3:30 |
| April 28 | Chess Club 3:30 – 5:00 |
| April 29 | Macon 4-H Sharp Shooters 7 – 8:30 |

Chickens 101

Macon County Poultry Club will present a daylong workshop for youth interested in Chickens. The workshop will cover: starting and raising chickens, different breeds, how to make proper housing and talk about how to show.

Saturday April 12th
9:00am – 1:00pm

Registration is required. The cost is \$5 per family. Youth under 13 must have a parent with them.

This is a great starting place for youth interested in showing poultry in the Macon County Fair this fall.

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Spring Activities

4-H Entertains – Do You Have Talent?

4-H Members come out and share your special talent: musical, dramatic, artistic, acrobatic, etc. on **Tuesday April 22nd at 6:00 at Tartan Hall**. Participants must have their current enrollment forms completed before they can enter. Pre-registration is due by 5:00pm Thursday April 17th. All 4-Hers, ages 5-18 are invited to participate. Two acts from ages 9-18 will be selected to participate in the West District Activity Day on May 3rd.

EPICS Accepting Applications

EPICS 4-H Youth Council is accepting applications during March and early April. EPICS is a group of youth focused on bettering our community through positive leadership, youth empowerment and civic engagement. This group is open to youth ages 13 – 18 but must go through an application process. Applications are due by April 11th. To get more information or an application please call Tammara or Carol at 349-2046.

Upcoming 4-H Horse Program Dates

April 26	State 4-H and FFA Horse Judging Contest - James B. Hunt Horse Complex; Raleigh, NC
May 4	West District 4-H Horse Show – WNC Ag Center; Fletcher, NC
June 15-21	Horse Camp - Millstone 4-H Camp; Ellerbee, NC
June 30 – July 2	West District 4-H Horse Clinic - WNC Ag Center; Fletcher, NC
July 9 - 13	State 4-H Horse Show James B. Hunt Horse Complex; Raleigh, NC
July 30-Aug. 3	Southern Region 4-H Horse Show James B. Hunt Horse Complex; Raleigh, NC

Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

April 1	4-H County Council
April 11	Electric Congress applications due
April 11	EPICS applications due
April 12	Chickens 101 for Youth
April 22	4-H Entertain, Tartan Hall
April 24	4-H Presents – County Presentation Night
May 3	District Activity Day (Waynesville)
May 4	4-H District Horse Show

Club Corner

Archery

For youth ages 9-18

Archery will meet Monday April 7th. Team 1: 3:30-5:30 will meet here at the Cooperative Extension Office shooting range. Team 2 will meet at the Old Cullusaja School 6:30-8:30pm.

Budding Chefs

For youth ages 5-8

Budding Chefs talked about whole grains and fiber in March. We made Apple Cinnamon muffins with whole wheat flour. We will have another fun activity on Tuesday April 15th from 3:30 – 4:45. Please come join us.

Chefs “R” Us

For youth ages 9-18

We had a good time in March talking about International foods. Annabelle Cunningham made us some Penne Pasta from Italy. The whole group also made Baklava from Greece. This month we will focus on herbs and spices and how they are used. We will also make dog treats for the Animal Shelter as a service project. Chefs “R” Us will meet on Wednesday April 16th from 3:30 – 5:00.



4-H Chess Club

For youth ages 9-18

The next Chess meeting will be Monday April 28th, from 3:30-5:00 pm. This club is for youth ages 9-18 who want to play or learn how to play Chess. For more information, contact Tamara Talley at 349-2046, or Isaac Stiles at 349-0792.

Cool Crafty Kids

For youth ages 5-8

We had a great time in March making Easter decorations. In April, we will be making gifts for someone special. Please bring a glass jar with you – any type will work. Remember to wear clothes that can get dirty with our great crafting. We will meet on Thursday April 17th from 3:30-4:45.

Macon Hoofprints 4-H Club

For youth ages 5-18

It is time to head outside. Our April meeting will be at the fair ground's arena again on Saturday April 26th. Mounted kids meet from 1:00 – 2:30. Mounted kids meet from 2:30-4:00. Starting in April, we 3

can ride at the arena on Tuesday evenings or Saturdays to prepare for the West District Horse Show on May 4th. Please call Kara and schedule a time to meet if you are interested in riding during those times: 342-3967.

The Needlers 4-H Club

For youth ages 5-18

The Needler's 4-H Club will meet on Tuesday April 10th from 3:30 – 5:00. For more information contact Sarah Bowman at 828-369-9675.

Macon County Sharp Shooters

For youth ages 9-18

The next Sharpshooters meeting will be 7:00-8:30 PM, Tuesday, April 29th in the main room of the Macon County Community Building. This club is for youth ages 9-18. Pellet rifles are available or if you have your own pellet rifle, then you are welcome to bring it. If you need more information, then contact Cliff Cyphers at 369-8060.

4-Leaf Clover Kids with Heart

For youth ages 5-8

Mark your calendars for Monday April 28th at 3:30 – we will meet at the Humane Society (parents are asked to stay with your child). Any questions or information, please call Noreen at 369-8060.

EPICS Youth Council

For Ages 13 – 18

EPICS will have a service project on Monday March 31. Meet at the office at 4:00 to cook and at His Table at 5:30 to serve. EPICS is accepting spring applications – call the Extension Office to get an application or more information. They are due by April 11th.

Need to Know Info

Horse Project Enrollment Forms are Due

4-H Horse project participants – if you plan to participate in the 4-H Horse Program on the District or State level you must fill out an Enrollment Form and get a Eligibility Card. This is two-step process that you have to have completed before you can participate in the 4-H District Horse Show or the West District 3-Day Clinic. First you must send in your “2014 NC 4-H Horse Program Enrollment Form” with \$25 per 4-Her or \$40 per family. When we receive conformation from the State Office, we can issue you an Eligibility Card. Please call our office or come by to get started.

4-H AIRE – Application, Interview, Resume, Essay Contest

The AIRE Program is open any 4-H Youth, ages 11-18, looking for the opportunity to gain experience in the Application, Interview, Resume and Essay process. The application packet is due (postmarked) to the State 4-H office by May 15th. You can pick up an application packet at the Extension office or you can download it at <http://www.nc4h.org/youth/ari>.

The 4-H Staff will assist you in preparing your application, resume and essay in order to go through the interview, which is the during State 4-H Congress – June 21-24. If you are selected, it could mean a trip to National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference or the International Leadership Conference.

If you are ages 11-13 you can take part in a non-competitive program and 4-Hers between ages 14-18 compete for awards to National 4-H trips. Even if you are under 13, it is great to start the process early so that you can be strongly competitive from ages 14-18. Please let us know if we can help you prepare for this great opportunity.

Thank You to Isaac, Raquel and Jenny Stiles for all of their help with our spring fundraiser and plant sale.



Congrats to all of our 4-Hers and Volunteers for their work and achievements of 2013

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Persons with disabilities may request accommodations to participate by contacting the County Extension Director at (828) 349-2046 or fax (828) 349-2405, or in person at the Macon County Extension Office at least 10 (ten) days prior to the event.

4-H Calendar - April 2014

	1 4-H County Council	2	3	4	5
6	7 Archery Team 1: 3:30 Team 2: 6:30	8 Needlers 3:30 – 5:00	9	10 EPICS Applications Due to Office	11 Chickens 101 9:00 – 1:00
13	14 Epics 6:30	15 Budding Chefs 3:30	16 Chefs R Us 3:30	17 Kool Krafty Kids 3:30	18 Holiday
20	21	22 4-H Entertains 6:00 Tartan Hall	23	24 4-H Presents	25 Hoofprints 1:00 Unmounted 2:30 Mounted
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