

Macon County 4-H

**EPICS Youth Council's
April Service Projects:**

**Roadside Cleanup on Highlands
Road
Maintenance Work at Black**



May 2016

May Club Dates

May 2	Nantahala 3:00
May 9	EPICS: 6:00
May 10	Needlers 3:30 – 5:00
May 11	Archery 3:30
May 13	Crafty Crafters 4:00
May 17	Budding Chefs 3:30
May 18	Chefs R Us 3:30 – 5:00
May 19	Market Lambs 6:00
May 23	Chess Club 3:30
May 26	Market Steers 6:00
May 31	Sharp Shooters 7 – 8:30

It's time for Summer fun!

**Your Summer Relief packet is
included in this newsletter.**

- 1. Look through the packet and choose the summer activities in which you would like to participate**
- 2. Bring your registration form to the Cooperative Extension office – make sure you have a 2016 Enrollment Form completed and payment for your activities**
- 3. We will make you a copy of your registration form, so that you know which fun activities you are signed up.**
- 4. Our Summer 2016 will be the most fun ever!**

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Upcoming Activities

May 1st – West District 4-H Horse Show

May 11th – AIRE due to Cooperative Extension office

May 12th – 4-H Presentation Work Night

May 13th – Citizenship Focus Applications Due to Extension office

May 19th – Lamb Club Orientation meeting, 5:30

May 20th – Macon Hoofprints will serve concessions at the rodeo (fairgrounds)

May 25th – All presentations titles and registrations due to Cooperative Extension Office

Important Items

4-H Presentations

During May and June we develop, practice and compete with our 4-H Presentations. The ability to present information, share your thoughts, feelings and convince other of your point of view is beyond valuable to us in our everyday lives! 4-Hers learn this skill through 4-H Presentations.

Would you like to learn how to present and participate in our competition – District Activity Day?

We will have multiple preparation nights to get ready to give our presentations in front of our county and then our district.

Our first preparation night will be on Thursday May 12th at 6:00. Bring your ideas or just your interest and we will start building a great 4-H Presentation.

The Crafty Crafters Need Your Help

During the month of May, the Crafty Crafters 4-H group is collecting books for the Shriners Hospital in Winston Salem. Please look through your family's books and share a few with kids that are fighting long-term illness.

What do we need: Used but not abused book appropriate for grades 8 and under and/or new crosswords, word searches or activity books. Please do not share marked in or drawn in books.

When do we need them: Any time in May but our group will meet to work on this service project on May 13th.

Club Corner

Archery

For youth ages 9-18

In May, we will meet on Wednesday May 4th at 3:30pm. For more information, please call Carol Pitts at 349-2046.



Budding Chefs

For youth ages 5-8

In April, we made healthy snack omelets and practiced our cutting skills. This month we will meet on Tuesday May 17th at 3:30. Please come join us for a fun time.



Chefs "R" Us

For youth ages 9-18

The Chefs made Chicken BBQ Pizza in April. This month we will make quiche. Chefs "R" Us will meet on Wednesday May 18th from 3:30 – 5:00.

4-H Chess Club

For youth ages 5-18

The next Chess meeting will be Monday May 23rd, from 3:30-5:00 pm. This club is for youth ages 5-18 who want to play or learn how to play Chess and flex their brains. For more information, contact Tamara Talley at 349-2046.

Crafty Crafters

For youth ages 5-8

In April, we made two surprises for our Moms – we would like to tell you but we might ruin someone's Mother's Day surprise. In May, we will meet on Friday May 13th to complete a project and work on our spring service project. Crafty Crafters are collecting gently used books through the month of May for the Shriner's Hospital in Winston Salem. We would appreciate donations from any family. Please bring them by the Extension Office and look for the collection box.



Macon Hoofprints 4-H Club

For youth ages 5-18

In April, Macon Hoofprints had a fun cookout at the Owen's barn and house. On April 30th and May 1st many members will be showing at the West District 4-H Horse Show in Fletcher. We will also work at the concession stand during the FFA Rodeo on May 20th. Come out and have some great bbq, hot dogs or popcorn. Please come by and say hello to our club.

The Needlers 4-H Club

For youth ages 5-18

Needlers is a fun group working to learning new fun needle project. . The Needler's 4-H Club will meet on Tuesday May 10th from 3:30 – 5:00.

Macon County Sharp Shooters

For youth ages 9-18

The next Sharpshooters meeting will be 7:00-8:30 PM, Tuesday, May 31st in the main room of the Macon County Community Building. We will discuss and vote on how to add air pistol practice to our shooting sports club. Parents, please plan to be at our business meeting to help make this decision. This club is for youth ages 9-18. Pellet rifles and pistols are available or if you have your own pellet rifle, then you are welcome to bring it.

EPICS Youth Council

For Ages 13 – 18

We were super busy in April. We cleaned the roadsides along Highlands Road and collected 5 large bags of garbage. We also attended the West District Teen Retreat. In addition to leadership training, we cleaned up at the Black Mountain Home for Children. We even managed to hang out, eat and dance a little... This month we will meet on Monday May 9th and have a cookout at the Extension Office. Meet at 6:00pm

**Nantahala Community Helpers**

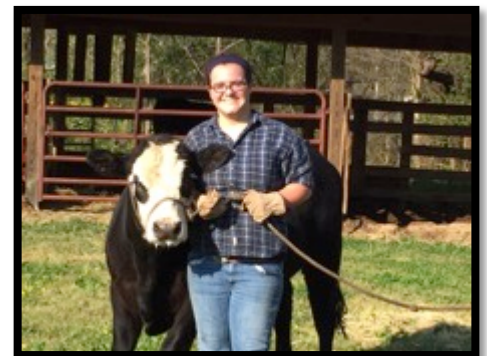
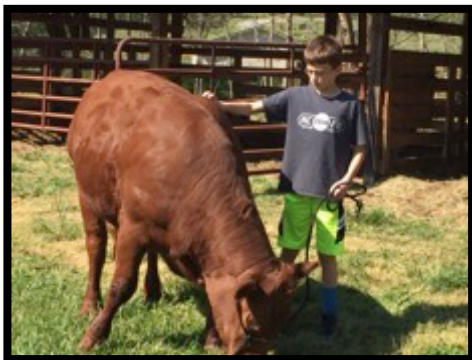
For Ages 5 – 18

We are back outside learning about science in Nantahala. In April, we explored the great outdoors and made plans for our summer garden. In May, we will meet on Monday May 2nd at 3:00pm.

4-H Market Steer Club

For Ages 10 – 18

The Market Steer club is busy working their calves and getting ready for the spring Cattleman's Association show. We will show our animal on Saturday May 7th at the fairgrounds. Come enjoy the day with us.



Need to Know Info

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 to the Macon County 4-H office by May 11th. You can pick up an application packet at the Extension office or you can download it at <http://www.nc4h.org/youth/arie>.

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 18-21. 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.

2016 AIRE application are due to the Cooperative Extension Office by Wednesday May 11th.

2016 4-H Market Lamb Program

The Macon County 4-H Market Lamb Club will start their summer activities again on **May 19th 6:00 at the Extension Office with an Orientation Night..** If you are between the ages of 5-18 and would like to raise and show a 4-H Market Lamb this summer please contact the Cooperative Extension Office at 349-2046 to sign up. Join us to learn all about this fun and educational experience.

North Carolina State University and North Carolina A&T State University commit themselves to positive action to secure equal opportunity regardless of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran's status. In addition, the two Universities welcome all persons without regard to sexual orientation. North Carolina State University, North Carolina A&T State University, US Department of Agriculture and local governments cooperating.

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 - May 2016

1 West District 4-H Horse Show	2 Nantahala 3:00	3	4 Archery 3:30	5	6	7 Market Steers at Heifer Show Fairgrounds
8	9 EPICS 6:30	10 Needlers 3:30	11	12 4-H Presentation Prep Night 6:00	13 Crafty Crafters 4:00	14
15	16 -	17 Budding Chefs 3:30	18 Chefs R Us 3:30	19 Lamb Orientation Meeting 6:00	20 FFA Rodeo – Hoofprints at Concessions	21
22	23 Chess Club 3:30	24	25	26 Market Steers 6:00	27	28
29	30 Holiday Office Closed	31 Sharp Shooters 7:00				