

Macon County 4-H

Macon County Center
North Carolina Cooperative Extension
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February 2017

February Club Dates

February 2	Horse Bowl Practice 6:00
February 6	Nantahala 3:00
February 9	Crafty Crafters 3:30
February 9	Horse Bowl Practice 6:00
February 13	EPICS – Youth Council 6:30
February 21	Top Chef 3:30
February 22	Budding Chefs 3:30 – 5:00
February 24	Bike Club 4:00
February 27	Chess Club 3:30 – 5:00
February 28	Sharp Shooters 4:00 – 5:30
March 2	Steer Club 5:30

February Service Project

Write a Valentines Day note to a Soldier.

The last page of this newsletter is a coloring sheet with a place to write a note. Lots of people think about our soldiers during Christmas but we want them to know that we are thinking about them year around!

Suggestions:

- Color and decorate the note sheet
- Write a thank you note telling a soldier why you appreciate them and what you love about our country – remember to wish them a Happy V-day.
- Keep your note light and happy so that you can send some happiness to someone else.

Return you note to the Cooperative Extension Office by February 9th and we will mail them in one big package. You are welcome to create your own card too...

Contact Information

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Special Activities for February & March

West District 4-H Ski Event

Friday, February 24th, 6:00 – 10:00pm

Cataloochee Ski Mountain

Lift ticket \$20.00

Lift & Rental- \$30.00

Lift/Rental/Lesson- \$40.00

For this special rate, you must sign up and pay with our office by **February 9th**.

2017 4-H West District Teen Retreat

Join us March 25 - 26

at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain for a fun filled West District Teen Retreat!

Ages: for 4-H teens ages 13 – 18

Deadline to sign up: March 1

Teen leadership workshops, service projects, the opportunity to meet others from across Western North Carolina – what a weekend!

Parents – this is an overnight travel event with 4-H Staff chaperones. Transportation will be provided and scholarships are available based on community service. **Call Tammara for more information.**

4-H Horse Eligibility Cards

Eligibility Cards are due to the Macon County Cooperative Extension Office by Tuesday February 28th. You can pick up a card at the office or call Tammara to have one emailed to you. You must also declare at which District Show you plan to compete. Our West District show will be at the WNC Ag Center on **Saturday and Sunday April 29-30.**

4-H Plant Sale

2017 Plant Sale

Each year, 4-H sells great fruit and berry plants to our families and the community. For a list, please look on the Cooperative Extension website or call 349-2046 to have a list mailed to you. All orders and payment must be to the Extension office by Friday March 17th. Plant pick up will be April 5th-6th

Club Corner

Archery

For youth ages 9-18

Archery will take the winter off and restart in March. We look forward to warm weather and shooting then.

Budding Chefs

For youth ages 5-8

All right Chefs, it's time for some fantastic winter cooking. We will be learning about the different food groups over the next few months – this month we are learning about grains. Accepting new members 5-8 years old. Please join us for our next meeting on Wednesday February 22nd from 3:30 – 4:45.



Top Chef

For youth ages 9-18

In January, we made some fantastic oatmeal/peanut butter energy bites. We are working on a new set of lessons called kids in the kitchen. Accepting new members 9 years old and up. The next meeting for Top Chefs will be on Tuesday February 21st from 3:30-5:00.

4-H Chess Club

For youth ages 5-18

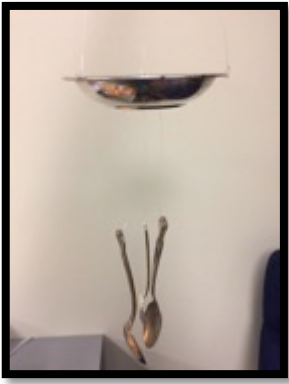
Are you ready to stretch your brain? In January, we had 12 strong competitors challenging each other's Chess game. We hope you will come join this fun group and challenge yourself. The next Chess meeting will be on Monday February 27th from 3:30 – 5:00 pm to meet. Please call Tammara Talley at 349-2046 for more info.



Macon Hoofprints 4-H Club

For youth ages 5-18

Send your best wishes for luck to our 2017 Horse bowl team. They will be competing in the District Competition on February 11th in Mills River. Our Horse bowl team is: Isaiah Simpson, Morgan Simpson, Morgyn Brannon, Olivia Hedden, Autumn Lance and Natalie Owens.



Crafty Crafters

For youth ages 5-18

Are you crafty? This month we will make wind chimes. Our next meeting will be on Thursday February 9th from 3:30 – 5:00. Please sign up by February 7th to do this craft. We have to prepare materials for each of our crafters.

4-H Macon Sharp Shooters

For youth ages 9-18

Our typical meeting space at the Community Building is being renovated. For the next few months we will shoot air rifle and air pistol at our 4-H Archery Range. Due to the days being short, we will meet from 4:00 – 5:30 at the Cooperative Extension Office. Sharpshooters will meet on Tuesday February 28th from 4:00 – 5:30p. 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.

EPICS – Youth Council

For youth 13-18

EPICS's February service project will make warming bags for seniors. Our next meeting will be on Monday February 13th at 6:30. If you are a teen from 13 -18; check out this club and all of the great things that they accomplish.

4-H Steer Club

Ages 10 - 18

This past month, we vaccinated and worked our steers to prepare for spring shows. You think your 4-H project is a challenge? It is a real challenge to get an 800 lb. steer to willingly follow you around like a 10 lb. beagle... Our next meeting will be Thursday February 30th (actually March 2nd) at 5:30 at the fairgrounds.



4-H Bike Club


Ages 8 - 18

We had a warm day and a great ride at Parker Meadows in January. This month we will work inside learning about bike adjustments. We will also make our own personalized water bottles. Our next meeting will be at the Cooperative Extension office at 4:00 on Friday February 24th.

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 – February 2017

			1	2	3	4
				Horse Bowl Practice 6:00		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Nantahala 3:00	RSVP for Crafts due		RSVP for Ski Night Due ----- Crafty Crafters 3:30 ----- Horse Bowl 6:00		District 4-H Horse Bowl
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	EPICS Youth Council 6:30					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	1	2		
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Please Remember: If school is canceled due to weather, our 4-H meetings are also canceled. **Parents, please do not bring sick or feverish children to 4-H due to the number of youth that can potentially be made sick. Thank you.**