

Macon County 4-H

2018 Teen Retreat
Macon County Delegates:
Morgyn Brannon and Lindsay Wood



April 2018

April Club Dates

- April 4 4-H Stitchers 3:45
- April 9 EPICS 6:30
- April 11 Archery 3:45
- April 12 Crafty Crafters 3:045
- April 14 Sharp Shooters 10:00
- April 19 Star Spangled Rabbits 5:30
- April 24 Top Chefs 3:45
- April 24 Sharp Shooters 7:00
- April 25 Budding Chefs 3:45
- April 26 Steer Club 5:30
- April 30 Chess Club 3:45

Fun Bird Facts

Have you noticed more bird activity in your yard lately? Here are some fun facts about birds as they migrate back to the mountains.

Robins don't use a nesting box like bluebirds do. However, they do like platforms, and you can buy special nesting platforms for them.

Hummingbirds are the only birds that can fly backward. A hummingbird's egg is about the size of a jellybean!

If it seems like chickadees are always coming to your feeder. It might be because they're taking the seeds off to hide them. They will hide (cache) seeds for later.

Male wrens usually start building the nest. Then the female comes by to inspect it. If she likes it, they stay. If she doesn't, they move on to a different area to see if it suits her better.

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Important Upcoming Dates

- May 1st – Summer Relief packets out in the Newsletter
- May 10th – 4-H Presentation Orientation Night
- May 11th – AIRE due to Cooperative Extension Office
- May 15th – Citizenship Focus Application due to Extension Office
- May 21th - District Activity Day registration due to Extension Office
- June 23rd – District Activity Day – Madison County

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

The AIRE Program is open to 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 (due to the Macon Office by May 11th) You can pick up an application packet at the Extension office or you can download it at:

https://nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2018_AIRE_Application_Word_Version-1-3.pdf?fwd=no

The 4-H Staff will assist you in preparing your application, resume and essay in order to go through the interview, which is during State 4-H Congress – July 20-24. 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.

4-H Market Lambs - Sign Up Now

If you are interested in participating with the 4-H Market Lamb Club this year and raising a lamb to show at the Macon County Fair, now is the time to let us know. We are now taking names for lambs.

We must pre-order lambs to be shown so please sign up by April 17th

If you would like to learn more about raising a 4-H Market Lamb, we will have a:

Market Lamb Club Orientation

April 17th at 5:30

Cooperative Extension Meeting Room

Club Corner

Archery

For youth ages 9-18

Hopefully our warm weather is near. For April, we will meet on Wednesday April 11th at 3:45pm. For more information, please call Carol Pitts at 349-2046.

Budding Chefs

For youth ages 6-8

In March, both Chef clubs made Deviled Eggs. Ask the Buds if they were better egg peelers than the older Chefs! Budding Chefs will meet on Wednesday April 25th at 3:45pm. For more information, please call Carol Pitts at 349-2046.



Top Chef

For youth ages 9-18

Top Chefs are teaching each other new recipes. We will meet on Tuesday April 24th at 3:45pm. For more information, please call Carol Pitts at 349-2046.

4-H Chess Club

For youth ages 5-18

The next Chess meeting will be Monday April 30th, from 3:45-5:00 pm. This club is led by Mrs. Pat Wilcox and is for youth ages 5-18 who want to play or learn how to play Chess and flex their brains. For more information, contact Tammara Talley at 349-2046.

Crafty Crafters

For youth ages 5-8

Easter decorations were our project in March. We made yarn covered eggs to decorate our homes. In April, we will make birdhouses for our migrating friends. Please sign up by April 10th to make this craft. Meeting Date: Thursday April 12th at 3:45. Please remember to wear clothes that can get dirty with our great crafting.



Macon Hoofprints 4-H Club

For youth ages 5-18

It's ride time – we are rubbing the winter hair off of our horses and preparing for a great summer. The West District 4-H Horse Show will be Saturday May 4th and Sunday May 5th. If you are not riding at the West District Show but would like to be a volunteer, please give Tammara a call. The show committee is looking for people to help at the show with ribbons, ringmasters, etc.

Macon County Sharp Shooters

For youth ages 9-18

Sharp Shooters will meet twice again this month. We will shoot .22 and Black Powder at Dirty Johns at 10:00am on Saturday April 14th at 10:00am. We will shoot air rifle and air pistol on Tuesday April 24th at 7:00pm at the Cooperative Extension Office.

EPICS Youth Council

Our next meeting will be Monday April 9th at 6:30.

4-H Market Steer Club

Ages 10 – 18

The Steer Club has two shows in April. Come watch our progress at the Jackson-Macon-Swain show on Saturday April 21st at the Macon County Fairgrounds. Our next meeting will be on Thursday April 26th at 5:30. For more information, please call Joe Deal at 349-2046.

Star Spangled Rabbits

Ages 5 – 18

Our next meeting will be on Thursday April 19th at 5:30.

4-H Stitchers

Ages 9-18

In March and April we are testing our clothes making skills and making doll dresses. Our goal is to learn new sewing skills each month until we master our machines. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday April 4th at 3:45.



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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.

