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## 4-H Greene Chicks, A Family Program



The Greene Chicks Program is a beginners FREE poultry project for ages 3-18 (as of January 1) that allows families to get involved in a 4-H project. Families "adopt" a pair of week old un-sexed chicks before Easter. This program is designed to teach youth responsibility, self-esteem, knowledge of chicks and agriculture.

Registration begins March 12-19, 2015 (two weeks before Easter by calling or emailing Emily at 747-5831). A mandatory meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30 at the Senior Center to complete registration forms and get the basics of the program. Chick pick-up date is Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3-5 pm at the Extension Office.

After pickup day, youth and parents work together to raise chicks at home. During this time the child will work on a project activity book that is required for showing at the 4-H Chicken Show scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2015 at Harpers Landscaping in Stantonburg.

A summer day camp will be offered to participants to learn chick information and how to show their chickens. This camp will be held in mid-summer and will be found in the Summer Day Camp brochure. Participants will be notified of the exact date and attendance is highly encouraged.

In February of 2016, youth and parents are encouraged to attend an awards dinner called Achievement Night to receive a certificate of recognition for completing the program requirements as noted above.

contact Emily Hardy at 747-5831 or [emily\\_hardy@ncsu.edu](mailto:emily_hardy@ncsu.edu) to register by Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

## 4-H Presentation Contests

4-H'ers (and everyone else) get ready! It's time to start thinking about your presentations/demonstrations for this year's County & District presentation contests! Join us in our presentation series to prepare for this exciting and challenging contest! It is a great way to develop public speaking skills on topics the kids know & love, build self-confidence and to help overcome the fear of speaking in public! **REMINDER-** Teens if you're interested in attending 4-H Congress, you must have completed either a project record book **OR** a presentation to attend Congress. Youth can present in pairs and there's even an option to grill!

### Dates to Remember:

Preparation Workshops at Senior Center:	Friday, April 3rd, 1-4pm Thursday, April 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2-5pm Thursday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 4-6pm (Must attend all 3 sessions)
County Presentation Contest:	Thursday, April 30 <sup>th</sup> , after school
District Presentation Contest.	Saturday, June 13 <sup>th</sup>
State Presentation Contest:	Saturday, July 18 <sup>th</sup>

Please call Emily Hardy at 747-5831 to register for this FREE program by Monday, March 30, 2015. See our website for more info:



## How to Become a 4-H'er?

4-H is one of the many youth organizations that membership is FREE for all youth! Youth, ages 5-18, become members by completing a 4-H enrollment form, medical release form and agree to the 4-H Code of Conduct. These forms must be updated **every year**. If your child would like to become a 4-H'er please go to our website [www.ces.ncsu.edu/greene](http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/greene) then look on the left menu bar for the 4-H Youth Development, click here and scroll down

to print off these forms. OR you can contact Emily Hardy to learn more about how 4-H can benefit you and your family and to request these forms. The forms are a mandatory part of 4-H and must be completed to their entirety. 4-H enrollment is open for youth ages 5-18 and this age is determined by the age of the child as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of that year.

Upcoming Important Dates to Have on your Calendar.

March 12-19- Greene Chicks Registration Begins

March 26- Mandatory Greene Chicks Family Program Meeting

April 2- Greene Chicks Pick-up Date

April 24-25- Teen Retreat

April 30- County Presentation Contest

May 1- Summer Day Camp Registration Opens

May 12- Ambassador, AIRE due

June 13- District Presentation Contest

June 15-17- Citizenship Focus

July 18-21- Congress

August 2-7- Camp Week



# The Club Corner



## JOIN THE CLUB

### AWARDS:

Don't forget to be checking off items in your achievement plans that you have completed.

Remember, at Achievement Night in 2016 4-H'ers will be recognized for their participation in the 4-H program as valued by the 4-H Achievement Plan. So be setting goals and working on checking things off your Achievement Plan. The plans can be found at the bottom of this website:

<http://www.nc4h.org/youth/4-h-awards-incentives-programs>

Also, don't forget to determine your project area for the 2015 year to complete a project book on. If you need help with this please let Emily know. These books can be found online at the NC 4-H website listed above.

### CLUB MEETINGS:

\*\*If clubs would like to have a teen group come and give a CPR demonstration to their club, please contact Emily with available dates.

\*\*Also, if clubs want Emily to come and do a project record book workshop, Ambassador information session or AIRE discussion. at their club meeting, let her know.

### ARIE:

Application, Resume, Interview, and Essay. This workforce/college preparation competition would be extremely beneficial to 4-H'ers who have been active in 4-H for many years. Applications, resume, and essays for this contest are due to Emily by May 12<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Emily or see the NC 4-H website at

<http://www.nc4h.org/youth/arie>

The interview will happen at NC 4-H Congress in July, held in Raleigh. Ages for this program is 11-13 for Mock, and 14-18 for competitive aged 4-Hers. This competition is how 4-H'ers can win trips to National 4-H events!

**CLOVER CASH:** 4-H Club Members have the ability to earn "Clover Cash" when doing fundraisers or other outstanding 4-H activities by just participating in 4-H! Be sure to take advantage of these Clover Cash opportunities! Clover Cash can be used to pay for events like Summer Day Camps, 4-H Congress, Residential Camp, and other district and state events that qualify. The new 4-H Clover Cash policy will officially begin January 1, 2015 and events/activities that are deemed Clover Cash worthy before then will be noted via email when information is distributed.

### AMBASSADORS:

NC 4-H has an awesome 4-H program called 4-H Ambassadors. These ambassadors learn certain leadership criteria that earns 4-H'ers levels of recognition with Gold being the top goal to reach. Portfolios will be due to Emily by May 12<sup>th</sup>. So don't forget to get working on them! For more information about this program see

<http://www.nc4h.org/youth/ambassadors/> .



Summer Day Camp 4-H programs are a great way for youth ages 5-18 to spend their summer! With this opportunity youth will continue to learn and be active while enjoying many fun activities.

Let us know what kinds of summer activities you would like to see offered in ways of 4-H Summer Day Camps!

If interested in helping to make our summer awesome by volunteering, please email Emily at [emily\\_hardy@ncsu.edu](mailto:emily_hardy@ncsu.edu). Adult and teen leaders are needed. Day camps will be published by May 1<sup>st</sup>.



# 4-H Achievement Night



4-H Achievement Night was a night of fun and recognition for 4-H members and volunteers. Thank you to everyone who came out and celebrated with us! Let's not forget our goals for 2015 so we can give out even more awards! Goals like 100% Emerald Seal Clubs, 15 Achievement Plans, and 10 project record books!

The Greene County 4-H Youth Council organized and planned the event as well as the meal that was served. Thank them when you see them; they worked hard on that event!

Achievement Night is a way of recognizing 4-H'ers and volunteers for all the hard work they have accomplished throughout the past year.

4-H Achievement Night was featured on the first page of the Standard Laconic in the issue dated February 25, 2015.

**Congratulations to all Greene County 4-H'ers!**



## March

- Sat., 7-** South East Horse Bowl & Hippology, NCSU
- Thurs.-Thurs., 12-19-** Greene Chicks Registration Begins
- Mon.-Fri., 9-13-** Health Rocks! at middle school
- Mon.-Fri., 23-27-** Health Rocks! at middle school
- Thurs., 26-** Mandatory Greene Chicks Meeting, Senior Center

## April

- Thurs., 2-** Greene Chicks Pick-up Date
- Fri., April 3-** Presentation Preparation Workshop
- Thurs., April 9-** Presentation Preparation Workshop, Senior Center
- Mon. & Tues., 6 & 7-** Coastal Plains Livestock Show & Sale
- Fri., 10-** South East Teen Retreat Final Payment Due
- Sat., 11-** 4-H Down East Dairy Show
- Wed., 15-** Horticultural Science Summer Institute Registration Deadline, NCSU
- Thurs., April 23-** Presentation Preparation Workshop
- Sat., 25-** State 4-H Horse Judging Contest
- Mon., 27-** County Activity Day Registration Ends

## May

- Fri., 1-** Summer Day Camp Registration Opens
- Sat., 2-** County Activity Day
- Sat., 2-** State 4-H Horticulture Contest, NCSU
- Fri., 8-** Southeast DAD Registration Due  
Citizenship Focus Registration Due
- Tues., 12-** Ambassador & AIRE Portfolio Registration Due
- Fri., May 15-** State 4-H Officer Applications Due

## June

- Thurs., 4 -** County Club Day Registration Due
- Sat. & Sun., 6-7-** South East District Horse Show, Williamston, NC
- Thurs., 11-** County Club Day
- Sat., 13-** Southeast DAD-Lenoir Community College
- Sun., 14-** 4-H Summer Day Camp Begins
- Mon. - Wed., 15-17-** Citizenship Focus, Raleigh, NC
- Thurs., June 18-** Congress Y State Presentation Contest Registration Deadline
- Mon - Fri., 22-26-** Resource Conservation Workshop, NCSU