

Orange County 4-H April Update

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Support Orange County 4-H April 11-22 at Tractor Supply Company

Show your support for Orange County 4-H by making a donation when you check out at Tractor Supply Company in Hillsborough, April 11-22. By purchasing a paper clover, you help make it possible for Orange County students to attend 4-H camps and conferences! 4-H clubs will also be present throughout the week sharing information about their programs.

Youth Preparedness Camp June 25-29 Registration NOW OPEN

Want to better prepare yourself, your family and your community, for emergencies? Orange County 4-H will partner with Emergency Services to conduct the **My Preparedness Initiative (MyPI) June 25-29** for students 13 to 18 years of age. This day camp will introduce participants to emergency service careers, technology used to predict and respond to emergencies, and how to plan for an emergency with your family. Visit mypinorthcarolina.org to apply. Applications are due by May 7. The camp is limited to twenty students and will cost \$75 to attend.



2018 4-H Summer Sizzle Camps Filling Up Quickly

Join 4-H Program Associate Shelia Beasley and staff for exciting Summer Sizzle camps this summer for rising 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Cost to attend is \$100 for each week a student is enrolled. Scholarships are available and distributed based on need. Each week finds students focusing on a theme and traveling around the region to learn about careers,

technology, arts, the environment, and more. For more information, [click here](#) or contact Ms. Beasley directly at shelia_beasley@ncsu.edu or 919-245-2056.



National 4-H Day of Service

During the month of April, 4-H clubs and members will be conducting community service projects culminating with the National 4-H Day of Service on Saturday, April 28. If your student is interested in being a part of a project, please contact a club leader or the county agent.

[Learn more »](#)

4-H Host Families Needed

North Carolina will be participating in a 4-H exchange program this year with students from Japan. North Carolina 4-H is looking for families to serve as hosts for students and chaperones July 21 through August 22. Click below for more information and to apply if you are interested.

[Learn more»](#)



Be A Part of 4-H Presentations This Year!

4-H Presentations provide an opportunity for 4-Hers between the ages of 9 and 18 to put together a speech and/or demonstration on a topic that interests them and compete for recognition and a cash prize (in most cases). There are categories for horse, livestock, cooking, forestry, community service, horticulture, careers, and so much more! The age categories are 9-10, 11-13, and 14-18.



Here are important dates for you to mark on your calendar:

- **May 23-** Register to participate by completing [THIS FORM](#) by this date.
- **June 9-** We will have a county practice session from 9:00 AM to Noon at the Cooperative Extension Center to give you feedback.
- **June 22-** District Activity Day. This is our first competition. Transportation will be provided to Vance County.
- **July 21-** State Competition. If you place first in your age and division at district activity day, you will go on to compete at the state level in Raleigh.

[Visit this webpage](#) for information on specific categories. We can take two students from each age division and category to compete at District Activity Day.

MORE EXCITING PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

NC STATE HORTICULTURAL SCIENCE SUMMER INSTITUTE- Applications DUE by April 15. [Quick Link](#)

NC FARM BUREAU INSTITUTE FOR FUTURE AGRICULTURAL LEADERS (IFAL)- 2018 registration is now open for rising high school seniors. Apply by April 15. Contact Orange County Farm Bureau for information. [Quick Link](#)

Dates On the Horizon |

APR
11-22
4-H Paper Clover Campaign @ Hillsborough Tractor Supply
[Click here](#)

APR
12
Orange County 4-H Graduating Seniors Reception @ 6:30

APR
18-19
Central Piedmont Junior Livestock Show & Sale
[Click here for more information](#)

APR
27
Orange County Earth Evening
6:00-8:00 P.M.
Farmers Market Pavilion, Hillsborough



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Extension's 4-H program is the largest youth development organization in North Carolina. We help over 247,000 young people grow into active, contributing citizens each year.