



4-H FORECAST



DISTRICT ACTIVITY DAY



On June 17th, Gaston County 4-H participated in the annual District Activity Day that was held in Rowan County. Our DAD 4-H participants included Emily Boykin, Rebekka Cooper-Dana, Rylee Crocker, Annika Florey, Jessika Florey, Zoey Lovelace, Addison Smart, Hannah Vagnozzi, and Faith Waelz. Many will continue on to the State Presentations on July 22. We are so proud of all our 4-H'ers!



FALL FUNDRAISER

Gaston County 4-H has not had a fundraiser for quite some time. In order to raise additional funds to help cover the costs associated with Achievement Night and aid with scholarship opportunities, I am working on a fall fundraiser. Once I confirm all the details, I will be reaching out to club leaders, club members and our members at large for help to raise funds for Gaston County 4-H.

COUNTY COUNCIL



Gaston County 4-H does not currently have a county council. I was waiting until we had a few more active clubs, before exploring the addition of a County Council. Recently it has been brought to my attention that it is the desire of our 4-H'ers to have a County Council in place. If you have a 4-H'er interested in being a part of a County Council, please email me at clgerman@ncsu.edu.



4-H SUPER SUMMER

»»» The Gaston County 4-H Super Summer kicked off in June. So far youth have cooked with Marcus and Alyssa, designed landscape at Dallas Park with Payton and Julie, rode horses with the Blazing Saddles 4-H Club, and built and programmed robots with Christie and Kayla. With more than 50 youth attending, the Super Summer workshops are a great way to introduce youth to 4-H and get them involved!

Are you an electrician, artist, scientist, fashion designer, photographer or someone willing to share your expertise with youth? We would love for you to lead a Super Summer workshop in 2024! Please reach out to Christie German at clgerman@ncsu.edu to learn how to get started!

YOUTH VOICE

»»» Gaston County is still in need of one youth (ages 14-18) to attend Youth Voice on August 25-26 in Raleigh. The registration fee for youth attending is paid by the NCACC. During this event youth learn about county government, how to get involved in local decision-making, meet county commissioners, make new friends and much more! Youth need to complete two assignments prior to Youth Voice: 1. attend and speak at your county Board of Commissioners meeting; and 2. submit a photo of yourself with your Board of Commissioners. Deadline to register is July 7th!

We will be glad to work with any interested youth to help request time on the Board's meeting agenda and prepare your comments for the meeting. If you are interested in participating or have any questions about Youth Voice, please feel free to reach out to Christie German at clgerman@ncsu.edu or 704-922-2126.



CLUB MEETINGS

»»» GASTON COUNTY BLAZING SADDLES 4-H CLUB

Leader: BJ Waelz

Meets on the First & Third Thursday of the Month at 7 pm

»»» GASTON COUNTY HERD HANDLERS 4-H CLUB

Leaders: Elizabeth Stephens & Chris Cookingham

Meets on the Second Thursday of the Month at 6:30 pm
(Next meeting is August 10)

HOOKED ON BOOKS

➤➤➤ Hands to Service Project

Donate a Book, Change a Life.

The State 4-H Council has challenged each county to host a community book drive and secure new or gently used books. All donated books will be used to create mini libraries for youth in need. The books will be dropped off by the county delegates at 4-H Congress. Please drop off donated books to Christie German at the Gaston County Extension Office located in the Citizen's Resource Center at 1303 Dallas-Cherryville Hwy, Dallas. Books will be accepted until **July 10**.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

➤➤➤ Gaston County 4-H is always looking for volunteers that can help grow true leaders in our community. We have opportunities for both short-term and long-term volunteers. Contact Christie German to express interest and learn more about the Gaston County 4-H.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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IMPORTANT DATES

- July 4: Happy 4th of July! (CRC Closed)
- July 7: Deadline to Register for YouthVoice
- July 9-14: Gaston Co Camp at Millstone
- July 10: Deadline to drop off books at CRC
- July 11-14: Electric Congress
- July 22: State Presentations
- July 22-25: 4-H Congress
- August 25-26: Youth Voice

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